



BALOO

Baloo Training Basic Adult Leader



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation is a one-day training event that introduces parents and leaders to the skills needed to plan and conduct pack outdoor activities, particularly pack camping. Come to camp for a day full of fun, food, and interaction with other Cub Scout leaders. This training is required for any adult who is in charge of planning a pack campout, and it is recommended that one adult per pack complete BALOO training.

You must list a BALOO-trained leader on Tour Permit applications to conduct pack and Webelos den campouts. BALOO includes information on:

- Preparations for camping with Cub Scouts
- Site selection
- Parent involvement
- Health and safety
- Activities
- Equipment
- Feeding
- Introduction to outdoor skills

WHEN: Saturday, August 19, 2006. Registration begins at 7:30am, Closing Ceremony at 5:00pm.
WHERE: Camp Old Indian
COST: \$15.00 -- includes materials, breakfast, lunch, and snack.
BRING: Pencil or pen, leader books, your favorite mug or cup, and an enthusiastic attitude. Please be prepared for cool and or rainy weather.
QUESTIONS: For questions or information please contact Matt Kubler (email mkubler@blueridgecouncil.org) or call 233-8363.
FRIDAY NIGHT: If you are driving from a long distance and would like to come up on Friday night, please make sure you contact the Council so we can have camp available for you.

Please make your check payable to: Blue Ridge Council, B.S.A. and submit it with the registration form below by Friday, August 4th. You can phone in your registration and pay on site if needed. Please make your reservation by August 4th so we can plan accurately for food and materials.

BALOO Training Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Pack: _____ Position _____
Email: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Mail or fax to: Blue Ridge Council
Baloo Training
P.O. Box 339
Mauldin, SC 29662
Fax: 233-2424



2006

Cub Scout Recruiting Plan Overview

Your Pack should have a "Back to the Pack" meeting sometime in August, preferably before the School Night. This can be a simple meeting such as a picnic or pool party. The purpose of this meeting is to reorganize the pack by confirming the leaders and reorganizing the dens if needed. Emphasis should be put on the dens where new leaders are needed.

A member of our staff will contact the school principals to schedule the School Night. Cubmasters will be notified when the date is set. Please do not contact the Principal. We have agreements with the school districts that must be honored.

During the first week of school a parent's flyer will be delivered to the school for distribution to the boys. The flyer explains the benefits of Scouting and announces the School Night date.

One day prior to the school night a member of our staff will visit the school. They will personally talk to the boys and give them a reminder notice to take home. Our Scout staff will conduct the actual School Night meeting. It will be helpful if your Pack is represented to answer questions specific to your Pack.

New leaders are recruited at the School Night. They need training and the sooner the better. Cubmasters are asked to schedule a Den Orientation with parent and new leaders within one week of the School Night. Your Pack Trainer should conduct the Den Orientation. New leaders will be given the Program helps booklet at the School Night.

If you have any questions about this plan, please contact your District Executive. Thank you for all you do in Scouting.

Troop Open House

The Boy Scout Troop open house allows a troop to swing open its doors and roll out the red carpet to welcome guests. It provides a forum to show off Scouting activities and the troop's accomplishments. It is an effective tool to reach youth who have never tried Scouting.

Hosting a Troop open house is a five-step process that has been tried and proven in Troops throughout the nation. Each of the following five steps is vital to the event's success:

- Present a school rally to fifth- and sixth-graders
- Mail the parents of interested youth a personal invitation to the Troop open house
- Follow the invitation with a telephone call to the parents
- Host the Troop open house for youth and their parents
- Organize a Troop or district activity to involve new Scouts right away

Youth join Scouting for the fun and outdoor adventure. Parents want them to join for completely different reasons—character building and leadership training. Following this plan for conducting a Troop open house will help you address the wants and needs of both youth and their parents.

National BSA Registration Policies

All leaders must be 21 with the following exceptions:

- Assistant Scoutmaster
- Assistant Den Leader
- Assistant Varsity Coach
- Assistant Cubmaster
- Assistant Webelos Den Leader
- Tiger Cub Adult

These six positions must be at least 18 years old. All members (youth and adult) must have their full name (no initials) as set forth in the Registrar's Procedures Manual issued by the Registration Services Office, Boy Scouts of America.

Please note that the requirement for a Criminal Background Check is a part of the Scouting Youth Protection initiative, and is for the safety of the youth members. Accordingly, a Social Security Number is required for all adult registration forms (please note that we will keep these confidential).



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
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Scouter Editor Tia Pendleton

Council Calendar

July

- 2-8 Boy Scout Resident Camp @ COI- Week 4
- 4 Independence Day- Office Closed
- 9-15 Boy Scout Resident Camp @ COI- Week 5
- 11 Commissioner's Cabinet Meeting at COI
- 16-22 Boy Scout Resident Camp @ COI- Week 6
- 19 OA Vigil Call-Out
- 23-29 Boy Scout Resident Camp @ COI- Week 7
- 26 Popcorn Show and Deliver/Show and Sell Training
- 27-28 Professional Staff Membership Conference
- 29-8/3 NOAC

August

- 3 Council Program Kickoff Meeting
- 10 Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 12 Trainer Development Conference
- 19 BALOO and Webelos Leader Outdoor Trainings
- 24 Popcorn Kickoff-Clemson UMC
- 29 Popcorn Kickoff-St. Mark UMC
- 31 Popcorn Kickoff-Council Service Center

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

BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

2006-2007

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 and 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.

WEBELOS LEADER OUT DOOR TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ PACK _____ POSITION _____
 REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL
WEBELOS LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING
P.O. BOX 339
MAULDIN, SC. 29662

Or Email: tbridwell@blueridgecouncil.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



Brandon Smith

NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE REEDY FALLS DISTRICT

Greetings Reedy Falls District! My name is Brandon Smith. Effective May 1st of this year, I assumed the role of Senior District Executive of the Reedy Falls District. I feel privileged to be in this position and look forward to working with you all. I am a 2002 graduate of Wofford College. For the last three years, I have served as a District Executive in the Palmetto Council, which is in Spartanburg, SC. During that time, I had the opportunity to serve two districts. I worked in Rock Hill, SC for a year and then in the Spartanburg Area for two years. My hope is that I will be able to serve the scouts and volunteers of the central Greenville County area for many years. Please feel free to contact by phone at 233-8363 x.207 or by email at bsmith@blueridgecouncil.org.

