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Popcorn Pickup Locations - All on NOV. 11th:

Foothills, Learning for Life, Reedy Falls, Scoutreach, & Southbounder Districts:
Smith Dray Line & Storage Company
320 Frontage Road, Greenville, SC 29611 (I-85 & I-185 Junction)
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Directions—From Greenville, Take I-85 South to Exit 40, Bear to Right on to Highway 153, take an immediate right on to Frontage Road, Go to stop sign, keep going straight, Smith Dray Line is a quarter mile on the left.
Directions—From Anderson, Take I-85 North to Exit 40, take left on to Highway 153 crossing over the Interstate, take first right on to Frontage Road, Go to stop sign, keep going straight, Smith Dray Line is a quarter mile on the left.

Six & Twenty and Pickens Districts:
Commerce Warehouse, 5301 Old Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson SC 29625
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Blue Ridge Council Training

The following are a list of training courses the Blue Ridge Council will offer during 2006 and 2007. Registration forms and course information and will be mailed and listed on the web. Check with your district training chairperson or your district executive for dates pertaining to your district cub leader specific training.

COUNCIL TRAINING SCHEDULE, 2006-2007

2006:	NOV 10-12	WOOD BADGE (2ND WEEKEND)	MAR 2-4	OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
	NOV 11	COMMISSIONER BASIC TRAINING	MAR 10	WEBELOS / BALOO TRAINING
2007:	JAN 20	POW/WOW	MAY 5	COMMISSIONER BASIC TRAINING
	FEB 17	BOY SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE	JUNE 3-9	BOY SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC FOXFIRE
			AUG 18	WEBELOS OUTDOOR/BALOO

Long Cane District:
Stockman Oil Company, 1138 Reynolds Ave, Greenwood, SC 29649
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Oconee District:
Ingles Supermarket, Highway 123, Seneca SC 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Saluda River District:
Cousin's Agri-Center, 625 Nance Street, Newberry, SC 29108
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Directions—From Interstate 26 East take exit 72 toward SC-121/Newberry, turn right onto SC-121, stay straight to go onto US-76 BR/College Street, turn right onto SC-34 BR/Main Street, turn left onto SC-34 BR/Caldwell Street, turn right onto SC-34 BR/Boundary Street, turn left onto SC-395/Nance Street, Cousin's Agri-Center at 625 Nance Street.

also ...
Broad Street United Methodist Church, Clinton SC 11:00-1:00pm
Roundtable Location



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Character 2007 Family Membership Enrollment

The Character 2007 Family Membership Enrollment process is the annual opportunity for a parent to support the big picture of Scouting in the Upstate by making a pledge to Scouting. Again, this year our intention is to reach each parent through presentations at Pack, Troop, Team, Crew and Post gatherings from December through March 2007.

The Character 2007 presentations will make a dramatic impact on our ability to continue the implementation of the capital improvements for Camp Old Indian. Parents will have an opportunity to truly make a difference on the future of Scouting in the Upstate. Pictured below are the fully embroidered recognition items parents and leaders will receive.

Baden-Powell Club

A. \$100 per mo. for 1 year (\$1,000)

Character Partners

B. \$33 per mo. for 3 year (\$1,000)

C. \$29.60 per mo. for 1 year (\$296)

D. \$14.80 per mo. for 1 year (\$148)



Recognition

- Limited Edition Baden-Powell Club Shoulder Patch (gold milar border)
- Two Limited Edition Shoulder Patches (one silver milar border, one white border)
- Round Family Enrollment Patch



Recognition

- Two Limited Edition Character Partner Shoulder Patches (one silver milar border, one white border)
- Round Family Enrollment Patch



Recognition

- One Limited Edition Character Partner Shoulder Patch (white border)
- Round Family Enrollment Patch



Recognition

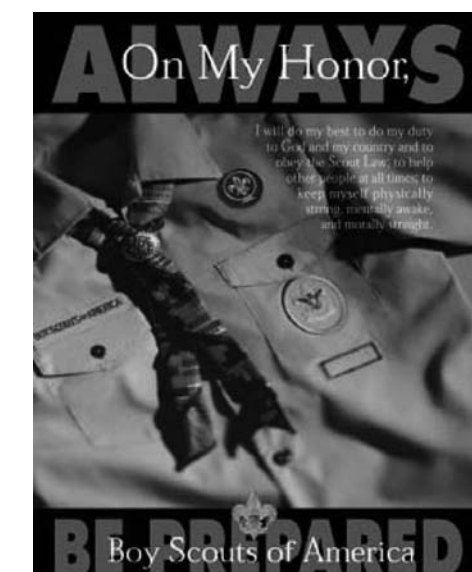
- Round Family Enrollment Patch

Awards & SCHOLARSHIPS



It is time for those students that are looking to secure funds for next fall to begin applying for scholarships now. The following is a listing of all the awards and scholarships that are currently available to students participating in the Exploring program. All awards and scholarship applications and requirements can be found on the national Learning For Life website at: www.learningforlife.org . Please follow all directions in order to meet the necessary requirements. New awards and scholarships are added throughout the year so review the website frequently.

