



Up Etowah Creek...



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. 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/oct02news.pdf Welcome!

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Cub Roundtable

November Theme:

Kids Against Crime

Roundtable Discussion Topic:

Working with Scouts with DisAbilities

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>

OA Troop Representative News

Each Boy Scout Troop may appoint an Order of the Arrow Troop Representative to be the troop's liaison with Muscogee Lodge. The OA Rep is a youth position. This is a regular troop position of responsibility and tenure in the position counts toward rank advancement. He is appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader with the approval of the Scoutmaster and is a member of the Patrol Leader's Council and attends chapter and lodge meetings and functions and coordinates.

He also coordinates service opportunities involving the troop, and the troop's participation with the Order of the Arrow, including unit elections and summer camp promotion.

Chapter 3 is for troops in Etowah Creek District. The troop should notify Tschitanek Woakus Chapter Chief Jared Rish at 359-1529 or Adviser Al Green at 781-2037. In other Order of the Arrow this summer the Chapter worked on the trail to the chapel at Camp Barstow.

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Attention Scouts!

Invite a friend to join your troop, and you can earn this free collectible Scout Recruiter patch.

A troop's best recruiters are Scouts who are enthusiastic about Scouting and their troop's recent adventures. Challenge your Scouts to invite their friends to join the troop. Get your first patch at the Scout Office today. Present the patch to the first Scout who recruits a new member, then pick up additional free patches at your council service center as membership applications are turned in. 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.



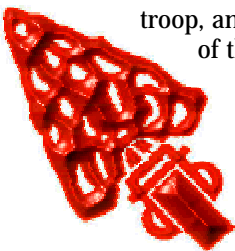
Free Web Space for Troops, Packs, and Crews

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.



New from National

Manual for Chaplain Aides and Chaplains

This manual will help you discover to the duties, responsibilities, and opportunities of chaplain service in Boy Scout troops.

<http://www.scouting.org/relationships/chaplains/index.html>

Praying in a Group

When present, members of the clergy or chaplain aide may be asked to lead the troop or other Scouting units in prayer. If the group consists of members with mixed beliefs, or if the beliefs of the group are unknown, then prayers should be of an interfaith content. However, if the group is of like belief, then it is entirely appropriate to offer belief-specific prayer. --from the *BSA Manual for Chaplains and Chaplain Aides*

Venturing Out: Keys to Safe Driving

Resources to promote driving safety, including a presentation, interactive games, and links to related topics.

<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/25-292/index.html>

Guide to Safe Scouting

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

The purpose of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* is to prepare adult leaders to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through eighty-plus years of experience. Limitations on certain activities should not be viewed as stumbling blocks; rather, policies and guidelines are best described as stepping-stones toward safe and enjoyable adventures.

Unit leaders should be aware of state or local government regulations that supersede Boy Scouts of America policies and guidelines.

Scouting Safety Begins with Leadership

A health and safety course syllabus and video introduce the concept of the "sandwich principle," with emphasis on the importance of qualified supervision and discipline, and features The Risk Zone and *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Each district across the country received a copy of this new training package. Call your council service center to find out when this course is being delivered in your district.

BSA Rules and Policies

Bold type throughout the *Guide to Safe Scouting* denotes BSA rules and policies.

Viewing the online *Guide*

The *Guide to Safe Scouting* is available in two formats:

- One for reading on-line at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/toc.html> - this

version is divided into chapters and includes a search engine.

- To print it out and read it off-line, go to <http://www.scouting.org/cgi/gss/viewall.pl> - the entire publication is presented in a single interface to facilitate print-out.

A bound hard-copy version (BSA Supply #34416B) is also available. To obtain a copy, contact the Council Office or call 1-800-323-0732 to request an Official Boy Scout Catalog.

New Merit Badge Pamphlets Available

BSA has issued a new Merit Badge Pamphlet (No. 33355A - copyright 2002) for the *Landscape Architecture Merit Badge*. The pamphlet replaces the 1969 edition. With the



new pamphlet are new requirements, a complete rewrite, replacing the old ones that date back to some time before 1982. The new requirements have been posted on the USSSP web site

<http://usscouts.org/mb/mb067.html>.

The old requirements, which can be used to complete the badge by any Scout that has already started work on the badge, are at

<http://usscouts.org/mb/old/mb067.html>

BSA has also issued a new pamphlet for *Radio Merit Badge* (No. 33361A), copyright 2001, which incorporates the information used for the new requirements for that badge, which changed on January 1, 2002.

BSA Catalog and the BSA Uniforms:

Opinion Poll now Online

Do you have an opinion about the Boy Scout and Cub Scout Uniforms? Want larger cargo pockets? A Lower price on the shirt and pants? Different color hat?

Please take a moment to share your opinions with Supply Division by completing this on-line poll.

<http://www.scoutstuff.org/misc/poll.html>

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.