Hey You!

Yeah, you.

Let's Explore.

Young people today are



Exploring teaches America's youth about the world of careers. Through hands-on learning experiences, Exploring is inspiring our future artists, pilots, entrepreneurs, reporters, engineers, firefighters, doctors, lawyers, politicians, scientists, contractors, teachers, etc. Help us mold the bright future of tomorrow.

For information about Exploring or for the location of your nearest program, please check out our Web site at www.learning-for-life.org/exploring. Or contact Learning for Life Exploring Program, 1 Park Plaza, Greenville, SC 29607, 864-233-8363 Ext. 204.

Exploring





Safe Kids Recommendations for Summer Safety

Led by Greenville Hospital System Children's Hospital

Parents must learn the essentials about preventing unintentional childhood injuries so that they can teach their children safe behavior. The key actions parents and children must take are:

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

All children ages 12 and under should be properly restrained in the back seat on every ride. Parents should choose the right restraint for every child. Any child safety seat must be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle owner's manual. Obey all traffic laws, including those for child restraint use. Make sure everyone in the car is buckled up for every ride—including parents!

BICYCLE SAFETY

Every time you ride, wear a bicycle helmet that meets or exceeds the safety standards developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. A helmet should sit on top of your head in a level position, and it should not rock forward and backward or side to side. The helmet straps must always be buckled. Bicycle fit and maintenance are also important. Learn and follow the rules of the road. Riders should be restricted to sidewalks and paths until they reach age 10 and know how to practice safe biking. Parents should obey all traffic laws and teach them to their children, including those for helmet use.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Teach children to cross streets safely, walk on sidewalks or paths whenever possible and be cautious around cars. Never allow children under age 10 to cross streets alone. Teach your children never to run out into a street to catch a ball or a pet. Make sure your child plays in safe places, such as yards, parks and playgrounds—never in streets or parking lots.

WATER SAFETY

Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD when on a boat, near an open body of water or when participating in water sports. Air filled swimming aids, such as "water wings," are not safety devices and cannot substitute for a PFD. Always supervise children in and around water. Don't leave children alone, even for a moment! Keep rescue equipment, such as a lifesaving ring, telephone & emergency phone numbers poolside. Swim only in designated and supervised swimming areas, and teach children never to swim alone.

The 21st WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

JULY 27 – AUGUST 8, 2007

Join us for the 2007 World Scout Jamboree held at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, Essex, in the heart of England, the birthplace of the Scouting Movement.

The 21st World Scout Jamboree will be hosted by the Scout Association of the United Kingdom from July 27 until August 8, 2007. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff for 12 days. They will share adventure, international friendship, personal growth, and development.

In 2007, the centennial year of the founding of the Scouting movement, the jamboree theme will be "One World, One Promise." Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Scouting program, also pioneered the very first Jamboree at Olympia in London in 1920.

The Boy Scouts of America participated with 301 Scouts and leaders at the First World Scout Jamboree, and 3,200 American Scouts and leaders are invited to return to the birthplace of Scouting during the summer of 2007.

WHERE IS THE JAMBOREE?

The 21st World Scout Jamboree will take place at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, England. It is within easy reach of both central London and the airports surrounding London. Hylands Park is a large area of rolling green parkland, with patches of woodland and an English country house. It offers an ideal location for the jamboree site.

Chelmsford is a local town and has a long history stretching back thousands of years. Chelmsford Borough Council owns Hylands Park and is strongly supporting the jamboree.

Gilwell Park is the home of Scouting in the UK and is close to both Hylands Park and London. It will be the focus of adventurous activities in the Gilwell Adventure, which is one of the jamboree program venues.

The United Kingdom is a diverse and multicultural society that combines tradition with high technology. The UK has the honor of being the country where Sir Robert Baden-Powell founded Scouting. His first experiment was with an encampment on Brownsea Island

in 1907 with 22 Scouts from the London area. Key Elements of the Jamboree Program are planned to include:

- **World Village** - Six areas on the jamboree site that Scouts will explore in order to experience activities ranging from creativity to technology and culture.
- **The Gilwell Adventure** is an action-packed day of adventurous and challenging activities at the home of Scouting in the UK at Gilwell Park.
- **Global Development Village** is a chance to explore many of today's key world challenges through practical workshops run by specialists from the United Nations and other organizations.
- **Community Action Day** is helping to make a difference in the community through involvement in local projects in partnership with Scouts and community groups near the Jamboree site.

THE TOUR

The Boy Scouts of America has reserved a fleet of 80 modern tour buses for transportation to and from London airports to the jamboree site and touring. All buses will have a tour guide assigned to each Troop or Crew. The Boy Scouts of America has contracted with the Hertfordshire University Conference Center outside of London to provide meals and housing for our BSA contingent. The university is on a modern campus with excellent accommodations. All housing is in modern single-person living quarters with private shower and baths.

INTERESTED?

Please contact me if you have further questions.

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

healthygreenville 2025

A healthy lifestyle consists of a few key behaviors that yield a large and growing list of benefits. Finland, first through the North Karelia Project and then through a nation-wide initiative, demonstrated that public health intervention prevents chronic disease and extends life expectancy. World Health Organization programs have made it possible for other countries to benefit from Finland's experience. In 1999 a community of interested parties that includes Mayo Clinic in Olmsted County, MN adapted Finland's experience and launched Cardio Vision 2020. Cardio Vision 2020 advocates personal commitment and community action as the most effective and least costly means to optimize health.

