



# 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/jan03news.pdf](http://www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/jan03news.pdf) Welcome! Lorie McGraw 750-0626 [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com) Webmaster for ECD

## Happy New Year!

**Please see page 2 for the 2003 rules for Youth Protection, Tour Permits, and Background checks for Scout Leaders.**

## Youth Protection Training to be offered in February

"I just don't have the time to attend."

**Youth Protection Training** is only 60-90 minutes, 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 or pack is following it?* 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.

The bottom line is this: The most important way that you can be sure that your den, pack, troop, crew 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. Youth Protection is also now required on all Tour Permits. Take care of it today! And if your unit leader says that only one person in your unit needs the training, then you need to call Joan. **ALL parents and leaders should be trained in current Youth Protection procedures.** If you are not sure, then you need to be trained.

**On February 13, 2003 we will be offering Youth Protection Training (YPT) for all parents at 6:30 pm (before our monthly Roundtable) at Ashland United Methodist Church**  
*For additional information, call Joan Janoch at 345-5700*

## UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

<http://bellsouthwpw.net/d/o/donmcl/uofs.html>

### Highlights:

A **Life to Eagle Seminar** will be offered at the upcoming University of Scouting on Jan 25. This is a great opportunity for **Life Scouts** or leaders to learn all about the Eagle process and what is involved with planning and carrying out the Eagle Leadership project. Scouts and Scouters can then continue in the sessions on SPL Training, PLC Training, and Patrol Spirit Training.



### Other classes that will be offered:



**Cub Leaders** will like **Den and Pack Sparklers, Cub Crafts, Games, and Ceremonies** for your den and pack. Plus **Storytelling, Campfire fun, and How to Plan Blue and Golds** and other cub events *and much more.*

**Boy Scout Leaders** will be interested in attending classes on **Troop Leadership** and JLTs, **The First Year Scout, BORs, Games for Older Scouts, Low Impact Outdoor Activities, Lanterns and Stoves, Mountain Biking, and Hiking/Backpacking tips.** *Plus much more.*



**Venturing Leaders** will love the sessions on **Wilderness First Aid, Mountain Biking, YPT for Venturing Leaders, Scout Behaviors** in a Co-ed environment, **Orienteering, Venture Program Planning,** *and much much more.*



Plus you can take classes in the different levels, so a Webelos Leader can take a class in Cub Games, and Hiking, too.

This is a terrific opportunity to learn some new skills, share your experiences, and meet others that have the same interests and challenges that you have.

**Register today!** Call the Scout Office or see the link above. \$15 by Jan 9, \$20 by Jan 24, \$10 if you are an instructor and want to take a class, \$25 Walk-in on Jan 25. Lunch is provided in your fee.

**News from National BSA Headquarters:**

## BSA will Require Background Checks for New Leaders

(as reported in AP/UP) Boy Scouts will be requiring background checks of new adult volunteers. Those who do not get clearance won't be allowed to join.

Membership will be prohibited if the background check turns up convictions for sex crimes, crimes of violence, or drug offenses.

The requirements will take effect in April.



## Guide to Safe Scouting

<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/index.html>

Print out or view online

You must have a copy of this document when you travel.

## FEE INCREASE FOR 2003

Beginning January 1, 2003 the Boy Scouts of America will increase its membership registration fee from \$7 to \$10 per year. The increase will affect both youth and adults registering with packs, troops, teams, crews and ships.

## PURPOSE OF THE BSA-NOW

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth.

Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society.

From the "What is Boy Scouting?" Fact Sheet,  
<http://www.scouting.org/factsheets/02-503.html>

## PURPOSE OF THE BSA-THEN

That the purpose of this corporation shall be to promote, through organization and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are now in common use by Boy Scouts.

Sec. 3, federal charter, Boy Scouts of America  
June 15, 1916, by the United States Congress

## Tour Permits and Youth Protection

Download the form here:

<http://www.scouting.org/forms/34426.pdf>

Effective January 2003 both the local tour permit and the national tour permit application will include a

requirement that at least one adult present during the event or activity must have completed the BSA Youth Protection Training.

