



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/nov02news.pdf Welcome!

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November Cub Roundtable December Theme: Winter Wonderland

Roundtable Discussion Topic:
Advancements and Awards for Scouts
Cub Roundtable will not be held in December.

Come join the Boy Scout Roundtable.

Boy Scout Roundtable will be December 12th at 7:00 PM at Ashland United Methodist Church. The theme will be the December Boys' Life feature: *Hobbies*. There will be a follow-up to the November meeting with a segment on Eagle Ceremonies to go with Mr. Shaw's Eagle Projects and Board of Review. In January the RT will be on Public Service--and Junior Leader Training.

Get Your Handouts Online!

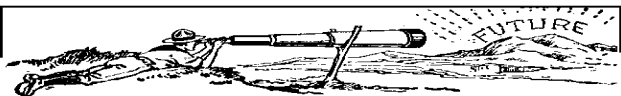
The ECDVirtualRT group at YahooGroups is a free, easy-to-use online service for Etowah Creek District members of Boy Scouts/ Cub Scouts of America. Members will be able to share ideas, ask questions, and get the current and past packets of games, ceremonies, and crafts.

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:

<mailto:ECDVirtualRT-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>



Tour Permits and Youth Protection

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.

National tour permit applications are required to be submitted for tours or trips 500 miles or over, one way. For tours and trips around and outside of the Midlands area (under 500 miles one-way), a local tour is required. Most short, in-town den trips for a few hours do not require a tour permit; however, it is recommended that dens and troops obtain permission slips from parents.



Indian Waters Council has established that Youth Protection must 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 may be arranged by calling Joan Janoch at 345-5700. There will be a YPT before Roundtable in February.

BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE IN DECEMBER

December 6-8, 2002 at the Harbison State Forest. Check-in time will be Friday from 4:00 to 8:30 pm. All registered Scouts, Ventures, Adult Leaders, Webelos II, and parents of Webelos II are invited to attend. The cost will be \$12 per person (youth and adult) The registration fee includes a patch, patrol ribbons, liability insurance, awards, program materials, and logistical support. **Troops must be registered by November 22.** Webelos II dens must be the guest of an attending troop. *For more information call Michael Copeland - 932-2282-work or 414-6475-cell*

HELP FOR SCOUTS, CUBS, VENTURERS AND ADULTS THAT ARE DISABLED

Do you know a Scout who is disabled, cannot read (virtually illiterate) or is blind that needs help with BSA literature? You can buy recordings of the Boy Scout Handbook and various Merit Badge pamphlets. Contact: Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, Princeton, NJ, (800) 221-4792

The BSA has a lot of resources for the disabled, see:

- <http://www.boyscouts-marin.org/wswd>
- <http://www.bsa.scouting.org/factsheets/02-508.html>
- http://www.bsa-heartofohio.org/CurrentEvents/serving_youth_with_disabilities_.htm
- http://www.boyscouts-marin.org/wswd//colin/wswd_new/downloads/CubScoutsWithDisabilities-chap17.pdf

You may also be able to get recorded BSA books through your local library or interlibrary loan (ask about the interlibrary loan program at your library reference desk).

For those that are hearing impaired, there are closed-captioned training tapes too, including:

- Cub Scout Fast Start
- Boy Scout Fast Start
- Crew Fast Start
- Boy Scout Advancement
- The BSA Youth Protection Series Youth Protection Training for Adult Leaders (this is the one for Boy Scouts and Cub Scout leaders, however the Venturing one is not closed captioned yet)
- A Time to Tell

Additional information and lists of literature and other aids are available from the Boy Scout Division, Cub Scout Division, Venturing, and Council Services Division at the Boy Scouts of America, 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

OA Election Results

Congratulations to the re-elected Order of the Arrow Muscogee Lodge Chief Thad Modbley of Leesville and Chapter Three Chief David Goza of Troop 95 <azogz28@hotmail.com>. Vice chief for the chapter is Drew Stowe and Secretary is Grant Skirk. <shirk@mindspring.com>. These youth leaders of the Muscogee Lodge will take office in January. Chapter 3 is for troops in Etowah Creek District. Once Troops have an OA Troop Representative chosen, the troop should notify Tschitanek Woakus Chapter Three Chief David Goza of Troop 95 <azogz28@hotmail.com> or Adviser Al Green at 781-2037.



Scouting For Food

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! There will be more information on this in next month's issue of "Up Etowah Creek".

Get Outdoors!

Hike the Palmetto Trail

The **Palmetto Trail** is currently open from the South Carolina coast to the Wateree River at Poinsett State Park. There is one bridge missing as noted in the Backpacker magazine article, requiring a boat trip or long walk on a road. Fall and winter are the times to hike and camp the PT. Fewer mosquitoes, snakes & gators.

There are also **Palmetto Trail** segments open in Ft. Jackson through Columbia (the PT goes across the statehouse grounds), Sumter National Forest, and the upstate with portions being worked on all the time. The next segments to open will be near Oconee State Park and in the Jocassee Gorges between Table Rock and Keowee-Toxaway State Park).

Patches (and guidebooks) can be obtained from the **Palmetto Conservation Foundation** at www.palmettoconservation.org.



Scouting For Food Land Rush in January

What should you do to get ready for the Big Land Rush? 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 get past the idea of doing a little food drive and think of the scouts participating in the service of helping the community to fill all of the local food pantries and food banks.

To see the 2003 patch, go to www.etowahcreek.com and lick on the Scouting For Food link.

ATTENTION SCOUTS!

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOUR TROOP, AND YOU CAN EARN THIS FREE COLLECTIBLE SCOUT RECRUITER PATCH.