Subsequently, a consortium of Greenville community organizations issued a challenge to Cardio Vision 2020 and Olmsted County on behalf of Greenville County to determine who can produce the most improvement in community health status by the year 2020. The challenge was accepted and Cardio Vision 2020 versus Healthy Greenville 2025 formally began in January 2004. The contrasts and commonalities will generate learning opportunities for any community that wishes to join the challenge.

The members of the consortium are:

- City of Greenville
- Furman University
- Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce
- Greenville Technical Education College
- School District of Greenville County
- The Greenville News

Affiliated organizations include: Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, Heartwise, District

Health Department, Community Health Alliance, Spartanburg Nutrition Council, and Clemson University Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

Healthy Greenville 2025 is a public health intervention project with the purpose of improving the health status of Greenville County by altering health behavior. There are many broad and complex factors contributing to health status of populations but the message of Healthy Greenville 2025 is not complex. Everyone can grasp the message and it can be mastered to varying degree but only with personal commitment and community action. Motivation, inspiration and innovation will determine the degree to which the community masters the message but the message is constant. Practicing the message in everyday life will improve health.

The message is:

- Cease exposure to cigarette smoke
- Eat a balance diet that includes:
 - Five servings of vegetables and fruit daily
 - Lean meat or vegetable protein and low fat dairy
 - Drink water, tea and lemonade and avoid soft drinks (sodas)
 - No highly processed food
 - Exercise daily
 - Walk 30 minutes at a leisurely pace
 - Walk one hour at a leisurely pace
 - Walk 45 to 60 minutes at a brisk pace
 - Walk 10,000 steps

www.americaonthemove.org
Please contact Marcus Newberry at marcusnewberry@charter.net or call 254-9930 for further information.



FLYING HIGH: Walker Black, Colin Whelehan and Logan Kaspie recite the Scout oath during their Eagle Court of Honor ceremony.

Scout troop pushes members to succeed

Six scouts earn Eagle badges

BY CINDY LANDRUM
staff writer

In Boy Scout Troop 111, it's not a matter of if a scout will earn his Eagle Scout badge, it's a matter of when.

During the past three years, 15 of the troop's 50 members have earned their Eagle badge.

That includes John Mark Dias, Austin Rich, Dillon Bennett, Walker Black, Colin Whelehan and Logan Kaspie who were inducted into the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Sunday during a ceremony at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Nationally, only about 2 percent of Boy Scouts earn the organization's highest honor.

"My expectations are that every one of them will get their Eagle," said Scoutmaster Scott Kigore. "It's a huge achievement and they get a little heat from the peer pressure standpoint because so many of the guys are Eagles."

In order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, serve in a troop leadership position for six months and plan and complete a service project.

"It's because we have a great scoutmaster who pushes us and keeps us motivated to get our Eagle," said Rich, whose father is also an Eagle Scout.

For his project, Rich collected school supplies for disadvantaged students at Grove Elementary, a school where a high percentage of students come from low-income families.

His mother is a kindergarten teacher there.

He collected money from friends and family and bought enough pens, colored pencils, paper, crayons, markers, glue and glue sticks for school supply packets for 65 students.

Bennett helped renovate the Greer Free Clinic for his project.

Over five weekends, Bennett and his crew of volunteers painted walls and steam cleaned carpets. They also bought a television, DVD player and water cooler for the patient waiting room and thermostats and blood pressure cups for the examination rooms.

Whelehan, a sophomore at the Governor's School, designed and built 18 lap boards for young patients at the Greenville Hospital System.

It took Whelehan nearly two years to complete his project. He had to build three prototypes before the final design was approved by hospital officials.

Black organized a clean-up of a portion of Long Branch Creek, a tributary to the Reedy River.

"It was ruckus and an eyesore. It was in deep need of attention," he said.

Kaspie built playground equipment for the Sterling Hope Center.

"It was just a grass yard and a basketball goal. I wanted to do something to give the kids something to do outside," he said.

Dias organized the cleanup of another vacant lot on Woodside Avenue. Over three Saturdays, volunteers collected four big trailers of trash, including a French fry oven and used mattresses.

Contact Cindy Landrum at 573-1257 or clandrum@greenvillejournal.com.



Bennett



Rich



Dias

CAMP OLD INDIAN RESERVATIONS SUMMER 2006

venturing news

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	711 326*	14*	
2	Anderson Cabin (16)	111	313	43	26	410	222	30	
3	Big Rock (48)	210 795 54	235	107 215	158	269* 123*	925 245	9	
4	Cely (16)	5	58	161	403*	200	183	700	
5	Chapman (24)	767 134 139 266	992 25	260	45	51	259 136		
6	Cobra Cabin (18)	747	216 7*	32*	226	316*	172	401	
7	Greenville (16)	511	37	260	280 1	27 269	136*		
8	Greenwood (28)	159	270	66	421*	96 521	61	16	
9	Hogan (16)	159	815*	725*	62	164*	26*	188	
10	Maria Dukes (18)	417/519*	12	603	123	124	222	7	
11	Museum (48)	24 95 266	320 201* 256	333*	62*	312*	715		
12	Oconee (19)	266	911	707	646	701	282	206	
13	Underwood (32)	112 340* 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		
16	Seaborn (24)	174	270 109	15	48	776	94	10*	
	White Pines	save camp site		316*	513*				
	Tent Camping								

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

ROUNDTABLE

On August 17, 2006 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Council Service Center off of Butler Rd. All Venturers are invited to attend the Council Venturing Roundtable. Conducting the Roundtable, from the Council Venturing Committee will be John Parks and Barry Sample. All Leaders from the Council Crews and Ships are asked to join in the fellowship. The Venturing Roundtable will provide important information and dates about all District and Council Venturing events. Along with the fellowship the Roundtable will give you the opportunity to share ideas and ask questions. This will be especially enlightening for new leaders. If you have a question and for more information call John Parks at 864-244-8862 or Barry Sample at 864-886-8517.

