

for your information

NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DAY

PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR A GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA PROJECT

As the BRC continues to promote Good Turn For America, National Neighborhood Day provides units with an excellent service project to promote their neighborhood.

On Sunday, September 22, 2005, people around the country will be gathering in their neighborhood to celebrate National Neighborhood Day. This event was established as an annual day to recognize and reinforce the relationships that are the fabric of our communities.

National Neighborhood Day is a day of simple gatherings, connecting neighbor to neighbor in fellowship and fun, ultimately inspiring engagement far beyond the gathering. The ripple effect is demonstrable: Neighbors knowing one

another creates the foundation for effective communities; effective communities foster a collective strength that benefits our nation as a whole.

National Neighborhood Day is a "design-it-yourself" event that encourages each neighborhood to create a day of celebration unique to their community. It could be a party, a community service project, or a potluck. User-friendly tools are available on National Neighborhood Day's Web site (www.neighborhoodday.org), including invitations, posters, neighborhood directory forms, and other tools to help anyone plan, organize, and spread the word about their own local celebration.

2007 applications FOR WORLD JAMBOREE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

We are excited to announce that it is time to start planning for Scouts and Scouters to participate in the 21st World Scout Jamboree to be held in England in July/August 2007. The theme of this World Scout Jamboree is "One World, One Promise" – which captures the aspirations and hopes of young people for the future.

This event will be the capstone of a year long celebration of Scouting's Centenary and will include 40,000 participants from as many as 216 Scouting organizations around the world. The Blue Ridge Council has been allocated only 16 youth slots for this event (more may be available if other councils do not fill their allocations). The opportunity to be present at the official 100th birthday party of Scouting is a unique experience that some of you will get to share.

The Boy Scouts of America have also been allocated 800 adult service team positions and these applications must also be made through the Blue Ridge Council. All applicants for service team positions will be required to participate in a "face to face" interview with a representative of the Southern Region 2007 World Jamboree leadership. Many of these interviews will be conducted during the 2005 National Jamboree for applicants who are present at that event.

The UK Boy Scout organization has already established an extensive website with information about all of the centenary plans at www.scouting2007.org. You can check this out for many more details about the 2007 World Jamboree and other activities.

The estimated cost for a youth participant will be \$4,000. This includes the entire cost of participation including transportation to England and a great pre-jamboree tour. The cost for adult service team members has not been set as of this writing. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in approved fund-raising activities to help finance their World Jamboree experience.

Even though the actual event is still over 2 years away, you should make application as soon as possible if you want to have any chance of being selected. Please send in the below registration form to make sure that you receive an official application and we will follow up with all of those who indicate interest with further details.

Thank you for your interest and please contact me if you have further questions.

Russell Smart
Southern Region Chairman
2007 World Jamboree

why sell popcorn?

TRAIL'S END POPCORN SALE QUICK FACTS

The reason we sell popcorn is to raise funds to provide a better program for the youth in our Scouting programs. The more popcorn that is sold, the more funds that are available to do fun things with our Scouts. Below is a list of some of the benefits to your Unit selling popcorn, but just remember that the popcorn sale is simply a tool to help provide a better program for our youth:

Selling Trail's End Popcorn Can Provide the Ideal Year of Scouting by:

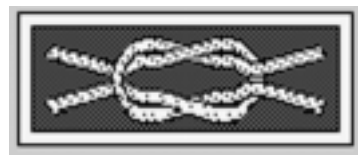
- ▶ Giving your unit more money to spend on programs for Scouts
- ▶ Reducing out of pocket expenses for parents
- ▶ Eliminating the need for multiple fundraisers each year—allowing more time for Scout programs
- ▶ Teaching Scouts communication and selling skills and helping them earn requirements for badges.

National Research Has Determined:

- ▶ 83% of people have never been approached to purchase Popcorn
- ▶ 4 of 5 buy when asked
- ▶ Over 80% of consumers say the primary reason they buy is to support Scouting.
 - There is no up-front money for your unit; you pay for what you sell.
 - The average sale is worth \$10 with \$3.20 to \$3.50 profit returning to the unit—the profits add up much faster than with "cheap" fundraisers.
 - Your unit can use the Blue Ridge Council prize program or you can develop your own.
 - Trail's End offers additional prizes to high sellers: \$1,500-sellers get choice of \$40 Gift Card from Wal-Mart or Toys'R'Us, and \$2,500-sellers get 6% of gross sale credited to Scout's scholarship account for post high school education.
 - The Blue Ridge Council uses Popcorn funds to provide Scouting to over 18,000 youth each year.
 - The Blue Ridge Council provides all the training, support, and forms you need; and your POPCORN COACH will be there to provide you one-on-one support for making your sale successful.
 - The Trail's End website offers more resources at www.trails-end.com and provides an online Ideal Year of Scouting calculator to help in unit planning and budgeting.



