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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



June 7-10, 2006

The clear choice for your Cub Scout/Webelos Scouts this summer is Resident Camp at Camp Old Indian.

Resident Camp 2006

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 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 guidebook, call the Blue Ridge Council office, or go to www.blueridgecouncil.org/camp_cubres.htm

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.



HAVE YOU REMEMBERED
SCOUTING
IN YOUR WILL?

DO YOU WISH TO MAKE A
PLANNED GIFT
TO
**BOY SCOUTS OF
AMERICA**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
GREG BALOG AT
864-233-8363 EXT. 213

webelosleader

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2006

WHAT: Webelos Leader Outdoor Training is for all Webelos Leaders. This supplemental training course covers the skills & resources needed to teach the outdoor activity badges and helps to provide good & safe outdoor experiences.

A DAY FULL OF FUN, FOOD AND INTERACTION WITH OTHER WEBELOS LEADERS - JUST ASK ANYONE WHO HAS ATTENDED.

WHEN: Saturday, August 19th
Check-in at 7:30 AM,
Closing Ceremony at 6:00 PM.

WHERE: CAMP OLD INDIAN

COST: \$15.00 - Will include breakfast, lunch and snack. Checks to be payable to Blue Ridge Council, B.S.A. and submitted with registration by Friday, August 11th.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY AUGUST 11th SO WE CAN PLAN ACCURATELY FOR FOOD AND MATERIALS.

BRING: Webelos book, pencil, folding chair, mess kit, knife, fork, spoon, mug or cup. Please be prepared for cool or rainy weather.

QUESTIONS: Matt Kubler
mkubler@blueridgecouncil.org
or 233-8363 at the Scout office.

FRIDAY NIGHT: If you are driving from a long distance and would like to come up on Friday night and camp. Please contact Matt Kubler so we can save a camping spot for you.

outdoor training

**WEBELOS LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/ZIP: _____

Phone: () _____

Unit: _____

Position: _____

BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL
WEBELOS LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING
P.O. BOX 339
MAULDIN, SC. 29662
Or Email: tbridwell@blueridgecouncil.org



National Youth Leadership

JUNE 11TH- JUNE 16TH, 2006

Training Conference

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 adult and taught by boys, it emphasizes the methods of the boy-led troop. There will only be 48 available spaces for this course, which fills up fast. The cost is \$180. Boys must be 13 years old and First Class by May 31, 2006 to be eligible. Every participant must submit a medical form, and attend along with their Scoutmaster, the pre-conference meeting on Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 at the Scout office.

(ALL INFO MUST BE COMPLETE WHEN SUBMITTED)

FOXFIRE 2006 REGISTRATION SCOUTS INFO

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/ST/ZIP: _____
Phone: () _____
Troop #: _____
Birthday: _____
Scouts positions held in Troop: _____

FOXFIRE 2006 REGISTRATION SCOUTMASTER INFO

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/ST/ZIP: _____
Phone: () _____
Troop #: _____
District: _____

For Information or Questions call Matt Holmes at 233-8363. Send Registration with \$50 per boy deposit. Please Return to: Blue Ridge Council, PO Box 339, Mauldin, SC 29662.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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Council Commissioner . . . Michael Thompson
Scout Executive Mike Bernhard
Scouter Editor Tia Pendleton

MAY

- 3 Facilities Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Executive Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- 5-7 Council Exporee (Donaldson Center Airpark)
- 8-12 Professional Staff Planning Conference
- 13 OA Work Day at COI
- 14 Mother's Day (Happy Mother's Day!!)
- 19-21 Camp Staff Weekend
- 20 Armed Forces Day Parade
- 23 Fall Roundup Training, 6:00 p.m.
- 24-27 National BSA Meeting in Texas
- 29 Memorial Day (Office Closed)

JUNE

- 4-9 Foxfire / NYLT at White Pines
- 5 Commissioner/Program Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 7-10 Cub and Webeles Resident Camp at COI
- 11-17 Boy Scout Resident Camp at COI (Week 1)
- 13 Executive Board Meeting at COI
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 Philmont Trek Departs
- 18 Father's Day (Happy Father's Day!!)
- 18-24 Boy Scout Resident Camp at COI (Week 2)
- 20 FOS Victory Celebration
- 21 Public Relations Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- 21 Summer Begins!
- 25-7/1 Boy Scout Resident Camp @ COI (Week 3)

- Jerry Fountain /Council President
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BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL • CUB SCOUT / WEBELOS SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP • 2006



PIRATES

of the Callahan



WEBELOS SCOUTS

Four days and three nights of PIRATE ADVENTURE are waiting for you at Camp Old Indian.



CUB SCOUTS

Enjoy three days and two nights of High Sea Adventure at Camp Old Indian.

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Take a refreshing dip in Pirate Cove - maybe do some fishing while you're there. Learn to shoot an arrow straight and true or hit your mark with BBs. Try your hand at crafts, cooking, and other activities while having fun and working on Cub Scout or Webeles 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 staff and 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 GALLEY IS OUTSTANDING!

