



# Up Etowah Creek...



Etowah Creek District BSA Newsletter

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Welcome to Etowah Creek District [ECD] Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout Leader Roundtable in Columbia, South Carolina. This showcase for Leaders is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 p.m. We meet at Ashland Methodist Church on Ashland Rd. (off of St. Andrew's Rd.) Be sure to pick up a copy of Smoke Signals, our Council newspaper, and a packet of handouts. Please take a minute to read this newsletter, as that will keep the number of announcements to a minimum! This newsletter is also available online at [www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/eec-0101news.htm](http://www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/eec-0101news.htm)

Welcome!

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*"I don't know why, but the demand for food is already very great this year and we don't know how we are going to meet the demand."*

"We expect to have empty shelves in our pantry by the end of January."

"Thank you Scouts, for having the food collection in February when we really need it."

---Comments from Midlands area Food Pantries

**Is there a need for Scouting for Food this year? YES!!!  
Let's Beat Last Year's Record!**

Last year, only 11 Cub Packs and 8 Boy Scout Troops participated in Scouting for Food, but they collected almost 10,000 pounds of food items. We currently have about 58 Packs and Troops in Etowah.

If most of them helped with the Food Drive **we could easily collect 30 to 50 TONS of food!**

Scouting is Helping Others in Need.

This year please consider the importance of helping **more** of the hungry in our community. Boys who handed out 10 bags last year could increase to 50 bags this year.

**Please contact Joan and Ron to secure the territories that you wish to collect in. We don't want to be collecting twice in the same neighborhoods, when there is so much other area to cover.** Unlike last year, attention will be paid to working as many areas as possible and not just around the homes of scouts.

Plastic bags, sample of bag notes, and a list of pantries that will be open on February 10 and maps for getting to these pantries will also be at the council office. Your unit is free to select any pantry for their donation of food but they must make their own arrangement if they choose a pantry not on the list.

**Need a service Project?**

After the food drive many of the units could help stocking the shelves in the food banks. This is an excellent additional community project.

**Collection Boxes Needed!**

Joan would like to get some collection boxes in the schools, offices and shopping areas on the 10<sup>th</sup>, and a few boxes around the District the week after the 10th for the people who were not fortunate enough to have a Cub or Scout come to their door but who would like to contribute. Anybody who would like to help in anyway can call Ron Cook at 794-8560 or Joan Janoch at 345-5700.



## Day Camp Help Needed!

If you are interested in helping out with Etowah Creek Day Camp (June 11-15) at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, even if just for part of the time, please contact Angela Bouknight (781-9094) or Peggy Smith (755-9466). Day Camp is in need of small

Pringles cans, empty check boxes and 2 liter soda bottles. Save them up and bring them to Roundtable to give to Angela or Peggy.

Many thanks to those who have collected items for day camp already!

## District Banquet in March Nominate your Volunteers!

The Etowah Creek District Annual Awards Banquet is coming up soon. It is March 10th at 6:30 PM at Ashland United

Methodist Church on Ashland Rd. It is being catered by Shealy's Barbeque and will cost \$10.00 per person. Reservations and questions should be directed to Mark Gilliam 791-9753 (h).

## Awards are Due

Awards season is here! Don't forget to nominate your fellow Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Scouters, and Scouting

Families for the annual Volunteer Awards. These are Unit Awards and District-wide awards, too. Pick up information at the Scout Shop, Roundtable or call Mark Gilliam 791-9753.

**Remember to nominate these hardworking Volunteers! Recognize their efforts!**



**February Theme for Cubs:  
" Passports to Other Lands "**

Please pick up your packet of handouts

**Reminder!!**

**February Roundtable is on Thursday,  
February 8, 2001**

We will look at the **March Theme: "Man's Best Friend"** Man's best friend isn't always a dog! When Scouts learn to take care of animals, it leads to a lifetime of kindness to the creatures in our world. Come join us as we explore how to involve the boys in your den with animal care (including mammals, reptiles, birds, and insects), including how to keep small wild animals for a short time. Animal related crafts and games will also be presented. See the last page of the newsletter for more information on upcoming Roundtables.



**2nd Annual Family Camping Weekend  
April 6-8, 2001 at  
Camp Barstow on Lake  
Murray**



The Family Camping Weekend is one of the most exciting events of the year for Cub Scouts and their families. All family members are invited to join us at Camp Barstow for a weekend of fun and camping in the outdoors.

All facilities of Camp Barstow will be available for use. Activities will include BB guns, archery, games and much more. Families will be required to provide their own tents. Meals plans can be purchased at an additional cost. Look for more information in early 2001 about cost and details. Once the signup sheets come to your house, be sure to sign up early at the Scout Shop because space is limited. The Haunted Forest was a sellout with over 1000 people having a terrific time, so put space on your calendar now for a great weekend of camping with your Cub Scout.

Is your pack or troop doing something for the community that you'd like to brag about? Submit all news and kudos to Lorie McGraw at [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com) or mail them to **Up Etowah Creek** 500 Shadowbrook Dr. Columbia SC 29210

**"Troop Committee Challenge"**  
available at the University of Scouting.

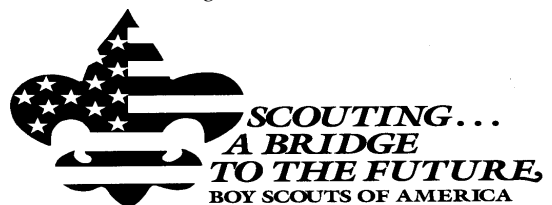
There is a 4 hour training for the Troop Committee members and it is being offered at University of Scouting for the first time. See the University of Scouting Brochure or call the Council shop and sign your members up today! This is an easy way for a committee to get trained together to work together!