You can sign-up online at
www.blueridgescouncil.org/popcorn.htm
where you will find all popcorn resources available online.



Square Knot Award

The Square Knot Award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program. Congratulations to Dr. E.W. Rabon, Jr. of Post 67 of the South Carolina American Legion, is among the first recipients of this award in the entire nation, as well as the first member of this local Post to receive a national award! The award consists of a gold square knot on a purple background with a gold border, which may be worn on the Scout uniform, along with a

certificate. In order to be eligible to receive the Square Knot Award, applicants must complete several criteria based on: Service, Training, Tenure, Performance, and Approval. Once the award recipients have been selected, The Department would arrange for presentation of The American Legion Square Knot at an appropriate time and place. If you have any questions concerning this award, or would like to receive the criteria for eligibility please contact the Service Center.

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may	5	Key 3 (6:30)
	12	Unit Commissioner Meeting (6:30)
	12	Roundtable (7:00)
	23	Unit Inventories
june	2	District Committee Meeting (7:00)
	9	Unit Commissioner Meeting (6:30)
	20-24	Cub Day Camp

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. The District Committee will not meet in the month of May.

DAY CAMP
The Foothills annual Cub Day Camp will be held at Double Springs Baptist Church. The Day Camp committee is looking forward to an exciting fun filled week of activities. Make sure you register for the early bird by May 13th.. For more information please contact Day Camp Director Kathron Feher at 895-6052.

POPCORN
Now is a good time to start securing your unit popcorn chairs. They will be contacted this year by the Foothills popcorn coaches. We should all take advantage of the sale to reduce the cost of scouting in our local units. If anyone needs training on the "IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING" please contact Popcorn Chair Jill Rose at 675-1592.

SUMMER CAMP
Make sure all boys that are attending summer camp have all their paper work filled out and complete. Scoutmasters will be contacted by Matt Holmes 2 weeks prior to attending summer camp to get a head count of adults and youth that are attending.

UNIT INVENTORY
Starting May 23rd the Foothills District will be conducting their semi-annual unit inventory. This is to ensure that all boys that are active are registered with the council. Please be prepared to send via email or fax a current roster.

learning for life

serving learning for life and exploring in greenville county

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may 8 Mother's Day (Happy Mother's Day!!)
 17 Key 3
 17 Explorers Banquet (6:30 p – 8:00 p)
 19 Learning for Life Committee Meeting
 (11:30 – 1:00)
 30 Memorial Day

june 19 Father's Day (Happy Father's Day!!)

EXPLORING NEWS

Winterfest in Gatlinburg was a blast!! Post 103 (Greer Fire Dept), Post 2051 (Easley Fire Dept), and Post 466 (Greenville County EMS) attended with an overall total of 42 youth and 14 adult. Competitions ranged from Lip Sync to Talent Shows to specific events and activities from firefighting to advanced medical competition. Greenville County EMS Advisor Linda Holbrook reported that the Explorers placed 1st and 2nd in First Aid and 3rd in Advanced Medical. Greer Fire Dept Advisor John Bailey reported that their Explorers competed in Midnight Rescue, Rapid Dress, and placed 11th and 34th in Ladders. Easley Fire Dept Advisor Kevin Maxey, Dewayne Dobbins reported that their Explorers competed in Rapid Dress, Communications, Midnight Rescue, placing 36th and 37th, and placing 12th in Ladders. Winterfest 2006 is scheduled for January 27-29, 2006, so mark your calendars for this exciting competitive events weekend!! I hope to see you there!!!

NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM STARTS SEPTEMBER

The National Aviation Exploring Committee offers annually multiple sponsored scholarships to encourage Aviation Explorers to enter and complete an aviation curriculum. National Committee members know 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. Through the years, the National Aviation Exploring Committee has been a loyal and generous supporter of projects designed to promote aviation to the general public and especially to the young. This long standing dedication to the community continues with the National Aviation Explorer Scholarship Program. For an application and qualifications please visit our website at: www.aviationexploring.org or call Tia at the Service Center.

EXPLORERS RECOGNITION BANQUET

Explorers Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at Greenville Tech's Admission and Registration Building located in McAlister Square on South Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville. The Banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. awarding Explorer of the Year, Advisor of the Year, Assistant Advisor of the Year, and Career Achievement Award recipients. The cost for the evening is \$7.00 per person which covers dinner from Hickory Hill Bar-B-Q. Additional information is listed in the Scouter or contact Tia, 233-8363 x.204. Mark your calendars!!!!

EXPLORER POSTS/ VENTURING RECOGNITION

Post 2817, Greenville Sheriff's Office conducted an 8 week Saturday CERT training course with Sgt. Brian Donnelly being one of the instructors. The participants were engaged in fire suppression, medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster preparedness, disaster psychology, terrorism, and felony car stop training.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Explorer Travis Cantt of Post 2051, Easley Fire Department for receiving a Career Achievement Award. We wish him much success in all of his future endeavors.