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

TIRED?—OUR ADIRONDACK SHELTERS PROVIDE A GREAT REST

All Scouts and their adult partners will sleep on bunks in adirondacks (three-sided shelters). Webeles 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.

OUTFITTING YOUR TRIP TO CAMP OLD INDIAN

SCOUT UNIFORM

Shirts, shorts, belt, socks, cap

CLOTHING

Shoes, socks, shirts, shorts, long pants, lightweight jacket, poncho or rainwear, swim suit and underwear. (No open-toe shoes)

SLEEPING BAG

Sleeping Bag or sheets, blankets, pillow.

TOILETRIES

Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb or brush, deodorant, towels, washcloth, insect repellent, sunscreen.

MISCELLANEOUS

Flashlight, extra batteries, pad/pencil, money for the Trading Post, camera, personal first-aid kit, Scout Handbook.

WEBELOS SCOUTS

Should bring: tent, extra blanket, sleeping pad, ground cloth, canteen or water bottle, watch, compass, sunglasses, matches or firestarter (no lighters), and pocket knife (remember, you must have earned your Whittlin' Chit and have it with you in order to carry your pocket knife. We'll be checking!)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

Radio, CD player, Gameboy, Gamegear, pocket knives, sheath knives, hand axes, personal BB guns, or bow and arrows. These items will be taken and returned to you upon your departure from camp on Saturday.

NOTE TO ADULTS:

Use of tobacco products is not permitted in camp buildings or in view of Scouts.



BALOO

Baloo Training Basic Adult Leader

What:

Baloo 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. A full day of fun, food, and interaction with other Cub Scout Leaders.

When:

Saturday, August 19th at Camp Old Indian. Registration begins at 7:30am, Closing Ceremony at 6:00pm.

Where:

Camp Old Indian

Cost:

\$15.00-Will include breakfast, lunch, and snack. Checks to be payable to: Blue Ridge Council, B.S.A. and submitted with registration by Friday, August 11th Please make your reservation by August 11th so we can plan accurately for food and materials.

Bring:

Pencil, folding chair, mess kit, knife, fork, spoon, mug or cup. Please be prepared for cool and or rainy weather.

Questions:

For questions or information please contact Matt Kubler (email mkubler@blueridgescouncil.org) or call 233-8363.

BALOO TRAINING
Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ District: _____

Pack: _____ Position _____

Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail to: Blue Ridge Council, BSA • PO Box 339, Mauldin, SC 29662

2006

CHARACTER CAMP

Character Camp is a special field day available to all Learning for Life In-School Participants. This annual event is held at Camp Old Indian in northern Greenville County, our sponsoring council's nationally accredited camp. This event is provided at no cost to either the participating school or youth.



Character Camp 2006 was held Thursday, March 23, for all elementary Learning for Life students, and Friday, March 24th, for all middle and high school Learning for Life students.



At Character Camp 2006, students enjoyed outdoor camp activities and presentations that are led by experts, such as: hiking, arts and crafts, fire building, field games and more! The program is very flexible. Groups were able to eat lunch, cook on a Dutch oven and depart when needed. This year the event attracted over 150 students. Please view pictures of our annual Character Camp throughout the Scouter.



Contact Tia Pendleton at 233-8363, *204
E-mail: tpendleton@blueridgescouncil.org
For additional Learning for Life or Character Camp information.

Start Now to Ensure a Successful Cub Scouting Program 2006-07

**attention:
all cub scout leaders**

Thank you for providing the young people of our council with a quality Cub Scouting Program. The Boy Scouts of America has done numerous studies to identify why our Cub Scout families leave Scouting (currently the Blue Ridge Council has lost 35% of the Cub Scouts that were registered on December 31, 2005). There are various reasons families leave including schedules, relocating and lack of communication within their pack. Our 2006 Roundup Plan was developed to help pack's organize their fall program earlier and use additional recruiting methods.

The first part of this plan starts now. We would like for you to work with your Pack's Committee to conduct a leader and youth inventory. In order to accomplish this, you will need to work with your Den Leaders to find out which boys and leaders plan to return for the fall. Once you complete the inventory, you will know which leader slots you need to fill and the dens that have openings for boys to join. After completing the inventory, begin recruiting your leaders and recruiting boys to fill open den slots. This plan should help your pack have a much smoother beginning during the fall (the number of new leaders needed to be recruited and trained during the fall should decrease). Listed below is the "Pack Leadership and Membership Inventory" that covers the plan in more detail.

It is the objective of our entire staff to work with you to insure that you have the resources and information to provide the best possible Scouting program to the youth of our council.

pack leadership inventory

Take an inventory of pack leadership to determine the number of quality leaders needed based on the number of dens needed. This can help ensure that a pack maintains good membership. The inventory should be taken in the early spring.