HIGH ADVENTURE DAY

On Saturday September 16, 2006, there will be Rafting and Rapelling Adventure on the Nanathalla River. This Adventure is sponsored by the Blue Ridge Council Venturing Committee and the Appalachian River Company. The cost of the Adventure will be \$22.00 for rafting and \$12.00 for repelling; these prices do not include meals. The rafting adventure is semi-guided and there will be over night camping for Crews and Ships on Saturday night. If you would like to be a part of this adventure please fill out the pre-registration form attached. Please join us on this trip. For more information you can e-mail Dr. Jim Johnson at jljohn47@bellsouth.net or call at 864-882-9765. You can also e-mail John Parks at happyhiker@charter.net or call at 864-244-8862 or call Barry Sample at 864-886-8517.

ORDER OF THE ARROW News

2006 Officers and Advisers

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- Tim Hunt/Lodge Adviseradviser@akk185.org
- Jason Smith/Staff Adviserstaff@akk185.org

Lodge Calendar

- July 19Vigil Call Out / Lodge Cookout / Camp Old Indian
- July 29-Aug 3National OA Conference / Michigan State University
- October 6-8Fall Fellowship / Camp Old Indian

OA WORK DAY

OA Work Day was a success and with everyone's help we were able to get a lot done to help beautify camp. As promised, the Bath Houses are coming along great! Some OA projects will be conducted throughout the camp season to help maintain these facilities to the best quality and continue our long standing support of the camp. Thanks to all OA members who helped out at Work Day.

LODGE UPDATES

Spring Fellowship Patches are at the office. If you have not received your Spring Fellowship for attending please contact Josh Hipps (864-350-7226) or Jason Smith (864-681-0553).

DIXIE FELLOWSHIP

Dixie Fellowship was a success with much enthusiasm and participation out of the whole Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge. The Lodge missed retiring the Lodge of the Year trophy this year by only 5 points to Muscogee. We did bring home First Place for the Lodge Website, Where To Go Camping Book, Ultimate Frisbee, and Egg Toss. Ryan Bajan received two First Place awards, for Old Style Dance and for his Outfitting. Other participation awards were received but most importantly we brought home friendship and lasting brotherhood for our lodge members.



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.

Popcorn Kickoff Dates

Units who attend one of the three Popcorn Kickoff Meetings will earn additional commission for the 2006 Popcorn Sale. Please mark one of the following dates in your calendar now to find out all of the details on this year's Popcorn Sale, and plan on learning how to have your best sales ever at a Popcorn Kickoff.

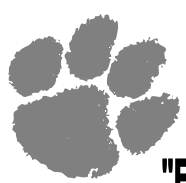
Attend 1 of the 3 Popcorn Training / Kickoff Meetings to obtain highest commission:

Thursday, August 24, 2006 @ 7:00 pm
Clemson United Methodist Church
300 Frontage Road Clemson 29633

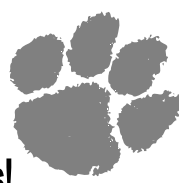
Tuesday August 29, 2006 @ 7:00 pm
St. Mark United Methodist Church
72 ByPass Greenwood 29646

Thursday, August 31, 2006 @ 7:00 pm
Blue Ridge Council Service Center
1 Park Plaza Greenville 29607





Popcorn Sale 2006



"Fill up your Take Order Form"...Spend A Day With The Coaches!

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Every Scout who fills up his 2006 Popcorn "Take Order" form will receive an invitation to a "Sports Clinic with Clemson University Coaches" followed by one free ticket to a Clemson Baseball game and ACC Indoor Track Championship.

- Who Qualifies:** Every Scout who fills up a 2006 Popcorn "Take Order" form
- What:** Sports Clinic with Clemson University Coaches
- When:** Saturday, February 24th, 2007
- Where:** Clemson University
- Time:** Morning-Sports Clinic/ Afternoon-Baseball Game
ACC Indoor Track Championship

Coaches that will be present include:

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| Football | Baseball |
| Volleyball | Rowing |
| Soccer | Tennis |

And More!

Instructions: Turn in a copy of all filled 2006 Popcorn "Take Order" forms, complete with Scouts' names, with your 2006 Popcorn Order on October 30, 2006. Invitations for Scouts to attend will be made based on forms turned in to the Blue Ridge Council Service Center.

A Scout is ...

Scouting is more than fun and games. It's teamwork, leadership, friendship, and for over 100 million Scouts and Scouters since 1910, it's more than memories. Scouting is learning values they will share with others throughout their lifetimes.

SCOUTING... TIMELESS VALUES

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
www.scouting.org

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 THE SCOUT SERVICE CENTER at 864-233-8363

2006 EXPOREE AT DONALDSON CENTER



The Council had 2,700 people attend the Exporee held at Donaldson Center in Greenville County on May 5th-7th. The weather was great and the activities for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Exploring were enjoyed by kids and adults alike. The fireworks display ended the night on a brilliant note. Reign also provided great entertainment and a positive message for the youth at the camp fire.

Many people contributed time and a great deal of effort to make the Exporee very successful but a few deserve a special thank you for taking the lead role and helping to pull it all together. Rick Sumerel, Tom and Trey Moran, Terry Rogers, Jay Best, Lisa Alexander, Russell Smart, John Park, Carl Nolte, and Doug Henry all deserve a special thank you for their leadership and hard work.

Most of all thank you to the many unit leaders and parents that gave their time to bring their families and Scouts to the event. Scouting would not be possible without the devotion of our leaders and parents that make it happen for the youth of the Blue Ridge Council.



Foothills District

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- august july**
- 4 Office Closed
 - 7 Key 3 Meeting (5:30)
 - 17 District Committee Meeting (6:00)
 - 17 Unit Commissioner Meeting (6:30)
 - 17 Roundtable/Program Kick Off (7:00)
 - 31 Popcorn Kick Off (6:30)

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The Foothills District Committee meets the second Thursday of every month at Taylor's 1st Baptist Church beginning at 6:00pm. We invite anyone who would like to assist in the success of the Foothills District. We have many vacancies including Training, Membership, and Finance. If anyone has any questions, please call Matt Holmes at 233-8363 or the District Chairman, Dr. Bill McPhail at 246-5012.