The national tour permit will continue to include the requirement that **all** registered adults must have completed the BSA Youth Protection Training for participation in a nationally sponsored event or activity.

**Indian Waters Council has established that Youth Protection must be renewed every two (2) years.**

Check your Youth Protection cards to see if they have expired. Adults must have taken the full 90-minute YPT after January 2001 to be able to take a troop, crew, or den on an outing.

**Youth Protection Training will be held in February and may be arranged by calling Joan Janoch at 345-5700.**

## Training News

### NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITS:

All Units must have 50% or more of their unit leaders trained in their leadership position.

Please check with the Etowah Creek District Calendar or call Joan Janoch 345-5700

**To be trained** All Levels must have *Fast Start* plus *New Leader Essentials (NLE) Plus*

**Cub Units:** Cub Leader Basic Training (CLBT) and  
Cub/ Webelos Leader/  
Committee/Cubmaster breakouts

**Boy Scout Units:** Scout Leader Specific Training and  
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

**Troop Committees:** Troop Committee Challenge

**Venture Units:** Venture Leader Specific and  
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

### New Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training Online

<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/faststart/>  
includes some short video and audio clips, but is designed for onscreen reading.

### Cub Scout Leader Fast Start Training online

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

### Venturing Fast Start Training online-in print

<http://www.scouting.org/venturing/anc/pdf/25-878.pdf>

### Youth Protection Training - online

coming to a monitor near you in February 2003.

For More Information go to

[www.etowahcreek.com/training2001/index.htm](http://www.etowahcreek.com/training2001/index.htm)



**February 1 and 8, 2003**

Do you like a sense of competition? Collecting food in the **Scouting For Food** Program can earn your unit a ribbon for your pack or troop flag!

*Please Cover Your Entire Territory for Scouting For Food*

Scope out your territory! This year we are asking that your unit go to **each and every home** in the area that you claim. Last year we discovered large areas that were not given bags even though the area had been claimed by a Cub Pack or Scout Troop. We need to get past the idea that we cover only those territories where our boys live and begin to think in terms of helping the whole community to contribute food to needy, hungry people. We need to think of the scouts participating in the service of helping the community to **fill all** of the local food pantries and food banks.

*Please make sure that you have claimed an area before putting out bags!* Another Troop or Pack may have it, even if you had it last year. Questions can be aimed at Joan Janoch and Ron Cook 354-5700.

**Scouting For Food Patch 2003 Available as Pre-Order Only**

Go to [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) and click on the Scouting For Food link to see the 2003

patch. Order your patches Today! These are **not** the stock patches that you get at the Scout Shop. **They are available only from Joan and Ron. They MUST be pre-ordered and pre-paid.** Call 345-5700. Still only \$1.00 each. Don't Miss Out!



**February 8<sup>th</sup>** will be a **BIG NIGHT** for Scouts and Scouters at the **Inferno Hockey Game**. **Wear your uniform and bring 3 cans of food for special fun and prizes.**

Indian Waters Council Website is online

[www.iwc-bsa.com](http://www.iwc-bsa.com) has a new look and information for your units. Check it out! And don't forget to look on [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) for your updated Scouting Program in the Lexington 5 and 2 areas.

**Parents of Webelos Scouts:**

**LOOKING FOR A TROOP?**

Download this pamphlet today.

<http://www.etowahcreek.com/downloads/W2Stransfinal2.pdf>

**Local Pack and Troop News**

*If you have news or events for your troop, pack, or crew, or if you have seen a Scout or Scouter's picture in the paper, please submit it to this newsletter by e-mailing Lorie McGraw [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com), or by phoning 750-0626.*

**SCOUTING POSTER/ART CONTEST**

**WIN \$500 CASH AND OTHER PRIZES**



Photos, Artwork, Digital Images about Scouting: All can win up to \$500 or provide your troop or pack with 250 posters/prints to sell, auction, or use as a fundraiser. **Enter Today.** The first deadline is Feb. 15, 2003 for Digital/Computer images about Scouting.