Discuss leadership goals with your unit commissioner and other pack leaders. See the chapter on selecting leadership in the Cub Scout Leader Book, No. 33221B. Plan to have new leadership in place before establishing any new dens. New leaders should be selected, recruited, and trained before beginning membership recruiting.

pack membership inventory

Take an inventory of pack membership to determine the number of new boys, leaders, and dens needed. This inventory should be taken in early spring. Discuss membership goals with your unit commissioner and other pack leaders. Plan spring recruiting activities when your pack may enroll graduating kindergarten boys into Tiger Cubs. Recruiting boys from additional grade levels will afford new Cub Scouts the opportunity to participate in summertime outdoor experiences such as day camp, resident camp, and pack activities. Discuss plans to continue to enroll more Cub Scouts in the fall membership round-up. A brief review of membership at each pack leaders' meeting will point out vacancies in dens and opportunities for boys to join.

census

Conduct a census of chartered organizations and neighborhoods to locate eligible boys. Ask Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts to invite these eligible boys and other prospects to visit a den meeting. Invite families to the next pack meeting, or to attend a round-up meeting. If your pack is in the position of having too many new prospective members, ask your membership chair and unit commissioner to help start a new pack. There is no set limit on the size of a pack; however, if a pack grows to seven or eight dens of eight boys each, there might not be time in pack meetings for each boy to participate in all activities. When a pack has grown to 60 or 70 boys, it's time to start thinking about a second pack.



CAMP OLD INDIAN RESERVATIONS SUMMER 2006

No.	Camp Site (capacity)	Wk 1 June 11	Wk 2 June 18	Wk 3 June 25	Wk 4 July 2	Wk 5 July 9	Wk 6 July 16	Wk 7 July 23	Wk High Adv. 30-Jul
1	Amphitheater (20)	20 63	76 6*	57*	773*	705	711		
2	Anderson Cabin (14)	111	313	43	26	410	222	30	
3	Big Rock (48)	210 795 54	235	107 215	158	409* 123*	925 245	9	
4	Caly (10)	5	58	161	403*	200	183	142	
5	Chapman (24)	767 134 139 266	992 25	260	45	51	259		
6	Cobra Cabin (10)	747	216 7*	32*	226	316*	172	401	
7	Greenville (10)	511	37	260	280 1	27 269	136*	136	
8	Greenwood (20)	159	270	66	421*	96 521	61	16	
9	Hogan (10)	700	815*	725*	62	164*	26*	188	
10	Marie Dukes (18)	417/519*	12	603	123	124	222	7	
11	Museum (48)	24 266	320 256	333*	485* 62*	312*	715		
12	Oconee (10)	266	911	707	646	701	282	206	
13	Underwood (32)	112* 112 266	205	19	28*	61* 703	108*	888*	
14	Windy Hill (44)	120 339	4 53 350	622* 511* 405*	711*	836* 310* 100	615*	84	
15	Eagles Nest (20)	41	614*	280*	519	10*	316	91*	
16	Senborn (24)	174	270 109	15	48	776	94	10*	
	White Pines	save camp site	219	316*	513*	95			
	Tent Camping		201*						

Note: # = unit number. Asterisk "*" denotes an out of council unit.



For more information on Scouting go to our website: www.blueridgecouncil.org

ORDER OF THE ARROW News

2006 OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

- Josh Hipps/..... Lodge Chief
- Adam Fenton..... Vice Chief of Admin.
- Garrett Riddle..... Vice Chief of Comm.
- Matt Barnes..... Vice Chief of Indian Affairs
- Tim Hunt..... Lodge Adviser
- Jason Smith..... Staff Adviser

OA Work Day

The OA Work Day will be held at Camp Old Indian on Saturday, May 13th and will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. as we will have an ECM meeting at 3:30 p.m. OA Work Day is a time where fellow lodge members come together to work on camp improvement projects. Building a floating bridge, blazing an extensive trail network and tearing down the old shooting range are just a few of the recent projects. OA Work Day has contributed to camp renovation and beautification. Make sure that you bring your gloves and look for a lodge e-mail to go out soon. For more project details contact the Lodge Chief, Josh Hipps at: chief s@akk185.org.

Lodge Calendar

- May 13..... Lodge Work Day and ECM / Camp Old Indian
- July 19..... Vigil Call Out / Camp Old Indian
- July 29-Aug 3..... National OA Conference / Michigan State University
- October 6-8..... Fall Fellowship / Camp Old Indian

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED SCOUTING IN YOUR WILL?

DO YOU WISH TO MAKE A PLANNED GIFT TO BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA?

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT GREG BALOG AT 864-233-8363 EXT. 213



Learning for Life District Annual Recognition Dinner

The Learning for Life District Annual Recognition Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be held at McAlister Square: Greenville Tech's Admission and Registration Center (506 South Pleasantburg Drive). Advisors, Explorers, family and friends are invited to attend this annual event to recognize each one of you for helping to make this program a success. The cost to attend this evening is \$7.00 per person which covers dinner from Hickory Hills Bar-BQ. Please be sure to share this registration information with your Explorers at your next Post meeting.

All new Posts and new Post Advisors will be recognized at the dinner. We will also be awarding awards for the following: Advisor of the Year, Associate Advisor of the Year, Explorer of the Year, and Career Achievement Awards. Each post should nominate at least one adult for Advisor, one adult for Associate Advisor, and one youth member for Explorer of the Year.

We will need an exact count of your group's attendance and payment by Friday, May 12, 2006. If there are any questions, please call Tia Pendleton, Boy Scouts Service Center at 864-233-8363 x. 204.

Complete and return.

2006 Annual Recognition Dinner - Learning for Life

Name: _____ Post: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

I would like to register _____ youth and _____ adults at \$7.00 each.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (Checks payable to BSA)

Mail completed form and money to BRC:
c/o Tia Pendleton
PO Box 339
Mauldin SC 29662

WOOD BADGE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WOOD BADGE for the 21ST Century SR-730 FALL 2006

"Come to Wood Badge so you can become the kind of leader that will make a difference in the lives of our youth."

Expect the most demanding, challenging, enlightening, satisfying, rewarding, motivating, and exciting course you can take! Since Lord Baden-Powell held the first course for Scoutmasters in 1919, Wood Badge training has helped thousands of men and women all over the world improve the Scouting program as well as themselves. Are **you** up to the challenge?

WHY: To give leaders leadership skills to strengthen Scouting in meaningful ways.

WHERE: Camp Old Indian

WHEN: Two three day sessions— October 20-22 and November 10-12, 2006

WHO: **ALL** registered **Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venture Leaders**, as well as District and Council leaders (**limited to 48 participants**)

COST: \$225.00 (\$50.00 "hold a place" deposit may be sent with info request.)

PREREQUISITES: Participants must be registered members of BSA and have completed the basic leader training steps of New Leader Essentials and the Leader Specific training for their current positions. Introduction to Outdoor Skills is required for SM, ASM, and Varsity Coaches. Trainer Development and Outdoor Leadership Skills are recommended for all participants but not required. A class 3 physical is required. Leader must also be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment.

To receive more information, please request an application by filling out the form attached and return to:

Radaka Williams, Course Director
Blue Ridge Council, BSA
P.O. Box 339
Mauldin, SC 29662

(Next course will be hosted in Fall 2007 by Palmetto Council)

REGISTRATION

WOOD BADGE for the 21ST Century

You will receive an additional packet of information for SR-730

Name _____ Nickname _____

Address _____ City/ST/Zip _____

Telephone _____ (Home, Work, and/or Cell)

E-mail _____

District _____ Council _____

Present Scouting Position(s) _____ Unit # _____ Pack _____

Troop _____ Crew _____ Team _____

District _____ Council _____

Completed Basic Training for currently registered position? YES NO (Please Circle)

Date received at office _____ Received "hold a place" \$50.00 deposit _____



APPLICATIONS FOR 2007 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 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. Thank you for your interest and please contact me if you have further questions.

Russell Smart
Southern Region Chairman
2007 World Jamboree
smart@worldjamboree.net

Apply online at:

www.scouting.org/jamboree/world/index.html

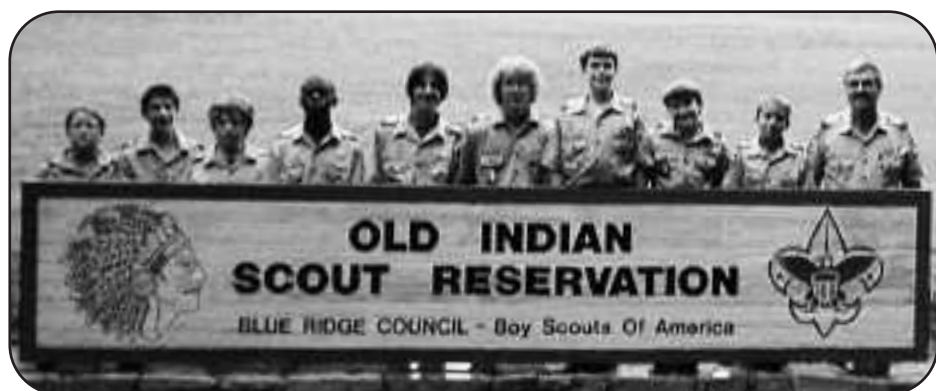
Spirit of Scouting



The Scouting Magazine was asking for patriotic photographs and others that illustrate the Spirit of Scouting. Tim Sanders sent in a photo that was taken in December 2002, of his son Stephen Sanders, carrying the flag at a Blue & Gold Banquet for Pack 921, at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Greenwood SC. The photo was taken with a digital camera, and turned out to be very unique. Stephen is proudly carrying the flag during a flag ceremony, and the surrounding area around he and the

flag was blurred due to camera movement, however it created a somewhat abstract effect around the center of the photo. Much to their surprise, they won the Grand Prize, and the photo was featured in the March issue of Scouting Magazine.

They won a gift certificate in the amount of \$400.00, which was used to purchase a GPS unit for their Boy Scout Troop, Troop 401. They also won a nice Gerber Multi Tool that will certainly come in handy on their camping outings! Stephen is now a First Class Scout in Troop 401, he is the assistant Senior Patrol leader of Troop 401, and is an excellent representative of our Scout troop and BSA. Tim Sanders was Cubmaster of Pack 921 for 3 years, prior to becoming the Scoutmaster of Troop 401, located at the same church, St Mark UMC of Greenwood SC. Tim has been a Scout leader for seven years and really enjoys it. He was a Boy Scout, and now enjoying re-living part of his youth through Scouting! "We have a great Troop, and have had a record number of nine Scouts receive their "Eagle" from troop 401 in the past seven years. Troop 401 has always had great leadership, and support from the church, and it is a pleasure to work with great people, and great Scouts! We are in a great Scouting district with excellent leadership (Long Cane District) and appreciate their support, and the support of a great council Blue Ridge Council BSA! Thank you and everyone there for your outstanding support as well!"



Why Sell Popcorn?

TRAIL'S END POPCORN SALE QUICK FACTS

Why do we sell popcorn? The single word answer is "PROGRAM".

People buy your Scouting PROGRAM with a tin of popcorn as their investment in your Scouting unit.

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:

- 90% of people who buy popcorn from a Scout have made a decision to support the Scout before he even shows what he is selling,
- 83% of people have never been approached to purchase Popcorn
- 4 of 5 buy when asked
- The primary reason people buy is to support Scouting.

Steps to Unit Selling Success:

- Sell the Scouting Program first—People are "buying" the program for Scouts in their community
- Have your upcoming year's program planned and well communicated with your youth
- Use your program plan as your sales pitch
- Make the sale **FUN** for the Scouts
- Sell the higher priced products—4 out of 5 buy when asked and 90% of those have already made up their minds to support your Scout before they even see the product
- Set your Scouts sales goals by **filling up Take Order Forms** instead of specific Dollar amounts i.e.
 - Instead of setting a \$200 per Scout Goal ask each Scout to fill up 1 take order form
 - 1 take order form represents sales to 25 different people and would represent on average about \$350 sales for that single Scout
 - The more take order forms you challenge Scouts to fill up, the higher your sales volume and as a result, the higher your unit's commission
 - Trail's end provides a special patch for each Scout filling up a Take Order Form
- Visit more neighborhoods than previous year (83% of people have never been approached)
- Try corporate sales—Bring your order form to work and ask employer to consider purchasing popcorn for end of year gifts for employees, customers, etc.
- Have unit level incentives—Encourage all Scouts to Sell

Remember:

- 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.
- 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.

Foothills District

Serving Northern Greenville County

district chair BILL McPHAIL864-242-4624
district commissioner BRYAN WILLIAMS 864-292-2797
district executive MATT HOLMES864-233-8363
 mholmes@blueridgecouncil.orgext. 206

may	4	Key 3 Meeting (6:30pm)
	4	Key 3 (6:00)
	11	District Committee Meeting (6:30)
	11	Unit Commissioner Meeting (6:30)
	11	Round Table (7:00)
june	22	Unit Inventories
	1	Key 3 (6:00)
	8	Unit Commissioner Meeting (6:30)
	19-23	Cub Day Camp (Paris Mountain)

DAY CAMP

The Foothills Annual Cub Day Camp will be held at Paris Mountain State Park on June 19th – June 23rd. The Day Camp committee is looking forward to an exciting fun filled week of activities including; swimming, archery shooting, working on advancements, etc. Make sure you register for the early bird special and save \$10. Any additional help would be appreciated as we can never have enough den leaders, den chiefs, and special event leaders. For more information please contact Kathron Feher at 895-6052. Look forward to seeing you all there!!

POPCORN

Now is a good time to secure your unit's popcorn chair. Identify a parent or assistant den leader to help your unit sell popcorn. Everyone is very busy with their normal daily duties. So now is a good time to identify and ask an individual so they can set aside some time to help. Every unit in the district is expected to participate in the popcorn sale. This is the biggest fund raiser the council approves and the biggest fund raiser for the individual units. Our popcorn training team will be glad to set up a quick 30 minute training for those units that would prefer.

SUMMER CAMP

Summertime is here!! The biggest event and retention tool for the boy scouts is summer camp. We would like for you to attend the new renovated Camp Old Indian, if not contact Matt Holmes with where your boy scout troop is attending summer camp. Make sure all the boys attending summer camp have all their paper work filled out, especially their medical form and their schedule. Scoutmasters will be contacted by Matt Holmes 2 weeks prior to your unit attending camp to get a head count of adults and youth.

UNIT INVENTORY

Starting May 22nd, the Foothills District Membership Committee will be conducting their semi-annual unit inventory. This is to ensure that all boys and adults that are active or new are registered with the council. Please be prepared to send via email or fax a current roster.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The Foothills District Committee meets at Taylor's 1st Baptist. We invite anyone who would like to assist in the success of the Foothills District. This committee is the backbone of the District. Our new District Chairman, Dr. Bill McPhail, will be presiding. Welcome aboard Dr. McPhail and we look forward to your leadership! If you are interested in assisting this committee please contact Matt Holmes @ 233-8363.