Congratulations to Crew 955- Southside High School Drilling Tigers who won at the State Air Force JROTC Drill Meet

JROTC DRILL MEET

The State Air Force JROTC Drill Meet was held on March 5th, 2005 in Columbia. Over 20 drill teams from South Carolina converged on USC to be named the state's best AFJROTC Drill Team. Southside's Drilling Tigers placed in the top three in 6 out of ten events and won second place overall in this highly competitive competition. Southside took the following awards:

1st place **Armed Flight Regulation division**
 commanded by Cadet Aaron Woods

2nd place **Unarmed Exhibition Flight division**
 commanded by Cadet Chamar Jenkins

2nd place **Armed Element Regulation division**,
 commanded by Cadet Byron Brooks

2nd place **Individual Armed Exhibition division**,
 Cadet Kris Dillard.

3rd place **Armed Exhibition Flight division**,
 commanded by Cadet Aaron Woods

3rd place **Color Guard by cadets Chelsea Thompson**,
 Tiffany Grimsley, Byron Brooks and Aaron Woods

The Tigers placed second behind their rival, Spring Valley High School. Southside's drill team members are looking forward to their next competition, "Top Gun", where they expect to take top honors in the state all-service drill meet, otherwise known as the Governor's Cup. In addition to Southside's second place position, they once again placed first among all Greenville County and upstate schools in attendance, followed by D.W. Daniel High School of Pickens County in a distant third place overall.

SOUTHSIDE'S DRILLING TIGERS

WIN NATIONAL COMPETITION

The American Legion National All-Service JROTC Drill Meet was held on Feb 5th, 2005 in Montgomery, Alabama. There, nearly 100 drill teams from across the U.S. competed for top drill honors. Southside's Drilling Tigers earned 5th place in the Armed Flight Regulation division, commanded by Cadet Aaron Woods. In addition to the team award, Cadets Byron Brooks and Aaron Woods won 2nd place in the Duet Category, while Cadet Taphnaiah McClodden was chosen as a semi-finalist in the unarmed knock-out division. These achievements earned Southside their first awards at the national level ending its drought of 6 years competing at the national level. Major Windley and Master Sergeant Brown expressed their pride in the cadets for their accomplishments; however, the two believe this is just the beginning of a perennial team placement among the top drill teams in the U.S. Overall, Southside placed 10th among all schools and first of all South Carolina schools. A total of four schools from Greenville County competed at Montgomery including Berea, J.L. Mann and Wade Hampton High Schools.

INFORMATION

If there are any questions or you need additional information about Learning for Life or available programs please contact Tia Pendleton at the Scout Service Center, 233-8363 x. 204 or via e-mail tpendleton@blueridgecouncil.org.

Thanks to all Post Advisors, Group Teacher Leaders and Learning for Life District Committee members for continuing to make Learning for Life a success! Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day to all parents!!

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may 19 Roundtable
 26 District Committee
 26 Commissioner Staff

june 9 Roundtable Meeting
 23 Commissioner Staff Meeting
 23 District Committee Meeting
 20-24 Cub Scout Day Camp

THEMES FOR THE MONTH

	MAY:	JUNE:
Cub:	Cub Pet Pals	Destination Parks
Webelos:	Outdoorsman/Handyman	Traveler/Artist
Scout:	Orienteering	Mechanics

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!

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Cub Scout Day Camp is just around the corner. The dates of Camp will be June 20 – June 24. The location will be Connie Maxwell. Camp 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. This year, we are looking to add swimming to our list of activities. 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! For more information, please contact Pat Foulk at 388-9727.

POPCORN

It's hard to believe that we are already thinking about popcorn sales. Our district popcorn kick-off is August 25, 2005 at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church. This will be the official kick-off for all unit sales. This fundraiser, if promoted and executed efficiently in your unit, can finance your unit for the Scouting year. Several units that are successful with the sale do finance their unit with this fundraiser. They use this as an incentive for their youth to sale and to encourage the parents to help support their sons or daughters. Participating in the popcorn sale is also a requirement for Gold Star unit. Gold Star units receive from the Blue Ridge Council all rank advancement patches free for a year. This can save your unit a lot of money and encourages advancement. We have a handful of Gold Star units in our district; let's make it a point for your unit to be Gold Star. Help your unit and your pocket book by participating in the popcorn sale.

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

Boy Scout Summer Camp is right around the corner. 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. It is not too late to get to camp.

PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Our annual Program Kick-off will be Thursday, August 11, 2005 at First Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. This is going to be our August Roundtable agenda. At the program kick-off, all units receive the new 2005 –2006 calendar, a coupon for a free guide to safe scouting, all of the dates for training, district events, council events, boy's life calendars, tour permits, advancement reports, youth and adult registration forms, and much more. Basically, everything needed to operate your unit for a year is in the packet we give out. Long Cane plans to distribute all fall recruitment and school night information at this meeting as well. Every unit should have leadership attending this meeting. It is for the benefit of the youth as well as for the success of the unit. The materials included in the program kick-off packets are a service of the Long Cane District and Blue Ridge Council and are supported by our Friends of Scouting.

THANK YOU

Long Cane would like to extend a big Thank You to Cathie and AP Neal for their work on our 2005 spring camporee!

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may 5 District Committee Meeting
 12 District Roundtable
 25 2nd Day camp activities meeting
 31 District Commissioner Meeting

june 13-17 Oconee Day Camp at High Falls Park

OCONEE DAY CAMP

Oconee Day Camp will be held June 13-17 at High Falls Park. There will be BBs, Archery, games, crafts and awards to be earned by the boys during the week. We also have several special guests that will visit during the week. Please get signed up as soon as possible so we can better plan ahead to make Day Camp a great experience for the boys. The application is available on the council web site, blueridgecouncil.org, so you can download it and fill it out for your son. We look forward to seeing each of you there this summer.

– There will be no District Committee, District Roundtable or Commissioner staff meetings for the month of June or July. Have a great summer and we will see you in August.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE'S CORNER by Chad Duggins

The month of May brings to a close schools in Oconee County but is just a starting point for the fun to really begin in scouting for both cub scouts and boy scouts. The cubs have Day Camp at High Falls Park to look forward to in June. The preparation will be almost complete for the fun to begin. The boy scouts will be making their final plans to go Camp Old Indian or other long term camping experience. This year is a special year with a lot of our scouts and leaders getting ready for the trip to National Jamboree in Ft. AP Hill Virginia. Our District Committee is doing a great job getting adjusted to their different roles on the committee. Lets all have a fun and safe summer ahead in scouting.

TO THE LEADERS OF SCOUTING

IN OCONEE DISTRICT:

Keep up the wonderful work you are doing because YOU do make a difference. With the boys having crossed over give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done especially those packs the had their first group move into boy scouts from their pack. Thank you all for a job well done.

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may 3 Roundtable at First Baptist Easley at 7:00pm
 3 OA Chapter Meeting at First Baptist at 7:00pm
 14 Order of the Arrow Work Day at
 Camp Old Indian at 8:00am
 17 District Committee Meeting at
 Dixie Tool at 7:00pm
 25 Pickens County School out for Summer Vacation

june 8-11 Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Old Indian
 13-17 Cub Scout Day Camp at Pickens Middle School

DISTRICT RECOGNITION BANQUET HUGE SUCCESS, RECOGNIZED GREAT LEADERS!

On Tuesday, March 15th, Pickens District recognized all of its leaders for a great year in Scouting and ate some great barbeque at the same time. Over 130 leaders, family and friends were present as the District recognized some very hard working leaders. There were two very special awards given, first was the International Scouter's Knot, awarded to Chris Jensen of Easley. Chris was the very first person in the Blue Ridge Council to earn this prestigious award, which was presented by Scoutmaster Russell Smart. It is awarded to leaders for their work in Scouting through out the world. The second special award was a Woodbadge Beads Presentation. Chip Walpole has worked very hard over the last two years to complete the Woodbadge Training Course and he was presented a set of beads and a neckerchief. The beads and neckerchief are the recognition for completing Woodbadge.

Recognition for others for their hard work are as follows...

Steve Berryhill / Pack 51 Den Leader of the Year
 Ramey Dickerson / Pack 6 Assistant Cubmaster of the Year
 Angela Riddle / Pack 6 Cubmaster of the Year
 Rick Schneider / Troop 26 Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year
 Bryan Dickard / Troop 37 Scoutmaster of the Year
 Bob Burth / Crew 210 Crew Advisor of the Year
 Virginia Sullivan / Troop 51 Scouter of the Year
 Bill Edge / Troop 210 Scouter of the Year
 Herman Adams / Pack 130 Spark Plug
 Tommy Samuels / Pack 6 Spark Plug
 Anne Samuels / Pack 6 Spark Plug
 Scott Lindley / Troop 210 Spark Plug
 Angela Riddle / Pack 6 District Award of Merit
 Alex Dye / Troop 26 District Award of Merit
 Virginia Matthews / Crew 37 District Award of Merit

Again, congratulations to all these leaders for their hard work and unselfish dedication, the Scouting Program could not happen without our dedicated volunteers. We hope to see more leaders at our Banquet next year.

SPRING CAMPOREE

There are many thanks, to go around for our wonderful Spring Camporee. First and foremost is Karl Nolte, over the past 6 months Karl and his wife Morgan worked very hard to get everything in place for our Camporee. If you see Karl or Morgan please thank them. The other staff members included David Jensen, Dewey Barefield, Jim Ehney, Doc Rabon, Perry Gravely and many others, thank you. We had boys earn 15 different Merit Badges and even some new scouts who completed requirements towards their Tenderfoot Rank. We had great counselors, staff and participants and this should go down as one of the best Camporees in our district. Recruiting leaders now, is the key to a smooth fall start.

