



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. 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 <http://home.att.net/~llmcgraw/etowah/rtnews/ecc-1000news.htm>

Welcome!
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November Cub Theme Turn On the Power



Please pick up your packet of handouts

The November Theme for Cub Scouts is **Turn on the Power**. Find out what resources are available to you. There are many places to take your dens, and many resource people available to come to your den with cool stuff to do. We hope that you enjoy the special section on

Neckerchief slides to make with your den. We will discuss those and more during tonight's Roundtable.

Reminder!!

November Roundtable is on Thursday, November 9, 2000

Please pass the word to your pack, troop and units, and remember to come!! If you haven't come to roundtable before, please come and bring a friend. The next one will be on Thursday Nov. 9, 2000. We will look at the December Theme of "What Do You Do at Holiday Time". This is one of the most popular of all of the Roundtables. Bring a craft to share, and come see the All-New Crafting Displays, Learn How-to-teach-crafts, Recycling crafts, etc. *Take home plenty of ideas and free crafting supplies.*



Outdoor Leader Training Nov. 4

or

How to Camp in the Woods 101



This is basic Camper Skills for all Cub leaders. Camp safely, learn by doing, and get lots of information to take home about having fun with your cubs while in the woods. This one-day training is the most fun that you can have and walk away with a Trained Patch. Earn the Blue Pocket Dangle and have fun. Tents, hiking, nature, fire building, knots, first-aid, and cooking, plus more. **Sat. Nov. 4, 8:30 to 4:30** No Walk-ins, please. Pre-registration is required. \$12.00 fee includes hot Camp-Cooking style lunch, a huge notebook of resources and skills, and a blue pocket woggle to wear on your uniform. For more information call Joan Janoch at 345-5700

Popcorn Update!!

All units who have committed to selling popcorn, should have already received their popcorn packets. If not, please contact Peggy Smith (755-9466) or Angela Bouknight (781-9094). Our first annual "Popcorn Paperwork Training" night was a great success! We had 21 people show up for this in-"form"-ative meeting! Units learned how to correctly fill out popcorn order forms as well as unit record and prize forms. Each unit has been assigned a time to work at the distribution site prior to their unit picking up popcorn. If you have not already been notified, you will be receiving a notice by mail in the next week or so. If your unit is in need of assistance, please contact Peggy or Angela.



Keep those kernels poppin' !

<http://www.trailsendpopcorn.com/html/home.html>



District Camporee will be Nov. 3-5th. At Ft. Jackson.

Boy Scouts, mark your calendars and call Mike Copeland at 749-0887 to register or email at michael.copeland@natplan.com

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 llmcgraw@worldnet.att.net or mail them to Up Etowah Creek 500 Shadowbrook Dr. Columbia SC 29210

Internet Sites of the Month



Look to the Stars

All Scouts: An excellent resource for fall stargazing is at http://www.gorp.com/gorp/eclectic/nightsky/star_autumn.htm The site includes a good telling of the Greek legends represented in the fall sky (great for fall campfires) and printable sky maps.

Cub Scouts: Gross Grub Website Makes Halloween FUN! <http://www.melborponsti.com/speirs/gross/index.htm>

Here is a site that will supply you with all of your den munchies for the rest of the year. Oh, how boys love to be gross! Includes are Boogers On A Stick, Brain Cell Salad, Brains on the Half Skull, Dead Sea Soup, Hairball Salad with Saliva Dressing, and much much more!

Boy Scouts: Free! Free Online Boy Scout Tracking Software for Troops, Scouts, and Parents. An Online Troop tracking program that is free. It tracks all of the requirements for Scout to Eagle <http://www.easyscout.org/>

Since EasyScout is web-based, it is accessible anywhere you have a connection to the Internet. You can access it from nearly any country in the world. Since all of us have limited time, broad access allows you to work on your Scout data whenever you have the time. Read access is also given to your Scouts. If you set up passwords for the Scouts in your troop, they can access their records from their own homes to track their progress towards Eagle.

Adolescence is the age at which children stop asking questions because they know all the answers.

Veterans Day Observance at Crossroads Middle School

Scouts Needed

Attention all Scoutmasters:

If you have a scout at Crossroads Middle School, please remind them that there will be a special observance for Veteran's Day on Friday Nov. 10 as CRMS honors our Armed Forces Veterans. All Scouts are invited to gather at the flagpole in uniform as a special honor guard for the raising of our US Flag.



The Irmo High School Air Force JROTC will present the colors. All Scouts and Scoutmasters are encouraged to attend in uniform. Be at the flagpole Friday Nov. 10 at 7:15 a.m. The ceremony will be at 7:30. Crossroads Middle School is on St. Andrews Rd across from Ben Lippen School.