POPCORN

Now is the time to get signed up for popcorn sales and select a time to attend 1 of 3 popcorn kick offs. Each unit selling will be assigned a popcorn coach to assist with the sale. We should all take advantage of the sale to reduce the cost of scouting in our local units. There are some GREAT incentives this year, for example: if your scout fills up the "take order form" he gets to attend "A DAY WITH THE CLEMSON TIGER COACHES AND PLAYERS" followed by a free pass to attend a Clemson Tiger baseball game! If anyone needs training please contact our District Popcorn Chair, Nancy Davenport at 848-2723.

SUMMER CAMP

Make sure all boys that are attending summer camp have all their paper work filled out and complete. This includes merit badge schedules, physicals, medical forms, etc. 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.

FALL ROUNDUP

If you have a date that would work out for your Pack or Troop for the fall school nights please communicate with the Foothills District Executive, Matt Holmes. We do need some roundup coordinators to assist with our recruiting process. This job responsibility is a short-term project that is vital to the success of the Foothills District. It requires the roundup coordinator to attend 2 to 3 school nights. Please contact Matt if you can assist.

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- august july**
- 4 Independence Day – Office Closed
 - 22 Key 3 Meeting
 - 24 District Committee Meeting (11:30 – 1:00)
 - 24 First Nighter Kickoff (Council Service Center)
 - 24 Popcorn Kickoff (Council Service Center)

EXPLORER NEWS

Explorers Recognition Banquet was held Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at Greenville Tech's Admission and Registration Building located in McAlister Square on South Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville. The Banquet was indeed a blast! Jarrod Parker, former EMS Explorer (Post 466) and current EMS employee shared his explorer history and how being an Explorer assisted in him receiving his full-time job with EMS. Over 50 Explorers and their families came out to fellowship and eat some AWESOME BBQ. Those receiving awards/recognition were as follows:

Advisor of the Year

Christine Donnelly, Post 817

Associate Advisor of the Year

John James, Post 466

John David, Post 817

Explorers of the Year

Jared LeClaire, Post 817

David Gault, Post 7

Career Achievement Awards (Law Enforcement)

Nikki Steele, Nathaniel Rains, Jared LeClaire, Brian Gray, and Laura Cape (Post 817)

LEARNING FOR LIFE DISTRICT CONTINUED...

New Posts

Mauldin Fire Department, Post 229
 Mauldin Police Department, Post 228

EXPLORER POST HIGHLIGHTS

Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Post 817 will be participating in the **National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference** which will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona, July 10-15th. Explorers Nikki Steele, Nathaniel Rains, and Jared LeClaire will be competing with over 4,000 other Explorers from across the Nation in 12 different team events. They will also be seeing seminars from all the major federal law enforcement agencies and dropping by displays and recruiting tables from them.

Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Post 817 has been selected as the recipient of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) **2006 Drug Abuse Prevention Service Award** to be awarded at the National Conference in Flagstaff (National Award).

Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Post 817 has also been selected as the recipient of the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners (ISCPP) **2006 Community Crime Prevention Award** to be awarded at the National Conference in Flagstaff (International Award).

Sgt. Brian Donnelly, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Post 817 Advisor will has received the **2006 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year** for the State of SC by the American Legion awarded June 23rd at their annual conference in Columbia.

NATIONAL EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES

Explorers are you interested in some "fun" competitions and activities. Below is a list of Exploring opportunities that available this summer and early fall. For additional information, please visit our website, www.learning-for-life.org.

- 2006 National Mock Trial
- 2006 National Law Enforcement Conference

FUNDRAISING – POPCORN

It is time for all of our units to sign up to sell popcorn. All units that sell popcorn will receive 35% commission!! Wow!! This is a great opportunity for the youth in the units to raise money to attend camps, Winterfest, as well as units to provide a better program for our youth! All units are asked to sale a minimum of \$200 to help support our youth and all of our programs. The Popcorn sale begins August 24 and ends October 25. Contact Joel Sadoris via e-mail joelsadoris@bellsouth.net or Tia at the Scout Service Center. Let's Sell! Sell! Sell!

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. Don't forget to check out our website www.learning-for-life.org.

Thanks to all Post Leaders, Group Teacher Leaders and Learning for Life Committee members for continuing to make Learning for Life a success! Have a Happy and safe 4th of July!!

Long Cane District

Serving Greenwood and Abbeville Counties

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- august july**
- 13 Roundtable
 - 27 District Committee
 - 27 Commissioner Staff
 - 10 Roundtable Meeting
 - 21 Commissioner Staff Meeting
 - 21 District Committee Meeting

THEMES FOR THE MONTH

	July:	August:
Cub:	Play Ball	Campfire Tales & Traditions
Webelos:	Aquanaut/Geologist	Naturalist/Forester
Scout:	Hiking	Shooting

PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Our annual Program Kick-off will be Thursday, 10, 2006 at Main St. UMC at 7:00 pm. This is going to be the roundtable not to miss folks! At the program kick-off, all units receive the new 2006 – 2007 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

LONG CANE DISTRICT CONTINUED...

are a service of the Long Cane District and Blue Ridge Council and are supported by our Friends of Scouting.

POPCORN

Please remember, our district popcorn kick-off is August 29, 2006 at 7:00 pm at St. Mark UMC. This will be the official kick-off for all unit sales, meaning that all units may start selling the next day! There is NOTHING saying we can't hit the pavement immediate after the Kickoff. Saturday, September 23, will be the Blue Ridge Council Popcorn Blitz Day. This will be the day we have all Scouts selling popcorn council-wide from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The Unit with the most sales on this Blitz Day from each district will receive some sort of award still yet to be determined. We ask that all units report to Paul Sharp or Chris Dunford (227-9168) their figures for that day by 4:30 pm. This fundraiser, if promoted and executed efficiently in your unit, can finance your unit for the entire Scouting year. Let's give it a big push and make it FUN!

DOES YOUR UNIT NEED.....