Note: the distinction between a "scholarship" and an "award" is that a scholarship provides educational funding.



2007 DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Each district in the Blue Ridge Council will conduct a District Annual Business Meeting in the month of November.

The District Annual Business Meetings are the forum to elect the District Chairman and District Members-at Large for the year 2007. Those eligible to vote at the meeting are Chartered Organization Representatives from within the geographical boundaries of the district and registered District Members at-Large.

Nominations must be made in writing and dressed to the appropriate District Nominating Committee.

Send all nomination to: Blue Ridge Council, BSA, P.O. Box 339, Mauldin, SC 29662, Attention: District Nominating Committee. Nominations must be received in writing no later than November 3, 2006.

Nominations will not be taken from the floor during the District Annual Business Meetings.

District	Date	Location	Time
Foothills	11/02/06	Taylors 1 st Baptist	6:00 p.m.
Six and Twenty	11/27/06	Anderson Alternative School	6:30 p.m.
Southbounder	11/16/06	Council Service Center	7:00 p.m.
Reedy Falls	11/16/06	Council Service Center	7:30 p.m.
Long Cane	11/16/06	Main Street United Methodist	7:00 p.m.
Learning for Life	11/16/06	Greenville Tech Admissions	11:30 a.m.
Pickens	11/14/06	Chamber of Commerce	7:00 p.m.
Oconee	11/16/06	St. Marks United Methodist	7:00 p.m.
Saluda River	11/16/06	Presbyterian College	6:30 p.m.

The SILVER BEAVER Award

The Silver Beaver Award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character for distinguished service to youth. All applications must be submitted to the Council Office by November 22, 2006. The following lists instructions necessary to complete the application process:



- Be sure to give the full name and titles of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate. Please do not use abbreviations, initials only, or nicknames.
 - Record of service in the Boy Scouts of America. (Name chartered organizations in cases where service is unit-connected.)
 - Statement covering the nominee's standing in the community, citing activities in which the individual is most active in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veteran, rural, and other fields exclusive to Scouting.
 - Record of noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the territory under the jurisdictions of this council.
- Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults (over 21) who are registered as volunteer Scouters.
- Nominations will not be considered for former professional Scouters or council employees within 5 years of their leaving employment of BSA.
- Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

If you have any additional questions about the Silver Beaver Award and/or application process, please contact the Council Office, 233-8363.

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Blue Ridge Council, BSA
P.O. Box 339
Mauldin, SC 29662

The following article, with minor changes, comes from the Commissioner's Corner

by Michael Thompson, Council Commissioner

"To err is human; to recover divine," says Harvard customer service expert Earl Sasser. He adds that we may strive for perfection, but we won't be perfect; so when there are mistakes, we must have a process for corrective action.

Just as it is for businesses, schools and other organizations, such advice is equally as valuable for Scouting. We do make mistakes, such as office mail print conflicting information in two of its publications, a favorite campsite may be double-booked, a meeting location may be changed without notifying the necessary leaders, and a Scoutmaster may forget to award a Second Class Badge at a Court of Honor.

When a mistake happens, what should we do?
*Find a sincere way to say "I'm sorry." Admitting a goof-up might not be easy, but it sets the stage for overcoming a blunder.

*Act immediately. People appreciate prompt action. Don't let problems fester; as they can often get worse – at least in the minds of the offended.
*Take the initiative. It's usually wise to notify others about a blunder and start the recovery process even before the mistake is discovered.

*Smooth ruffled feathers. Remember that some people might be upset not only with the person or group who made the blunder but also with the organization as a whole.
*Let those affected by the mistake know that you care. Your attitude towards people is very important. Each person wants to be treated with attentiveness and respect. Show them that "I care about you!"

*Turn a blunder into an opportunity! When a mistake happens, don't just think about damage control. Find creative ways to handle the problem to maximize a person's satisfaction. This will enable them to feel better about the organization's ability to handle similar challenges in the future.
*Be prepared. As Scouters we should be able to handle, correct, and make restitution for errors that affect other people. Know how to listen for a problem, interpret what you hear, and take the appropriate corrective action.

