

FOR ALL CUB SCOUT, BOY SCOUT AND VENTURE LEADERS.

Wood Badge for the 21st Century Application (Course SR-658)

For almost 100 years the Boy Scouts of America have been helping our youth become tomorrow's leaders. As a fully trained adult leader you can more positively and effectively change the lives of our youth. The leadership skills learned at Wood Badge will have an immediate impact on your Scouting, and most participants find benefits at work, home and in their personal lives.

This course is for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing leaders as well as district and council leaders.

Delivering the promise

SR-658 WOOD BADGE REGISTRATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (H) _____
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 Comments _____
 Signature _____

RETURN TO:
 SCOUT SERVICE CENTER
 PO BOX 339
 MAULDIN, SC 29662

Cost:

The cost is \$225 for all materials, camping, and food.

When:

March 11-13 and April 1-3, 2005
 (Note-course begins at 7:30am on Friday)

Where:

Camp Old Indian, Blue Ridge Council

Who:

Adult leaders in the Cub, Scout, Venture, Varsity leaders, district and council volunteers and professional Scouters will find the course well worth their time and effort.

What is Wood Badge:

Wood Badge has been called the PhD. of Scouter training. It is the highest level of training available at the council level. As a Wood Badge trained leader you will be more effective in working with Scouts, adults and parents.

Qualifications and Prerequisite Training

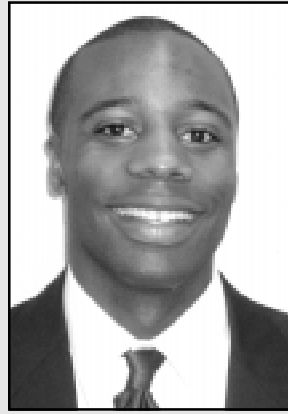
- To be eligible for Wood Badge each participant must –
1. Have current BSA registration (no minimum tenure required).
 2. Have not completed a Wood Badge course.
 3. Have completed the "Trained" recognition strip prior to May 31, 2001, or earned the "Trained for the 21st Century" recognition by completing the current leader training series for current position.
 4. Submit a BSA Class 3 physical form with physician approval for Scout program activity prior to commencement of the program.

For more information contact your District Training Chairman or call the Service Center

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CORRECTION - Please note that in the last issue of the Blue Ridge Scouter the price for Wood Badge was incorrectly listed as \$125. The correct price for the training course is \$225. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

new council staff members



EDMOND DAVIS Reedy Falls District Executive

The Blue Ridge Council is pleased to welcome Edmond Davis to our staff. Edmond is the new District Executive for Reedy Falls. He is a 2004 Graduate of Wofford College. While attending Wofford, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He is excited about joining the Blue Ridge Council team and working with the great Reedy Falls District. Edmond is confident there are great opportunities in the future for the youth and volunteers in Reedy Falls and he is thrilled about the opportunity to work with such a great group of leaders in fulfilling their vision for the youth in Reedy Falls District. If Edmond can be of any assistance, or even just to welcome him to the district please give him a call at 233-8363, extension 207, or you can send him an email at edavis@blueridgecouncil.org.



BILL BOMEY Director of Field Services

The Blue Ridge Council is also pleased to welcome Bill Bomely as the new Director of Field Service, effective September 1. Bill graduated from Old Dominion University, in Norfolk, Virginia in 1987 with a degree in Business Administration. At Old Dominion he met his wife Sandy. Bill and Sandy were married in 1987 in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. Since 1988 Bill has worked for the Boy Scouts. He began his career as a District Executive with the Pee Dee Area Council in Florence, South Carolina. In 1991 Bill was promoted to Field Director for the Colonial Virginia Council in Newport News, Virginia. In 1994, he was promoted to Assistant Scout Executive in the Colonial Virginia Council, and in 1999 Bill was promoted to Scout Executive for the Okefenokee Area Council. Bill and his wife enjoy playing golf and traveling. If Bill can be of service, or even just to welcome him to the council please give him a call at 233-8363, extension 210, or you can send him an email at wcb@blueridgecouncil.org.

Join the Grrrowl for an Evening of Scouting Fun!



2004 SCOUT FAMILY NIGHT

OPENING NIGHT
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 7:05PM
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- Troop or Pack representatives selected at random for promotions and special prize drawings!
- Receive 20+ tickets at half-price for another regular season game when you book a group of 20+ for the Home Opener!
- Commemorative Grrrowl Scout Patch for the First 1000 Scouts to purchase tickets!

Be on the look out for information about the 2nd Annual Grrrowl Scout Camp-In!

For more information about these dates, please call (864) 467-GRRR! Complete this form to purchase tickets. Price is per seat. You may send by fax (864) 241-3872 or mail to Greenville Grrrowl Ticket Department, 650 N. Academy St. Greenville, SC 29601. Please include a \$3.00 processing fee. Checks should be made payable to Greenville Professional Hockey. Visit www.grrrowl.com for more details.