Does your unit need Tents? Does your unit need Backpacks? Does your unit need Pots, Pans, Utensils, Grills, Camp Stoves, Ropes, Canoes, Kayaks, Traveling capabilities, First Aid Supplies, Lanterns, Storage containers, Water, Air, Etc.???? How about this, does your unit need MONEY? Selling Popcorn can help provide all that you need to have the Best Unit In The Council! Also, many do not realize this, but by participating in popcorn sales, you automatically meet one of the requirements for Gold Star Unit, and Gold Star Units receive free cloth advancements from the council office for one year...this is a fantastic money saver! On top of that, you will receive either 32% or 35% of total money sales depending upon your commission plan decision. You can finance your unit for a whole year if you have a successful popcorn sale, which in turn lessens the financial impact on leaders and parents and also reduces the need for unit fundraisers. It is not too late to sign up. Call Paul or Chris with questions. Please plan on attending the August 29th Kick-off and let's make our Scouting Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts the strongest in the Council!

FALL ROUND-UP

By now, all school nights have been set for our fall recruitment. Let's all target our churches for setting church night recruitment dates. This is an excellent opportunity to get more youth involved in Scouting. All Boy Scouting Units, let's open our doors to a Troop Open House. Let's all make every effort to have leadership in place before the school nights. By securing all leadership positions over the summer, the fall transition is much easier and is more deserving for all new, and returning, Scouts. Once again, if we can be proactive and secure leadership now, we will be able to keep more boys in Scouting. Let Paul Sharp know now if you have any special requests for fall recruitment. Remember, every boy deserves every opportunity to be in Scouting programs, and once he becomes a Scout, let's make sure he stays a Scout, for this will stay with him throughout his life.

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is well underway. I hope your Scouts have had the opportunity to attend. If you would like more information about camp's benefits, please let me know. Again, we will have seven separate but consecutive weeks of camp for this year's Boy Scout Summer Camp at COI.

THANK YOU

Long Cane thanks Jay Pendergrass for all of his work with our Eagle Scouts! Jay is doing a fantastic job on our District Committee and is very much appreciated by our District Leadership!

Oconee District

Serving Oconee County and the Community of Clemson

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SUMMER

Summer is here and vacations will play an important part of the families plans. Enjoy the summer and have a great time with your packs. The summer time pack award is easy to earn and will give you a great start on cub scouting next fall. The boy scouts have spent their time at COI and earned merit badges and just had a great time. Before we know the time for school will come around all too soon so enjoy your summer no matter what you do.

OCONEE DISTRICT CONTINUED...

TRAINING

This coming fall we are making a push to get every leader trained for their position in cub scouts. Keeping your training up to date insures you will be aware of any changes made to the program for your age group. James Blake, our new training chair, is a former cubmaster and serves on the committee for troop 235 in Clemson. He is very enthusiastic and will do a great job for our district. He will be contacting each pack and troop to get an idea of any specific training needs so we can address them this fall.

DE'S CORNER

The council exporee was a great time for meeting new scouters and just having fun. The fireworks show at the end of the campfire program was a big hit with our units that attended. Our district was well represented by troops and packs. Thank each of you that attended and be sure and spread the word about the fun you had to those that did not attend. We will do that again in three years and are already looking forward to doing it. I hope each of you has a great and safe summer.

KICK-OFF PLANS

August 10th we will have our District kick-off for the new Scouting year. That will be our first round table of the year so plan to have your leaders their to talk about the upcoming calendar along with any activities you as a leader would like to see happen in our District. The input of each and every leader is important to the District so plan to attend.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

We are in the process of putting together a District list of merit badge counselors and would welcome any input from the leadership to help us accomplish this list. Any merit badge counselor has to fill out an application and an information sheet to turn in to the council office. The registration is free but necessary to become a merit badge counselor.

Pickens District

Serving Pickens County & Community of Powdersville

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- august july**
- 4 Office Closed
 - 15 Committee Meeting
 - 19 Baloo Training
 - 26 Cub Training Workshop

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS

By the middle of June, Pickens District reached its Friends of Scouting Goal. The \$90,000 raised was the largest amount in Pickens District history. The District was successful because of many local individuals. Tom O'Hanlan headed up the total effort with Alex Dye heading up the Easley Campaign, Perry Gravely masterminding the Pickens Community campaign, and Al Toole starting strong for us in Liberty. John Lamberson, Hamp Johnson, Stewart Bauknight helped secure special gifts for the district. Many of you allowed us to come in and do Family Friends of Scouting Presentations with your packs and troops! Thanks!!!! Again, these were just a few of the kind "Scouters" that went the extra mile in helping us secure the needed financial support. Our hats go off to everyone involved.

BEGIN NOW PREPARING YOUR PACKS FOR THE FALL

Although our local Cub Scout Packs are now in the process of having fun Summertime Pack Activities, now is the time to begin working toward the fall. If you now need leaders to lead some of your Dens or you are stepping down as Cubmaster, begin recruiting now. Don't wait until School Nights. School Nights in all our local schools will begin this year in mid August. A little work now, will strengthen all our packs and make our program stronger for the 2006-2007 school year.

A SPECIAL THANKS.....

.....to Herman, Julie and Rodger and all the Scouters that helped with our summer Cub Scout Day Camp. Over 100 cub scouts and a great group of leaders were in attendance for the week! Smiles were seen on all our Cub Scouts faces.

.....to all the leaders who took time off from work to go to Camp Old Indian for our Boy Scouts!

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| july | 1 Eagle Scout Boards of Review.
(See write-up below) |
| | 13 Eagle Board (Buncombe Street UMC) |
| | 20 Commissioner meeting (Council Office) |
| august | 10 Eagle Board (Buncombe Street UMC) |
| | 17 District Committee (7:30 Council Office) |
| | 17 Commissioner Meeting
(6:30 Council Office) |
| | 17 OA Meeting |
| | 24 Program Kick-Off (Council Office) |
| | 31 Popcorn Kick-off (Council Office) |

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 or contact Steve Luck.