PINEWOOD DERBY

The Activities Committee would like to extend their appreciation for all the adults that helped make the Foothills District 2006 Pinewood Derby a success. We would also like to recognize our recipients:

TIGER CUBS

- 1st Place – Mason Patrie
- 2nd Place – Jamie Clayton
- 3rd Place – Mac Chapman
- 4th Place – Patrick Short

WOLF

- 1st Place – Jacob Elderman
- 2nd Place – Locutis Smith
- 3rd Place – Joshua Lacy
- 4th Place – Graham Etheridge

BEAR

- 1st Place – Jackson Bost
- 2nd Place – Jeffery Corron
- 3rd Place – Matthew Watson
- 4th Place – Hance Finley

WEBELOS

- 1st Place – John Bell
- 2nd Place – Caleb Duncan
- 3rd Place – Hampton Byrd
- 4th Place – Alex Barron

2006 PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS

- 1ST Place – Jeffery Corron
- 2nd Place – Hance Finley

Congratulations to all of our recipients!

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may	14	Mother's Day (Happy Mother's Day!!)
	16	Explorer Banquet (6:30 p-8:00 p)
	23	Key 3
	25	Learning for Life Committee Meeting (11:30 – 1:00)
	29	Memorial Day – Office Closed
june	18	Father's Day (Happy Father's Day!!)

SCHOLARSHIPS! SCHOLARSHIPS!

If you have not yet applied for scholarships, the time is winding down. Please view our scholarships via our website: www.learningforlife.org.

EXPLORERS RECOGNITION BANQUET

is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2006 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. Mark your calendars!!!!

FALL PROGRAM PLANNING

Start planning your program for the 2006-2007 calendar year. Fall first-nighters will begin in August, with our First-Nighter Kickoff scheduled for August 24, 2006 at the Scout Service Center. Additional information will be mailed in June.

GOT POPCORN??

Our popcorn sales will begin in August. Popcorn sales is a great opportunity for your units to raise money for various trips and activities. We have great give-aways for those participating in our popcorn sales. Each unit that sells receives a percentage of sales and a free t-shirt! 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 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!!

Long Cane District

Serving Greenwood and Abbeville Counties

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may	11	Roundtable
	25	District Committee
	25	Commissioner Staff
june	8	Roundtable Meeting
	15	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	15	District Committee Meeting
	19-23	Cub Scout Day Camp

ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS

The Long Cane District would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and leaders to our Roundtable Meetings. Remember folks, there is always room for a few more warm bodies. 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 19 – June 23. The location will be Camp Epworth. 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 hoping to add swimming to our list of activities. Do not let your Scout get left out of the incredible 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. We will be kicking off our annual popcorn sales soon so get ready to hit the pavement. 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. Many set per youth goals, and if

LONG CANE DISTRICT CONTINUED...

the Scout sells the targeted amount, the pack/troop/crew pays for the youths registration fees for the year. They use this as an incentive for their youth to sell 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 cloth advancements of rank 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 2006 and/or would like more information on the benefits of camp, please contact your Scoutmaster ASAP or contact Paul Sharp. It is not too late to get to camp.

PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Our annual Program Kick-off will be Thursday, August 10, 2006 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 2006–2007 calendar, 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 for everyone helping to make our 2006 Spring Camporee such a success!

Oconee District

Serving Oconee County and the Community of Clemson

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may	4	District Committee Meeting
	18	District Roundtable
	25	District Commissioner Meeting
	29	Memorial Day Holiday
june	12-16	Day Camp NO District Committee Meeting NO District Roundtable NO District commissioner meeting

TO THE LEADERS OF SCOUTING IN OCONEE DISTRICT:

The program continues to get better and better for the boys and our units grow stronger and stronger because of YOU. Looking back on the almost 4 years I have been here as DE illustrates the dedication you as leaders and parents have given to the district. The leadership all of you have shown to guide the program for our youth is second to none. We have a dedicated staff of unit commissioners ready to help do what is necessary to help the program succeed for the boys. We have a district committee of not only people with scouting experience but also members of the community that believe and support our program for the boys. Thank each of you for your efforts and dedication to the program.

Reedy Falls District

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may	4	Eagle Scout Board of Review
	5-7	Council Camporee, Donaldson Center
	11	Leader Roundtables for Cub, Webelos and Boy Scout Leaders. 7-8:30PM
	18	District Commissioners and District Committee Meetings
june	25	Order of the Arrow Oconostota Chapter Meeting, Devenger Rd PC
	1	Eagle Scout Board of Review
	7-10	Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Resident Camp, Camp Old Indian
	8	Leader Roundtables for Cub, Webelos and Boy Scout Leaders 7-8:30PM
	10	Training & Setup: Cub Scout Day Camp. 9AM to 3PM
	11	Orientation: Cub Scout Day Camp 2-4PM
	11	Camp Old Indian summer Camp Begins
	11-16	National Youth Leadership Training Camp White Pines
	12-16	Cub Scout Day Camp
	30	Last Day to attain First Class Scout rank before new requirements must be enforced.