RECRUITMENT

Cubmasters, now is the time to start recruiting your den and pack leaders for the fall. Fall will be a hectic time, with kids going back to school, Pack meetings starting, School nights, Popcorn and Cub Campouts, so recruiting now will help you stay one step ahead. It may sound early, but if you have your leaders in place during the summer, then you can begin your planning earlier, which will lead to a more organized fall. The district membership committee will be hosting a Fall Round-Up Training session to help familiarize leaders with the School Night process and get materials to Cubmasters. Each Pack will receive a letter in the mail with this information, so please encourage your Pack leadership to attend with you.

PINEWOOD DERBY WAS FAST AND FURIOUS

This year's Pinewood Derby was fast and furious and when the dust settled only six cars remained undefeated. All the scouts did a great job building their cars and showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations, to all the scouts and their families. Here are the results...

TIGERS	WOLF	BEAR
1 ST Jacob Wright-51	Cody Hall-13	Kyle Armonaitis-210
2 ND Sean Miles-210	Austin Gerrald-210	Noah Hinson-33
3 RD Kyle Wiegand-33	Matthew Wimpey-51	Andrew Samuels-6

WEBELOS I	WEBELOS II	ADULT/SIBLING
1 ST Tyler Keller-210	Jake Spence-210	Mason Lamance-51
2 ND Cayden Howard-133	Nathan Gilreath-6	Rick Keller-210
3 RD Jacob Anderson-29	Ben Andrews-227	Caleb Esury-33

POPCORN SIGN-UP

Leaders it is getting close to Trail's End Popcorn time and we would like to encourage Packs and Troops to get registered as soon as possible. Nancy Trowbridge from Pack 210 is this year's District Popcorn Chairman, we would like to thank Nancy and so far she has jumped right in and is eager to make this year's sale great. The popcorn sale will be a little different this year because we will have Popcorn Coaches, who will work with each Pack and Troop to offer them assistance throughout the sale. We realize that Packs and Troops get new people involved every year and this is a way we can help your leaders with the popcorn sale. We will of course hold our District Popcorn Kick-off in July, in addition, we are going to hold an "Ideal Year of Scouting" Training session in May, where each Pack and Troop must be represented by a member of its top leadership. This training is a way for the unit to plan out its upcoming year while at the same time understanding its financial needs and how the Trail's End Popcorn Sale can fulfill those needs. So please get your unit registered as soon as possible.

Visit the Boy Scouts of America website at:
www.bsa.scouting.org

REEDY FALLS DISTRICT CONTINUED...

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| may | 4 | Key 4 Meeting |
| | 5 | Eagle Board of Review at Buncombe St. UMC |
| | 12 | Cub and Scout Leader Roundtables, 7pm, Buncombe St. UMC, Scout Bldg. |
| | 19 | Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30pm, Scout Service Center |
| june | 19 | District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, Scout Service Center |
| | 26 | OA Meeting |
| | 1 | Key 3 Meeting |
| | 2 | Eagle Board of Review at Buncombe St. UMC |
| | 9-12 | Cub Scout Resident Camp, Camp Old Indian (Cub Scouts) |
| | 20-24 | Reedy Falls Cub Scout Day Camp, Aldersgate UMC |
| | 23 | OA Chapter Meeting |

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 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!

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, May 19th. 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. Lets all look forward to a wonderful scouting year!

REEDY FALLS CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Come and experience the FUN of Day Camp! We are at a new location (Aldersgate United Methodist Church) this year and we are going to have a great time. Weekly activities will include archery, bb guns, crafts, wrist launchers, games, advancements and much more. If you have not been to camp, you will want to come this summer! Don't miss out on the fun, fun, fun!

DAY CAMP STAFF NEEDED

For our Day Camp to be the best ever, we need you to serve on staff. Adults and Boy Scouts (over 14) are needed. You will be greatly appreciated and will have an experience of a lifetime with your son. Kids love it when their mom or dad is there at camp with them. Please call Erica Marquis (Camp Director) at 987-8887 (w) 236-0485 (h) or email at pack9@charter.net to volunteer your time. Even if you can only spare a day or two, that would be great and a huge help!

OA CHAPTER MEETING REMINDER

OA Chapter Meetings are now being held the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm at Devenger Rd. Presbyterian Church. Scoutmasters should be sending at least your troop OA Representative (a new leadership position that Scoutmasters need to appoint). Let's get every troop in Reedy Falls represented at the OA Chapter Meetings. Questions, call Reedy Falls District OA Advisor Bob Clayton at 268-4480.