Finally, be thankful if someone expresses dissatisfaction, as such criticism may enable you to more quickly address a problematic issue. Your difficulties may just worsen if a person merely leaves dissatisfied or lets the problem fester, thus needlessly affecting others.
Feedback is truly a gift!

Foothills District

Serving Northern Greenville County

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November
 3-5 Fall Camporee
 9 District Committee 7:00
 9 Cub Roundtable 7:00
 9 Scout Roundtable 7:00
 11 Pick up popcorn
 22 Silver Beaver applications due
 23-24 Office Closed - Thanksgiving

December
 TBA District Committee 7:00
 TBA Cub Roundtable 7:00
 7 Scout Roundtable 7:00
 25-26 Office Closed - Christmas

NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Hello! I am Rebecca DeVita-Morris. I am the new District Executive for the Foothills District. I have already met many of the dedicated volunteers in the area and am eager to introduce myself to those of you whom I have not met. I look forward to working closely with you so that I may serve you to the best of my ability.

SILVER BEAVER

The Blue Ridge Council will be presenting a few leaders in our Council with the most prestigious award: the Silver Beaver Award. It is presented for years of dedication and service to our Scouts on the council and district level. If you know someone who has done an outstanding job, please nominate him or her for the Silver Beaver. All nominations are due on or before November 22. An application was put in the Program Kit given out in August or may be picked up at the Council Office in Greenville.

POPCORN DATES

Popcorn should be picked up on Saturday, November 11 at Smith Dray Line in Greenville. All Payments for the Popcorn needs to be to the Council Service Center by December 1.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

This year, Foothills District is committed to raising funds to support the Scouts. To do this, we need your help. Because we know all our Scouts and their parents believe in the job we are doing, we will give them the opportunity to help us financially. Our district will have a family campaign to help us raise the necessary funds. All we ask is that you give us five to ten minutes at your Blue and Gold banquet, pack meeting or Court of Honor to present our story. This helps us raise our money to support local Scouting efforts and helps your unit become a Gold Star Unit. If you have not already been contacted about supporting your local district and council, you soon will be.

PINEWOOD DERBY & BLUE AND GOLD BANQUETS

Now is the time for Cub Scout Packs to begin planning both unit Pinewood Derbies and Blue and Gold Banquets. Building and racing a car provides an opportunity for Cub Scouts and parents to bond. A Blue and Gold Banquet is the big pack meeting of the year. This means it is a great time to show off what you have accomplished during the year, as well as enjoy a great meal and fellowship. If you have questions concerning either one of these activities or would just like ideas or suggestions, the Roundtable is a great place to go to get help.

RECHARTERS

By now, hopefully everyone has received and has been working on your recharterers. One important way to receive quality unit is to have your recharterers turned in on time. With that said, we would like to have all recharterers in by December 7. Having a quality unit status lets everyone know you have a great program. It also means you will receive free patches of rank for the next year (June to June). All of this goes towards offering the youth the best service possible.

Again, you all should have your recharterers ready to turn in by our December 7 Roundtable. As usual, our Roundtable location is Taylor's 1st Baptist Church @ 7:00 pm. This Roundtable will be "pot luck." I encourage you to bring your family out for a great evening of food and fellowship. If you would like help completing your recharter or have recharter questions please contact your District Executive, Rebecca DeVita-Morris at 233-8363.

UNIT INVENTORIES

I will be calling everyone to compare rosters during the month of November and December.

We have to make sure that all kids and adults who think they are Scouts are registered. One easy way to do this is to email or fax me a roster of all the youth and adults that are listed on your roster and I will compare our records to yours. To reach quality district we must have a growth in membership, this makes your assistance very important. Rosters can be faxed to 864-233-2424 or emailed to rdevitamorris@blueridgecouncil.org.

SPECIAL THANKS

....to Kathron Feher for the awesome meal she provided at October's Roundtable.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

I hope everyone has a blessed holiday season. Remember the office will be closed for the Holidays from December 23 to 26.

Learning for Life

Serving Learning for Life and Exploring in Greenville County

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November
 10 Veterans Day
 16 Learning for Life Annual Business Meeting
 23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center Closed

December
 12 Learning for Life Christmas-Appreciation Luncheon
 20 Exploring Recharterers due
 23-26 Christmas Holidays - Service Center Closed

EXPLORING

It's not too late for your students to participate and register for the 2006-2007 Exploring Program year. This program is geared towards young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20 who are interested in gaining valuable experience in future careers consistent with their current interests. Please contact Tia Pendleton at the Scout Office if you have any questions.