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Group Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Blue Section at \$12.00 = \$ _____ (Best Value)
 Yellow Section at \$10.00 = \$ _____
 Green Section at \$9.00 = \$ _____
 Orange Section at \$7.00 = \$ _____
 Processing Fee = \$ 3.00

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TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____ **Call (864) 467-GRRR!**



YOUNG AMERICAN AWARD

THE NATIONAL YOUNG AMERICAN AWARD PROGRAM PROVIDES ALL LOCAL COUNCILS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT PUBLICLY THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR SERVICE TO OUR NATION'S HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE-AGE YOUTH.

The search process for 2005 has begun, which includes candidates applying to the Blue Ridge Council for awards to be granted by the council. The council-level Young American Award consists of a plaque to be awarded at an appropriate council ceremony. Volunteers from the Blue Ridge Council then select one nominee to forward to the National Council, Boy Scouts of America for consideration of one of the five national awards granted. Nominees may or may not be members of the BSA. Applications are sent to the local council office. Nominations can be made by Boy Scout troops, Explorer posts, Venturing crews, Learning for Life groups, individuals, and other community youth-serving organizations that share the same program objectives. Applications may be submitted on behalf of youth members.

The national Young American Award includes a ribbon medallion and an unrestricted cash award of \$5,000 that will be presented during the National Annual Meeting next May at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas to five outstanding young Americans. The national office will provide all travel, meals, and lodging for each of the five recipients and their parents. The Advisory Council of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, selects the five recipients.

In April, all national nominees will be notified of the decision by mail. National nominations are not carried over to subsequent years; any previous nomination may be updated and submitted again through the local council. The deadline for applications to be received by the Blue Ridge Council is November 29, 2004.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE AWARD:

- **Student**—Any student age 15 to 25 as of June 1, 2005.
- **Achievements**—Have achieved exceptional excellence in one or more fields such as art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, music, religion, and science.
- **Service**—Have been involved in service in their community, state, or country that adds to the quality of life.
- **Scholar**—Have maintained an above-average scholastic grade point average. Provide a copy of both your high school and college transcript with application (college transcript only if graduate student).
- **Recommendations**—Must provide with the application a minimum of three letters of recommendation from your troop, post, crew, or group, & schools, teachers, counselors, employers, ministers, business, civic, or other community leaders.

For an application, see:
www.teamingforlife.org/exploring/scholarships

National Neighborhood Day!

This is something everyone will enjoy! Someone in your neighborhood is going to lead it, how about you!

September 12, 2004 is National Neighborhood Day! Join people all over America as they gather with their neighbors to foster caring and concern for each other and promote stronger more effective communities, all while having fun in their neighborhoods. National Neighborhood Day happens on the second Sunday in September each year. Visit www.neighborhoodday.org to learn more.

National Neighborhood Day is a grassroots, nonprofit initiative that offers an opportunity for simple gatherings sharing food and fun. It is a chance to celebrate the things we all share and discover the diversity among us that makes America great. There is no

agenda and no prescription. Your neighborhood might be a street, a few houses or an apartment building. Make it a party, a project or a potluck. Rekindle friendships. Welcome new neighbors. Learn about each others' families, interests and needs.

Our website has tools to make hosting a gathering easy. Visit www.neighborhoodday.org for ideas for your party as well as printable invitations and fliers. Be sure to sign in at the website and let us know about your gathering.

After your gathering is over, we want to hear how it went! You can share stories and pictures from your gathering and view others' stories and pictures at our website.

Be the one to bring your neighbors together on National Neighborhood Day! It will be fun!

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september	2	Key 3 Meeting, 6:00 PM
	2	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
	9	Unit Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM
	9	Roundtable, 7:00 PM
	18	Cub Leader Specific Training
october	25	Boy Scout Leader Specific Training
	7	Key 3 Meeting, 6:00 PM
	7	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
	9	Cub Leader Specific Training
	14	Unit Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM
	14	Roundtable, 7:00 PM
	27	Popcorn Sale ends
29	Popcorn money due to the council	

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Cub Leader Specific training will be held on September 18th at 9:00 AM at Taylors 1st Baptist Church, and it will be held again on October 9th at that same location and time. Boy Scout Leader Specific training will be held on September 25th. Venture Leader training will be held on October 2nd. If you would like to attend any of these scheduled training courses please contact Brian Hicks at 292-8470 or Matt Holmes at 233-8363. Now is a good opportunity to catch up on the needed training to ensure a positive year for our Scouts. If you have any questions about training or would like to help, please contact Matt Holmes at 233-8363.

ROUNDTABLES

Roundtables are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Mark United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM. The roundtable lasts for about 1 hour. This is a great way to learn and experience new tactics and techniques to use with the Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts. Roundtables are open to any leader or parent. The Roundtable team encourages all leaders to attend. We look forward to helping you deliver a fun and exciting program to your Scouts.

FOOTHILLS FALL CAMPOREE

Fall Camporee is just around the corner. The event will be held on November 5-7. There has been a packet mailed to all Troop/Pack leaders with more details. If your troop has not received a copy of the packet please contact Matt Holmes at 233-8363.