<http://scoutingdigest.com/postercontest.html>

**Awards season is here!**

Don't forget to nominate your fellow Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Scouters, and Scouting Families for the annual District Volunteer Awards.

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

There are Unit Awards and District-wide awards, too. Watch your mail for more information.

**The District Volunteers Awards Banquet will be on Thursday May 15, 2003**

Call 750-0626 or e-mail [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com) if you want to help.

**A Scout Is Reverent**

Religious Resources Links and More for Scout Leaders on the Internet

<http://www.naums.org/ministry/resorces.htm>

You cannot tell which way the train went by looking at the track.

## Calling All Scouters! Come join the fun!

We hope that you'll join us at Roundtable on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:30 PM. This year, in addition to covering the monthly Cub Scout themes, we'll also have a special training highlight (see list below). Come get new ideas, meet new people, share stories, and pick up plenty of valuable information! Contact Sheryl Wechsler with any questions (407-1095 or [sherylw@sc.rr.com](mailto:sherylw@sc.rr.com)).

## 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. Or go directly to [http://www.calsnet.net/etowah\\_calendar](http://www.calsnet.net/etowah_calendar)

#### January 2003

25 University of Scouting

#### February 2003

- 1 Scouting for Food Bag Drop off
- 2 Scout Sunday
- 7 Scouting for Food Bag Pick Up
- 13 Roundtable with Youth Protection (at 6:30)
- 15 Expo Ticket Sales Kickoff

#### March

29 Merit Badge University

#### April

26 Scout Expo at the Fairgrounds

#### May

15 District Volunteers Appreciation Banquet

#### Youth Protection Training Dates 2003:

Feb. 13 Before Roundtable AUMC 6:30 pm  
Call Joan Janoch at 345-5700 if you need other training dates for YPT.

A trainer will be glad to come to your pack or troop meeting to train adults in Youth Protection **for Free!**

To participate in Working for  
Wildlife  
contact the  
SC Wildlife Federation at  
803-256-0670 or [www.scwf.org](http://www.scwf.org)



## Need to know about the outdoors in South Carolina?

For Trails info, check out [www.sctrails.net/](http://www.sctrails.net/)  
To find where to go, what to do, try [www.discoversouthcarolina.com](http://www.discoversouthcarolina.com) the official website of SC Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism.  
To go directly to State Parks info, use [www.discoversouthcarolina.com/stateparks/parklocator.asp](http://www.discoversouthcarolina.com/stateparks/parklocator.asp)

There is absolutely no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation.

## Internet Sites of the Month



### Bingo-Maker

<http://www.jtsoftware.com/bingomaker.html>

Need a new way to learn the Scout Law or Orienteering Terms? Need a fun activity for that Pack Meeting? Make BINGO cards with this great **Free** program. It is perfect for packs, dens, and troops to make learning Scouting stuff fun. You can even change the heading from BINGO to SCOUT.

**New Fast Start Trainings now online. See page 2 of this month's Up Etowah Creek.**

### Sticky Buns

Here is a recipe for a Dutch Oven beginner:

- 18 frozen dinner rolls (the smallest size)
- 1 small regular (the kind you cook) butterscotch pudding mix
- 6 Tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Prepare a regular 12 inch Dutch oven by lining with \*Reynolds Release Aluminum Foil (non-stick side up). Arrange the frozen dinner rolls in the bottom of the oven. Melt the rest of the ingredients together and pour over the dinner rolls. Let sit and raise overnight. Bake at 350 degrees (16 top & 10 bottom) for 20 minutes, remove from the bottom coals and continue baking another 10 minutes with top coals only. Pick up the rolls with the foil and dump upside down on a serving tray.  
\*Reynolds Release Foil is a new product...food does not stick to it. It works great!! Parchment Paper also works great!

