



# 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/eecd-1001news.htm](http://www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/eecd-1001news.htm) Welcome! Lorie McGraw 750-0626 [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com) Webmaster for ECD

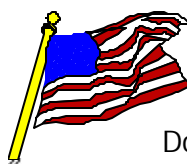
This Month at Cub Roundtable

## November Theme:

### Hometown Heroes

An appropriate theme for this month!

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



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

And pray for our troops as they go in harm's way.



## CUB AND PARTNER

### HAUNTED FOREST WEEKEND

The second annual Cub and Partner Haunted Forest Weekend returns October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> to Camp Barstow with a Halloween theme.

The event's formal schedules of activities will with a 1:00 PM check in for individual cubs and partners. The day will kickoff on Saturday afternoon and will contain a host of "ghostly and ghoulish" activities and games, dinner in the dining hall, a hike through a haunted forest, an evening campfire ceremony, and a continental breakfast on Sunday morning.

Contact your pack (registering with your pack is preferred), or use the registration form at the Scout Office. If you need more info, or would like to volunteer, contact Steve Hendrix, event chairman at 803-359-4364. Register NOW!



The Red Cross needs blood from everyone to replenish the supplies that they are sending to New York, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania. Please



**September 11, 2001  
United We Stand**

give blood if you can. The need is great. Call for appointments.

- American Red Cross, blood donations: (800) 448-3543
- American Red Cross, cash donations: (800) HELP-NOW and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or go to the [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) site and click on the Red Cross Banner.
- Salvation Army, cash donations: (800) SAL-ARMY

*Pray for our country, hug your loved ones, and look to see where you and your Scouts can help.*

## Scout Leader Specific Training

Oct. 20, 2001 Swearingen Engineering Center

Aimed at **Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters**, this premier workshop

provides detailed training on the methods and aims of Scouting and running a Scout Troop, concentrating on troop operations and planning. This is an all-day event and will be conducted using many types of media and hands-on practice. Many Scouting resources from the Midlands will also be provided to help you provide a quality and fulfilling program for your

troop.

This is part 2 of 3 needed to qualify for a "Trained" patch for your position.

Cost: \$12 (\$15 after Oct 18)

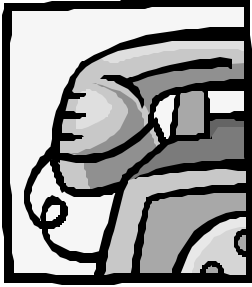
Fee includes lunch and course materials

Pay at the Scout Office or e-mail [lmcgraw@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmcgraw@sc.rr.com) for a form to mail.

Please note that this course may be cancelled if a minimum number of 20 people are not registered by the registration date of October 18, 2001.



**Popcorn Reminder**  
Popcorn Order Forms and Prize Selections are due on November 1, 2001, at the Scout Office before 6pm.  
Payment to the council is due by November 29, 2001, by 6pm.



## New Phone List for the Scout Office

The Scout Office has changed its phones around. Now if you want to get a particular person you should call 750-9868 and then punch in the 3-digit number for that person's extension. Or wait for the operator and she will help you.

### Name and ext. with the main number 750-9868

Felicia Ellis	Advancements & Eagles	ext. 114
Hal Donnelley	Etowah District Executive	ext. 110
Sandy Farmer	Scout Shop	ext. 117

### Direct phone numbers

(use ext. number only if you call the main number 750-9868 )

Allan Lane	Assistant Scout Exec.	750-9849	ext.102
Grace Thompson	Asst. Office Mgr	750-9850	ext. 113
Vance Lackey	Programs Director	750-9851	ext. 103
Velda Howard	Scout Shop	750-9842	ext. 116
Phyllis Greenway	Bookkeeping	750-9854	ext. 115

## 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. Check back often, as updates will appear on a regular basis.

### Training, Events, and more

All information is on the [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) website or at the Council Office. For training information call Christine McNeil at 781-8275 or Joan Janoch at 345-5700

### October

- 11 Roundtable
- 13 Cuboree at Crooked Creek Park, Chapin
- 16 Part 2: Cub Leader Specific training (Ashland at 6:30 pm)
- 20 Scout Leader Specific Training NEW!
- 27-28 Cub Haunted Forest Weekend

### November

- 2-4 Survivoree (Council Boy Scout Camporee)
- 3 BALOO (Basic Outdoor Leader Training) required for a pack to be able to have Pack Campouts.
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 Youth Protection at Roundtable (6:30)
- 30-Dec 2 Scout leader Specific and Outdoor Leader Skills Training for all Scoutmasters and Webelos leaders. Check the [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) site for more information.