POPCORN

Each Pack, Troop, and Crew needs to be sure to schedule a kickoff to talk to their youth and parents about the fall popcorn sale and distribute the take-order forms and other information. The popcorn sale can have a huge impact on each unit's program by providing vital funds for activities, badges, and other events. Sell that popcorn! If you need help in setting up your unit's kickoff or have any other questions about the popcorn sale please contact Jill Rose, District Popcorn Kernel, at rosej@acentron.com or 675-1592 or Matt Holmes at 233-8363.

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september	14	Key 3 Meeting
	17	Venture Weekend
	16	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	16	District Committee Meeting
october	2	Venture Leader Training
	12	Key 3 Meeting
	14	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	14	District Committee Meeting

FIRST NIGHTERS

It is time once again for all Explorer Posts and Venture Crews to have their annual First Nighters! First Nighters allow students who are new to the Learning for Life program to register, as well as the participating organizations to recruit additional members. If you have any questions concerning Exploring or Venturing opportunities feel free to contact Matt Kubler at 864-233-8363.

POPCORN

This year's popcorn sale will begin on October 1st. This is a great opportunity for your unit to raise money in support of your annual programs. Not only will the sale of popcorn benefit your unit it will also help to improve our camping facilities for everyone. It's still not too late to get your unit signed up for the sale!

CHARACTER QUEST

(The after-school program for Learning for Life)

Character Quest is a teachers' guide to be used as a strategy for teaching the elementary lesson plans in an after-school setting. LFL stickers will be used for recognition when each student completes a lesson plan by placing the sticker on the student's Character Quest Learning for Life Certificate of Achievement. We also have suggested how the types of activities in Learning for Life Activities Book and Drug Abuse Prevention Education Program K-6th can compliment the Learning for Life Elementary Lesson Plans.

Character Quest materials, "A Teacher's Guide" and "Certificate of Achievements," can be downloaded from www.learning-for-life.org



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september	9	Roundtable
	18	Cub Leader Specific Training
	23	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	23	District Committee Meeting
	24-26	Boy Scout Fall Camporee
october	1	Popcorn Sale Begins
	9	Cub Leader Specific Training
	14	Roundtable Meeting
	28	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	28	District Committee Meeting

THEMES FOR THE MONTH

Cub: Time In A Capsule
 Webelos: Communicator/Citizen
 Scout: Fishing Athletics

SUMMER CAMP

Long Cane had record attendance in our Summer Camps. I hope everyone who attended the various camps had an enjoyable experience and plans on making Summer Camp a tradition for their Scouting unit. If anyone has any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please contact Greg Balog at 229-7669.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

This fall we plan to sign up even more Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts than we did last year. With the arrival of new Scouts come new leaders. This is an exciting time of year. Daily I see boys whose hearts are set on scouting. I get calls from parents, whose sons are just so excited about being involved in the scouting program, weekly about getting their boys signed up for scouting. And then comes the first meeting...the boy has followed through with a decision he made a couple of weeks ago...he shows up in his brand new uniform...smiling from ear to ear...book in hand...ready to be a part of the Scouting experience. This day, he has made one of the first commitments of his life...to be a Scout. We owe it to the boys to provide them the program that they expect as well as the program that they have been promised. It is entirely up to us to see that these boys' commitments are not of just a couple of months or even of a couple of weeks, but a commitment that is life long and life altering. What we can do to ensure this is to commit ourselves and learn as much about Scouting as we possibly can. Let's get all of our leaders trained. It is not a waste of a Saturday morning, but is an extremely important day that can result in keeping boys in Scouting as well as becoming a life-altering event for both the boys and the adults. Let's keep these boys in Scouting by getting trained.

-And remember...Every boy deserves a trained leader. Fall training dates are listed in the 2004-2005 calendars. The dates include: September 18, October 9, and November 13. Please RSVP for these trainings by calling Greg Balog at 229-7669 or sending him an email to gbalog@blueridgescouncil.org.

FALL ROUND UP

By now, fall recruitment is well underway. Thanks to all the volunteers, commissioners, and unit leaders for their support for this process. Let's open our doors this fall to Scouting and take the extra step for reaching all boys by setting church nights, open house nights, etc. Boys who recruit at least one new Scout will qualify for a recruiter patch for their uniform. It is important to the success of your Scouting program to find other methods of recruiting youth than school sign-up nights. It is our obligation to the boys and our obligation to our community to make sure all boys have more than one opportunity to get registered in Scouting. As we all know, it can take several points of contact to get a message sent, received, and receive a response. Let's offer multiple opportunities for our youth to join and get all boys in this positive program we call Scouting.

UNIT COMMISSIONER STATUS

Long Cane is in need of approximately 11 qualified Unit Commissioners. If anyone would like to be considered for the position of Unit Commissioner, please contact, Dr. Jon L. Hobbs at 229-7691 or email him your request for consideration at his address listed above.