**Webelos to Scout Transition**

Are you a parent of a Webelos and not sure what to ask of the troops that you visit? Is your den only visiting one troop because you are not aware of any others in the area? A new flyer called "Webelos to Scout Transition: A Guide for Parents and Leaders" has been mailed to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade Webelos and their parents. It included a Troop Contact List for all troops in Lexington School Districts 2 and 5.



Please call 750-0626 and ask Lorie McGraw to provide a copy to you if you have not received one. Copies will be available at Roundtable, at the Scout Shop, and on the Web at [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) or email at [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com).



**0A Chapter 3 News**



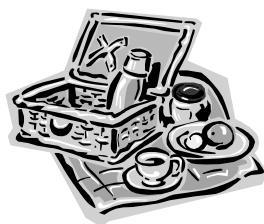
The Order of the Arrow has elected a New Chief: Greg Hunt, Eagle Scout of Troop 95 ([mrranger95@aol.com](mailto:mrranger95@aol.com)) : phone 781-9369) is the new Chapter Chief. Vice Chief is Philip Copeland of Troop 576 (732-3422) and Chapter Secretary is Bryan Gardner (798-7553)

Tschitanek Woakus Chapter #3 won both the Service Award and the Ralph E. Grier Award for best Chapter in 2000. At the recent OA Banquet MG Steve Siegfried, USA, Ret. spoke and named the Order of the Arrow a "leadership laboratory". OA provides leadership opportunities for our youth that is hard to find in other programs. Congratulations to all OA members and advisors.

**Key dates**

- March 24 **Call Out Plus** at Camp Barstow (contact Greg Hunt to hold your OA Election before that date)
- March 23-25 Spring Fellowship
- May 18-20 Next Ordeal at Camp Barstow

**Thank you to  
Pack 15  
for the Roundtable  
food last month.  
It was Delicious!**



### Have you viewed the BSA Fast Start Tape?

Check with your Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, or call the Scout Office today for a copy for your Unit. Additional Copies are available at Roundtable. Fast Start Training for Cub Scouts is also available online at

<http://www.bsa.scouting.org/cubscouts/faststart/>

Boy Scout Fast Start Training online is in the works, so stay tuned.

**My son's Scout Leaders are trained.  
Are yours?**

You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can never fool a Mom.

## Coming Up at 2001 Etowah Creek District Cub Scout Roundtable

### February Roundtable

February 8, 2001 **March Theme: "Man's Best Friend"** Man's best friend isn't always a dog! When Scouts learn to take care of animals, it leads to a lifetime of kindness to the creatures in our world. Come join us as we explore how to involve the boys in your den with animal care (including mammals, reptiles, birds, and insects), including how to keep small wild animals for a short time. Animal related crafts and games will also be presented. [Webelos: Athlete and Engineer]

### March Roundtable

March 8, 2001 **April Theme: "Save it for Us"**. Most boys have advanced in rank, so it is time to get them outdoors! Develop an appreciation for the environment through recycling and environmental awareness, plus earn the World Conservation Award. Resources for environmental games, speakers, and fun abound in the Midlands. Come let us share some of the secrets with you for your den. [Webelos: Sportsman Family Member]

### April Roundtable

April 19, 200 **May Theme: "Happy Trails"** What a great time of year for looking at the forest! Take your den for a hike and learn about nature. Also Forestry games, ideas and crafts. Special section on ceremonies and graduations. [Webelos: Outdoorsman, Handyman] \*\*Come early for Cub Pack Administration Encore for all new Cub Masters, Committee persons and Charter Reps. (6:30) [Webelos: Outdoorsman Handyman Boy Scout Skills for Webelos]

### May Roundtable

May 11, 2000 **June Theme: "Wet and Wild"** [Webelos: Traveler, Artist] BLAST OFF the summer with lots of ideas for your Summer Pack activities. Water Safety, Day camp Preview, How to Camp with Cubs, Nature Crafts and Games, and much more. [Webelos: Traveler Artist]

## Important and Interesting Dates

### January 2001

**12 Roundtable with Youth Protection (6:30)**

**12 Scouting for Food Land Rush (get your areas assigned for Scouting For Food) 6:30 before RT**

**20 University of Scouting** (a great training opportunity! Sign up today!!)

### February 2001

(Nominations for District Awards Due this month)

**3 and 10 Scouting For Food**

**17 Expo Ticket kickoff**

### March 2001

**10 District Banquet 6:30 at Ashland**

Anyone who says 'Easy as taking candy from a baby' has never tried it.

## Internet Site of the Month

### Free Photos and more

[www.snapfish.com](http://www.snapfish.com)



This is soooo easy. Register online and **Snapfish** sends you film mailers for your rolls of film. You send in your roll(s) of film to be processed (they pay for

postage). Then they load your pictures into an online album and send you a set of prints on Kodak paper for \$1.69 total. Advertisers pay for everything else. I have been using them for several months and they are great. The prints are very high quality. The pictures online can be reordered or downloaded, so you can share your troop pictures with others or copy them to put on a web page without having to scan them. All you pay is \$1.69 per roll for shipping & handling. The online advertisers pay the rest. Up to 24 rolls developed free every 12 months! I can vouch for this site!

Becoming aware of my character defects leads me naturally to the next step of blaming my parents.

**Go To University of Scouting Jan.20.  
There is still time to register!**

**We Have A New Domain Name!!  
[www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com)**

Surf's Up! Sign on and check it out!  
The old web page address is still working for a little while until we get the new one totally up and going.  
<http://home.att.net/~lmcgraw/etowah/eCd-indx.htm>

**The Webmaster has a new e-mail address  
[lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com)**