



# Up Etowah Creek...



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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. 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/ecd-0102news.htm](http://www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/ecd-0102news.htm) Welcome!  
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## Cub Resident Camp is Coming!!

June 7,8, and 9 at Camp Barstow



This is a residential (overnight) mini-camp for ALL Cub Scouts (RISING Wolves through Webelos). Registration for camp will be by Pack only. Pack Leaders will be receiving registration

information in January. Be sure to ask your Cubmaster or Committee Chair for registration information. We need your talents and skills to have a successful camp! **To volunteer** with this fantastic adventure, call Travis Wechsler at 407-1095 or e-mail him at [iwccubresident@yahoo.com](mailto:iwccubresident@yahoo.com)

## Cub Roundtable February Theme: Our Native Peoples



### Get Your Handouts Online!

The ECDVirtualRT group at YahooGroups is a free, easy-to-use online service for Etowah Creek District members of Boy Scouts/ Cub Scouts of America. Members will be able share ideas, ask questions, and get the current and past packets of games, ceremonies, and crafts.

**Download and print out exactly what you need each month for all program areas.**

Put together your own custom packet of ideas for Den Leaders, Den and Crew Chiefs, and PLCs. Join today!

To subscribe, send an e-mail to:  
[ECDVirtualRT-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ECDVirtualRT-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## Scouting For Food

February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001

### Are Your Scouts Helpful and kind?)

"September 11 put lots of people out of work and the demand for food is already very great this year and frankly 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

### Lets Beat Last Year's Record!

Last year, only 21 Cub Packs and Boy Scout Troops participated in Scouting for Food, but they collected almost **45,108** 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.

There are **more** hungry people than last year, **more** demand for the Food banks' services, and far **less** in donations. Won't you help by participating in Scouting for Food and gather **more** items? This year please consider the importance of helping **more** of the hungry in our community.

**Donations to area food banks are down and the shelves are empty** earlier this year as more people are unemployed or in need of assistance. **Challenge a neighboring pack or troop to a contest to see who can gather the most items per boy.** 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.**

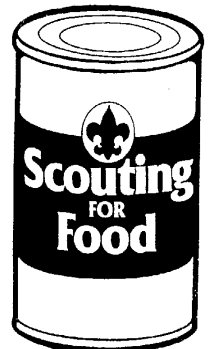
Unlike last year, attention will be paid to working as many areas as possible and not just around the homes of scouts.

Plastic bags, sample of bag notes, and a list of pantries that will be open on February 9 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 9<sup>th</sup>, and a few boxes around the District the week after the 9th 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.



## TOP TEN REASONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN SCOUTING FOR FOOD

10. It fulfills that "one hour a week" scouting commitment.
9. It gives you something to do on the first two Saturdays in February.
8. It gives you an excuse to phone and to talk with your troop, den, or pack.
7. You pay more attention to the streets and the houses in your neighborhood.
6. You learn something about the food pantry or food bank in your area.
5. You and "your boys" learn the meaning of community and helping those less fortunate.
4. It is lots of fun for the scouts.
3. All donations stay in our community
2. It puts a smile on everyone's face.

And the number one reason—

1. It **really** helps the many who rely on it in our community.

Scouting for Food, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2002.

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## University of Scouting January 19, 2002

Forms and schedules are online at [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com)

There will be LOTS of great classes. Please register today!

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## Scouts in the News!

December 1, **Troop 312**, Irmo, spent a service day "Working for Wildlife" at the Carolina Sand Hills National Wildlife Refuge near McBee. The refuge is home to the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) and a variety of other wildlife. 13 scouts and 4 adults spent the day clearing woody debris in a picnic area and fire raking around woodpecker nest sites to prepare for controlled burning. The rare bird's nest sites are protected from some predators by the pinesap the birds cause to run down from the nests. These nest trees tend to burn easily due to the sap and require raking out to the drip line. While on the refuge, the scouts and other volunteers got to visit the nature center and see a visual presentation on the status of the National Refuge System. The highlights of the weekend were the rare opportunity to camp on the refuge and the brilliant moonlight in early December. "Working for Wildlife" was organized by the SC Wildlife Federation in cooperation with the refuge.

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**Troop 91** has 2 Scouts in the Reading For Rachel Program sponsored by First Lady Rachel Hodges. We saw their pictures in this month's *Smokes*. Congratulations to Robin Willoughby and Chris Hilbish. They represented the Boy Scouts of Indian Waters Council.

*If you know of Scouters who have contributed service to others above and beyond the norm, please let the editor know ([lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com) or 750-0626.)*

## Awards season is here!

Don't forget to nominate your fellow Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Scouters, and Scouting Families for the annual Volunteer Awards to be presented at the District Volunteers Awards Banquet in March. These are Unit Awards and District-wide awards, too.

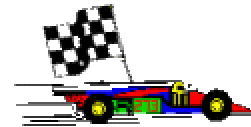
**What a perfect way to say Thank You for the hard work they do all year.**

Pick up information at the Scout Shop, Roundtable or call Mark Gilliam 791-9753.

Be a S\*T\*A\*R\*

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# Pinewood Derby



Check out [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) for Pinewood Derby links and helps.

If you get up early, work late and pay your taxes you will get ahead... if you strike oil. --J.Paul Getty.

Earn some money! Have some fun!

### Expo is Coming!

Scout Expo is the annual Scouting Exposition held at the State Fairgrounds on April 27. Selling tickets for Expo earns prizes for the boys and money for your unit. Call Elizabeth Hinen at 345-6515 for more details. **We also need units to help with Parking, First Aid, and Security.** If your unit can help please let Elizabeth know.

Showcase your unit at Expo! There are hundreds of things that your units could do. Check the Smokes Signals for ideas and details. And make sure that your pack/troop/crew has signed up for your space! These are on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Ticket Sales start February 16, 2002**

**Triple Ticket deadline is March 14**

## WoodBadge Training

There are only a few slots available for this spring's Wood Badge Training. The next training will be held in 2004, so sign up at the Scout Shop today!



**WANTED: BLUE AND KHAKI**

Your Etowah District training team is in need of some used boy-sized scout shirts for demonstration purposes. Anyone who is willing to donate a shirt will be rewarded with a smile. Contact - Joan Janoch 345-5700

## Youth Protection Training to be offered in February

**Youth Protection Training (YPT)** will be offered to all parents (not just leaders) before our February Roundtable (Feb. 14 at 6:30 at Ashland). "I just don't have the time to attend."

Youth Protection Training is only 75 minutes long, or less time than 1 football game or 2 shows of Oprah.

**If you don't know what BSA policy is, how can you make sure that your den, pack, or troop is following it and that your boy is safe?**

Thanks to Youth Protection training and the policies that BSA has enacted, our sons are safer in Scouting than they are in just about any other venue for youth including church groups and sports. Please attend. You will come away with a better understanding on how to protect your scouts, yourself, and your unit.

The bottom line is this: The most important way that you can be sure that your unit is following current policy, and therefore *doing your best to protect your son*, is to make sure that you and your unit's parents are trained in *current* Youth Protection.

**All Training is done at Ashland United Methodist Church**  
For additional information, call Joan Janoch at 345-5700

## Internet Site of the Month

<http://www.usgs.gov/education>

Here is a new, rich resource from the US Geological Survey (USGS) that you can use for planning your nature and science activities in Scouting.. The Learning Web provides online lesson plans, activities, tutorials (downloadable and printable in .pdf), and links to references dealing with interdisciplinary studies of natural science. For example, the Exploring Caves section (1-3 level) covers the basic geology of caves, life habits of cave-dwelling organisms, and cave safety and conservation. Other topics explored on the Learning Web include maps, climate, wildlife, earth processes, and more.



## OA Chapter news

### Bridge Builders

OA Chapter Three built a bridge on the trail to the chapel at Camp Barstow. Greg Hunt (out-going Chapter 3 Chief), Jared Rish (newly elected chapter chief) and Robbie Barnes (newly elected Muscogee Lodge Vice Chief of Program) and several adults (including Bridge Builder and designer John M. Graham) completed the project on a recent Saturday, just before the snow fell.