Note: Steve Luck, ASM Troop 260 and Reedy Falls District Roundtable/Unit Commissioner has accepted the task of Reedy Falls District Webmaster, with his Primary goal to keep the District website up-to-date. If you would like to add something Please contact your district executive.

REEDY FALLS CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Theme: "Wild Wild West". Camp to be held June 12-16 at Pelham Road Baptist Church. 8-4:30 PM Mon-Friday. Friday at 4:30PM parents and families are invited to attend the closing campfire, skits and cobbler. Drop-off Scouts between 7 & 7:30AM daily. Orientation will be on Sunday June 11th from 2-4PM at the Church. Contact Erica Marquis (Camp Director) Mail to: emarquis@bi-lo.com 236-0485 or Don White (Program Director) 414-1190. Training and Camp setup on Saturday June 10th 9AM to 3PM. Volunteers are still needed if you can help contact Erica or Don.

CUB AND SCOUT LEADER ROUNTABLES (2nd Thur. @ 7PM)

All leaders, and at least one leader from each Cub Webelos or Scout unit, are asked to join fellow Scout Leaders the second Thursday of each month (except summer) at 7PM at the Scout Hut at Buncombe St. UMC. Cub leaders can contact Steve Morrison at 277-3177. Scout leaders can contact Steve Luck at 244-7462 for more info.

Roundtables provide:

- Important information and updates about district and council events.
- Programs, Scout meetings and campout helps and ideas.
- Continuing education and training for both new leaders and experienced.
- Scouters, to supplement your formal Scout Leader Training – an opportunity for leader fun & fellowship come early for light snacks and share your questions and knowledge with fellow leaders. This can be especially enlightening for new leaders.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (6:30PM) & DISTRICT COMMITTEE (7:30PM), (3RD THURSDAY)

Unit commissioners and District Committee members, the meetings will be held at the Council Service Center contact David Rainey District Chairman at drainey@dixon-hughes.com and Steve Morrison, District Commissioner smorrison@tietex.com. David and Steve ask that all members be present.



Saluda River District

Serving Newberry County

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- may**
- 6 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables at 7pm at Broad Street UMC in Clinton
 - 14-16 Commissioner College
 - 20 Committee Meeting
- June**
- 6-12 JLT weekend at COI
 - 13-19 1st Weekend at COI
 - 14 Council Board Meeting at COI
 - 20-25 2nd Weekend at COI
 - 26-3 3rd Weekend at COI

RECHARTERS DUE

If your unit has not yet chartered, now is the time to get the recharter in. If Scouts meet without being registered, there is no insurance for your unit, liability or accident. Also you will be unable to participate in District Activities. If you are having a problem, please contact either Jason Smith.

ROUNDTABLE NOTES & SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables will not meet during the months of June and July. This is the time for our Packs and Troops and their leaders to work on Summer Activities. We encourage our Packs and Troops to do the following during the Summer:

Cub Scouts—Encourage your Cub Scouts to go to Day Camp! This is an activity that most cubs look forward to each year. This Day Camp is one our cubs will not want to miss. For more information you can contact Tammy. They are actively recruiting staff for the camp and if you can help, give them a call at (864) 683-2267. I'm sure you'll have as much fun as your Cub Scouts.

Also for Cub Scouts we encourage your Packs to work on the National Summertime Pack Award. It is real easy to earn and your pack and Cubs will receive recognition for it. All you have to do is have a pack event during June, July and August. These Pack Activities can be anything from taking your boys to see the Greenville Drive play, go to the Greenville Zoo, have a pack scavenger hunt, go fishing, have a picnic and softball game or just about anything that your imagination comes up with. The importance of this award is to keep your Cubs together during the summer months. It is much easier to go into the fall if we don't have to recruit your Cubs all over again. Good Luck this Summer!

For **Boy Scouts**, going to Summer Camp is the highlight. Any Scout going to Old Indian or any other long term camp will come back having earned merit badges and maybe even a new rank. They also look forward to the fellowship, leadership and other skills learned from spending a week away from home. If you can get a first year boy to camp, it turns out to be the hook in keeping him in Scouting.

Remember that summers are a time we can do big things with our Scouts. It is also a time that we as leaders can spend some time relaxing and recharging our batteries.

TIGER CUBS NEED TO BE INCLUDED

With summer activities about to begin, it is time to make Tiger Cubs into Wolf Cub Scouts. During our rechartering process, Saluda River District lost a lot of Tigers that didn't sign back up. Now is the time to try to talk to the Tiger parents and put together Wolf dens. Target those parents that showed the most interest. Explain to them how leaders are trained and the support they receive from your pack and the district. Let them see the structure of a Wolf den. Let them know about your fun summer activities. If we don't get them involved now, we might not have them come back in the fall. For more information or help, contact Jason Smith (681-0553).