EAGLE SCOUT BOARDS OF REVIEW
 Boards of Review for Eagle Scouts are conducted the first Thursday of each month per prior arrangement via the Scoutmaster and the Eagle Board of Review Chairperson (Tim Poole two-rwe@juno.com" bei@burdetteengr.com). Unless otherwise notified, they begin at 7:00 PM in the education building at Buncombe Street UMC. <http://maps.yahoo.com/maps> Map of 213 College St Greenville, SC 29601-2012

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, August 17th. The Commissioner Meetings will begin at 6:30pm and District Committee Meetings will start at 7:30pm, located at the Council Service Center. David Rainey, 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!

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE:
 I would like to take a moment to thank Erica Marquis, Don White and their team of volunteers that helped make Reedy Falls Day Camp a complete success. Thanks for your work! I also want to encourage every unit to make an effort to send a representative to roundtable EVERY month. A good idea may be to select 3-5 individuals at the beginning of the program year that would rotate attending each month. Their responsibility would be to communicate information gathered at the roundtable to the other leaders via email or at the unit's regularly scheduled leader's meeting. Lastly, on August 24th the Reedy Falls District will be hosting its Program Kick-off at 7pm in the Blue Ridge Council Service Center. Please promote this event throughout your unit. A special prize will awarded to the unit that has the most "registered leaders" in attendance. For those of you I have not had the pleasure to meet, I look forward to meeting you at the "kick-off"!

Saluda River District

Serving Newberry County

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| july | 4 Week at COI |
| | 4 Independence Day – OFFICE CLOSED |
| | 5 Week at COI |
| | 6 Week at COI |
| | 23-29 7th Week at COI |
| august | 3 Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Order of the Arrow Roundtable |
| | 3 Program Kickoff. (All leaders to attend) |
| | 24 District Committee Meeting and Commissioner Staff |

POPCORN
 Yes It's that time again folks. Popcorn is right around the corner and this year is going to become better than ever. We have new Popcorn Coaches and familiar Popcorn Chairs. Last year we only had 11 units participate out of 34 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Units. This year I would like to have at least 20 units participate and help the council out by selling popcorn to help support the Programs we provide for each child. This year we have something new in store for each kid. For every sheet you fill up with popcorn orders you will be able to participate in a fun filled day at Clemson University. You will be able to meet the Coaches and Players from all Sports arena's and get autographs and just have a plain ol' good time.

ROUNDTABLE NOTES
 Roundtable is a time to come and reflect on events that have happened throughout the year. Please bring ideas to help make Saluda River the Best District in the Blue Ridge Council. For New Leaders coming into the program, roundtable is a time to meet other leaders and get ideas on how to make your unit successful and fulfilling. All leaders are invited to come. Jason Smith will send emails out to all leaders the week of the Roundtable to remind you of the day. Roundtables are held at Broad Street United Methodist Church at 7:00pm on the First Thursday of every month except for June and July being Scout Camp. If you would like to be on the mailing list to be reminded of Roundtable email Jason Smith at jsmith@blueridgecouncil.org. Also, roundtable is a good time to catch up on events coming up in the future.

FRIEND OF SCOUTING NEWS
 Saluda River has exceeded their goal of 74,000 dollars this year. I'm proud to say that everyone's help in this critical time has really proven that Saluda River is out there to prove a point. That they are the best and will never rest until the job is done. A big shout-out to your Overall FOS Chairman, Hampton Hunter for making this effort a success. It couldn't have been accomplished without the help of everyone including people like Clinton Chairman Herb Coddington and your old buddies down in Newberry Mike Cousins and Jim Lander. These guys really pushed to help the Blue Ridge Council in their financial support. I would also like to add that Saluda River, for the first time ever, has achieved the most contributions in there history. This goal has never been reached before and plans to exceed it by the end of the year. With the overwhelming support of all who contributed, Thank You so much for believing in the Boy Scouts. Keep up the good work and let's keep Saluda River Rocking.

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

- Uniforms**
 Scoutreach need any used uniforms for its youth. Scoutreach can use any used camping Equipment for its units
- Bicycle Helmets**
 Volunteers for after school programs, for one hour every two weeks

If you can help with any of these items please contact Ollie at 864- 233-8363 Thank you.

Six & Twenty District

Serving Anderson County

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| july | 20 Thursday-'School Night Planning Meeting' Anderson Alternative School |
| august | 1 District Committee & Commissioners meeting (Tuesday) |
| | 3 Annual Program Kick-Off |
| | 24 Popcorn Program Kick-off
Clemson Methodist Church
6 & 20 & Oconee Districts" |

SCHOOL NIGHT & PROGRAM MEETING
 August 3rd (Thursday) -- 7:00 P.M. at the Latter Day Saints Church in Anderson. We need at least one representative from each Pack, Troop, Post & Crew at this meeting. The very best representatives would be your Committee Chair and Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Crew & Post Advisor. At this meeting School Night dates & assignments along with annual program packets will be distributed to each group. These forms will allow you to pin-point areas where your units may be strengthened, and allow us to plan effectively for Fall recruiting. This meeting will last about an hour and is important to help the Commissioner Staff and Round-up teams know how to help your unit most effectively. For more details call your District Executive, Jonathan at 864-278-2478 or your District Commissioner, Wayne Watson can be contacted at waynewatson@anderson5.net.

ROUNDTABLE / PROGRAM KICK-OFF
 August 3rd (Thursday) – 7:00 P.M. meeting will be held at the LDS Church and will once again begin our Roundtables. This will also be where your Pack, Troop, Post and Crew can pick up their Planning Packet for 2005-2006. This is an important packet to get as it will allow your group to plan your calendar for the upcoming year.