POPCORN

Popcorn Sales begin on October 1st and end on October 27th. There is no better opportunity to secure financial stability for your Scouting unit for the Scouting year. Let's all make the extra effort to sell popcorn...bring it to work, take the boys around the neighborhood, contact all family members, etc. Popcorn sales is a fund-raiser that not only strengthens your Scouting unit, but also helps the Scouts experience a more quality program, and strengthens Scouting as a whole in our community. Again, let's all make the extra effort to sell popcorn. If you have any questions about the popcorn sale or need help please contact Chareen Stevenson, District Popcorn Kernel, at 223-4467 or stevenson@emeraldis.com

FALL CAMPOREE

Thank you to Gary Stratton, A.P. Neal, and Cathie Neal for planning our Fall Camporee. Please, make plans to bring your Boy Scout Troop to this event. It will be at the Upper Savannah Shooters Association beginning September 24th and ending September 26th. Secure your attendance by contacting Gary Stratton at 223-2013.



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september	2	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at St. Mark's
	3	Key 3 Meeting
	9	Roundtable, 7:00 PM at St. Mark's
	23	Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 PM at St. Mark's
	25	Cub Leader Specific Training
october	1	Popcorn Sale Begins
	5	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at St. Mark's
	14	Roundtable, 7:00 PM at St. Mark's
	14	Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 PM at St. Mark's
	23	Cub Leader Specific Training
	23	Make A Difference Day, 1-4 PM at Shaver Rec. Center
	29-31	Boy Scout Fall Camporee

SCHOOL NIGHTS

Cub Scout recruiting continues to be a success again this year with first graders eager to wear the blue uniform the same as any other Cub Scout.

TRAININGS

The trainings scheduled for September 25 and October 23 will be held at the Salvation Army beginning at 8:30 Am. The Salvation Army is located on Debra Street. Please make sure that all leaders who are in need of training are in attendance because it is very important for the volunteers at the Pack level have all training current and complete.

- The demand for training new leaders at a specific level is increasing each year. Any pack that had the leader trained will be more successful with their program. Our training team will be updating their approach to insure the best training for our leadership.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

This is an opportunity for Scouting in our district to be represented to the community. The "Make a Difference Day" will be held on Saturday October 23 at the Shaver Recreation complex. Please contact the United Way at 882-9743 if your Pack or Troop can volunteer your time from 1:00 until 4:00 PM.

FALL CAMPOREE

The Fall Camporee will be held on the weekend of October 29-31. Please contact Ken Addis at 639-9112 for more details and to sign up to help with the camporee.

DE'S CORNER BY CHAD DUGGINS

We are off to a great start to the Cub Scouting year. Ed Beforek is providing outstanding leadership for our District Committee. We have added some new faces to the committee this year and are very excited about that. I have had a great summer at COI and enjoyed seeing our boys having a good time at camp. Thank you for those that attended camp and stopped to say hello. I look forward to having a great year in Oconee District once again.

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september	7	Roundtable at Easley First Baptist, 7:00 PM
	14	Commissioner Staff at St. Andrews, 7:00 PM
	18	Cub Leader Specific Training, 8:30 AM
	21	District Committee at Dixie Tool, 7:00 PM
october	1	Popcorn Sale Begins
	5	Roundtable at Easley First Baptist, 7:00 PM
	12	Commissioner Staff at St. Andrews, 7:00 PM
	16	Cub Leader Specific Training, 8:30 AM
	19	District Committee at Dixie Tool, 7:00 PM
	22-24	Fall Camporee
	27	Popcorn Sale Ends
29	FINAL DAY to turn in Popcorn orders	

TRAIL'S END POPCORN SALE

This is a reminder to all Packs and Troops to encourage your boys to get out and sell popcorn. This is the most effective fund-raiser you can participate in all year. Remind parents that the more popcorn their son sells, the less money the pack has to charge or raise to do activities. As you see on the calendar above, this year's sale begins on Oct. 1 and ends on Oct. 27. All orders will be due on Oct. 29, no exceptions. Make sure parents and leaders are aware of these dates and turn their orders in early enough.

CUB-PARENT WEEKENDS

How many Cub Scouts would like the chance to spend the night at Camp Old Indian with mom or dad, while participating in great outdoor activities? How many Cub Scouts like BB's, archery, hiking, fishing, sports and fire building? How many Cub Scouts would laugh, while mom or dad was dancing and singing during a campfire skit? Want to know the answer? All of them, every Cub Scout wants the chance to participate in these memorable experiences. Leaders please remind all your parents the benefits and the great time they will have by spending one night at Camp with their son. You can sign-up for one of five different weekends, each weekend having two sessions to choose from. Please give your boys this opportunity.

SCHOOL NIGHTS

So far school nights are going wonderfully and I would like to thank all the leaders and volunteers who have helped to make them a success. I also want to remind leaders to thank their teachers and principals when you see them, let them know how important they are to your Pack.

CHURCH NIGHTS

This is a reminder to all Cubmasters and Scoutmasters, schools are not the only place to recruit boys. We should all be recruiting boys not just from the church that sponsors your pack or troop but also from other churches in our community. Luke Sparrow has materials to specifically recruit in churches, so see him for information on these things. These are recruiting nights that can be held by the pack, so it will make it more convenient to your schedule.

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september	1	Key 3 Meeting
	9	Leader Roundtables, Buncombe St. UMC, Scout Bldg., 7:00 PM
	9	OA Chapter Meeting, Buncombe St. UMC, 7:00 PM
	13	Commissioner Cabinet Meeting, Scout Service Center, 7:00 PM
	14	First Nominating Committee Meeting
	16	Commissioner Staff Meeting, Scout Service Center, 6:30 PM
	16	District Committee Meeting, Scout Service Center, 7:30 PM
	18	Cub Scout Leader Basic Training, Buncombe St. UMC, 9:00 AM
october	28	2nd Nominating Committee Meeting
	6	Key 3 Meeting
	7	Eagle Board of Review
	14	Leader Roundtables, Buncombe St. UMC, Scout Bldg., 7:00 PM
	17	Eagle Board of Review
	22-24	Boy Scout Fall Camporee
	23	Cub Leader Basic Training, Buncombe St. UMC, 9:00 AM
	28	Commissioner Staff Meeting, Scout Service Center, 6:30 PM
	28	District Committee Meeting, Scout Service Center, 7:30 PM

FALL IS RECRUITMENT TIME!

All packs and leaders should be planning ahead for their school recruitment night. It is very important that all Cubmasters be present for their recruitment night so they can answer any questions that the parents may have. Roundup coordinators will assist the pack in setting up den orientation meetings for the new leaders, church nights, and pack membership inventories. This year, our Reedy Falls District Roundup Chairman is Dave Caldwell. Early this summer we sent out a Pack Membership and Leadership inventory packet. Please make sure you fill out and mail it in to the council office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. It is important that we have every boy and leader registered with the council for insurance reasons. Also, it will help us all if we can identify leadership for all our dens before we go into the school nights.

LEADER ROUNDTABLES

Join fellow leaders the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at Buncombe St. UMC Scout Building downtown (off College St. beside Lacher Jewelers on left just before Academy St.) Roundtables provide important information, Program help/ideas, and tons of fun and fellowship for leaders. Roundtables also provide an upcoming program theme. This can be especially good for new leaders. All units need to be represented with at least one leader!

REEDY FALLS FALL CAMPOREE

Leaders need to start planning now for our annual district fall event. This year we are planning a Klondyke Derby, which will be held at Dupont State Park on October 22-24 (moved from Oct. 15-17). For more information, please contact Don White at dwhite@devitainc.com.

POPCORN KICKOFFS

All units should have their kickoff to distribute information and sales materials in September at a Pack or Troop meeting. Popcorn is a very important fund-raising tool not only for the units but for the Council as well. Sales begin on October 3rd. Questions, contact Edmond Davis 233-8363. SELL THAT POPCORN!

HEY CUB LEADERS, GOT TRAINING?

Attention all new cub leaders and existing cub leaders: now is the time to be trained! We will have a cub leader basic training on Saturday, September 18th and Saturday, October 23rd at Buncombe St. UMC. You can register for these training programs through this newsletter, scout office, or by sending an email to edavis@blueridgescouncil.org. Remember, every boy deserves a trained leader!

UPCOMING COMMISSIONER STAFF & DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Attention all Unit Commissioners and District Committee members. We will begin our Commissioner Staff and District Committee meetings Thursday, September 16th. The Commissioner Meetings will begin at 6:30 PM and District Committee Meetings will start at 7:30 PM, located at the Council Service Center. Lindsay Smith, District Chairman and Tom Moran, Interim District Commissioner, have worked hard over the summer getting their committees ready for the new scouting year. Lindsay and Tom encourage all members to be present for their respective meetings. Lets all look forward to a wonderful scouting year!

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september	2	Cub and Boy Scout Roundtables at Broad Street United Methodist Church in Clinton, 7:00 PM
	3	Key 3 Meeting
	11	Cub Scout Specific Training at Broad Street United Methodist Church in Clinton 8:30 AM-12 Noon
october	16	Committee Meeting at Presbyterian College Administration Building, 7:00 PM
	7	Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables at Broad Street United Methodist Church in Clinton, 7:00 PM
	9	Cub Scout Specific Training
	11	Key 3 Meeting
	21	Committee Meeting at Presbyterian College Administration Building, 7:00 PM
	21	Commissioners Meeting

POPCORN SALE BEGINS IN OCTOBER

Does your Pack or Troop need money? That's a stupid question! Every Pack and Troop in Saluda River District could benefit with an easy source of income to support their Scouting Programs. Troops can use new camping equipment, helping boys to go to Camp Old Indian, paying for Merit Badges, Camping Outings, etc. while Packs can

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use the money to pay for Day Camp or Resident Camp for their Cubs, build a new Pinewood Derby Track, provide great Pack activities and other things. The Blue Ridge Council Trails' End Popcorn Sale begins on October 1st. The Popcorn just about sales itself (it's hard for anyone to say no to a Cub or Boy Scout in a uniform). Lynn Cousins is heading up this year's Saluda River District Sale again this year. Most units have already signed up for the sale, but if your unit has not yet signed up, call Lynn or Chuck Greene for more information.

FALL IS A BIG TIME FOR CUB SCOUTING

Packs are gearing back up for another year of scouting. The District is in the midst of going into all our schools with School Nights to recruit new youth. As we recruit youth, we are also signing up new leaders. All new leaders and those not yet trained need to attend a Cub Scout Specific Training. This gives you the knowledge and confidence to run a great Den Meeting, Pack Meeting or Pack Committee Meeting. With the training, your pack will flourish and grow. Look at the calendar for the trainings in September and October and choose one. Plan on attending now.

CUB AND PARENT WEEKENDS AT CAMP OLD INDIAN

The Blue Ridge Council is giving all Cub and Webelos Scouts and opportunity to go camping at Camp Old Indian. Scouts will have an opportunity to go camping on a Friday or Saturday session on five separate weekends this fall (see article on front page of the Scouter for more information). The boys will have an opportunity to shoot BB guns, Archery, play great Scouting games, hike and much, much more. As a leader, share the information you received in the mail with your Scouts. This is an opportunity that they will not want to miss.

WEBELOS TO BOY SCOUT RELATIONSHIPS

Does your unit have a pack/troop relationship? Boy Scouts make perfect Den Chiefs. Their leadership helps dens succeed. They also can give a positive look at the Boy Scout program and their particular troops. Troops can also help with pack activities. This gives our Webelos an opportunity to see how much fun they have to look forward to. If your troop takes a second year Webelos den camping, think of all those boys joining your troop next year. Start to build that relationship today!

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sept	9	Key 3 Meeting
	16	District Committee Meeting
oct	7	Key 3 Meeting
	14	District Committee Meeting

ED GROVES DAY

The Third Annual Ed Groves Scoutreach Fun Day Will be in October.

The following events are planned to be included:

- BB Gun Shooting (for younger youth)
- BRifle Shooting (for older youth)
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Archery
- Horseback riding

Detailed instructions on where to meet will be provided to all units who sign up to participate. Please contact Isaac McJimpsey at 233-8363 for more information.

SCOUTREACH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The next Scoutreach District Committee meeting will be September the 22 at 6:30 PM at the Scout Service Center.

SCOUTREACH WISH LIST

This goes out to all of the volunteers in the Blue Ridge Council; if you can help with the items below it would be greatly appreciated:

1. Scoutreach needs any used uniforms for its youth.
2. Scoutreach can use any used camping Equipment for its units.
3. Bicycle helmets
4. Volunteers for after school programs, for one hour every two weeks

If you can help with any of these items please contact Isaac McJimpsey at 233-8363. Thank you!

POPCORN, POPCORN, POPCORN

We would like for all units to participate in the popcorn fund-raiser. For more information or to sign up your unit to participate in either the 'Show & Sell' program or the 'Take Order' sale please contact Isaac McJimpsey at 233-8363.

six & twenty district

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september	2	Roundtable
	3	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	13	District Committee Meeting & Key 3 Meeting
	18	Cub Leader Specific Training
	22-24	Fall Camporee
october	21	District Committee at Dixie Tool. 7:00 PM
	1	Popcorn Sale Begins
	4	District Committee Meeting & Key 3 Meeting
	4	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	7	Roundtable
	30	Cub Leader Specific Training

ROUNDTABLES

All roundtables are important as much is covered so make it a point to have someone representing your unit at every one this fall. Location: Latter Day Saints Church, Anderson (412 Harden, **behind Concord Elem**) Roundtables will begin at 7:00, with appropriate break out groups for

SIX & TWENTY DISTRICT continued.....

everyone.

CUB-PARENT WEEKENDS

Cub Parent nights give you and your son an outlet to spend quality time together at Camp Old Indian. This is a unique camping experience where your son will get to shoot bb guns, sleep in an Adirondack, and participate in a campfire program.. Pick out one and plan on attending. (See article on front page of the Scouter for more information.)

BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE

The Six & Twenty District Camporee will be held September 24-26th in Anderson County. The boys will get the opportunity to compete against other Troops in Patrol Competition. Top Troop will walk away with the District Trophy which they get to keep until the following fall. Troops mark your calendar for this weekend!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

A good leader is a trained leader! All new Cub Leaders need to make it a point to attend one of the many Cub Leader Essential trainings offered throughout the Council. The Six and Twenty District will be hosting two or you can attend one in any other District that is convenient for you. Saturday, September 18th & October 30th Six & Twenty will host Cub Leader Essentials at Central Presbyterian (1404 N. Boulevard in Anderson) from 9:00 - 12:00, cost for attending is \$3.00. Look forward to seeing you there.

POPCORN SALE

Popcorn could be the only fund-raiser your Pack, Troop, Post or Crew will have to conduct for the entire year. What a great thought! Be sure to get all the details on the popcorn trail leading to your 'Ideal Year of Scouting' We will be going over this in detail at our kickoff or if you need more info call Jonathan Runge at 864-224-7440 or e-mail Marg Kruzner, our Popcorn chair at mkruzner@unisolinc.com.