WINTERFEST

The 2007 Exploring/Venturing Winterfest Conference and Ski Weekend is scheduled for January 26-28 2007 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, located in the heart of the Great Smokey Mountains. This is an exciting competitive event activity for all Explorers and Venturers who would like to participate. It is sure to be the highlight of the year for your Post/Crew. This year's event is expected to attract over 2,700 participants.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

Skiing, Dancing, Eating, Swimming, Shopping, Ice Skating, Hiking and Fellowship. In addition, there will be many competitions that include: Fire Fighting, Law Enforcement, Mock Trial, Volleyball, Shooting Range, Water Basketball, Lip Sync, Climbing Tower, and much, much more! Contact Tia Pendleton at 233-8363 for additional information.

Long Cane District

Serving Greenwood & Abbeville Counties

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district executive PAUL SHARP864-233-8363

November
 11 Key Three Meeting Roundtable
 13 Cub Leader Training
 18 Commissioner Staff Meeting
 18 District Committee Meeting
 18 Annual Business Meeting
 25 Thanksgiving

December
 9 Key Three Meeting
 9 Roundtable Meeting
 20 Commissioner Staff Meeting
 20 District Committee Meeting
 25 Christmas

SUMMER CAMP

With winter approaching, the thought of summer camp, like sugar plums, dances in our heads with visions that Camp Old Indian will soon be hear! Well, guess what? It is not too early to start reserving your spot for 2007 Boy Scout Summer Camp at COI.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

We have had several adult leaders trained this

year. Thank you to all of you who have taken advantage of this opportunity and who have taken that extra step in ensuring that our Scouts get a well rounded and deserving Scouting experience. Please remember that we have one more training opportunity for all new and returning adult leaders and any adult who would like training. This date is November 13th. Training courses are extremely informational as well as FUN. Training offered is totally dependent upon pre-registration. If you would like to attend this final training opportunity, or have requests for other training courses, please contact Issac Shaffer, Training Chairman, at 227-0002.

FALL ROUND UP

By now, most of the school recruitment nights have been held and several boys have added several boys to your Pack or Troop. Thanks to everyone for their support for this process. The effort put into recruiting more youth will ensure a tremendous Scouting program for the coming year. Please remember that Scouting is a program that should be available to all boys. Let's try to end this year with a record number of boys participating in our Scouting programs. Let's open our doors one more time this fall to Scouting and take the extra step for reaching all boys. Leaders, encourage boy to boy recruiting, conduct a church night, have an open house; Parents, bring a relative or friend of your son to a Scout meeting; Boys, tell your friends about how much fun Scouting is and take them to a meeting. Remember, units and boys who recruit youth themselves will qualify for a recruiter patch for their uniform. Scouting is always open to all boys not just those recruited from School Nights. It is our obligation to the boys and our obligation to our community to make sure all boys have more than one opportunity to get registered in Scouting. As we all know, it can take several points of contact to get a message sent, received, and responded to. Let's offer these contact points to our community's youth and get all boys in this positive program we call Scouting.

UNIT COMMISSIONER STATUS

Long Cane is in need of approximately 10 qualified Unit Commissioners. If anyone would like to be considered for the position of Unit Commissioner, please contact, Dr. Jon L. Hobbs at 229-7691.

CUB PARENT WEEKEND

This is why boys sign up for Cub Scouts! Cub Parent Weekend # 5 will be on November 5th, 6th, and 7th. This is an excellent opportunity to get the new and veteran cub scouts out in the woods. Activities will include: Archery, Camping, BB Guns, Fire Building, Hiking, Field Games, an Evening Campfire with skits songs and more!

POPCORN

November 13th is popcorn distribution day. All units that participated in this year's popcorn sale should make plans on picking up your popcorn orders on this day.

THANK YOU

Once Again, thank you to Gary Stratton, AP Neal, and Cathie Neal for planning our Fall Camporee. The boys had a wonderful time participating in this Upper Savannah Shooters Association Camporee. Thank you to Gina Drebenstedt, Gary Stratton, Karen Buchanan and to all of you who helped with our School Nights. Thank you to Lisa Bartanus Pack 220, Patrick and Teresa McLaughlin Pack 920, Greg Collins Pack 222, Ed Patton Troop 62, Marty Manley Troop 313, John Abrams Pack 950, and Jerry Underwood Pack 93 for taking the extra step in reaching out to our Community's youth by conducting an open house / church night.

HOLIDAYS

Best wishes to all for a safe and joyous holiday season to the roundtable please call Luke or Huck with your appointment by December 7th.

