



Up Etowah Creek...



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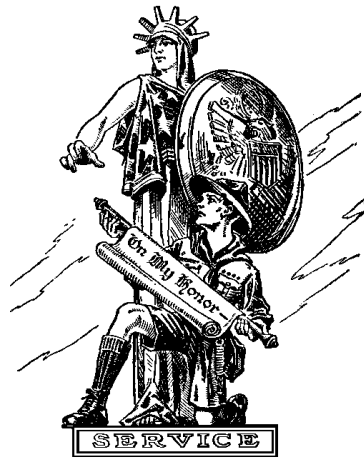
Welcome to Etowah Creek District [ECD] Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout Leader Roundtable in Columbia, South Carolina. This showcase for Leaders is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 p.m. We meet at Ashland Methodist Church on Ashland Rd. (off of St. Andrew's Rd.) Be sure to pick 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/ Welcome! Lorie McGraw 750-0626 lmcgraw@sc.rr.com Webmaster for ECD

If you have a US Flag, please fly it at half mast

or with a purple or black ribbon to mark the national mourning Many of our Scouting Family had loved ones in those buildings and on those planes. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



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



We Will Not Forget

Cuboree October 4

Join all of the fun at the annual Cuboree at Crooked Creek Park in Chapin. Fun, games, BB range and archery range, crafts and more. All Cubs, Tigers, and Webelos are invited to attend with their packs. Boy Scouts are needed to help run the events. 9 am to 3 pm.



Hot Dog Lunch will be available.

Cost is still \$7.50 per boy, but will increase to \$10/boy after Sept. 17, so sign up today!!!

Be a S*T*A*R*
A Scouter That Attends Roundtable

Important!
Your Son Deserves a Trained Leader
Training, Events, and more

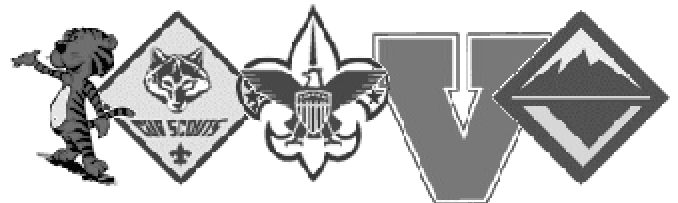
All information is on the www.etowahcreek.com website or at the Council Office. For training information call Joan Janoch at 345-5700 and check out the website at www.etowahcreek.com

Note: The Training Dates for Etowah Creek in Smokes are WRONG! Please use the training dates that are in the flyers in the Scout Shop and on the website at

www.etowahcreek.com

Complete your Troop/Pack/Crew Adult Training Inventory and mail it to Emitt Sherron POB 236, Newberry SC 29208 or drop it off at the Scout Office with his name on it.

Welcome to Some New Faces



We have a new Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, new Commissioners coming on board, new District Advancement personnel and many new faces in our leadership corps as new Den Leaders, Scoutmasters, and committee folks join us. Welcome to you all and come to Roundtable to meet and greet new and old friends. See next month's *Up Etowah Creek* for some bios of our new members.

**WEBELOS WOODS WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 26-28, CAMP BARSTOW**

We still need Boy Scouts to help out in the following areas: Woodyard, Kitchen, Ceremonial Trails and Patrol Leaders. Ideally Star rank and above, but will welcome any Scouts interested in participating.

For info contact Lynn

Turbeville, Webelos Woods Committee at 788-4903 or LFTurbevil@aol.com



Lower Saluda and Congaree River Sweep Opportunities
If you want to join others in River Sweep litter/trash cleanup action on Sat. Sept 20 then contact the

following Site Captains for more information on how you can help.

Lower Saluda

- ? Mary Pat Baldauf with Keep the Midlands Beautiful will sweep along the Lower Saluda at Riverbanks Zoo -- call 803-733-2526
- ? Jeanette Well with Irmo-Chapin Recreation Commission will sweep along the Lower Saluda at Saluda Shoals Park -- call 803-213-2051 or 772-1228 (Two other site captains are also targeting the park)
- ? Stan Wood will sweep along the Lower Saluda and its confluence with the Broad River at the lower parking lot / dirt road area at Riverbanks Zoo -- call 803-231-7723

Congaree

- ? Corey Ruth with Adventure Carolina will sweep along the Congaree River starting at Senate Street landing -- call at 803-796-4505.
- ? Ben Williams will sweep at Barney Jordan Landing (Rosewood landing) on the Congaree River -- call at 803-779-8070.
- ? Ethan Woodard will also sweep at Barney Jordan Landing (Rosewood landing) on the Congaree River -- call at 803-782-0690.
- ? Fran Rametta and John Torrence will sweep at Congaree Swamp (National Monument) -- call at 803-776-4396.

National Hunting and Fishing Day!

September 27, 2003

*Cohen Campbell Fisheries Center, West Columbia
(off Fish Hatchery Road)*

This event will let you explore the outdoor skills needed for hunting and fishing (all ages welcome). Cubs and Boy Scouts are encouraged to attend. The event is FREE of charge and open to the public. Co-sponsored by SC Wildlife Federation, SC Dept. of Natural Resources, Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund, and the SC Lowcountry Chapter of Safari Club International. For details, call SCDNR (803) 734- 3886 or SCWF (803) 256-0670. Scouting Volunteers always needed.

**Special Shopping Hours:
Scout Shop open on Sat. 9/27**

The Indian Waters Council Scout Shop will be open on Saturday, September 27 from 10 am until 2 pm. This is the only Saturday this fall that the shop will be open.