*The more you run over a dead cat, the flatter it gets.*

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**The Premier Issue will be at Roundtable if you wish to take a look**

## Merit Badge Booklet Changes 02-03

Here's the list of which Merit Badge books are listed as changed, and the new stock numbers. The new numbers are in a different color to show what has changed at <http://usscouts.org/mb/mbbooks.html>.

SOME/MANY/ALL (?) of them may have new requirements when the 2003 Boy Scout Requirements Booklet (33215F) is released.

American Business	33325A	Backpacking	33232B
First Aid	33301B	Gardening	33240A
Golf	33397A	Home Repairs	33247A
Insect Study	33353A	Law	33389A
Leatherwork	33310A	Medicine	33244A
Painting	33372A	Pottery	33314A
Public Speaking	33373A	Sculpture	33322A

In addition, the following pamphlets were issued midyear in 2002 (i.e. after the 2002 catalog and requirements book were issued) and carry the copyright dates listed. Where indicated, the new pamphlets also had new requirements, issued after the 2002 requirements book:

<b>Cooking</b>	33349A	2001
<b>Dentistry</b>	33394B	2002 (New requirements midyear)
<b>Fishing</b>	33231A	2002 (New requirements midyear)
<b>Fly Fishing (NEW)</b>	33283	2002 (New requirements midyear)
<b>Landscape Architecture</b>	33355A	2002 (New requirements midyear)
<b>Wilderness Survival</b>	33265A	2001

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SC Book Festival needs Volunteers in February.  
Assignments include:

- Greeting attendees and handing out programs at the festival
- Helping folks find venues, vendors, signing tables, etc.
- Manning our information booth
- Escorting authors to and from events
- Picking up and dropping off authors from the Columbia airport
- Distributing publicity materials in the weeks leading up to the festival



<http://www.scbookfestival.org/>

Festival weekend is Feb 22-23 at the Fairgrounds, but there will be other times to help out, too. If you or your Scouts are interested in helping out with this enormous literary event right here in Columbia, please contact Bruce Lane: Festival Director (803) 691-4100 South Carolina Humanities Council P.O. Box 5287 - Columbia, SC 29250

*I have seen the truth and it makes no sense.*

## OA NEWS

Tschitanek Woakuus (Fast Foxes) Chapter Three

Chapter Chief David Goza 781-4977  
Chapter Vice Chief Drew Stiowe  
Chapter Secy/Treasurer Grant Shirk  
Chapter Adviser Terry Goza 781-4977,  
[Terry.goza@macktrucks.com](mailto:Terry.goza@macktrucks.com)

January 11 Muscogee Lodge Banquet at Camp Barstow. Youth, parents, Scouters and guests are welcome Carey Mignerey, 2000 National OA Chief will be the featured speaker.

\$10 annual lodge dues are payable now at the IWC Scout Service Center, in person or by phone with a credit card.

Don't forget to send in your registration for DIXIE

NOAC-August 2-7 at the Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, NC the National OA Native American Indian Conference will be held called "Indian Summer" all OA youth are eligible to participate.

## SCOUTERS' CORNER TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS

shelves, spare tire, carpet, roof vent. Asking \$2300. To inquire send e-mail to: [trailer2300@yahoo.com](mailto:trailer2300@yahoo.com)

Ok, I have an analogy for everyone.... If the "Guide To Safe Scouting" is like the black on white speed limit signs, then the "Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities" (Bin #18-260) is like the black on yellow "safe speed" sign that is associated with the upcoming curve. While a State Patrol officer *probably* won't stop you for taking a corner faster than the posted safe speed, you can bet that if you wreck on that corner you will probably get a "Driving Too Fast For Conditions" ticket. Additionally, just because you were driving *exactly* the posted safe speed on corner that's covered with ice doesn't mean that you are out of the dog house...