Abuse and Sexual Molestation in Scouts Programs? Fight Back!

YPT to be offered in November

In November we will be offering Youth Protection Training (YPT) for all parents (not just leaders) before our monthly Roundtable (Nov. 9 at 6:30 at Ashland).

"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. You will come away with a better understanding on how to protect your scouts, yourself, and your pack. The bottom line is this: The most important way that you can be sure that your den and pack are following current policy, and therefore doing your best to protect your son from abuse and molestation, 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



Thank you to Pack 815 for the Roundtable food last month. It was Delicious!

Easy camp out meals

"Campfire Pizza"

(uses a "hobo stove")

Big coffee cans, with holes drilled in sides for ventilation

Metal spatula

Paper plates

Pizza sauce in squirt-top bottle

Knife to spread the sauce

Cooking oil in spray can

Sliced pepperoni

Grated cheese



Put coffee cans on hot coals, bottom side up. Spray one side of the tortilla with oil. Squirt a little pizza sauce on the other side, and spread it around. Cover with pepperoni and cheese, and put on can. Cook until bottom is toasty. Remove with spatula, and serve on a paper plate.

Ash Bread

Mix up Bisquick as directed on the package, pour it to the side of the fire (right in the ashes) then pull it out after a bit, peel off the outside part and eat the inside bread.

(note: if you mix this in a zip lock bag there are no utensils to clean except your measuring cup)

Homemade Alcohol Stove

It takes about 30 minutes to build and many people will have everything they need to build it in their garage (everything cost less than \$7 and I now have supplies for about 200 stoves). The construction is really easy, it weighs almost nothing and I was impressed with the temperature and burn time (about 1" of denatured alcohol in the bottom of a pop can burned about 30 minutes).

For complete instructions go to

<http://forums.cosmoaccess.net/forum/survival/prep/library2/canstove.htm>



Tree Identification link

This is a site that allows you to identify trees in an interactive program. It is really neat and fun.

This would be good for a Computer badge, or for Forester, basic tree and leaf ID advancements, etc. The Leaf Key link is midway down this page. It is excellent.

This is for Virginia trees, but it should work for SC and East Coast.

<http://www.fw.vt.edu/dendro/forsite/ldtree.htm>

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

To be in your children's memories tomorrow,
you have to be in their lives today.



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 is also available online at

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

Your Son Deserves a Trained Leader!!

Attend Scout Leader Basic Trainings, Youth Protection, and Roundtable whenever you can, and get your son's leaders to attend, too!

A Scout Is Helpful!

Important and Interesting Dates

October 2000

21 **Cuboree** Crooked Creek Park Chapin All Day

28-29 **Haunted Weekend at Camp Barstow**

November 2000

2 **Unit Popcorn orders due**

3-5 **Etowah Creek District Camporee at Ft. Jackson**

4 **Cub Leader Outdoor Training**

9 **Roundtable AUMC**

11 **Popcorn Pickup**

30 **Popcorn Prize Pickup**

December 2000

14 **Roundtable**



God gave you two ears and one mouth.... so you should listen twice as much as you talk.

Some Old News, but Useful:
Guide to Safe Scouting is Online!

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

Coming Up at Etowah Creek District
Cub Scout Roundtable 2000-2001

November Roundtable

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December Roundtable

December 14, 2000 January Theme "When I Grow Up". Learn about resources available for Job Explorations for your dens. If you know of anyone that would be willing to come talk to Cub Dens about his/her occupation, please bring that information with you to share. But the **Big Reason** for coming this month is to join us for the hows, whys, and whatsis of a "**Cub Scout Pinewood Derby**: How to make them, race them, and everybody have fun". Bring your favorite cars to share and look at some really far-out designs. Learn racing games to keep all of those Cubs and siblings involved between heats. Special Prizes for participants. [Webelos: Fitness and Readyman]

January Roundtable

January 11, 2001 February Theme: "Passports to Other Lands". Spend your time with the boys as they learn about Far-Away places. The Midlands has many resources for putting an International Flavor to your den meetings this month. Come learn what resources are in our area to make your den meetings memorable and fun! Also get some ideas for Blue and Gold Banquets! Bring some ideas and props to share. Come early for Youth Protection Training (6:30) [Webelos: Scholar, Engineer, Crossover Ceremonies]

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 Cubmasters, 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]

This Newsletter is Online at

<http://home.att.net/~llmcgraw/etowah/rtnews/ecd-1000news.htm>

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

I have limited space this month, so I will simply offer some advice:

Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.

Cheers, see you next month at Roundtable,
and Bring A Friend!

Lorie McGraw, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner