

Why Your Unit Should Participate in Family Friends of Scouting

- Each unit that holds a Family Friends of Scouting Presentation will receive:
 - A \$50 camp scholarship that can be awarded to a needy scout
 - A special streamer for the unit flag.
 - Achieve one of the requirements for the Gold Star Unit Award (by meeting the requirements for this award the unit will receive free cloth badges at the council trading post)
- Units that reach a pledge total of \$1,000 through the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign receive a total of two \$50 camp scholarships.
- Units that reach a pledge total of \$3,000 through the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign receive a total of three \$50 camp scholarships.
- Units that reach a pledge total of \$5,000 through the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign receive:
 - A total of four \$50 camp scholarships
 - Recognition as a member of the Blue Ridge Council's Eagle Club (Be the first unit in the council to achieve this recognition) at the Friends of Scouting Kickoff and Victory Celebration.
 - Collectors Eagle Statue.
- The Friends of Scouting Campaign provides 39% of the Blue Ridge Council's operating budget and 98.8% of all funds stay here in the Blue Ridge Council to support local Scouting. Some of the services the Blue Ridge Council provides are:
 - The maintenance and operation for three camps available to leaders and scouts for weekend use at no charge.
 - Liability and accident insurance for leaders and Scouts at no charge.
 - The council provides special assistance to Scouts and leaders who cannot afford uniforms, council and district activities, summer camp and training.

SCOUT SAFETY DAY at Safe Kids Fest

Your Scouts have an opportunity to earn badges and have fun at SAFE KIDS Fest at Haywood Mall on Saturday, April 30, 2005 from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm. Just come to Center Court to the Scout Headquarters to check in and receive your Scout Safety Pass which will direct you to experts that will assist you in meeting all or most of the requirements for:

Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe

- TIGER CUBS: ACHIEVEMENT 3
- Elective 27 Emergency
 - Elective 28 Smoke Detectors
 - Elective 29 Safety in the Sun

WOLF CUBS: ACHIEVEMENT 9

Be Safe at Home and on the Street

- BEAR CUBS: ACHIEVEMENT 11 Be Ready
 WEBELOS Activity Badge Readyman

Scouts should wear their uniforms and bring their handbooks. All Scouts who participate will receive a special SAFE KIDS reward. For more information, please contact: Musette Stern 454-1129

The Blue Ridge Council is proud to announce that Garland Lane has been hired effective January 1, 2005 to serve the Saluda River District.



Pictured (from left): Patrick, Jake, Ellen, and Garland Lane.

Hi! My name is Garland Lane and I am your new Saluda River District Executive. I was born and raised in Greenville, SC, am a graduate of Wofford College, and for the twenty years prior to joining the Boy Scouts was involved in management and sales for various upstate companies. My wife Ellen and I have been married for eight years and have two wonderful sons; Jake, 4 and Patrick, 3. I am excited about joining the Blue Ridge Council Team and my family and I are anxious to meet everyone in the Saluda River community. I look forward to working with all of you and to furthering the quality scouting programs within the district. Together, we can definitely make a difference and have a strong, positive impact on the young people of our community. If I can be of assistance or help in any way, you can reach me at 864-862-0889. I can also be reached via email at glane@blueridgescout.org.

foothills district

serving northern greenville county

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march	3	Key 3 Meeting (6:30pm)
	3	District Committee Meeting (7:00pm)
	10	Unit Commissioner Meeting (6:30pm)
	10	Roundtable Meeting (7:00pm)
	12	Pinewood Derby (9:00am)
april	19	Cub Leader Specific Training (9:00am)
	25	Good Friday (Office Closed)
	27	EASTER
	3	Spring Camporee
	3	Daylights Savings
	7	Key 3 (6:30pm)
	7	District Committee Meeting (7:00pm)
	14	Unit Commissioner Meeting (6:30pm)
	14	Roundtable Meeting (7:00pm)

SPRING CAMPOREE

The Foothills District will hold its Spring Camporee on Friday April 1st through Sunday April 3rd. The camporee will be an excellent time for earning merit badges. No scout will leave the camporee without earning the electricity and electronics merit badges. The cost is \$7 and the location is in Campobello, SC. Come join in on all the fun! For more information, please contact Jimmy Stepp at 608-4247.

PINEWOOD DERBY

Come join in all the fun at the Foothills District annual PINEWOOD DERBY!! Have a blast! See how your car compares to those in northern Greenville. The cost is \$3 per participant, the location is Taylor's 1st Baptist Church, and the races begin at 9:00am. For more information, please contact Brian Hicks at 292-8470.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The Foothills District Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at Taylor's 1st Baptist Church. We invite anyone who would like to assist in the success of the Foothills District. If anyone has any questions, please call Matt Holmes at 233-8363.

SCOUT SHOP SHIPPING CHARGES CHANGING

In order to make the Scout Shop consistent with the National Supply Division Catalog, the following shipping charges will take effect January 1, 2005:

Merchandise Total	UPS Shipping Total
\$0.00 to \$14.99	\$4.00
\$15.00 to \$29.99	\$5.50
\$30.00 to \$99.99	\$7.50
\$100.00 and up	8% of total sale

Express Shipments will be an additional cost (from the figures above):

Second Day Air	\$7.50
Next Day Air	\$10.00

Pow Wow 2005 Cub Scout Diamond Jubilee

Thanks to Chairperson Lisa Best and all the staff for a wonderful Cub Leaders Pow Wow held on January 15. 119 leaders participated in this year's event. Eleven different sessions including a Blue and Gold Banquet made up this year's Pow Wow. We want to thank all the leaders who took a day out of your busy schedule to learn more about the Cub Scout Program and Council activities. Fun fellowship and many new ideas were shared. It's our hope that the Pow Wow will enhance the program for your scouts. 2005 Pow Wow Staff; Chairperson Lisa Best, Mike Varriale, Alison Hearle, Lisa Alexander Teri Oswald, Kim Farley, Amanda Ladd, Joel Armistead, Jay Best, Jim Gillespie Paul Best, Tom Harris, James Sanders, Reb Dunn, James Roberts, Sandra Jones, Tim Taylor, Russell Cann, Richard Parker, Tim Keaton, Radaka Williams, Bruce Bunch, Melissa Ellison, Angela Riddle and Brian Hicks. Thanks staff for all your time and effort! If you are interested in helping with the Pow Wow next year you can contact Matt Kubler at 864-233-8363 ormku@blueridgescout.org.



The 2005 Cub Leader's Pow Wow held at Powdersville Middle School was a huge success with 119 leaders being trained in how to help their Scouts have more fun and their Packs be more successful!

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING foxfire

National Youth Leadership Training is the pinnacle of Boy Scout training for youth. Every troop deserves a Senior Patrol Leader that is Trained and prepared for the responsibility he faces. Foxfire offers training in advanced scout skills and teaches the eleven points of Leadership. This course is supervised by adults and taught by boys, it emphasizes the methods of the boy-led troop. Registration is first come, first serve. There is a limit on availability, so get your youth signed up as soon as possible because it fills up fast. Boys must be 13 years old and First Class by May 31, 2005 to be eligible. The cost of this program is \$180. A \$50 deposit is due by February, 18th.

To join this life changing and team building event, see the council service center or go to the council website for an application,

www.blueridgescout.org.

For more information contact:
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FOXFIRE 2005 REGISTRATION

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 Address _____
 City, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Troop # _____
 Scoutmaster _____

(Formerly, Junior Leadership Training)

learning for life

serving learning for life and exploring in greenville county

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march	15	Key 3 Meeting
	17	LFL Committee Meeting
april	21	LFL Character Camp – Elementary Schools
	22	LFL Character Camp – Middle/High Schools

Learning for Life Updates

It is the mission of Learning for Life to enable young people to become responsible individuals by teaching positive character traits, career development, leadership, and life skills so they can make moral choices and achieve their full potential.

What's New!!

Teachers can now access the following from the www.learning-for-life.org website. Also check out the interactive online games SuperSafe, Life Choices Character, and Life Choices Careers.

Character Quest

Teachers can use Character Quest as a strategy for teaching the Learning for Life elementary lesson plans in an after-school setting.

Sample Forms

These forms include the Student Career Interest Survey, Student Questionnaires, and Teachers Assessment.

2003 Annual Report of Learning for Life

Details the rapid growth and widespread success of our programs.

Online Resource Catalog

A catalog of resources available to support the Learning for Life program.

Learning for Life Teacher Orientation

This orientation has been updated to reflect recent changes in lesson plans.

Safety First Learning for Life Guidelines

These guidelines address the need to protect participants from potential hazards.

Youth Protection Training

A PowerPoint presentation for Learning for Life and Exploring groups.

State Educational Learning Standards

Learning for Life programs can be used to help your school meet many state educational standards.

Awards Recognize Student Success

New student recognition items are available to help place your program front and center in any school. A certificate may be downloaded from the Learning for Life Web site (www.learningforlife.org) to present to students for each award earned. Award medals—featuring the program logo sus-

pendent from a red, white, and blue ribbon—are available.

Exploring News

Explorers start preparing for our Explorers End of the Year Banquet that is scheduled for May 17, 2005. Additional information will be distributed by Advisors.

Awards and Scholarships

The time is near for all senior explorers to start applying for various awards and scholarships. Send your applications in early, deadlines will be fast approaching this Spring! All awards and scholarship applications can be downloaded from www.learning-for-life.org. Any young adult is eligible for the Young American Award and all youth participating in the high school Learning for Life or Exploring program can apply for an array of the following awards.

Young American Award (5/\$5,000 National Award)

First presented in 1968, the award is given to young adults between the ages of 15 and 25 who have achieved excellence in the fields of art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, music, religion, science, or service and have been involved in service to their community, state, or country that adds to the quality of life. Each council selects and submits their top nominee for consideration for the five national awards.

Congressional Award

An adult advisor, whom you choose, helps you set challenging but achievable goals in the four program areas. Once you've achieved your goals, you summarize them on a Recommendation Form. You'll receive a letter, which will let you know when your Senator and/or member of Congress will present you with your medal and certificate.

Career Achievement Award Program

The Learning for Life Career Achievement Award program allows young people to be recognized for community service and to acquire and be recognized for career proficiency achievement in either arts & humanities, aviation, business, communications, engineering, fire & emergency service, health, law & government, law enforcement, science, skilled trades, social services, or all 12 career clusters. It gives Explorers and student participants distinguished credentials for their resume.

Leadership Award Program

Leadership Award is given to youth and adults who have given exceptional dedication and leadership to the youth participants in either the Learning for Life or Exploring Program.

ADULT LEADERS AND PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

William H. Spurgeon, III Award

The William H. Spurgeon, III Award was developed in 1971 in honor of the man who is regarded as the major leader in the development of special interest Exploring. Mr. Spurgeon was a business executive at the Irvine Company in Southern California who personally organized many special interest posts in the 1960's. Mr. Spurgeon served for many years as a member of the National Council Executive Board and national Exploring Committee. His pioneering efforts led to the present contemporary Exploring Program. He devoted much of the late 1960's to promoting Exploring and is particularly remembered as a dynamic speaker for Exploring Impact Plan luncheons across America. Mr. Spurgeon passed away in 1970.

Russell C. Hill Award

The Russell C. Hill Award was established in 1999 to honor Hill's outstanding achievement in the character education field. Russell Chilton Hill was a prominent San Antonio, Texas businessman who spent much of his time and fortune in promoting Character Education based on his "Freedoms Code" which earned him the Freedom Foundation's Honor Medal. Hill made a pledge to fight for public support in the development of character in the youth of our nation. Learning for Life establishes this award to honor Hill's outstanding achievement in the character education field.

EXPLORING SCHOLARSHIPS

Youth participating in the Exploring program may apply for the following scholarships:

AVIATION EXPLORING

Sporty's Pilot Shop Scholarship (Aviation, 2/\$1,000)

Sporty's Pilot Shop offers two annual \$1,000 scholarships to encourage Aviation Explorers to enter and complete an aviation curriculum. Sporty's knows that aviation offers a variety of exciting, well-paying careers, and that qualified and motivated Aviation Explorers should be given encouragement and assistance in choosing a career in Aviation.

Spartan School of Aeronautics (Aviation, 4/\$2,000)

Spartan School of Aeronautics offers four annual scholarships to encourage Aviation Explorers to enter and complete an aviation curriculum that will lead to an exciting, well-paying career in aviation as a professional pilot, aviation maintenance technician, avionics technician, or instrument technician.

FIRE SERVICE EXPLORING

IAFCF Scholarship (Fire Service, \$500)

The International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation coordinates a yearly \$500 scholarship program to assist Explorers in pursuing a career in the fire sciences.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING

National Youth Representative Scholarship

Law Enforcement Exploring will provide a scholarship to the outgoing National Youth Representative at the National Law Enforcement Conference.

ATFAR Scholarship (Law Enforcement, \$1,000)

The retiree's association of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) offers scholarships in the amount of \$1,000. Scholarships are presented every year to Law Enforcement Explorers.

Capt. James J. Regan Scholarship (Law Enforcement, \$1,000)

The National Technical Investigators Association presents two one-time \$500 scholarships annually. Criteria include academic record, leadership, extra-curricular activities, and a personal statement.

DEA Drug Abuse Prevention Service Award (Law Enforcement, \$1,000)

The DEA Drug Abuse Prevention Service Award consists of an engraved plaque and a \$1,000 award, which will be presented in recognition of "an act or actions representing a contribution of outstanding service in drug abuse prevention." For more information, see the workbook for this award.

Federal Criminal Investigators' Service Award (Law Enforcement, \$500)

Federal Criminal Investigators Association recognizes Explorers who render outstanding service to law enforcement agencies with a \$500 U.S. Savings bond and plaque.

Floyd Boring Award (Law Enforcement, 2/\$1,000)

The director of the U.S. Secret Service presents two \$1,000 scholarships annually to law enforcement Explorers whose achievements reflect the high degree of motivation, commitment, and community concern that epitomizes the law enforcement profession.

Sheryl A. Horak Memorial Scholarship (Law Enforcement, \$1,000)

This merit-based award involves a \$1,000, one-time scholarship. The award also includes a plaque and pin.

Law Enforcement Exploring Community Crime Prevention Award

The International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners provides an annual recognition of Explorer posts that exhibit outstanding support of their communities. Includes a plaque and pin.

Law Enforcement Exploring Proficiency Awards

Provides an opportunity for posts and their Explorers to earn recognition in community service, crime prevention, law enforcement service, law enforcement training, firearms training, emergency preparedness, tenure and Explorer of the Year.

SKILLED TRADES EXPLORING

AFL-CIO Skill Trades Scholarship (Skill Trades, 2/\$1,000)

The AFL-CIO presents two \$1,000 scholarships annually to Explorers to help them support their education toward a career in skilled trades.

For additional information about awards and scholarships, please contact Tia Pendleton at 233-8363. Good Luck!!

I would like to thank all Learning for Life volunteers who contribute to the continued growth and education of our youth!

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march	10	Roundtable
	24	District Committee
	24	Commissioner Staff
april	2	Cub Scout Basic Training
	14	Roundtable Meeting
	28	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	28	District Committee Meeting
	29-1	District Camporee

THEMES FOR THE MONTH

	MARCH:	APRIL:
Cub:	Invention Convention	Waterways Of The U.S.A.
Webelos:	Athlete/Engineer	Sportsman/Family Member
Scout:	Pioneering	Environment

Roundtable Meetings

Once again, the Long Cane District would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and leaders to our Roundtable Meetings. We meet the second Thursday of every month at First Baptist Church in Greenwood at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

Spring Camporee

It's hard to believe, but spring is here! This year's spring camporee will be April 29th, April 30th, and May 1st. Check in for Boy Scouts will begin at 5:00 pm on April 29th. Check in for Cub Scouts will begin at 10:00 am - 12:00 am on April 30th. The district Camporee is an excellent opportunity to meet other Scouts and Scout leaders in our area. Boys love the activities, the camp experience, and the Scout memories that come from a Camporee. If you would like more information, you may contact Greg Balog or any Scout leader.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp is just around the corner. The dates of Camp will be June 20 - June 24. It will be held between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. If your son likes BB Guns, Archery, Arts and Crafts, Games and Activities, Singing, Acting, etc., your son will love Day Camp. Do not let your Scout get left out of the Scouting experience that comes from Day Camp. Sign up now for this fun-filled week!

District Banquet

Long Cane extends big congratulations to the following leaders for their outstanding service to the youth of our community and for their nomination and selection for the following awards:

Dr. Jon Hobbs District Award Of Merit
 Pat Foulk District Award Of Merit
 A.P. Neal Scoutmaster Of The Year
 Lisa Bartanus Cubmaster Of The Year
 Patrick McLaughlin Scouter Of The Year
 Gina Drebenstedt Cubber Of The Year

Boy Scout Summer Camp

Boy Scout Summer Camp is right around the corner. All units by now should have paid their \$50 camp deposit to secure their site for 2005. All youth should be prepared to pay their deposit for their camp attendance. If your Scouting unit or your son is currently not registered for summer camp 2005 and/or would like more information on the benefits of camp, please contact your Scoutmaster ASAP or contact Greg Balog.

Venturing

Venturing is for Boys and Girls who have completed the eighth grade and are between the ages of 14 and 20 years old. What kind of Activities can Venturers do? Some include backpacking, sailing, scuba diving, arts, hobbies, horseback riding, rock climbing, handgun shooting, cave exploring, teaching, service projects, whitewater rafting, canoeing, kayaking, and much more. Boy Scout Troops can multiply their Troop as a Venture Crew to open the activity list for their older boys. It is also an opportunity, like no other, to keep boys in Scouting after the age of 18. Venturers work on advancements, much like Boy Scouts, but the requirements are age appropriate. If you, your Troop, your son, your daughter, or someone you may know is interested in becoming a part of this very popular and growing program, please contact Greg Balog.

Thank You

Long Cane would like to extend a big Thank You to all Cub Scout, Scout, and Venture leaders for your service to our youth!

oconee district

serving oconee county and the community of clemson

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march	3	District Committee Meeting
	10	District Roundtable
	19	Cub Basic Training- St Mark Methodist Church @ 8:30
	25	2nd Day camp activities meeting
	31	District Commissioner Meeting
april	2	District Pinewood Derby- Seneca High School beginning @ 8:30
	3	Daylight Savings time begins
	7	District Committee Meeting
	14	District Roundtable
	28	District commissioner meeting

Cub Basic Training

Training will be at St.Mark Methodist Church on Saturday March 17th. Registration will begin at 8:30 and training starting at 9:00. This will be a great opportunity for those of you moving to the next level in Cub Scouts to be trained for the next level. We will also have YP available for those needing to renew their card. Plan to attend by calling Alison Hearl at 718-7159 to help us plan.

Pinewood Derby

The District will be held at Seneca High School again this year. Registration will be open beginning at 8:00 for the Tiger Cubs. We plan to begin racing at 8:30 so be on time and be ready to race. The three winners from each level of Cub Scouts, Tiger through Webelos II, from each pack are eligible to participate. See you at the races.

District Executive's Corner by Chad Duggins

January and February were great months for the Oconee District. We handled re-charter with out a problem and kept a great program going in all the

units. Thank each of you that have contributed so much in the past year to provide a super program in your units for your youth.

The District Banquet was a success with nominations for each award exceeding last years by a wide margin. The winner's for 2005 are as follows:

District Award of Merit Tommy Hutchins
 Scoutmaster of the Year Vic Shelburne
 Cubmaster of the Year Steve Willis
 Scouter of the Year Sandra McCurrie
 Cubber of the Year Lynn Wilson

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you all for the nominations. Recognizing your fellow scouters for their accomplishments shows them you appreciate their efforts and applaud them for it.

To the leaders of Scouting in Oconee District: Keep up the wonderful work you are doing because YOU do make a difference.

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serving pickens county and the community of powdersville

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march	1	Roundtable at First Baptist Easley @ 7:00pm
	1	OA Chapter Meeting at First Baptist @ 7:00pm
	15	District Leaders Recognition Banquet @ 6:30pm
	19	District Pinewood Derby at Grace UMC 12:00pm
april	5	Roundtable at First Baptist Easley @ 7:00pm
	5	OA Chapter Meeting at First Baptist @ 7:00pm
	8-10	Spring Camporee @ BJ Skelton Career Center
	19	District Committee Meeting at Dixie Tool @ 7:00pm
	29-30	Cub Chuckwagon Derby @ Robinson's Farm in Dacusville

Spring Camporee will focus on

Merit Badge Advancement

The planning process for the Spring Camporee is well under way and this will be one that none of your boys will want to miss. The Camporee will start on Friday, April 8th and end on Sunday, April 10th. We will hold the Camporee at the B. J. Skelton Career Center located at the intersection of Breazeale Rd. and Griffin Mill Rd. We will be tent camping, so Troops should be prepared accordingly. In order to properly organize and facilitate a Merit Badge Camporee, we will need the leaders to get registrations in on time. Scoutmasters, will need to give very accurate lists of boys and their selected Merit Badges, so the proper instructors and resources can be provided. We would like to see every troop participate in this Camporee. Karl Nolte from Troop 278 is leading the camporee committee, so if you see Karl thank him.

District Leader Recognition Banquet Set for March 15!

The District Advancement Committee has set the date for the District Recognition Banquet for March 15th. Also, each Pack, Troop and Crew should have appointed someone to help on the Banquet Planning Committee. Every leader in every Pack, Troop, Crew and Post is invited. You are promised a great time. Leader Award Nomination forms were mailed out in Early January. Make copies and give to all your leaders. They may want to nominate you!!!

Pinewood Derby

Cub Leaders have received information about this years Pinewood Derby, which will be held at Grace United Methodist Church in Pickens. Saturday, March 19th will be the day of the BIG race, registration will begin at 12:00 noon and races will begin at 1:00pm. Cub Leaders have the Race Booklet with specific times.

Chuckwagon Derby

The Chuckwagon Derby will be held at Robinson's Farm in Dacusville this year. This will be an overnight activity for Cub Scouts and their parent. Packs will need to work together to build their Chuckwagon. More information will be given at the March Roundtable, if there are questions call Lisa Alexander at 868-6470.

Register NOW for Day Camp &

Cub/Webelos Resident Camp

Before you know it, it will be warm and the birds will be singing and this can mean only one thing. It's Summer Camp time and for Cub Scouts this means Day Camp and Resident Camp. Day Camp is a five day activity where Cubs get to play, build, create and have lots of fun doing Cub activities. Resident Camp is for those boys who want to spend the 3 days and nights at Camp Old Indian with their parent. Boys and Parents get to enjoy the great outdoors and participate in Cub activities.

Keep an eye on your mailbox every scout will receive a registration packet very soon.

reedy falls district

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march	2	Key 3 Meeting
	3	Eagle Board Meeting
	7	Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
	10	Leader Roundtables, 7pm, Buncombe St. UMC, Scout Bldg
	17	Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30pm, Scout Service Center
april	17	District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, Scout Service Center
	19	Cub Day at the Races
	24	OA Meeting
	6	Key 3 Meeting
	7	Eagle Board Meeting
	14	Leader Roundtables, 7pm, Buncombe St. UMC, Scout Bldg.
	21	Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30pm, Scout Service Center
	21	District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, Scout Service Center
	28	OA Meeting

REEDY FALLS DISTRICT CONTINUED....

Leader Roundtables

Join fellow leaders the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at Buncombe St. UMC Scout Building downtown (off College St. beside Lacher Jewelers on left just before Academy Street). 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!

Upcoming Commissioner Staff & District Committee Meetings

Attention all Unit Commissioners and District Committee members. The Commissioner Meetings will begin at 6:30pm and District Committee Meetings will start at 7:30pm, located at the Council Service Center. Lindsay Smith, District Chairman and Steve Morrison, District Commissioner, encourage all members to be present for their respective meetings.

HELP!!!

We need help for our Cub Day Camp program. The Cub Day Camp program will be held at Aldersgate UMC from June 20-24. If you are able to help out, please contact Edmond Davis at 233-8363 or Erica Marquis at emarquis@aholdusa.com.

OA Chapter Meeting Reminder

OA Chapter Meetings will now be held at Devenger Road Presbyterian Church on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm. Scoutmasters should be sending at least your OA Representative (a leadership position that Scoutmasters need to appoint). Let's get every troop in Reedy Falls represented at OA Chapter Meetings. New materials and programs will be shared during the upcoming meetings. Questions, call Reedy Falls District OA Advisor Bob Clayton at 268-4480.

Charter Renewals

Thanks to all of the units who got their recharter kits in on time. Also, thanks to Steve Morrison and the entire commissioner staff for helping us get these recharter kits back in the office. For anyone who did not get their recharter in by the February 28th deadline, you are now officially off of our books and are no longer covered by council insurance. Please make an effort to get your recharter kit in as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact your unit commissioner or Edmond Davis at 233-8363.

Get Ready to Race!

All Cub Scout Leaders, don't forget about our District Pinewood Derby "Day at the Races," coming up on Saturday March 19th. Cubmobile race will begin at 8:00am on Logue Court off of Pelham Road about 1 mile east of I-85. Cost per car is \$12.00. For more information, contact Charlie Walden at 288-4703 or Edmond Davis at 233-8363. Pinewood Derby will begin at 1:00pm at Aldersgate UMC. Cost per registered person is \$3.00. For more information contact Dave Caldwell at 292-8136 or Edmond Davis at 233-8363.

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

Webelos leaders, don't miss out on a wonderful training experience on Saturday, April 9th at Camp White Pines at Camp Old Indian. Registration begins at 7:30am. This supplemental training course covers the skills & resources needed to teach the outdoor activity badges and helps provide good safe outdoor experiences. Every Webelos leader should take advantage of this training course. Cost will be \$15.00. Please see the registration form included in this edition of the Blue Ridge Scouter or log onto www.blueridgescout.org.

BALOO Training for Cub Scout Packs

BALOO (B-asic A-dult L-eader O-utdoor O-rientation) Training is a new training program required by BSA. At least one leader (a parent who is not already part of a pack leadership team) from each pack must be Baloo trained in order to carry out a camping activity. This supplemental training course covers the skills and confidence necessary to plan and carry out a successful first-time Cub Scout level camping activity. The training will take place on Saturday, April 9th at Messiah Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 7:30am. Cost will be \$15.00. Please see the Registration form included in this edition of the Blue Ridge Scouter or log on to our site at www.blueridgescout.org.

DE's Special Thanks

We are off to a great start this year and it is all because of the great team of volunteer leaders that we have in Reedy Falls. I appreciate everyone's commitment and dedication in making sure we deliver a quality program to the boys.

saluda river district

serving newberry county

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march	3	Scout Roundtable
	3	Boy Scout Roundtable
	3	OA Chapter Meeting
	17	Committee/ Commissioner Meeting
april	7	Cub Scout Roundtable
	7	Boy Scout Roundtable
	7	OA Chapter Meeting
	21	Committee/ Commissioner Meeting
	23	District Pinewood Derby

A New District Executive

The Blue Ridge Council is happy to announce that Garland Lane is the new district executive for Saluda River District (see the story on Garland in this Scouter). Garland has an extensive business background and just recently graduated from Wofford College. He has already met or talked with many Scouters in our district. If you have not yet met Garland, he would love to talk to you. His home office telephone number is 864-862-0889.