The recruiting period is September through December 2002.



Indian Waters Council Website is online

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 for your updated Scouting Program in the Lexington 5 and 2 areas.



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, or by phoning 750-0626.

Hear ye, Hear ye

There will be a land rush in the territory of Etowah on the 9th day of January in the year of our lord, 2003, at 6:15 PM at Ashland united Methodist church. This event will help to determine the areas for the units to "Scout for Food". Specially printed bags will be available that night. All packs and scout troops within the district need to attend this night of planning and strategy.

Free Web Space for Troops, Packs, and Crews

FREE WEB SPACE FOR YOUR UNIT!

TAPO (Troops and Packs Online) now offers every Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Cub Scout Unit the chance to have free web hosting. Sign up for your FREE 15 Mb WEB SITE!
<http://www.scouttroop.org/> or <http://www.cubpacks.org/>
ALL BSA units may get 15 MB (standard is 5MB) of webspace with *no advertising or popups!* That has been a real problem in the past with free sites such as Tripod and Geocities. Your site will have no ads for casinos, vitamins, or extreme sports. None. This is a great opportunity to get a good domain name at Scouttroops.org or Cubpacks .org. You can also use the space to expand a current site to add pictures, etc. Check it out today! E-mail lmcgraw@sc.rr.com for some starter templates for your site or if you have any questions.



Internet Sites of the Month



INTERNATIONAL DUTCH OVEN SOCIETY (IDOS)

This site has great ideas for cooking with Dutch ovens, recipes, how to season that great piece of Cast Iron, and forum to ask questions of the folks who love to cook with Dutch ovens. <http://www.idos.com>

<http://www.paddling.net/places/>

Looking for places to canoe and kayak? We've got trip and destination reports about places that may be new to you as well as some of your old favorites. Canoeing, kayaking, rafting, it's here. Searchable by State. So where would you like to go this weekend?

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.

PARENTS OF WEBELOS SCOUTS: LOOKING FOR A TROOP?

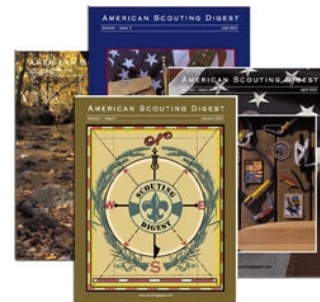
<http://www.etowahcreek.com/downloads/W2Stransfinal2.pdf>
Download this handy pamphlet on *How to Find A Troop* for your Webelos Scout. What questions should you ask? What should you look for in a troop? Do you have to go to the troop that your Webelos Den Leader chose for her son? The answers to these questions and more are in this special pamphlet designed to help parents and Webelos leaders decide what troop is best for your son.



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LOCAL PACK AND TROOP EVENTS AND NEWS

Troop 815 has Gamecock Football drink koozies (foam drink holders) for sale. Call Angela Bouknight for more information 781-9094

IMPORTANT DATES

District Calendar is Online!

Training Dates, Events, District Meeting info, Council Events, etc. Check on the www.etowahcreek.com website and click on District Calendar. Or go directly to http://www.calsnet.net/etowah_calendar

November 2002

- 5 Popcorn orders due at the Council Office
- 14 Roundtable AUMC 7 pm
- 14 Youth Protection at AUMC 6:30 pm
- 16 Popcorn Pickup

December 2002

- 6-8 District Camporee See Scout Office for details
- 12 Roundtable 7 pm AUMC

Youth Protection Training Dates 2002-3:

- Nov. 14 Before Roundtable AUMC 6:30 pm
- Feb. 13 Before Roundtable AUMC 6:30 pm

Project FeederWatch helps Scouts earn advancement

This project through Cornell Ornithology Lab will help Cub and Boy Scouts learn about backyard birds and fulfill many requirements for **Bird Study Merit Badge** and several Cub Scout advancement items. The data entry for the number and kinds of birds you see at your feeders is now open. With the West Nile Virus here in SC, you can also provide some important population data for the researchers. <http://birds.cornell.edu/pfw/>

Participants in **Project FeederWatch** receive a Research Kit that includes a full-color feeder-bird poster, a calendar, and the *FeederWatcher's Handbook* containing bird-feeding tips and other useful information. They receive summaries of **FeederWatch** data and other findings published in the Lab's quarterly newsletter, *Birdscope*. A \$15 fee helps cover the cost of materials and data analysis.

See also these activities to use with your den and troop http://birds.cornell.edu/schoolyard/Get_started/index.html



Calling All Scouters! Come join the fun!

We hope that you'll join us at Roundtable on the 2nd 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).



GETTING 'EM OVER

Handbook for Patrol Leaders BSA 1964

Etowah Creek Cub Roundtable Themes 2002-2003

November 14, 2002

Cub Scout Theme: Winter Wonderland
Roundtable Training Theme:
Advancements and Awards for Scouts

Cancelled

Cub Scout Theme: Strike Up the Band
Roundtable Training Theme:
Ceremonies (with special emphasis on Blue & Gold)

January 9, 2003

Cub Scout Theme: Uncle Sam Depends on You
Roundtable Training Theme:
IRS deductions for volunteer expenses

February 13, 2003

Cub Scout Theme: Why Does It Do That?
Roundtable Training Theme:
Camping & Hiking Resources

March 13, 2003

Cub Scout Theme: Land of the Pharaohs
Roundtable Training Theme: Annual Unit Planning

April 10, 2003

Cub Scout Theme: Lights, Camera, Action
Roundtable Training Theme: Outdoor Cooking

May 8, 2003

Cub Scout Theme: Fun in the Sun
Roundtable Training Theme: Safe Swimming

