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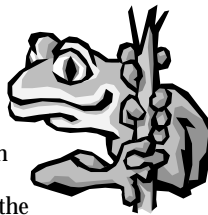
Etowah Creek District BSA Newsletter
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Welcome to Etowah Creek District [ECD] Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout Leader Roundtable in Columbia, South Carolina. This showcase for Leaders is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 p.m. We 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/eecd-0301news.htm

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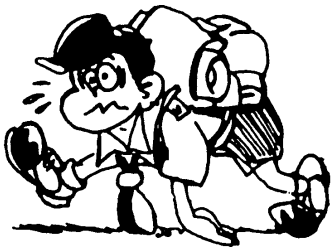
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This Month at Cub Roundtable:
April Theme: 'Save it for Us' Most boys have advanced in rank, so it is time to get them outdoors! Develop an appreciation for the environment through recycling and environmental awareness, plus earn the World Conservation 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]



Don't forget to pick up your huge packet of activities, ceremonies, and games!

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****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]

See the last page of the newsletter for more information

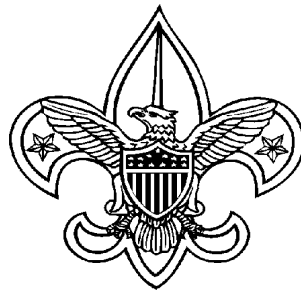
Boy Scout Roundtable Topics

March BSRT Topic:
Physical Fitness.

April Topic: Special Cooking

May Topic: Leadership

For More Information call George Ammer at 755-2664 or email at legalmom2@hotmail.com



2nd Annual Family Camping Weekend April 6-8, 2001

Camp Barstow on Lake Murray

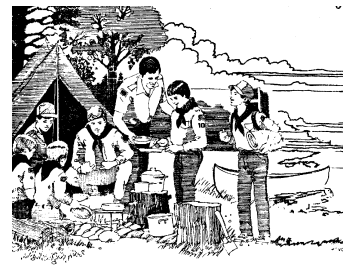
The Family Camping Weekend is one of the most exciting events of the year for Cub Scouts and their families. All family members are invited to join us at Camp Barstow for a weekend of fun and camping in the outdoors. Activities will include BB guns and Archery belt loops, Marbles belt loop, Soccer belt loop activity, Fishing belt loop activity (SC DNR is coming out and we will have 50-65 "loaner" combos for the boys to use), Volleyball belt loop, Knot Tying, Nature Walk/Scavenger Hunt, Paper Airplane Derby, Relay games (with a twist, of course), science games/ activities 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 your mailbox or call Travis Wechsler at 777-8155 or email TRAVISW@gwm.sc.edu. **Travis also Needs Volunteers** to help make this a terrific experience for all of the boys. Sign up early at the Scout Shop because space is limited.



Does your Troop have room for more Scouts?

Middle school Recruitment (7th and 8th grades) for Lexington 5 schools will be in March. If you would like to participate contact Lorie McGraw at 750-0626 or email lmcgraw@sc.rr.com.

School visitation would be in the morning between 7:30 and 8:30 in late March, followed by an evening visitation at a Columbiana Center Mall on March 27.



Scout Expo is Coming!

Scout Expo is the annual Scouting Exposition held at the State Fairgrounds on April 21. 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, or Security.**

Showcase your unit at Expo! There are hundreds of things that your units could do. Check the Smoke Signals for ideas and details.

Earn some money! Have some fun! See you at Expo!



Wanna have a blast?

Day Camp Flyers Are on the Way to Your Mailbox!

Plan to come to one of the two Space Theme Day camps!

Irmo/Chapin Cub Scout Day Camp

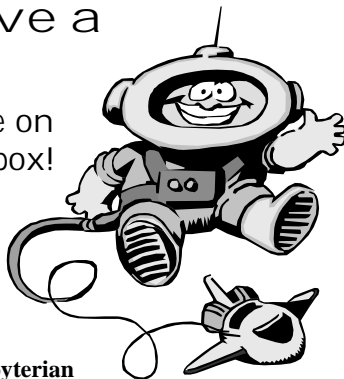
June 11-15 at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church 5-9 pm. Contact Angela Bouknight (781-9094) or Peggy Smith (755-9466).

West Columbia Day Camp June 25-29 from 6-9 pm at Mt. Hebron United Methodist. Contact Carol Caulk for more information at 926-8717.

Your Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos will be flying high with the Space Theme for 2001 Day Camp. Rocketry, Alien Life Forms, and Astronauts will be studied and experienced during the camps. Etowah Creek District runs the finest and most popular Day Camps in our Council. Sign up early! Both Camps will have different games, experiences, and fun, all on the Space theme. The Day Camp information flyers and registration information will be in your mailboxes soon. Don't get stuck in the "black hole"! The cost will be the same for both camps, starting in March. \$40 for early registration with \$5 discount for helping. Both Camps are recruiting staff right now. Call for more information on how to register or more importantly, how to help boys have a great day camp!