University Of Scouting 2004:

Mark your Calendars

The 2004 University of Scouting presents the "Treasures of the Pyramids!" Pheel like a phool carrying the weight of the Great Pyramids on your shoulders? Come to the University of Scouting and find out how to get that "BIG CHIP" off of your shoulders! Come to the University of Scouting to discover what those "Treasures" are! For more information visit our web page at chinquapindistrict.org and follow the "training" link to the University of Scouting. E-mail:

UniversityofScouting@msn.com

**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.

Can't make it to a Training at Etowah Creek?

WATEREE DISTRICT HAS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES at TWO LOCATIONS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 34 Chestnut Ferry Road, Camden

New Leader Essentials - Fee \$2 - October 2,
2003 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Leader Specific - Fee \$5 - Advance
registration a MUST!

October 23, 2003 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

March 20, 2004- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pontiac Elementary School - 500 Spears Creek Church Road, Elgin

Youth Protection Training - Fee \$2 - Join
Roundtables when training is complete!

November 13, 2003 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

New Leader Essentials - Fee \$2 - Join
Roundtables when training is complete!

October 9, 2003 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Leader Specific - Fee \$5 - Advance
registration a MUST!

September 20, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

*Check-in starts 15 minutes before start time -ALL
Training will start promptly!!*

Fees cover cost of materials and refreshments.

Questions:

Call: Karen Barton - 438-5006 OR Keri Kerber
- 438-6710 OR Renee McNeal - 699-9850

Register using form available in council office.

News from our Units

Congratulations to the latest Eagles from **Troop**

312: Ryan Wise, June 10, 2003

Jeff McCraw, June 10, 2003

Jason Bebber, September 9, 2003

In addition, Jason Bebber traveled
to Australia during the month
of July. He was selected as a
member of the *Up with People*
group.



*If you have an item for the
newsletter, please submit it by the second Monday of
each month*

Scouts can help Citizen Corps Now!

As we pause in remembrance of the second anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Citizen Corps encourages you to honor the victims of the terrorist attacks by:

- ? making a personal commitment to emergency preparedness and helping your neighbors do the same;
- ? taking some form of first aid training and learning your blood type;
- ? volunteering to support first responders, disaster relief groups, and community safety organizations.

We also want you to know about *One Day's Pay*, a non-profit organization that is working with relatives of 9/11 victims, business leaders and prominent nonprofit organizations to recapture the spirit of national unity following September 11, 2001 by urging all American's to observe September 11 as a day of voluntary service, charity, and compassion. *One Day's Pay* asks individuals, employers and organizations to go online at www.onedayspay.org to register a non-binding confidential pledge to engage in activities or make plans to help others in need on or around September 11, 2003. This is a wonderful way to demonstrate your belief in the volunteer spirit of America and to be counted as a part of this national movement.

All you need to do on September 11 is register a pledge to do something to help others! You can complete your pledge at any time! Together with One Day's Pay, we hope to make this an on-going event!



Non-registered Boy means No Advancement and Un-Insured

Do you have Webelos that just crossed over

to your troop? Is there a new Cub in your pack that will be going on the outing next week? If you have not registered them at the Scout office, either as a transfer from a pack or as a new Scout joining your troop or pack, **the boy will be ineligible for advancement and is not covered by BSA insurance** if they go to meetings or camping.

You May Be Personally Liable!!

Many Scoutmasters and Cubmasters wait until they re-charter to register the new Scouts. **Do not wait.** Please check with Felicia at the Scout office to make sure that all gaps in registration are filled in.

Boys who are not registered will not be allowed to advance in rank.

HOW YOU CAN BE BETTER PREPARED?

- * Check and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and replace all alarms that are more than 10 years old.
- * Make sure you know where your local fire department, police station, and hospital are and post a list of emergency phone numbers posted near all the telephones in your home.
- * Organize and practice a family fire drill - make sure your children know what your smoke detector sounds like and what to do if it goes off when they are sleeping.
- * Fill out a Home Security Inspection Checklist and a personal Property Checklist; both are both available at www.usaonwatch.org.
- * Locate the utility mains for your home and be sure you know how to turn them off manually: gas, electricity, water.
- * Call FEMA at 1-800-480-2520 or visit the Citizen Corps website, www.citizencorps.gov to get a copy of "Are You Ready?", "Your Family Disaster Plan", and other preparedness publications.
- * Create an emergency plan for your household, including your pets. Decide where your family will meet if a disaster

does happen: 1) right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire and 2) outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home - ask an out of town friend to be your "family contact" to relay messages.

- * Prepare a 3-day disaster supply kit, complete with flashlights, batteries, blankets, and an emergency supply of water and food (and pet food!).
- * Plan to hold a Neighborhood Watch meeting ... your local Sheriffs' office or police station can help you get started or visit www.usaonwatch.org for more information.
- * Time to think about immunizations! Select a day to get a flu shot and update any other immunizations recommended by your doctor.
- * Plan to sign up for a first aid training course. Call your local American Red Cross chapter to ask about courses in your area (www.redcross.org or www.nsc.org).
- * Visit with your neighbors and discuss how you would handle a disaster in your area.

THE DOLLAR BILL

Take out a one-dollar bill, and look at it. The one-dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know. If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity.

It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn

that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks; yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning, "one nation from many people". Above the Eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum", 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And, for minorities: the 13th Amendment.

Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Too many veterans never came home at all.