On page 6 of the current *Scouting* magazine there is an article about the Age-Appropriate Guidelines. It says "the guidelines are not intended as strict rules...". Unfortunately, many Scouters seem to take this to mean "it's just something the BSA threw together... I don't have to follow it if I don't want to... heck, it's just a guideline". And just like the yellow speed signs, this is true... up to a point! This document is a "suggested safe speed" for most Scouting activities (don't forget to take special conditions into account) and remember that not following it has the potential for it being used against you!

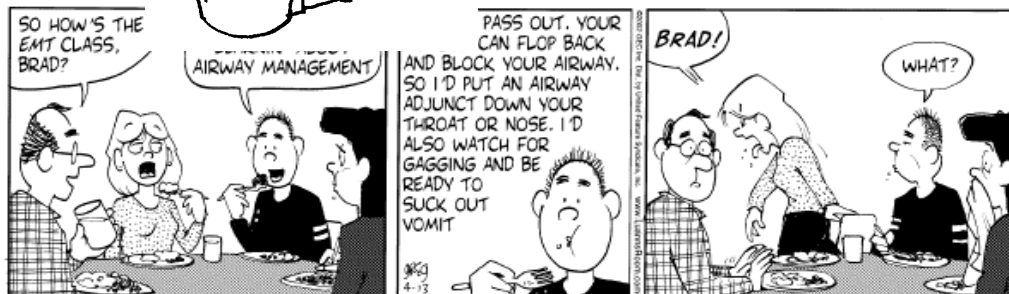
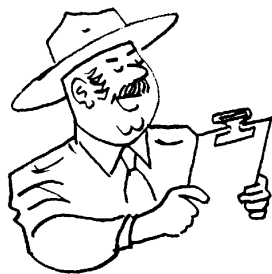
The article goes on to say that if you choose to go outside the guidelines you "should consider the readiness level of each individual scout". This tells me that simply choosing not to follow the guideline is not an advised thing to do... If you are supposed to evaluate on an individual basis, it doesn't sound like a blanket "this isn't really important" stance on any item is a particularly good idea. So keep this in mind when you choose to exceed the guidelines... while there is nothing keeping you from doing it, it might be a good idea to think about the fact that National spent the time to come up with those guidelines for a reason.

--Wendell Brown [wbrown@arkie.net](mailto:wbrown@arkie.net) (from the Internet)

### TRAILER FOR SALE

Wells Cargo Trailer: 5 X 10, 5 1/2 ft. interior height, double rear door, side door, front

The trouble with life is,  
'do it  
thing



### Scout Joke

A Scoutmaster, a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout arrive at the gates of Heaven simultaneously. St Peter welcomes them, but says there is an entrance test: they must climb a staircase of 1,000 steps. However, St Pete will tell a joke on every 5th step; anyone who laughs must return to the bottom and start climbing all over again. They begin, and the jokes commence on the 5th step.

At the 45th step, the Cub Scout laughs, and must go to the bottom. On the 225th step, the Boy Scout laughs, returns to the bottom.

On the 999th step, the scoutmaster suddenly laughs. St Peter asks, "What happened? I haven't told the next joke yet?!"

The scoutmaster says, "I just got the first joke."

### Moses as the First Scoutmaster

1. He led nature study classes - burning bushes, locust, flies, and frogs were his specialty
  2. He really didn't volunteer - he was minding his own business as a shepherd when he was recruited with the phrase, "Just one hour per week, that's all I ask"
  3. He was an expert swimmer - OK, so he didn't exactly "swim" in the Red Sea!
  4. He had an excellent Assistant Scoutmaster - brother Aaron - and a great SPL - Joshua (who could also rouse the troops with a blow on his early bugle, a rams horn).
  5. He also had a hiking staff that unlike current Scoutmasters, his brother could turn into a snake!
  6. Every time he left camp for a cracker-barrel the folks he left behind would always get out of hand - golden calves and all that rot.
- And as a true Scoutmaster...
7. When he couldn't finish the hike, they buried him right on the trail!!!!

you're halfway through it before you realize it's a yourself