Oconee District

Serving Oconee County and the Community of Clemson

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sr. district executive CHAD DUGGINS864-866-9393
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November
 11 Veterans Day
 11 POPCORN ORDERS TO BE PICKED UP BY UNITS TO GIVE TO SCOUTS
 16 Annual Business Meeting-St Mark Methodist Church 7:00 PM
 16 Cub and Boy Scout leader roundtable-St. Mark Methodist Church 7:00 PM

DISTRICT INFORMATION

16 Order of the Arrow meeting-St Mark Methodist Church 7:00 PM
25 Happy Thanksgiving
1 Last day to settle popcorn accounts with council
6 District Committee Meeting
6 Deadline for District Award Nominations to District Chairman
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
24-27 Council Office Closed
31 Council Office Closed

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE'S CORNER BY CHAD DUGGINS

This time of year we all should take time to reflect on what we have to be truly thankful for. Most are fortunate to have jobs that allow us to eat, care for our families and provide a place to live. The one thing I am most thankful for is the organization that values the youth of our country and the principles that keep our country strong. The adults that continue to give their time to the youth of their unit teaching those same values. Many people have contributed their time and effort in behind the scenes efforts to both improve the health of our units and continue to help them become strong and viable and provide the program to their youth.

TO THE LEADERS OF SCOUTING IN OCONEE DISTRICT:

A profound Thank You for what you continue to do for the youth of our District. You care about each of your boys and want to see them succeed in life. The District Committee and I hope you have a great holiday season and look forward to seeing each of you at the January roundtable.

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Marc Mclean is once again working on a merit badge college during Christmas break this year. A couple of scout masters have expressed an interest in Emergency Preparedness as a possibility. Mark will advise the District as time approaches as to what we will be doing and the exact dates of the college. If you have any ideas about the college please contact Mark Mclean and let him know. Best program possible for your unit. Good Luck to all the units selling this year.

Pickens District

Serving Pickens County & Community of Powdersville

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November
 7 Council Camp Promotions Dinner 6:30
 11 Commissioner Basic Training
 11 Popcorn Distribution - All Units
 11 Venture Leadership Skills
 14 Cubscout/Boyscout Roundtable
 14 OA Meeting
 14 Commissioner Staff
 14 District Committee
 14 Annual Business Meeting
 22 Deadline for Silver Beaver Apps.
 23-24 Council Service Center closed for Thanksgiving

December
 1 All popcorn payments due
 5 Cubscout/Boyscout Roundtable
 5 OA Meeting
 25-26 Council Service Center closed for Christmas

SILVER BEAVER

The Blue Ridge Council is allowed to present a few leaders in our Council the most prestigious Silver Beaver Award. It is presented for years of dedication and service to our Scouts on the district and council level. If you know of someone who has done an outstanding job, please nominate them for the silver beaver. Applications are available at the Council Service Center.

RECHARTER KIT PICK-UP

Believe it or not the time to recharter our units is almost here. We will have the recharter kits at the November Roundtable. A full explanation of how to fill put the recharter papers will be discussed. The representative in your unit that will fill out the recharter forms need to be present.

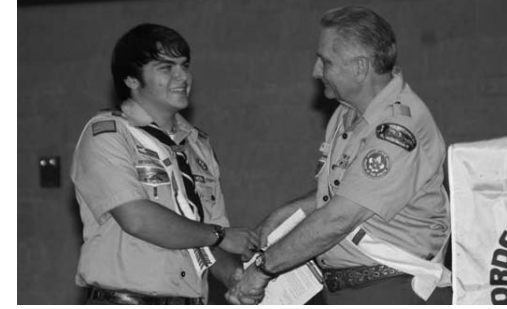
POPCORN DATES

November 11 - Popcorn Distribution - All Units
 December 1 - All Popcorn payments are due

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A SCOUTING STORY... 60 YEARS IN SCOUTING!

Ted Driebrod started as a Cub Scout in 1945 and went through Bobcat, Wolf Bear, Lion, Webelos(3 months then) and Arrow of Light. He became a Boy Scout in 1948 and went from Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life, Eagle. He was also an Explorer, back then you could wear the green uniform and be a member of a Troop. Later that policy changed and Explorer Program formed posts, squadrons, ships, and specialty units.



In 1951 he was chosen as a delegate with two other Scouts from his dad's Troop in Hendersonville, NC to represent the Boy Scouts of America contingent from Daniel Boone Council, Asheville, NC to the 7th World Scout Jamboree held August 3 - 13, 1951 at Bad Isch, Austria.