Free on the www.etowahcreek.com Website and at Roundtable.



Local Pack and Troop Events and News

Troop 870 is having a Garage Sale on October 19th from 8am-1pm at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Old Lexington Hwy in Chapin. From I-26 west take exit 91 towards Chapin. Turn left on Columbia Ave. Follow Columbia Ave past Chapin High. Turn left on Old Lexington Highway (at the bank and fire station). Cross over railroad tracks and keep straight at the light. St. Francis is about 2 miles on the left.

Troop 91 is having an Indoor Yard Sale on November 9 at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, 530 St. Andrews Rd. across from Food Lion, 7 am to 1:00 pm. Lots of treasures and new Christmas items. For more information see www.troop91bsa.org/yardsale02.htm or call Lorie McGraw 750-0626. Donations gladly accepted.

Parking at the Fairgrounds is being done by a number of troops and packs. Please look for a lot that is run by Scouts and park with them.

Troop 312 assists at National Hunting & Fishing Day
For the third year in a row, Troop 312 of Irmo (St. Simon & St. Jude Episcopal Church) provided community service at the celebration of National Hunting & Fishing Day. The event was held at Cohen Campbell Fish Hatchery on September 28, and sponsored by the South Carolina Wildlife Federation, the SC Department of Natural Resources, and the Lowcountry Chapter of Safari Club International. Troop 312 assisted the approximately 1000 visitors by directing traffic and parking alignment in a grass field. The troop also had to answer a lot of questions as people went from their cars to the event. Of course, besides the joy of helping others, Scouts and Scouters also enjoyed taking turns touring the Hunting & Fishing Day events. There was everything from BB gun, .22 rifle, and shotgun shooting to catching, cleaning, and cooking fish. You could shoot crossbows and bows, practice climbing a tree stand safely, and watch a falcon catch her prey. There were also demonstrations of retrievers, fly-fishing, fly-tying, and bass fishing. You could touch live alligators and snakes, talk to representatives of conservation groups, and see a lot of mounted animals that are native to South Carolina. National Hunting & Fishing Day is always the last weekend of September. Mark your calendar for next year. ---*Submitted by Tony Bebbler, T312*

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

Some days you are the bug; some days you are the windshield.

Congratulations to Poet Webelos!

Three River Springs Elementary Webelos Scouts have had their poems published: **Adam Bouknight (Pack 815)**, **Zach Bregovi (Pack 803)**, and **Adam Leonhardt (Pack 803)**. The book entitled A Celebration of Young Poets--North and South Carolina 2002 was published to celebrate the writing skills of youth in grades 4-12 in the North and South Carolina schools. This is a great honor for these three scouts!

In honor of their accomplishment, Angela Bouknight (Cubmaster Pack 815) has written a poem for them:

CELEBRATE THE SCOUT

BADGES, AWARDS, ARROW POINTS TOO!
CELEBRATE THE SCOUT FOR ALL THAT HE CAN DO.

RECOGNITION, HONOR, DUTY AND PRAISE,
CELEBRATE THE SCOUT FOR ALL OF HIS WAYS.

LOYALTY, KINDNESS, REVERENT, THRIFTY IS HE,
CELEBRATE THE SCOUT FOR WHAT HE WILL BE.

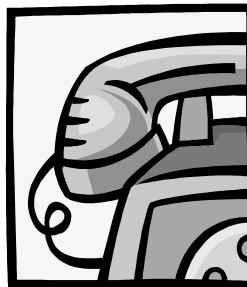
IN SCHOOL, IN CHURCH, IN FAMILY,
CELEBRATE THE SCOUT THROUGH POETRY.

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
CELEBRATE THE SCOUT!

--Submitted by Angela Bouknight P815

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.

Duct tape is like the Force. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.



Phone List for the Scout Office

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.

Scout Shop 750-9842
Main Switchboard 750-9868

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

Recipe of the Month

Camper's Paprikash

Lorie McGraw

This Hungarian dish was introduced to me by Stephen Maurer, the founder of American Frontiers, A Public Lands Journey, who is from Hungary. We made this in Flagstaff AZ using Dutch Ovens supplied by CampChef on propane stoves (there was a fire ban) though you can certainly do this with charcoal. Use the best quality sweet Hungarian Paprika and serve it over Fettuccine noodles. Also tastes great over rice. It's warm, sweet, and slightly spicy, but not too peppery for Scouts.

Ingredients:

4 lbs boneless chicken thighs or breasts
 2 medium sweet onions, finely diced
 3/4 cup best quality sweet paprika
 sprinkle of salt and pepper
 1 can chicken broth
 16 oz carton sour cream
 fettuccine noodles
 flour (if needed for thickening)
 oil

Instructions: Prior to dinner, boil noodles in salted water until al dente. Drain and keep warm.