Check out the training dates for other Districts if the Etowah Creek District Training Dates are not convenient for you. There is a list at the Scout Office, at Roundtable, and in the *Smokes*.

## Your Son Deserves a Trained leader

## CPR Course now offered by Indian Waters Council

Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, Basic First Aid, and AED Skills  
For more info call Carol Caulk, Instructor, at 926-8717.



## Habitat Stewards Workshop

The next SC Wildlife Federation Habitat Stewards Workshop will be held at Satchel Ford Elementary School in Columbia, SC on Saturday, November 3, 2001 from 8:45am until 4:00pm. Come and learn how to create wildlife habitat on school grounds, and throughout your community! The cost is \$10 per person, and covers lunch and materials. Space is limited!

Register online at:

<http://www.scwf.org/schoolyard/form.htm>

SC Wildlife Federation

2711 Middleburg Drive, Suite 104  
Columbia, SC 29204

Contact: Sara K. Green Director of Education

South Carolina Wildlife Federation [sara@scwf.org](mailto:sara@scwf.org)  
803/256-0670 <http://www.scwf.org>

## Wood Carving MB

The requirements for Wood Carving Merit Badge were revised, and a new pamphlet was issued at Jamboree. The new pamphlet is now appearing in Scout Shops and council trading posts, so the new requirements may now be used by anyone starting the badge. The new requirements are posted on the USSSP at the following URL:

<http://usscouts.org/mb/mb118.html>

The old requirements are at:

<http://usscouts.org/mb/old/mb118.html>

To teach is to learn twice. --Joseph Joubert

### Spider Sniffing

Impress your Scouts by asking them if they can smell spiders. Of course you really can't but they don't know that.

Place your flashlight facing out in front of you along side the side of your head at eye height. You will see the reflection of the spider eyes. Make a sniffing noise and then point out the spider to the Scouts. They will generally hold the flashlight out in front of them and will not see the reflection. They will be impressed with your skill to sniff out spiders.

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

A Scouter T hat A ttends R oundtable

## Scouts in the News!

**Troop 870** from St Francis of Assisi in Chapin had the honor of being the Color Guard in the Chapin Labor Day Parade. **Troop 870** had 22 Scouts who marched as a troop in the Color Guard, or with the Chapin Marching band, and the Chapin JR-ROTC. Looking good, Scouts! You make us all proud!

**Pack 815** also participated in the Chapin Labor Day Parade! Singing with lots of Cub Scout spirit and winning the hearts of many onlookers!

**Kim O'Neil of Pack 91** went to the Southern Region Wood Badge course last year and her picture appears several times as a member of the Bobwhite Patrol in the September issue of Scouting Magazine (the National magazine for adult Scouters). Way to go, Kim!

**Alex Kloth** and **Jonathan Hess**, both Life Scouts of **Troop 312**, are on Irmo's Brain Team.

On September 15th **BSA Troop 521** worked with the St Andrews community and raised \$1,869.00 by collecting cash donations in the streets. These funds were presented to Governor Jim Hodges to add to the Carolina Cares Campaign supporting victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11th. The adult leaders are very proud of our Scouts. Our Scouts now feel a little more responsible as well as fulfilled by living with the Scout Slogan "Do a good turn daily."

**BSA Troop 91** collected \$800 for the American Red Cross in the 2 weeks following the attacks. They also handed out Unity ribbons and stickers to citizens of Columbia at the Candlelight Vigil in Finlay Park and proudly wore their uniforms. Candles were given to those that did not have them after the city ran out due to the crush of over 8000 citizens that turned out for the vigil. It was a gratifying and inspirational moment for the Scouts and the adults alike.

### **Special Service from Scouters**

**Troop 312: ASM Ralph Mayer** completed a 150 mile bike ride in August from Columbia to Myrtle Beach for Multiple Sclerosis. Ralph also joined a church team this past summer in Peru helping to rebuild a small community. Last year, **ASM Greg Lee** went to Bulgaria to use his time and talents to complete a church.

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

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The highly anticipated Cub Scout Leader Book will be in the Scout Shop November 15.