Ted has held several positions over many years in various councils. Some of them are as follows:

- Cub Master, Assistant Cub Master, Webelos Leader, Committee member.
- Scoutmaster, Assistant Scout Master, Committee member.
- Explorer Committee member

Awards received:

- Scouter's Award, Cubmaster Key, Scoutmaster Key, Commissioner Key, District Award of Merit, District Outstanding Scouter(three different councils)
- Silver Beaver - North Florida Council, 1971
- Order of the Arrow - 1962 Ordeal, 1963 Brotherhood, 1966 Vigil. Echokotee Lodge 200, North Florida Council. Founders Award 2000, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185, Blue Ridge Council.

Ted moved to Greenville in November 1978 and have been involved in these positions.

- Foothills District - District Commissioner, 2 years; District Chairman, 9 years; Chairman for District Committees, 4 years; Chairman for District Scoutmaster's Fellowship, 12 years; District Award of Merit; Scouter of the Year.
- Atta Kulla Kulla - Lodge Associate Adviser(16 yrs. currently still hold this position); Lodge Training Adviser, Delegate for 16 Dixie Fellowships; Delegate to NOAC, 1992; Judge at Dixie - 9 years; Adviser/Instructor for LLDC 8 years.
- Council Exporee staff (8 years)

AMERICAN RED CROSS LAY RESPONDER FIRST AID WITH CPR/AED INSTRUCTOR

The Blue Ridge Council and the American Red Cross are partnering to offer instructor training to our leaders. We are sending this notice to make people aware of the training and find out how many folks would be interested in participating. Listed below is the information on the courses to be offered. We will schedule courses when we get your interest cards returned.

Training is as follows:

27 hours of training
 Training will be scheduled at the convenience of the students
 Cost of the training is \$140.

As an American Red Cross Instructor, you will be able to teach the following courses:

- American Red Cross First Aid
- American Red Cross Child CPR
- American Red Cross CPR
- American Red Cross Automated External Defibrillator
- American Red Cross Infant CPR
- American Red Cross Bloodborne Pathogens Training

With this training, you can teach these classes to scouts, leaders, family, friends, and neighbors!



SIGHT NIGHT

puts focus on giving this Halloween!
 Upstate Volunteers Trick-or-Treat for Used Eyewear

This Halloween - or Sight Night - Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America will be asking for more than just candy; they'll also be scaring up used eyewear along their route. The used eyewear will be recycled by Give the Gift of Sight and Lions Clubs International and hand delivered to underprivileged people around the world. During its eight years, more than 100,000 community volunteers have participated in Sight Night, collecting more than 900,000 pairs of used eyewear.

The Lions Clubs charter the greatest number of Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing Crews. The "Sight Night" national service project was started by Lions Clubs in 1999.

"Sight Night gives children and adults a tangible way to participate in a global act of kindness on Halloween." "Our efforts will change lives. Some people who receive this eyewear may now be able to work, read or see the board in school because of their improved eyesight."

According to the World Health Organization, 250 million of the people in the world need corrective eyewear. But many people, especially those in developing countries, do not have access to eye care or eyewear. Each year, Give the Gift of Sight sponsors optical missions to developing countries such as Mexico, Bolivia, Laos, and Thailand to address the worldwide need for eye care.

"Look for your used prescription eyeglasses and non-prescription sunglasses around your home or office." "Whether they're big or small, chic or not, your eyewear could help someone in a developing country see the world more clearly!"

If the "ghouls and boys" don't make it to your house on Sight Night, have no fear. Used eyewear is accepted anytime at LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, Target Optical, BJs Optical stores, local Lions clubs or participating eye doctors in your community.

To collect used eyewear on Sight Night, visit www.sightnight.org or call 1-877-605-4242.

About Give the Gift of Sight: Give the Gift of Sight is a family of charitable programs providing free vision care and eyewear to underprivileged individuals in North America and in developing countries around the world. Sponsored by the Give the Gift of Sight Foundation and Luxottica Group, these programs have helped nearly five million people on five continents and in hundreds of communities across North America. The program's goal is to help seven million people by 2008. Partners with Give the Gift of Sight include: LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, Target Optical, BJ's Optical, EyeMed Vision Care, Sunglass Hut, Lions Clubs International and thousands of community charities. For more information on the program, log on to www.givethegiftofsight.org.

About Lions Clubs International: Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members in more than 44,500 clubs in 185 countries. Lions clubs have been collecting and recycling used eyewear for more than 70 years.

AMERICAN RED CROSS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING I AM INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP FOR THE TRAINING

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Cell # _____
 Home # _____
 Email: _____
 Unit # _____

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN THE COURSE IS FULL.