### Tschitanek Woakus Chapter (Chapter #3)

New Chapter officers elected at Fall Fellowship  
Chapter Chief, Jared Rish, 15, of Troop 507.  
Chapter Vice Chief Philip Copeland, 16, of Troop 576  
Chapter Secretary Thomas Suydam, 14, of Troop 95  
Chapter Adviser Robert M. Sears  
The mighty Fast Foxes of Chapter Three won the attendance award at the Fall Fellowship.

I've been on a diet for two weeks and all I've lost is two weeks. -- Totie Fields

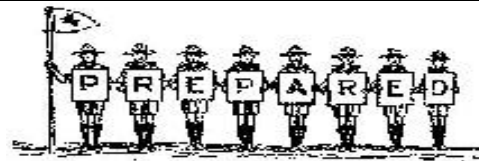
**If you have a US Flag, please fly it to support our troops overseas and those about to be deployed.**

Pray for our troops as they go in harm's way, for our leaders that they be granted wisdom, and for the victims and families of victims of  
Sept. 11, 2001.

## The new Cub Scout Leader Book

is now in the Scout Shop  
Check it out!

**I am not stalling, I am just procrastinating.**



## 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 flyer called "Webelos to Scout Transition: A Guide for Parents and Leaders" is now available. Also available is a Troop Contact List for all troops in Lexington School Districts 2 and 5. 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) or phone 750-0626 and ask Lorie for a copy.

## Cub Scout Camp-ins at the State Museum

Space is the Place at the Camp-ins at the State Museum for Tiger, Bear, Wolf and Webelos Cub Scouts.

Scouts will race balloon rockets, explore the night sky and collect "moon rock" samples like the Apollo astronauts did. They'll also discover how things fly and explore the solar system. Camp-ins Include:

- Museum admission
- Hands-on activities
- Friday evening snack and Saturday breakfast
- Special camp-in patch for all participants
- Free time on Friday evening and Saturday morning to explore exhibits
- Optional Saturday shopping in The Cotton Mill Exchange
- Opportunity to meet Scouts different packs

Opening just in time for camp-ins is *Theme Park: The Art & Science of Universal Studios Islands of Adventure*. Scouts will program a mechanical dinosaur, explore Dr. Seuss' fascinating world and discover the physics behind roller coaster design.

And if that's not enough, let your boys be among the first visitors to experiment in our new ZOOMzone.

Dates:

- Friday-Saturday, February 8-9 (registration deadline: January 11, 2002)
- Friday-Saturday, February 15-16 (registration deadline: January 18, 2002)

To Register: call the State Museum for a registration form and registration information. Cost: \$25 per scout; \$15 per troop leader and chaperons. Please Note: Space is limited and camp-ins fill early. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

## Day Camp Help Needed!

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



## Free Fridays at Riverbanks Zoo

Admission to the Riverbanks Zoo is free every Friday for January and February. Why not take your pack, your den, or your patrols to the zoo? See the new gorilla exhibit and say hello to the new elephants. And maybe do some community service at the same time? Why not ask them?

Ask not for whom the bell tolls.

If there's a teenager in the house, it's a phone call for them.

## Important Dates

### District Calendar is Online!

Training Dates, Events, District Meeting info, Council Events, etc. Check on the [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) website and click on District Calendar.

#### January

- 5 OA Banquet
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 Scouting For Food Land Rush at RT 6:15
- 11 Deadline for Scouting for Food patches
- 19 **University of Scouting**

#### February

- 2 Scouting For Food bag Drop off
- 3 Scout Sunday
- 8-9 Cub Scout Camp-in at the SC State Museum
- 9 Scouting For Food Pick-up of bags
- 14 Roundtable with Youth Protection (at 6:30)
- 15-16 Cub Scout Camp-in at the SC State Museum
- 16 Expo Ticket Sales Kickoff
- 18 Presidents Day Service Center Closed

#### March

- 6 District Commissioners Meeting 7:00p AUMC
- 7 District Committee Meeting 7:00p
- 8-11 Woodbadge Weekend #1
- 14 7:00p Roundtable
- 14 Expo Triple Points Deadline
- 21 6:30p Council Annual Recognition Banquet
- 22-24 OA Spring Fellowship
- 23 Boy Scout Merit Badge University
- 29 Service Center Closed
- 29-Apr 7 Lex. 5 and Lex 2 Spring Breaks