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Tidbit: Through the end of 2000, youth members of the BSA completed more than 214 million hours of volunteer service toward **America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth**, exceeding Scouting's commitment in 1997 of 200 million hours of service by the end of 2000.

## Flag Craft

<http://beadiecritters.hosting4less.com/patternpages/beadusflag.htm>

Go outdoors and get rid of nerves. --Shelby Steele

## CyberScouting CD

Looking for resources at your fingertips for your scouting program? Get the CyberScouting CD. Over 225 MB and 3200 files of scouting information for all leaders at all levels. Includes 3 Powwow books, Dutch oven recipes, teambuilding games, webpage tutorials, 2000+ graphics, pack and troop management software, interactive games for advancement, Adobe Acrobat Reader, PowerPoint reader and PowerPoint presentations, songs, crafts, games, and much more. All compiled by Lorie McGraw for "Cyberscouting: Using technology in Scouting". Get your copy today. Available at Roundtable and the Scout Shop \$8.00 each.



## Are You A Survivor?

The **Boy Scout Camporee** will be held Nov. 2-4, 2001. This year's Camporee will be a special one near Pelion. It will be based on the theme "**Survivor!**", with amazing challenges and games for your troop's patrols to overcome. There will be a separate program for Webelos, a Dutch Oven cooking contest, Leave No Trace Training for adults, a Challenge Wall, a Trading Post, sky divers and more. Something for everyone! Mark your Calendar and check the Scout shop for more information



## Scouter's Minute

**THESE** are the times that try men's souls.

The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value.

-----Thomas Paine 1776



## What's New in BSA Training?



Below are the steps that now make up the training process, or training continuum, for leaders

**Fast Start.** This training, which introduces new volunteers to Scouting, will continue for all leaders.

❖ **Venture/Varsity Leader Specific:**  
Varsity Coaches, Venturing Advisors

**Basic Leader Training.** This replaces previous basic training for Cub Scouters, Boy Scouters, and Venturing leaders and is comprised of several parts:

➤ **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:** New outdoor skills required training for Scoutmasters and assistants. (Part 3 of 3) It is also appropriate for Webelos Scout leaders, Varsity Coaches, and Venturing Advisors.

➤ **New Leader Essentials** is a training session for all volunteers. It covers the overall mission, vision, values, methods, and age appropriateness of the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Supplemental Training** This is continuous learning designed for the different programs. Examples are

➤ **Leader Specific Training** consists of separate courses for your program specific area:

- Youth Protection Training
- Cub and Boy Scout Roundtables
- University of Scouting
- Boy Scout advanced camping skills
- Venturing Powder Horn

❖ **Cub Leader Specific Training:** Workshops for Tiger Cub den leaders, Cub Scout den leaders, Webelos den leaders, Cubmasters, and Pack Committee members

**Advanced Training:**

**Wood Badge 21<sup>st</sup> Century.** This is now one course for all leaders. To attend, leaders must be trained according to the standards of their specific Scouting positions. You must be trained in your current leadership position to be eligible for this training.

❖ **Scout Leader Specific Training:** Required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. Part 2 of 3

❖ **Troop Committee Challenge:** For troop committee members.

Position X is required for "trained" position patch	Fast Start Video	New Leaders Essentials	Cub Leader Specific	Scout Leader Specific	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	Troop Committee Challenge	Venture or Varsity Leader Specific	Youth Protection (every 2 years)
	Date(s) Offered*	Call 345-5700	TBA**	Oct 16	Oct 20 Nov30-Dec1	Dec 1-2	Call 345-5700 for appointment	TBA
Tiger Cub Den Leaders	X	X	X					* Recommended
Cub Scout Den Leaders	X	X	X					* Recommended
Webelos Den Leaders	X	X	X		* Recommended			* Recommended
Cubmasters	X	X	X					* Recommended
Pack Committee Members	X	X	X					* Recommended
Scoutmasters	X	X		X	X			* Recommended
Assistant Scoutmasters	X	X		X	X			* Recommended
Troop Committee Members	X	X				X		* Recommended
Venturing Advisors	X	X			* Recommended		X	* Recommended
Varsity Coaches	X	X			*Recommended		X	* Recommended

*\*These dates are those offered by Etowah Creek District. \*\*Please check the Smokes and the Scout Shop for more training dates in other districts. For More info call Joan Janoch 345-5700 or Karl Neilson 732-1928*