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september	2	Roundtable
	16	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	16	District Committee Meeting
october	25	Cub Basic Training
	7	Roundtable Meeting
	21	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	21	District Committee Meeting
	27-28	Cub Basic Training

NINE STEPS TO A GREAT SCOUTING YEAR!

1. **Roundup New Scouts and Leaders**
 - Have good representation at your school Night for Scouting night.
 - Get your boys to wear their uniforms to school.
 - Let your boys know that they can get a recruiter patch and baseball card for recruiting one of their classmates into Scouting.
2. **Finance Your Ideal Year of Scouting With Popcorn**
 - Make an annual budget for your "Ideal Year of Scouting."
 - Sell enough popcorn to cover your Scouting expenses for all year.
 - If you are not already signed up, call the council office to get on board, or Tonya Whitley at 862-6167.
 - Hurry up; sale begins on October 1st 2004.
3. **Get Yourself and Your Leaders Trained**
 - Every boy deserves a trained leader! Southbounder District has a great Cub Scout Training Team. Below is a sign up form with details about Fall Cub Scout Leader Training.
 - There are many council-wide training opportunities available, look at the training page of this issue of the Blue Ridge Scouter for details.
 - It has been determined that a trained leader is the number one factor in retention of boys and leaders!
4. **Get Youth Protection Trained**
 - Every troop must have at least one leader that has been through Youth Protection Training.
 - Mike Koontz holds Youth Protection Training give him a call to arrange it for your Troop/Pack at: 963-9666. We will also hold a session at a future Roundtable. This is a great opportunity to get required youth protection training.
5. **Don't Even Think of Missing the Fall Camporee**
 - That is the theme for our Boy Scout Fall Camporee on the weekend of October 15-17.
 - Details at upcoming roundtables.
 - Call Mike Watson at: 297-3023.
6. **Go Wild at Webelos Wild**
 - If you like Great Activities, Campfires and Camping...this is for you!
 - October 15-17, right next door to the Boy Scouts.
 - Visit some Boy Scout Troops and see where you will want to be a loyal Scout!
7. **Serve the Community**

"The only thing anybody ever keeps are the things he gives"
- Waite Phillips

 - Get ready for the 2004 Gobbler Grab For the Hungry! The A-Ni Wa-Ya Chapter of the Order of the Arrow needs your help in providing thanks giving turkey for over 5000 people. Every Den, Patrol and Crew should have at least one turkey ready by November 15.

8. Don't Miss Roundtable!

- Do you want to make being a Scout leader easier?
- Do you want to meet other Scouters?
- How would you like to learn a lot of new ideas?
- Would you like to know what all of the upcoming activities entail?
- If you answered at least one of the above answers yes, then you need to attend Roundtable!
- We will see you Thursday, September 2 and Thursday October 7.
- Make roundtable a regular part of your "First Thursday of the Month Routine."

8. Think About Recharter Before The Holidays!

- You will receive your recharter packets a little earlier this year (September). This will allow you to get started on it and free up your holidays.
- Jim Westmoreland and the Commissioner staff will be holding individual recharter clinics for Cub Scout Packs between October 1st and Oct 30th. Get help and finish your recharter early and don't worry about it during the holidays.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Commissioner's Corner by Jack Dewich, Council Commissioner

2004 Fall Scout Roundup

With the Fall Scout Roundup in full swing, it is important that we give every young person who wants to be a part of the Blue Ridge Council Scouting Program an opportunity to join. Listed below are some facts I found to be interesting about the attitudes and awareness of parents as it relates to the Cub Scouting program. These findings come from a study done by Harris Interactive, Inc. The study was done with 3,339 parents of elementary school age boys.

- 70% Cub Scout age boys have never been a Cub Scout
- 75% parents say that boys in Scouting learn valuable skills
- 57% of parents who indicated they had been invited to join the Cub Scouts said it came from a flyer at their son's school.
- 65% of parents surveyed said they knew of a Cub Scout Den that met in their area.
- 37% of the parents surveyed didn't know their son could join Scouting while in the First Grade.
- 32% of parents thought the only time their son could join was during the fall.

Here are just a few ways you can make the Cub Scouting program more available.

- Help your District Executive with the School Night for Scouting program
- Have an invite a friend night with special activities and prizes. The council also has special recognition for Scouts who recruit another Scout.
- Put out yard signs in neighborhood yards inviting parents to find out more about Scouting by contacting the person who has the sign in their yard. The council can provide your pack with yard signs.
- Hold a Church Night for Scouting. The council has church bulletin inserts available at no cost. We will also print them.

Here are a few ways to keep the Scouts you recruit in the program

- Make sure each family who joins at school night gets a phone call reminding them of them of the Den Orientation meeting.
- Insure all leaders get training as soon as possible.
- Have as many leaders as possible in place going into the School Night program.
- Have your Pack Program planned before the fall.
- Promote participation in Pack and Council activities such as Cub/Parent Camping Week end, Cub Scout Resident Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp.

Contact your District Executive or District Commissioner to find out more about the fall recruiting program. Good luck, and have a great Scouting program this fall!

Blue Ridge Council 2004 CUB-PARENT CAMPOUT at Camp Old Indian



FACILITIES

Camp Old Indian has adirondacks (small shelters open in front with bunks) and several cabins. **Pack lightly because no vehicles are allowed beyond the parking area and you must walk to the campsites.** Parking is very limited, please car pool.

REGISTRATION/SESSIONS

Check with your Pack leaders on the session they are attending and mark your 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choices on this form. Sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis. You will receive a postcard confirmation of your registration. **If your first choice for a session is filled, we will send you a postcard alerting you to the session we have placed you.** YOU must attend the session that you are assigned. Please do not show for a session that you are not booked for, as there will be no on site registration due to space limitations. Register early, as camp will only hold 400 people per night. Every effort will be made to keep Packs camping in the same area. No matter which session you choose, it is a fun packed 18 hours at camp. The Registration form is located on the bottom of this flyer. Please mark your calendar at home with your 1st, if we are not able to accommodate your first choice, you will receive a postcard with the date of your session.

CHECK-IN

If you choose a Friday session, check in between 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, depart at noon on Saturday. If you choose a Saturday session, check in between 1:30-2:30 PM (Please note that session 10 (Sat. 11/6) is 12:30 -1:30 PM due to daylight savings time). For the Saturday Session, **YOU MUST NOT** arrive before 1:30 PM; as we have to get the parking lot cleared from the previous session. Depart Sunday morning by 9:00 am. Tent campers will be asked to set up in the adirondaks area. Camp rules are: no use of tobacco in front of Scouts, no alcohol in camp, no pets, no firearms, and no fireworks. Scouts attending must be registered.

WHAT TO BRING

Sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, pillow, flashlight, toothbrush, rain gear, jacket, hat, (evenings can get cool). Place sleeping items in a heavy duty garbage bag for the Scout to carry or in a good duffel bag or backpack; if he drops it, everything stays clean and dry. The walk to your camp could be 1/4 mile or more uphill. Your Scout's uniform should be marked with his name on the labels and in his hat.

DRESS ACCORDING TO THE WEATHER! Event will be held Rain or Shine.

MEALS

Breakfast is the only meal that will be provided. Supper should be kept simple, or bring precooked. Lunch on the road.

FEES

\$15.00 per person, non refundable. Fee includes breakfast, patch for all scouts and registered leaders, programs listed and program materials. The campout is designed for the Scout and a parent or guardian. Sorry, no space for family camping/siblings. **If you want a Cub/Parent weekend T-shirt, you must pre-order the T-shirt on the registration form below. All sizes are \$10.00. Payment is required with your registration.**

QUESTIONS?

Check with your Scout Leader or contact the Scout Office (864-233-8363) or Chuck Greene (864) 843-4809. For information regarding available space and other updates, visit our website at www.blueridgecouncil.org.

Make checks payable to Blue Ridge Council, BSA and mail to: Cub/Parent Campout, Blue Ridge Council, P.O. Box 339, Mauldin, SC 29662. If you register as a pack or den, we must have a form for each scout. Please do not register more than one scout per form. If you have more than one scout in your family, only one parent need attend due to space limitations.

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CUB-PARENT CAMPOUT REGISTRATION

- Session 1**—Friday 9-24
- Session 2**—Saturday 9-25
Registration deadline for Session 1 & 2 is Wednesday, Sept. 15th—Camp Director - Lisa Alexander
- Session 3**—Friday 10-1
- Session 4**—Saturday 10-2
Registration deadline for Session 3 & 4 is Wednesday, Sept. 22nd—Camp Director - Dan Atkinson
- Session 5**—Friday 10-15
- Session 6**—Saturday 10-16
Registration deadline for Session 5 & 6 is Wednesday, Oct. 6th—Camp Director - Stephanie Bagwell
- Session 7**—Friday 10-22
- Session 8**—Saturday 10-23
Registration deadline for Session 7 & 8 is Wednesday, Oct. 13th—Camp Director - Jim Westmoreland
- Session 9**—Friday 11-5
- Session 10**—Saturday 11-6
Registration deadline for Session 9 & 10 is Wednesday, Oct. 27th—Camp Director -Tommy Howell

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION & MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK TO ADDRESS BELOW MARK YOUR 1st, 2nd & 3rd CHOICE-YOU WILL BE SENT A POSTCARD CONFIRMATION

District _____
Pack # _____
School _____
Cub Scout Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip _____
Day Phone _____
Night Phone _____
Email Address _____

We would like to bring a tent ()
Space for tent camping is limited.

REGISTRATION: # Scouts _____ + Parent _____ at \$15.⁰⁰ EA \$ _____

T-SHIRT ORDER

Youth M _____ L _____
Adult: S M L XL 2X
_____ at \$10.⁰⁰ EACH

Total Fees Enclosed \$