SEND TO:
 BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL RED CROSS TRAINING
 PO BOX 339 MAULDIN SC 29662

camp old indian RESERVATIONS summer 2007

No.	Camp Site (capacity)	Wk 1 June 10-16	Wk 2 June 17-23	Wk 3 June 24-30	Wk 4 July 1-7	Wk 5 July 8-14	Wk 6 July 15-21	Wk 7 July 22-28	Wk High Adv.
1	Amphitheater (20)	20 63	76	808*					
2	Anderson Cabin (16)	111	313	53		26	172 222	30	
3	Big Rock (48)	235	235	215	158		245 925	9	
4	Cely (16)	767	6*	722*		200			
5	Chapman (24)	134 139	992	260	45	51	259		
6	Cobra Cabin (18)	747	7*	603	221			401	
7	Greenville (16)	266 511	37	27	1	410		8	
8	Greenwood (28)	159	270	66	421*	96 521	61	16	
9	Hogan (16)	159 700	815*	711	62				
10	Maria Dukes (18)	417*	12	161	123	124	222	7	
11	Museum (48)	266	256 320			312*		795	
12	Oconee (19)	266	911	707	646	701	282	206	
13	Underwood (32)	266						19	
14	Windy Hill (44)	120 339			711*				
15	Eagles Nest (20)	41	201*	188	519	10*	316	97*	
16	Seaborn (24)	174	109	15	48	776	94	10*	
	White Pines				513*				
	Tent Camping								

Note: # = unit number. Asterisk *** denotes an out of council unit that has paid 505 deposit
\$50 DEPOSIT MUST BE PAID BY NOV. 7 2006 TO HOLD YOUR SITE

Order of the Arrow NEWS

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2007 Lodge Calendar

February 3 Winter Banquet, LLDC, ECM
March 16-18 Spring Fellowship
April 27-29 Dixie Fellowship - Camp Blue Heron - Savannah, GA
May 19 OA Work Day
July 18 Vigil Callout, Lodge Cookout

2006 NOAC

The Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge and the Blue Ridge Council were well represented by the fifteen delegates who attended the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Michigan State University. AKK placed in several National competitions:

RYAN BAJAN -

1st runner up nationally for Old Style Dance

GREG BAJAN -

1st runner up nationally for Straight Dance

ROBERT ROCHA -

top 10 nationally for Old Style Dance

SING & DRUM TEAM -

4th place nationally
Matthew Barnes, Greg Bajan, Ryan Bajan, Jim Tenney, Austin Boehmke

PRE-ORDEAL CEREMONY TEAM -

Honors Recognition
Ryan Bajan, Greg Bajan, Matthew Barnes, Jim Tenney

LODGE DISPLAY -

Honors Recognition

LODGE WEBSITE -

Honors Recognition

MICHAEL THOMPSON was also recognized with the Distinguished Service Award. Good cooking going on. Little Carpenters should be arriving soon so keep your eyes open for information to register for this great event. Come ready to share ideas and be creative with other brothers from the lodge.

Re-charter Process Streamlined for 2007

The 2007 Recharter packets will have 50% less paperwork to make the process a lot easier to process your recharter. In addition, this year the youth that were recruited at school nights will be marked with a red "x" to show they have been paid for 2007. This is intended to eliminate duplication of registration fees. The following information will help you in the process.

Included in the Kits- For Information Only: (Units Keep)

Unit Renewal Instruction Sheet:
"Recharter Step by Step"

Unit Accident Insurance Claim Form

Items to be returned to the Council Service Center:

- ❖ Unit Re-charter Renewal Form with Fees
- ❖ Applications for all unregistered youth and adults
- ❖ Gold Star Unit Certification Form with signature
- ❖ Demographic Letter
- ❖ Centennial Quality Unit Agreement
- ❖ Annual Charter Agreement
- ❖ National requires new adult volunteers registering in a unit to provide social security numbers. If someone is currently registered and is transferring or multiple registering with a different unit, a new application with SSN# will be required.

Plan Now to Attend BOY SCOUT Summer Camp at Camp Old Indian!

The 2007 Camp Leaders Guide is now available. If you will not be able to attend the Camp Promotions Kickoff meeting on November 8 contact your District Executive to get a copy of the Leaders guide CD.

HOW DO I SIGN UP

By November 7 - \$50.00 Site Deposit
If your unit attended Camp Old in 2006 AND a leader filled out a pre-registration form, your site is reserved until November 7th 2006. At that point, the \$50.00 site deposit is due for each campsite reserved. Units not paid may be dropped from the board. If you did not attend Camp Old Indian in 2006, please contact the Camp Director to discuss available weeks. He may be reached at 864-233-8363. Remember to retain your site you must be able to adequately fill it (approximately 80%); which will be at the discretion of the Director.