Warm Dutch oven over coals and add small amount of oil, enough to cover bottom of pan. Brown chicken and remove. Add small amount of oil. Brown onions. When onions are soft add the paprika. This should be enough to coat the onions well. Place the chicken back into the Dutch oven and stir to coat. Add the entire can of broth and a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Add some more water if needed to barely cover the meat. Simmer over fire for another 60 minutes, occasionally stirring and turning the Dutch oven to avoid hot spots, until chicken is well done. Add sour cream, mixing well, cook over low heat until the mixture thickens. To serve, spoon over noodles. Serves 6-8

Equipment Deals Found Online

Mummy Bag Extender

<http://www.rei.com/> then search for Item #657126

Have a mummy style sleeping bag? Feeling a bit cramped? This is a great idea for those of us that are "well-rounded" or just hate the claustrophobic feeling a mummy bag gives you. Designed to convert your mummy bag into an amazingly roomy bag--provides an additional 28" across the shoulders Extension to mummy bags to allow for more room at the top and hips. And on sale, too!

Kelty® Clear Creek +20° F Sleeping Bag with premium Hollofil® II Insulation.

http://www.sportsmansguide.com/showad.html?ad_id=55895
 Sale priced at \$39.97 Compare at \$100.00 (Campmor sells this bag for \$69). This is a terrific deal on a great sleeping bag for scouts. Great for backpacking, too.

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

Internet Sites of the Month



American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey

www.americanfrontiers.net

Read the journals and follow the trail of two teams of 4 trekkers as they make their way across America from North to South and South to North, meeting in Salt Lake City, with every step of the way solely on Public Lands. Editor and Scouter Lorie McGraw of Troop 91 was on South Support Team as Cook and Web/tech support. Photos and Journals give insight into why we should be working to preserve our public lands, and many of the controversies about the use and misuse of them.

Scouts-L Knowledge Base

This website stores current postings from Scouts-L, a large discussion list for Scouts and Scouters. Everything from Recipes to Skits to Uniform Policies can be found here going back over 9 years of Scouters sharing ideas and stories.

http://www.iss.westhost.com/kb/sl_kb/

To Search the archives by keywords or dates, go to the above site and click on the Search Archives link.

Camping Page from About.com

<http://camping.about.com/mbody.htm>

Info on Fall Leaves, National Parks, Cooking outdoors, etc. Lots of fun information here.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

Are you a Trained Leader?

New Leader Essentials (NLE): Required for all leaders in all regardless of the program.

October 15th, Tuesday, 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM and includes Youth Protection Training. Registration begins at 6:30 PM. Call Joan Janoch for details 345-5700
 Fee = \$3.00 which includes beverages and a very light supper. Pre-registration is requested.

Cub Leader Specific

CUB LEADER SPECIFIC for all Cub Leaders, Cubmasters, and Committee members.

October 22nd, 7:00 PM until 10:00. Registration begins at 6:30 PM. Call Joan Janoch for details 345-5700 Fee = \$3.00 which includes beverages and light supper. Pre-registration is requested.

Your Son deserves a trained leader. Encourage your leaders to attend training As Soon As Possible

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

October 2002

- 10 Roundtable AUMC 7 pm
- 15 NLE 7-10 pm I ncludes Youth Protection Training
- 22 Cub Leader Specific 7-10 pm

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

Poison Control Center
 New!! Toll-Free Phone number
1-800-222-1222

TROOP COMMITTEE CHALLENGE

Etowah District Trainer Joan Janoch can arrange for your Troop Committee to be trained in the new Troop Committee Challenge. All you need is a time your Troop Committee can arrange to be together for 3 hours. Call 345-5700

You choose the place for a small fee of providing a beverage and small snack or light breakfast.

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).



Etowah Creek Cub Roundtable Themes 2002-2003

October 10, 2002

Cub Scout Theme: Kids Against Crime
Roundtable Training Theme:
Understanding Scouts with DisAbilities

November 14, 2002

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

December 12, 2002

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

Coming Next Month in UEC: For Sale or Trade: Scout's Swap Meet

Do you have some Scouting Items for sale or trade? Submit them to the editor at lmcgraw@sc.rr.com and they will appear in the next *Up Etowah Creek* newsletter in the new **Scouts' Swap Meet** section. All items must pertain to Scouting and you must be a registered Scouter to submit an ad. Trade or sell your son's outgrown uniforms to new scouts coming into the program. Swap your outgrown shirt for a larger size, or sell that old tent to buy a new stove for the troop. Trade your old patches for a new pair of Scout Shorts. No pets, firearms, or relatives. Vehicles that can be used in Scouting (trailers, canoes, Humvees, dogsleds, etc) are allowed. A Scout is Trustworthy and Thrifty.

Email the editor at lmcgraw@sc.rr.com with your submissions by November 1 or call 750-0626. Late submissions will make it into the December issue.

What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing.
 ---Aristotle