#### April

- 3 District Commissioners Meeting
- 4 District Committee Meeting
- 5-7 Woodbadge Weekend #2
- 11 Roundtable 7:00p
- 11 Expo Double Point Deadline .
- 11 Registration Deadline for Council Pinewood Derby1
- 12-14 Cub Family Camping Weekend .
- 27 Scout Expo Fairgrounds 11:00a -4:00p

#### May

- 17-19 OA Ordeal/Induction
- 18 Beaver Day at Barstow Bring your tools
- 21 Lex. 2 student last day of school
- 27 Service Center Closed .
- 30 Lex. 5 Last Day of School

There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.

---JFK

### Seasonal Staff at Philmont

Philmont Scout Ranch NM is as great a place to work as it is to visit on a trek. Applications for the upcoming season have been out for a while and you should apply as soon as possible. Candidates must be at least age 18 when they report to work. Hiring decisions are typically made in December/January with contracts mailed in February/March. Get your application in now.

You may download a 2002 Seasonal Staff Application at <http://www.store.yahoo.com/lib/psashop/2002app.pdf> or you can get a staff application by writing to Philmont at this address:

Seasonal Employment  
Philmont Scout Ranch  
Route 1, Box 35  
Cimarron, NM 87714



You may also request that an application be sent to you by calling (505) 376-2281 or by sending a request to the Program Department at Philmont by e-mailing [philstaff@cimarron.springercoop.com](mailto:philstaff@cimarron.springercoop.com) (please mention that you are following a link from the PSA Website).

### Coming Up at 2001-2002

### Etowah Creek District Cub Scout Roundtable

Remember that Roundtable takes the Theme from the following month, giving you time to prepare your program.

August 2001 Roundtable	All Aboard! (September Theme)
September 2001	Down on the Farm (October)
October 2001	Hometown Heroes (November)
November 2001	Works of Art (December)
December 2001	Did You Get My Message (January)
January 2002	Our Native Peoples (February)
February 2002	Dollars & Sense (March)
March 2002	Forces of Nature (April)
April 2002	Abracadabra (May)
May 2002	Critters, Cubs & Campfires (June)
July and Aug. 2002 Themes:	Inside Out and Backwards Sports Extravaganza

### OA Indian Dance Team

Available for Banquets,  
Crossovers, and Blue and  
Golds

To reserve the Muscogee (Order of the Arrow) Lodge Indian Dance team for your Blue and Gold, COH, or other pack/troop/crew event, call Steve Galloway at 796-4055. Please arrange as soon as possible with at least 2 week's notice.

"A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance Accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly. Specialization is for insects."

-----Robert Heinlein

It doesn't matter what temperature a room is.. It's always room temperature, right? -- Steven Wright

### Scouter's Minute

#### Some Say It's Just Piece of Cloth

Some say it's just a piece of cloth,  
And to them I guess that's true,  
And the colors are just fabric dye,  
Of red and white and blue.

But let's take a look another way,  
Bear with me just for now,  
'Cuz a few of us see more than that,  
And I'd like to tell you how.

See the set of crimson stripes,  
Which flow from left to right?  
I see in them the blood that's spilled  
In freedom's awful fight.

And what about the field of blue,  
Is there something there to see?  
'Tis the oceans touching distant shores  
Where they fought to keep us free.

But what about those other stripes,  
Of brilliant milk-white hue?  
I see in them the spirit-glow  
Of those who died for me 'n' you.

And what about those fifty stars?  
Can I give you just a clue?  
I see in them the peace of heav'n  
As the serviceman's eternal due.

Now you may not agree with me,  
And that really is o.k.,  
That's a freedom and a right  
We wouldn't take away.

But give a moment, if you please,  
On each and ev'ry day,  
To thank our nation's servicemen,  
For your freedom's here to stay.

For without their matchless sacrifice,  
We'd none of us be free  
To talk of flags, and God, and truth,  
And what they are to you and me.

--By Roger Claff