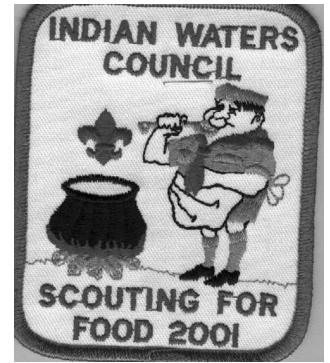
Please Help! Items needed for day camp:

2-liter soda bottles 12 oz. or 16 oz. soda bottles
Shoebboxes check book boxes Pringles cans (large & small)



Scouting For Food:

The Official Indian Water Council Scouting For Food Patch (right) is available **ONLY** through Joan and Ron. The SFF patch at the Scout Shop is NOT the custom patch designed for the 2001 Scouting For Food. Once ordered they will be available at Expo in April. Any questions about the patches call Ron Cook 794-8560.



It is very important that all units report even if you do not want the patches. We need the numbers to help with next year's planning and publicity. You may either call Joan at 345-5700 or e mail her at janoch@conterra.com.

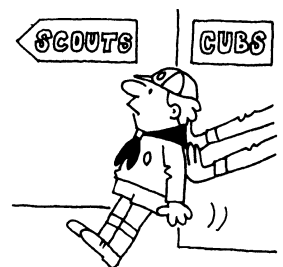
The April newsletter will have the totals for Etowah Creek! We really showed our Scouting Spirit while Scouting For Food!

"The reputation of a thousand years may be determined by the conduct of one hour." -- Japanese Proverb

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 5th 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 or email lmcgraw@sc.rr.com.



Public Archaeology Day Sunday, March 11

sponsored by SC DNR,

Come see what Archaeologists do and join in the dig at an active 1700s dig site along the Great Pee Dee River.

Includes Site tours, nature walks, music, 18th Century European and Native American reenactors, etc. Bring a bucket or two (just kidding!).

Contact Chris Judge for details:
SCDNR PO Box 167 Columbia 29202
803-734-3753 chrisj@scdnr.state.sc.us
Volunteers needed.



Life is full of choices.....

- Choose to love - rather than hate.
- Choose to smile - rather than frown.
- Choose to build - rather than destroy.
- Choose to persevere - rather than quit.
- Choose to praise - rather than gossip.
- Choose to heal - rather than wound.
- Choose to give - rather than take.
- Choose to act - rather than delay.
- Choose to forgive - rather than curse.
- Choose to pray - rather than despair.



Thank you to Elizabeth Hinen and Vicki Wheatly for the Roundtable food last month. It was Delicious!

If at first you do succeed, try not to look astonished.

Boy Scout Leader Basic Training

May 4-6th, 2001 at Camp Barstow

Also known as SM Fundamentals, this training is not just for Scoutmasters. **Everyone who is involved with a troop should take this course. Insist that the adults that are influencing your boys are recently trained (within the past 5 years). Register Today at the Scout Shop.**

Important Dates

March 2001

8 Roundtable

10 District Volunteer Recognition Banquet

24 OA Call Out Plus at Camp Barstow

23-25 OA Spring Fellowship at Camp Barstow

April 2001

6-8 Family Camping at Camp Barstow (Tigers and Cubs)

12 Roundtable

21 Scout Expo at the fairgrounds

May 2001

4-6 Scoutmaster Fundamentals at Camp Barstow. Call Bob Hamilton for more information 359-9646

11 Roundtable

18-20 OA Ordeal at Camp Barstow

June 2001

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May Roundtable

May 11, 2001 **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]

Procrastination - I'll deal with it sooner or later.

Etowah Creek District Has A New Domain Name!!

www.etowahcreek.com

Surf on over and check it out!

Plus more resources and links have been added!
The Webmaster has a new e-mail address of
lmcgraw@sc.rr.com

The old web page address no longer works, so change your bookmarks!

Indian Waters Council Website is www.iwc-bsa.com

Cub Leader Basic

Training Available in April

Wateree District Cub Leader Basic Training, Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. John's UMC, 45 Roseborough Road, Lugoff. This training includes BSA Youth Protection Training. Pre-registration is required by April 23. To pre-register or for information call Keri Kerber at 438-6710 or email <KKerber1@compuserve.com>

Editor's Minute

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit with all of their might. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

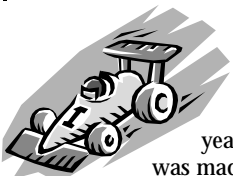
There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day. A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them. Encourage your Scouts and Leaders.

"It's not an optical illusion, it just looks that way." -Anon

Internet Site of the Month

All Scouts:

Wildlife Management Book for Free
SC DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources) has a "Wildlife Management Activity Book" online at <http://water3.dnr.state.sc.us/dnr/cec/educate/img/wmcolorbook.pdf> It's cool, free, and reproducible. See also the SC Wildlife Federation site for Wildlife Week info at <http://www.scwf.org/nww01/NWW.html>



Etowah Creek District level Pinewood Derby cancelled

There will be no District level competition for winners of the unit Pinewood Derbies this year. The decision to cancel the annual event was made at the last ECD Committee Meeting. There were concerns about the possibility of damage to cars that are to race at the Council level Scout Expo. The District race was an unofficial race with low attendance. **All Unit winners will be able to compete at the EXPO in April.** If you have a question or concerns, please contact John Thompson or Hal Donnelly.