ATTEND THE CAMP PROMOTIONS DINNER ON NOVEMBER 7

A Scoutmaster and assistant from each Troop are invited to attend the Camp Dinner on November 7 at Messiah Lutheran in Mauldin. The meeting will begin at 6:30, and there is no cost for the meal. The 2007 Leader's Guide CD and other information will be distributed then. Come out and find out about all the cool activities COI is gearing up for in 2007!

By February 23 - \$20 Per Person Deposits
Pay your \$20.00 per person deposit for all youth and adults in your campsite. To hold space in High Adventure Programs, pay \$40.00 per person. You must bring the number of people you held space for or you will lose those deposits. Units not paid up on time or that can't fill the requested site may be dropped or reassigned.



Our thanks to Bi-Lo for partnering with the Blue Ridge Council to provide the Scouting program to more youth.

Foothills District gets new District Executive



Rebecca DeVita-Morris District Executive

Greetings Foothill's District! My name is Rebecca DeVita-Morris. On September 15, I assumed the role of District Executive of the Foothills District. Having lived in the Upstate nearly all my life, I am excited to be a part of an organization that gives so much back to the community. I graduated from Clemson University in 2004 and went on to receive an advanced degree in Public Administration from Clemson University and the University of South Carolina. It is my belief that my education and my former Camp Old Indian staff experience will serve me well in my new position. Recently I have had the opportunity to meet and speak with many area volunteers. The dedication I see in those volunteers both encourages me and makes me hopeful that my service to northern Greenville County will continue for years to come. If you have any questions, requests or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone at 233-8363 x206 or by email me at rdevitamorris@blueridgecouncil.org.

Have you remembered SCOUTING in your will?

Do you wish to make a planned gift to the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA?

For more information, please contact: THE SCOUT SERVICE CENTER at 864-233-8363



National Family Week honors the connections that strengthen families.



Celebrated for more than 30 years, National Family Week is held the week of Thanksgiving, which will be November 19-25. It provides everyone opportunities to honor the connections that support and strengthen families, connections both within families and from families to their communities.

National Family Week: Connections Count embraces the premise that children live better lives when their families are strong, and families are strong when they live in communities that connect them to economic opportunities, social networks (like Scouting), and services. These "connections" include economic self-sufficiency, dependable transportation, reliable child care, accessible health care, applicable education and training, and affordable housing.

Family is and always will be important to Scouting. For more information on National Family Week: Connections Count, visit nationalfamilyweek.org.

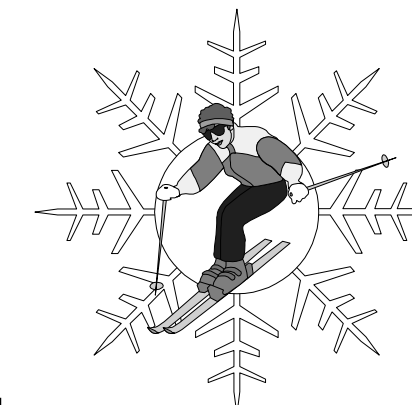
2007 WINTERFEST - Save the date!!!

The 2007 Explorer/Venturer WINTERFEST is set for January 26-28, 2007 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, located in the heart of the Great Smokey Mountains. This is an exciting competitive event activity for all Explorers and Venturers. It is sure to be the highlight of the year for your Group. This year's event is expected to have over 2,700 participants!

Saturday Night Talent Show (Yes - You can still Lip Sync!)

Activities will include:

- Skiing
- Dancing
- Kayaking
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Shopping
- Ice Skating
- Hiking
- Scuba
- Fellowship



In addition, there will be many competitions that include: Fire Fighting, Law Enforcement, Mock Trial, Shooting Range, Water Basketball, Climbing Tower, and much, much more.

Don't let your Explorers/Venturers miss out!!!!

For additional information, contact Tia Pendleton at the Scout Service Center, 233-8363 x. 204 or by e-mail at tpendleton@blueridgecouncil.org.



VENTURING • BSA

Blue Ridge Council November 16, 2006 Venturing Roundtable

Roundtable Activities

- Best Crew Activities - Come prepared to share information on your Crew's best and favorite activity (contacts, resources, etc.)
- Focus on CAVING - We'll have information on BSA policy, safety, and guidelines as well as places to go, guide services, and more. This is a great opportunity to find out about a seldom planned activity that will generate excitement for your crew!
- Review of Planned Council Venturing Activities

When: Thursday, November 16, 2006
Time: From 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Where: BSA Council Service Center

Your support of our Roundtables is important, and your suggestions will be the basis for future activities that will help your Venturing program grow. All Venturing adults and youth Officers are encouraged to attend this Roundtable.

Check the Council web site at www.blueridgecouncil.org for additional information.