DE'S SPECIAL THANKS

Congrats to Erica Marquis and Steve Morrison for being awarded the District Committee Member Award for the month of February and Tim Poole for the month of March. These three individuals really went far beyond their call of duty by ensuring that we deliver our promise to the youth that we serve. Thanks for your work!

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CUB SCOUTS

Mark your family calendar for Cub Day Camp 2005. This is an activity that shouldn't be missed! We will be having our twilight Camp from June 13-17 at Lake Rabon. Activities will include BB Guns, archery, fishing, arts, crafts, organized games and loads of fun! For more information, contact Tammy Lee, 864-683-2267, or Jessica Konarski, 803-932-7791. They are actively recruiting staff for the camp and if you can help, give one of them a call. I'm sure you'll have as much fun as your Cub Scouts. Don't miss out!!!

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp Old Indian is just around the corner! This is an experience that shouldn't be missed and one that a boy will never forget. Please try to bring every Scout in your unit to camp this year because no boy should be deprived of this experience. For more information about Boy Scout Summer Camp, please call Garland Lane or contact the council office at 1-800-277-2724. There may still be camp sites available!

Please visit
www.blueridgescouncil.org
for more information on Scouting

SALUDA RIVER DISTRICT CONTINUED...

DISTRICT DINNER HIGHLIGHTS

On February 3rd, leaders, parents, friends, and scouts from our district came together for an evening of fun, fellowship, and recognition. The following were cited for the exemplary job they did last year:

- District Award of Merit Dale Satterfield, Frank Lake & Mildred Andrews
Scoutmaster of the Year Willie Couch
Boy Scouter of the Year Terry Anderson
Cubmaster of the Year Billy Lindler
Cub Scouter of the Year Amy Van Horne & Debra Mulhall
Scout Reach Scouter of the Year Delores Cain
Explorer Post Advisor of the Year Marty Crain
Venture Crew Advisor of the Year Robbie Hill

Congratulations to Mike Ammons & Smith Patterson for being awarded the Silver Beaver Award at our Council Awards Banquet.

THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to Stephanie Bagwell, Chad Schrantz, and everyone else involved in putting on a wonderful Pinewood Derby.
Thanks to Dan Atkinson and everyone involved in organizing and running our Spring Camporee.
Thanks to Robbie Hill for the delicious meal at our District Banquet and to everyone else involved in making this banquet such a huge success.
Thanks everyone!!! Great job!!!

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| may | 3 | Key 3 Meeting |
| | 19 | District Committee Meeting
Commissioner Staff Meeting |
| june | 2 | Key 3 Meeting |
| | 23 | District Committee Meeting |

SCOUTREACH PINEWOOD DERBY

Special thanks to all the scouts and leaders that participated in the Fourth Annual Scoutreach Pinewood Derby that was held at The Mt. Pleasant Community Center.

SCOUTREACH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The next Scoutreach District Committee meeting will be June 23rd 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 233-8363ext. 208 Thank you!

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| may | 2 | District Committee |
| | 2 | Commissioner Staff Meeting |
| | 5 | Roundtable |
| june | | No Roundtable |
| | 6 | District Committee Meeting & Key 3 Meeting |
| | 6 | Commissioner Staff Meeting |
| | 13-17 | Cub Day Camp |

CUB DAY CAMP

Hi Cub Scouts! Don't miss out on your chance to earn activity pins, belt loops and many other advancements as we go, "On Safari with Akela." Daily activities will include archery, air-rifle 9bb-guns), arts and crafts, field sports, and games and advancement activities. We will have special activities, guest speakers, den skits, ceremonies and a lot of FUN! Our trek will begin Jaune 13, 2005 and will last through June 17, 2005. We'll meet daily at the Anderson Recycle Center between the hours of 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. All Cub Scout Leaders from the Six & Twenty District are invited to attend and trek along with us! Extra hands for Treks are always welcome! Call the Camp Director, Michael Corron at 296-4589 or the Program Director, John Swizdaryk at 964-9579 to volunteer or get information. Cost per Cub Scout is \$60.00.

SPRING CAMPOREE & DERBY RACE

The Six & Twenty Spring Camporee held at the reenactment of "The Battle of Anderson County," was a great success and we would like to thank Troop 20, Terry Rogers, Travis Payne, Will Martin, Bill Brock and the rest of the Camporee Committee who worked hard to make this event a success. Also, the Ca-Nu-Pa Chapter appreciates all the Troops who hosted their Lodge elections at the Camporee. You guys are now ready for Camp! -Ron Cromer, showing ever true devotion to Scouting and the great world of racing chaired our 2005 District Pinewood Derby. In addition to a wonderful job of promotion Ron also set up pre-event work shops to make sure all the boys had great direction and all the tips they needed for their cars to be ready on Race Day. The District is fortunate to have Ron working so hard with the Derby. Thanks Ron!