Scoutreach District

Serving Greenville County

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- may**
- 23 District Committee Meeting (6:00 pm. Service Center)
- June**
- 8 Pinewood Derby
 - 20 District Committee

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SOUTHBOUNDER PINWOOD DERBY & CUBMOBILE

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Six & Twenty District

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- may**
- 2 District Committee
 - 2 Commissioner Staff Meeting
 - 4 Cub Roundtable
 - 4 Scout Roundtable
 - 30 District Committee Meeting & Key 3 Meeting
 - 30 Commissioner Staff Meeting
 - No Roundtable

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEWS

Eagle Board of Reviews meetings will be held once a month 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.

RIDE THE WAVE!! SURFS UP FOR DAY CAMP!

Surfs Up Dude! It's time to Catch the "Scouting" Wave and dive into all the fun and adventure that Scouting brings. So grab your board shorts, your surfboard and your tanning lotion and join Akela and Baloo on the waves. Surfing will begin June 12, 2006 and will last through June 16, 2006. We'll meet daily at the Anderson Recycling Center between the hours of 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. All Cub Scouts, leaders and parents of the Six and Twenty District are invited to attend and surf along with us. The cost of this years "Surfing adventure" is \$60 per Scout (\$70 after the deadline).

Hi Cub Scouts! Join us at DayCamp and don't miss out on your chance to earn activity pins, belt loops and many other advancements as we Catch the "Scouting" Wave. Daily activities will include archery, air-rifle (b-b guns), arts and crafts, field sports, water sports and games and advancement activities. We will have special activities,

SIX & TWENTY DISTRICT CONTINUED...

guest speakers, den skits, ceremonies and a lot of FUN!

Extra hands for our trek are always welcome! Call the Camp Director, Michael Corron at 296-4589, or the Program Director, John Swizardryk at 964-9579, to volunteer or get information. Each den of eight Scouts should have two adult volunteers serving as Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader.

SIX AND TWENTY FINANCE GOAL THANK YOU'S!!

Anderson County's goal for 2006 is \$103,000. Many Packs and Troops helped with Family Presentation's. Thank you to Tommy Howell (chairman) and all who participated in helping us reach our 'Family' portion of the goal of \$10,000. A big thank you to Skipper Maynard for a job well done in reaching the Belton goal of \$10,000!

CA - NU - PA - ORDER OF ARROW

Make sure your chapter is planning on hosting an election so all will be in place for the new inductees to go through Ordeal at Camp Old Indian 2006. Remember that dues can be paid anytime throughout the year and it is up to each individual to make sure his annual fee's are paid. Fore more details plus all upcoming lodge events visit www.akk185.org. Thank you!

Tom Miller
 Chapter Advisor
 Ca Nu Pa Chapter

FALL CAMPOREE!!

Troop 5 from Honea Path has courageously stepped up to host the 2006 Fall Camporeee. Mark your calendar for October 13-15th. Ken 'fearless' Jordan is checking into some great property that should be perfect for a tassel of boys in the Honea Path area. More details and a theme will be forthcoming.

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- may**
- 4 Roundtables
 - 11 OA Meeting
- June**
- 15 District Committee
 - 15 Commissioner Staff
 - 19-23 Cub Scout Day Camp

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The Outing in Scouting

A Tribute to Jack Devich, Council Commissioner (1997-2005)
by Michael Thompson, Council Commissioner

Baden-Powell, the Founder of Scouting, laid a foundation based on several core principles. One of the most important was the strong belief that outdoor experiences are essential to attracting and retaining boys in the "game with a purpose" --- Scouting.

Updated statistics indicate that membership retention is at 76 percent for Boy Scouting, 63 percent for Cub Scouting and 56 percent for Venturing. Much of this success can be attributed to a quality outdoor program! For example, Webelos who cross over in February and March and attend summer camp with a troop are 85% more likely to stay in Scouting than those Webelos who join the Boy Scout program during the fall.

With the end of another school year quickly approaching, I hope your unit has secured an opportunity to attend a summer camp program. Whether your boys would benefit from a Boy Scout Summer Camp, a Cub Scout Resident Camp or Cub Scout Day Camp, be sure to make the appropriate preparations to enable a meaningful experience for your youth this summer. As statistics indicate above, you will also be ensuring the long-term membership stability of your unit.

As you know, we are truly blessed to have one of the best Council camps in America, Camp Old Indian (COI)! With the recent renovations at COI, the Blue Ridge Council is better prepared than ever to provide a quality outdoor experience --- one that is close to home!

In closing, I hope during the summer of 2006 that your unit experiences a summer camp program that captures the interest and enthusiasm of your youth! Not only will your boys grow physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, but the retention results may result in a lifetime of individual achievement for those participating in the "game with a purpose" --- Scouting.

What better way to share your love of Scouting. Contact your director and help this June to

LIGHT THE FIRE