



# 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/ecd-0901news.htm](http://www.etowahcreek.com/rtnews/ecd-0901news.htm) Welcome!  
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**If you have a US Flag, please fly it at half mast** in national mourning for the victims of the terrorist acts in our country and for the brave firefighters and policemen and women that lost their lives while unselfishly attempting to rescue people from the collapsing World Trade Centers towers and the Pentagon. Many of our Scouting Family had loved ones in those buildings. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



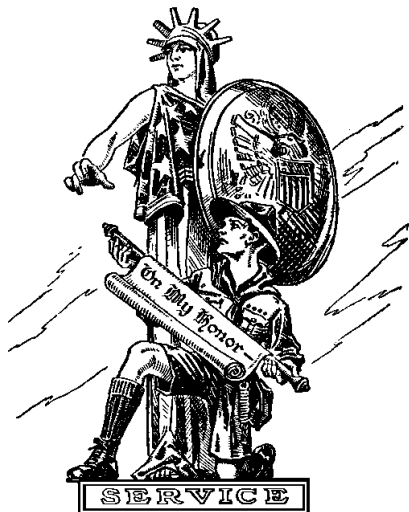
**The Red Cross needs blood** from everyone to replenish the supplies that they are sending to New York, Washington DC, and Pittsburgh. Please give blood over the next few weeks. Call for appointments.

- American Red Cross, blood donations: (800) 448-3543



- American Red Cross, cash donations: (800) HELP-NOW and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- 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.*



## Etowah Creek Cuboree

**Crooked Creek Park in Chapin, SC  
 October 13, 2001.**

**Celebrate America** at this year's Cuboree, which will start at 9:00 AM and run thru 4:00 PM.

**Cost:** \$ 7.50 if pre-registered by September 27th  
 \$10.00 thru October 1st  
 \$15.00 thru October 3rd  
*Registration ends October 3rd.*

No walk-ins at Cuboree.

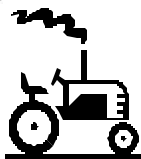
Registration thru your Pack is required.

Bring a lunch or purchase hot dogs, chips, and drinks there.

Moderately wise each one should be. Not otherwise, for a wise man's heart is seldom glad. -- Norse proverb

This Month at Cub Roundtable

### October Theme: Down on the Farm



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

Go To <http://www.scouting.org/mags/scouting/current/d-ffun.html> for a great interactive Farming game

### CUB AND PARTNER HAUNTED FOREST WEEKEND

The second annual Cub and Partner Haunted Forest Weekend returns October 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> to Camp Barstow with a Halloween theme. Last years event was a great success as it was one of the largest events in the history of the Camp Barstow.



Cubs and partners attending as a group with their pack will have the option of pitching camp Friday night or may arrive Saturday morning beginning at 9 AM. 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.

Space is limited, so take advantage of early registration prices! Contact your pack (registering with your pack is preferred), or use the registration form in this issue. If you need more info, or would like to volunteer, contact Steve Hendrix, event chairman at 803-359-4364. Register NOW!

What is to give light must endure burning.  
—Viktor Frankl

## 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

#### September

- 13 Roundtable
- 15 Scout Day with the Gamecocks
- 18 Popcorn Gala Dinner

#### October

- 9 New Leader Essentials (Part 1 of basic Training for all Leaders) plus Youth Protection

- 11 Roundtable
- 13 Cuboree at Crooked Creek Park, Chapin
- 16 Part 2 of Basic Training (Cub Leader Specific training)
- 20 Scoutmaster Specific Training **NEW!**
- 27-28 Cub Haunted Forest Weekend

#### November

- 2-4 Survivoree (Council 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)
- Outdoor Leader Skills Training at the end of Nov. 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



### Scouter's Minute (from the internet)

As 11 September 2001 unfolded, and I do not mean to trivialize the carnage and the horrid loss of lives, one thought above all kept returning. The 'victory' those responsible may feel entitled to claim, is not yet theirs to claim.

Yes, there has been a tremendous taking of life. Yes, there has been extensive property damage. Yes, for what I think may be the first time in our history this nation's airways were completely closed down. But there is no actual victory for those responsible yet.

The victory can only be claimed if we, not we as Scouters, not we as citizens of South Carolina, but we, as human beings, allow these acts to make us tremble and give our emotions freely over to fear or hatred.

I know not who is responsible, yet I doubt not that we shall come to learn this information. In the interim, life goes on! We return to that which is our greatest strength, our faith and our desire to aid others and improve ourselves.

Continue your daily routines. Hug your children, go to work, kiss your spouse, be the most productive you have ever been in your work and be the most excited and intense as you have ever been in your hobbies and your passions.

The only victory those responsible can claim is if they change us, our desires, our dreams.

Yes, we are vulnerable, and yes, that is more clear today than it has been in decades.

But, my friends, we were equally vulnerable on 10 September 2001, last week, last year as well, and we thrived daily.

That we now are more cognizant of the vulnerability the knowledge can either enslave us to fear or hate, or we can accept that is a fact and tonight, tomorrow, and each day thereafter, we can commit ourselves to excel

in all pursuits!

In committing to ever excel, their alleged victory is dissolved in toto and they shall remain only an organized group of thugs.

Life under what is simply a new awareness that we are neither immortal nor untouchable began for many on 11 September 2001. We have much before us that is joyous, that is meaningful and our trail is long before the final destination.

May peace and happiness be with you on every step of your journey. God Bless us all and God Bless the USA.



*This issue of Up Etowah Creek is shortened, due to the horrific events this week. Look for more district news at [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com)*