Recharterers

Every year the Boy Scouts start fresh in the membership books. All units recharter. This is done by taking off all youth and adults that are no longer active in your unit. If your unit's recharter month is February, your recharter is one month late. If your unit is a March recharter, they are due this month. Packs, Troops, Crews and Explorer Posts that are late lose their Liability and Accident Insurance. Units that are two months late (the beginning of the third month will drop off our books. If you are having a problem with your recharter, give Garland Lane a call. He will set up a meeting to go over any problems that you might have

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District Pinewood Derby is set for April 23

In 2005, the Saluda River District will have one Pinewood Derby instead of an Upper and Lower Pinewood Derby. We have set that date for Saturday, April 23rd. It will be held at Broadstreet UMC in Clinton. Registration for Tigers and Wolfs will begin at 8:30 am with the Tigers and Wolfs racing at 9 am. (we will use two tracks). Registration for Bears and Webelos will begin at 10 am. Their races begin at 10:30 am.. The first thru third place winners of each category will be eligible to race. The cost will be \$5 per car. Only official BSA cars will be eligible to race. Rules found in the kits will be strictly adhered to. Axles cannot be altered or moved on the car. Wheels can have the ridge smoothed but cannot be brought to a point. Only graphite may be used as a lubricant. Cars can't be more than 5 ounces and longer than the car length that comes out of the kit. Every boy in your pack is a winner. Let's make this a cub race. We look forward to seeing you on April 23rd. For more information you can contact Joe Timmons (864-876-2737) or Stephanie Bagwell (864-984-4425).

Leader Applications

All adult leader applications submitted to the council office needs to be filled out thoroughly. We now do background checks, so the social security number is required. Also the application needs to be signed by the unit committee chairman and by the Charter organization. Only then can the application be processed. Thanks!

Roundtables

Do you sometimes feel that you could use help with monthly themes or ideas on how to have a better program for your scouts? On the first Thursday of every month (excluding June and July), the Saluda River District has a roundtable at 7:30 pm at Broadstreet United Methodist Church in Clinton. Troop leaders take turns showing a scouting skill such as backbacking, how to build a fire, or where the best camping spots are. Cub Scout Leaders will learn about the upcoming theme and find out about upcoming activities. Put this date on your calendar and plan on attending.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Jessica Konarski from Pack 111 is going to head up this year's day camp in June. She is currently recruiting leaders and planning a program. The day camp gives all cub scouts an opportunity to have an experience they can only have during the summer. They will be able to shoot BB guns and archery, make crafts, go fishing, play games and much more with Cub Scouts from all over our district. If you would be able to help during the day camp, please contact either Jessica at 864-932-7791 or Garland Lane at either 864-862-0889 or 800-277-2724.

Thanks....

.....To all of you that helped collect food during our recent Scouting for Food service project. Many of the less fortunate will benefit from your hard work.

.....To Troop 339 and Robbie Hill for helping put on our annual district banquet.

.....To Delores Cain and Pack and Troop 142 for the outstanding job they do with their units.

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march	11	Key 3 Meeting
	20	District Committee Meeting
	20	Commissioner Staff Meeting
april	14	Key 3 Meeting
	21	District Committee Meeting

Scoutreach Fun Day

The Fourth Annual Ed Groves Scoutreach Fun Day was a huge success and I would like to thank all the leaders involved in particular Russell Smart, Tony Kaskurt, David Rainey, Paul Winston and the entire Merit Badge Staff for making scouting fun for both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in the Scoutreach District.

Scoutreach District Committee

The next Scoutreach District Committee meeting will be March 24th at 6:00 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 at 233-8363. Thank you!

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march	1	District Committee
	1	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	3	Roundtable
	24	District Banquet
april	4	District Committee Meeting & Key 3 Meeting
	4	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	7	Roundtable

6 & 20 District Banquet

Great job to all the Packs and Troops for getting your nominations in for the District Banquet. The District Committee & Advancement Committee had a large number of nominees for outstanding leadership to evaluate. Remember that as your Webelos earn their 'arrow of light' these boys names should be submitted so they can be recognized with our Eagles at the Banquet in March. Please send all 'arrow of light' recipients names to Steve McCarragher at mac001@charter.net or by phone at 226-0019. When you receive your banquet registration in the mail make it a point to send it

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back in promptly so the banquet committee can make the proper accommodations.

Eagle Board of Reviews

Eagle Board of Review meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the main library in Anderson. Terry King has done an outstanding job working with our upcoming Eagles. If you're Troop has an upcoming Eagle Candidate call Terry King at 231-7914 to reserve a spot at the next Eagle Board.

Spring Camporee

The Six & Twenty Spring Camporee date will be April 8 - 10, 2005 and held at the reenactment of "The Battle of Anderson County," which was one of the last battles of the Civil War. Scouts will have the opportunity to work on the American Heritage Merit Badge and other activities which reflect skills that our forefathers of the late 1800's would have used to survive. Saturday will be the highlight of the camporee as Troops watch the battle between union and confederate soldiers. Details are still being worked out but dutch oven cooking and black powder rifle demonstrations may also be included, reflecting the rigors of early life in America. Troop 20 of Belton will be hosting the camporee. The camporee Chair is Terry Rogers, and can be contacted at trogers@walkerwhiteside.com or phone if needed at 864-338-5825 (H).

Six and Twenty Finance Goal

The Six & Twenty District has kicked off our finance campaign with a goal of \$87,500. Many Packs and Troops helped with Family Presentations last year! Sign up sheets are available at Roundtable. Family FOS presentations explain the need for annual support from the families to help carry out the mission of Scouting in the community. A Fellow Scouter will come to your unit and present an overview of how the Boy Scouts of America is funded and your integral part as a parent of a Scout. If you would like to schedule a Family FOS Presentation prior to January Roundtable you can contact your local District Executive, Jonathan Runge, at 864-224-7440 or e-mail him at jrunge@blueridgescout.org.

Scouting for Food

Packs and Troops throughout the Six & Twenty District staked out their territory on a large map of the county provided by Tim Hutcherson. Tim is our Scouting for food chairman for the 2005 campaign. Last year our District collected 3,296 lbs of food and while that is a wonderful accomplishment we think that as a District we can do even better in 2005. The final step of reporting your collections is also one of the most important. When you are through collecting your bags, then weigh, then e-mail your totals to: timbuck101@email.com or call them in to 224-7440. The Salvation Army has put in formal request by way of letter for food this year, food donations can be dropped off at 112 Tolly Street. (Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30) 226-4344

Thank You

Thank you to all our units who have participated in the "Good Turn For America" service events with the Salvation Army. Also, this year our units have helped to support groups like the American Cancer Society through breast cancer awareness, food projects with the Salvation Army, Anderson Road Runners, An-Med Spooktacular, and many other worthy projects. Way to get Scouting to the community!!!

Important Dates

Some Good things to mark on your calendar: Roundtables are the 1st Thursday of every month at the LDS Church in Anderson. Roundtables begin at 7:00 P.M. and have breakout sessions for Cub Scout Leaders and Boy Scout Leaders. Attending is absolutely the best way to stay informed. Contact Steve McCarragher, Roundtable Chair, at 226-0019 with any questions.

District Committee Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at the 'Alternative School' in Anderson, the Commissioners meeting will be from 6:00 -7:00 and District Committee will be from 7:00 - 8:00, this is a new format.

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march	3	Roundtable
	17	District Committee Meeting 7:00pm @ the Scout Office
	17	Commissioner Staff Meeting 6:00pm @ the Scout Office
	19	Spring Blast
april	25	Office Closed for Easter Holiday
	7	Roundtable Meeting
	16	Cub Scout Leader Specific
	21	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	21	District Committee Meeting

Family FOS Campaigns

The Southbounder District Family FOS Campaign is in full swing. This is a great opportunity for Packs and Troops to help support Scouting financially for the next year. Through these campaigns, we hope to raise enough money to sustain council operations and also to fully fund our Scoutreach Program for under privileged and at-risk youth. If you have not been contacted and would like for your unit to participate in this worth while program, please call Matt High at 233-8363 to set up a presentation.

SPRING BLAST

Spring Blast is just around the corner. On March 19th, The Southbounder District will be blasting off with a fun filled day of activities which include, but are not limited to, Pinewood Derby Races, Cub Mobile Races, Map and Compass games and Scoutorama which will be hosted by the Boy Scout Troops of our district. A sign up sheet will be sent to all Cubmasters within the district or you can preregister at the scout office. Please note that T-Shirts will be available for this event for preorder only so order and register early!

DAY CAMP

If you would like to volunteer for a position on the Day Camp staff, please call James Sanders @ 962-9804. James would be happy to answer any question you may have and to give you information about this great opportunity to serve our Scouts.