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Ca-Nu-Pa Chapter of the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge is headed up by new Chapter Chief Will Martin from Troop 20 out of Belton. The chapter hosts a break out meeting at roundtable where an O.A. youth representative from each Troop is asked to represent their unit and attend the meeting. These youth reps. can then bring the upcoming OA information back to there Troops so no boys involved in the Lodge miss out. This new format that Tom Miller helped to institute has proven to be a success with youth representatives from nine units consecutively attending the last couple of meetings. The next meeting will be held on May 5th (Roundtable) at the LDS Church in Anderson. The meeting will begin at 7:00 and the youth will be discussing a 'summer activity' for all lodge members from Anderson County. For more details on the Ca-Nu-Pa chapter contact Will Martin by e-mail at madcow8pi@juno.com

SIX AND TWENTY FINANCE GOAL

Many Packs and Troops helped with Family Presentations this year and

SIX & TWENTY DISTRICT CONTINUED...

boy they sure have paid off! Family FOS presentations explain the need for annual support from the families of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, helping to carry out the mission of Scouting in the community. Tommy Howell has done an amazing job heading up the family FOS presentations, meeting and exceeding the Districts Family goal of \$5,000!! There are 18 Packs and Troops to date have who earned a ribbon for their pack flag, a camper-ship for \$50.00, and helped out the Scouting Movement as a whole by participating in this very worthy endeavor.

• Our Anderson County Dinner was a success, this event was held at Dr. B.C. McConnell's barn filled with exotic trophy game, and the dinner was a steak meal. Wayne Watson along with Kirk Moorhead manned the grills cooking over 125 1" thick steaks. Dorris Wheeler of Troop 12 orchestrated the shuttle valet parking service. The event was a huge success rendering over \$17,500 worth of support towards the Districts Goal of \$88,000.
• Belton also came in strong hosting a BB'Q Dinner at the First Baptist Church. Coach Wayne Green, head coach at BHP High-school was the guest speaker. He did a shared trails of leading his team to the State play-offs and discussed the great character that he has seen Scouting develop in youth. Explorers from Belton Fire Department and Troop 20 & Pack 20 presented the colors and invocation. Skipper Maynard chaired the event and helped Belton reach their goal of \$9,000.

• The Six & Twenty District is on track to attain 100% of their finance goal for 2005. Thank you to Greg Smith the overall chair for leading all to victory!

POPCORN

Popcorn!!!! Pop!! Popcorn!! It's time to start thinking golden crunch and the 6 & 20 is right where we need to be with a new County Popcorn Kernel. Alice Hunter involved with Scouting in Pendleton will be our 2005 Popcorn Chair. The District will be putting together a District Team to make sure the sell goes great for your unit. Start thinking now about who you would like to represent your Pack, Troop, Post or Crew in 2005 as your Popcorn Chair. We will be calling to get unit representation very soon. You may contact Jonathan Runge, District Executive at 864-244-7440 or Alice at 864-287-3818 to obtain more information or report to your Unit Chair.

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEWS

Eagle board of Reviews meetings will be held once a month at the library, off of Fant Street 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. Meeting held at 7:00 on the Last Thursday of every month.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bonnie Malmquist, Hugh Oldham & Tim Hutcherson for all of the hard work they put into the District Banquet. It was exceptional and we had a record attendance of 129.

Thank you to all the 19 Packs and Troops who collected food in our Scouting for food drive. We collected 5,459 lbs of food that was distributed to AIM, BIMA, Safe Harbor, Calvary Home, Good Neighbor, and The Salvation Army. That is over 1,400 lbs more than collected in 2004. Outstanding!!

Thank you to the Junior Leader Training for the District was hosted by Steve McCarragher and was held on Kings Road. We had 22 boys go through JLT, super attendance form the Troops. Steve McCarragher, our district Advancement Chair will be happy to get you information on future District JLT Trainings and can be contacted by e-mail at mac001@charter.net or by phone at 864-226-0019 in Anderson.

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. 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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| may | 5 | Roundtable |
| | 19 | District Committee Meeting - 7:00pm at the Scout Office |
| | 19 | Commissioner Staff Meeting - 6:00pm at the Scout Office |
| june | 14 | OA Camp Clean Up |
| | 30 | Memorial Day |
| | 14 | Flag Day |
| | 13-17 | Cub Scout Day Camp |
| | 19 | Fathers Day (tell Dad how much he means to you) |

FAMILY FOS CAMPAIGNS

Thanks to all the Southbounder Packs and Troops that participated in this year's Family Friends of Scouting campaign. The funds generated through these and all campaigns will greatly benefit the youth of our district and council. You all showed great scout spirit in your willingness to support our youth.

DAY CAMP

If you would like to volunteer for a position on the Day Camp staff, please call James Sanders at 962-9804. It's never to late to volunteer!!! We are looking forward to a great camp experience for our scouts and you can only make it better!

SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD

Keep you scouts involved year round by earning the National Summertime Pack Award. We all know that if we keep Scouts active, they stick with Scouting. This award is a great way of encouraging the Scouts to continue with the fun even when school's out.

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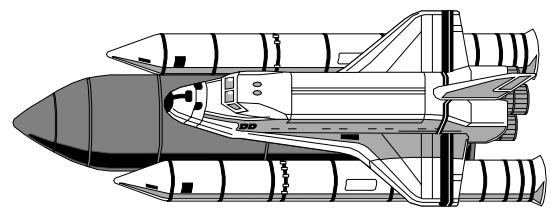
The 22nd Annual Piedmont-Appalachian College of Commissioners Science will be held at Lees-McRae College in Banner-Elk, North Carolina, May 13-15, 2005. The college is run by a cluster of five councils: Daniel Boone, Great Smoky Mountains, Palmetto, Sequoyah and Blue Ridge.

The format is modeled after college courses and degrees. The purpose is to provide ongoing practical training for all Commissioners. The curriculum is divided into three program levels: Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate. Round table and post graduate programs are also offered. If you are interested in attending please contact your District Commissioner.

Summer Camp is filling up quickly, and there is still an opportunity for your unit to register. Please call Traci Bridwell at the Council Service Center to make your reservation.

There will be a Commissioner Cabinet meeting on Monday, June 6, at the Council Service Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. All District, Assistant District, and Assistant Council Commissioners are invited to attend. Please RSVP your attendance to Bill Bomely at the Blue Ridge Council Service Center.

Thought for the day....
 You either control your attitude or it controls you.



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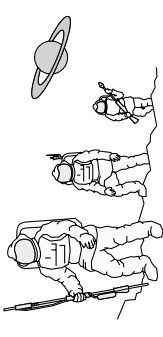
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SPACE ADVENTURE



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Take a refreshing dip in the Mooncrater Lake - maybe do some fishing while you're there. Learn to shoot an arrow straight and true or hit your mark with BBs. Even try rocket shooting. Try your hand at crafts, cooking, and other activities while having fun and working on Cub Scout or Webelos Scout achievements. The weekend will end with a campfire Friday night and campwide games and recognition program on Saturday morning.

THE GUIDES

Camp is under the direction of BSA camp school-trained and ready to assist you with your space adventure. Staff is accredited by the National Council Boy Scouts of America. Resident Camp follows the Pack and Den concept. Trained leaders will be on hand at all housing and activity areas.

HUNGRY?—OUR MEALS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Our meals will be served in the Dining Hall and special diets can be accommodated with at least two weeks' notice. Webelos Scouts will leave Thursday afternoon to spend the night at Camp White Pines. Webelos Scouts and their adult partners will cook dinner over an open fire and have a campfire program that night.

TIRED?—OUR ZERO GRAVITY SHELTERS PROVIDE A GREAT REST

All Scouts and their adult partners will sleep on bunks in adirondacks (3-sided shelters). Webelos Scouts and their adult partners will tent-camp at Camp White Pines on Thursday night.

TRADING POST

Bring a few dollars if you'd like to buy T-shirts, snacks, crafts, or souvenirs.

The clear choice for your Cub Scout/Webelos Scouts this summer is Resident Camp at Camp Old Indian. It will be held JUNE 8-11, 2005

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE REASONS WHY:

- You can't take the "outing" out of Scouting. The outdoor program is one of the biggest features about Scouting that appeals to boys, and a stay at Cub Scout/Webelos Resident Camp is a mountaintop experience. No young man has ever forgotten the fond memories and experiences from summer camp.
- The program, activities, and facilities can't be beat. Our camp provides a variety of programs and facilities to match your unit's needs and desires.
- Advancement opportunities are second to none. Boys work on rank advancement, arrow points and just having a good time that they can't get anywhere else. And an enthusiastic, well-trained staff is always available.
- Strict health and safety standards are maintained at all times. Emergency facilities are available, and a trained health supervisor makes medical re-checks.
- Camp Old Indian is a Nationally Accredited Camp. Our camp is inspected by the Southern Region of the Boy Scouts of America. We pride ourselves in not only meeting, but also exceeding all standards and regulations. We have been awarded the highest inspection rating since 1983.
- Not all Scouts are alike; we know that. That's why we develop a program at Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Resident Camp that will meet each boy's individual needs.

HOW TO MAKE RESIDENT CAMP A SUCCESS FOR YOUR PACK:

- Begin by informing all of your parents and boys about Resident Camp at your next Pack Meeting.
- Posters with pictures from past years participants are great to display.
- Have a sign-up table available for Resident Camp (and Day Camp also) at each Pack Meeting.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Have the **Cubmaster of your pack, or other adult leader complete the registration form found in the Resident Camp guidebook that was sent to your pack. If your pack does not have a guide book, call the Blue Ridge Council office, or go to** http://www.blueridgecouncil.org/camp_cubres.htm