POPCORN PROGRAM KICK-OFF
 August 17-24 Anderson County and Oconee County will host a joint 2 District Popcorn Kick-off this year on August 24th (Thursday) at the Clemson First United Methodist Church on Frontage Street. We will host our Popcorn Kick-Off. This is where all Popcorn Packets will be distributed and you will have the opportunity to ask questions, and set goals for your unit, allowing your unit to do all the cool activities that you and your committees have planned for the boys. Alice Hunter our District's Popcorn Chair is working hard to make sure you are paired up with a supporting popcorn coach and to insure you have all the information and details you need for a successful fundraiser. Alice can be reached at 287-3818.

BOY SCOUT FALL CAMPOREE
 October 13th – 15th -- This Camporee will be hosted by Troop 5 from Honea Path. Ken Jordan and the Honea Path crew are working hard to put together something special. Remember the fall Camporee determines who takes home the District Trophy so boys get those Scouting skills ready for some serous patrol competition.

CUB DAY CAMP
 A Big Thank to John & Michael for an outstanding job with our Day Camp. The District and boys appreciate your hard work and dedication.

ORDER OF THE ARROW
 Ca-Nu-Pa Chapter of the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 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. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3rd (Roundtable) at the LDS Church in Anderson. The meeting will begin at 7:00 and the youth will be discussing all lodge activities for Anderson County.

SIX AND TWENTY FINANCE GOAL
 Congratulations to everyone in the District who worked so hard to reach our finance goal. The District goal was set at \$103,000 for 2006.

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.

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

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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/Commissioner Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the 'Alternative School' in Anderson, the Commissioners meeting will be from 6:00 -7:00.

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| july | 4 Independence Day |
| | 20 Round Up Training |
| august | 10 Popcorn Kick Off |
| | 17 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Meeting |
| | 24 District Program Kick Off |

STEPS FOR AN IDEAL YEAR IN SCOUTING!!!
Be Prepared for Roundup
 There is no better way to recruit new Scouts in the fall than being prepared for Roundup. A lot of new folks will join the Scouting Family this fall and you want to keep them on board! This training will cover council policies and the plan for the fall.

Roundup Training
 July 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Plan Your Program Year
 Have Program Kickoff on the Calendar
 THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST FOR YOU....YES YOU!! Every single activity will be promoted and the folks who are organizing those activities will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Learn about camp, popcorn, camporees, roundtables and all the other things that make Scouting fun!

When: August 24, 2006
Where: Messiah Lutheran Church
Time: 6:30 PM

Make Sure you are signed Up for Popcorn
 The POPCORN Kick Off will be held on August 10th at the Council Office. This will be a district activity with fun, games and a lot of information so come ready to have a good time. Popcorn sales are a vital way for units to earn money for trips, recharter costs, and program supplies.

The council kick off will be held August 31st at the Council Office at 7pm. Southbounders sold more popcorn than any other district in the council last year and I am looking forward to seeing you at these events to ensure another successful year!

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY
 Just because the Gobbler Grab, Scouting for Food and the Holidays are over, it does not mean that you are excused from doing a "Good Turn Daily". There are still food banks that still need to feed many families. Find something in your area. Your youth will also benefit from helping others.

EARN THE SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD
 Not only will your Pack have another ribbon on your flag, but also your boys will have fun and stay in Scouting. It can be a picnic, a day at the zoo or family camping. No matter what you choose, the boys will get even more fired up about the adventures Scouting has to offer. Call the council office for more details.

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Distinguished Service Award

At the BSA National Meeting on May 24, 2006, in Washington, DC, the National Order of the Arrow Committee announced nine adult volunteers from across the United States to honor with the OA's Distinguished Service Award. Michael Thompson, Blue Ridge Council Commissioner has been one of the nine honored.

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented every two years during NOAC. Since the time of the first awards were presented, approximately 500 Distinguished Service Awards have been presented.

Some of Michael's Scouting history within the Council include: member of Southern Region Executive Board (2005-Present), OA Southern Region Coordinator for the

National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (2002-Present), Adviser to the OA Section Vice-Chief, Southern Region, Section Five (1999-Present), member of the Council's Camping Committee (2002-Present), and a member of the Southbounder District Committee (1995-Present).

The award is a sterling silver arrowhead, bearing an arrow pointing upwards and to the wearer's right, suspended from a white neck-ribbon upon which are embroidered red arrows.

Only 800 volunteers have received this award since 1940. Four of those recipients have been volunteers of the Blue Ridge Council.



The award will be presented on July 30, 2006 during the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University.

Leaders! Earn higher popcorn commissions... See page 4!

programkickoffmeetings

Be sure to attend this very important meeting. We will have all program information to hand out for the year including calendars, school night information and upcoming events scheduled for 2006-2007. See you at your District Program Kickoff!!

District	Date	Time	Location
Six & Twenty	August 7	7:00 p.m.	LDS Church – Anderson
Pickens	August 8	7:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church- Easley
Oconee	August 8	7:00 p.m.	St. Marks Methodist - Seneca
Long Cane	August 10	7:00 p.m.	St. Marks - Greenwood
Saluda River	August 10	7:00 p.m.	Broad St. UMC – Clinton
Foothills	August 17	7:00 p.m.	Taylor's First Baptist Church
Reedy Falls	August 24	7:00 p.m.	Council Service Center
Scoutreach	August 24	7:00 p.m.	Council Service Center
Southbounder	August 24	7:00 p.m.	Messiah Lutheran Church
Learning for Life	August 24	6:30 p.m.	Council Service Center

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A Historical Note on Commissioner Service
By Michael Thompson, Council Commissioner

In February 1910, an excerpt from Association Men, a magazine edited by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), read, "The Boy Scout movement which took England by storm has gripped America." Although local units of the Boy Scouts sprang up in various locations across the country, the first evidence of a national movement occurred in Washington, D.C., with the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. Shortly thereafter, the national headquarters was moved to New York.

At the onset of the movement, it became apparent that local people needed to assume leadership. For several years, the formal registration of units was done directly through the national organization. The first local council leaders were called Scout commissioners.

During the early years of the Scouting movement, there were two kinds of local councils – second-class councils that operated with a volunteer commissioner and first-class councils that had paid commissioners. Greatly increased growth called for more paid leaders who became known as professionals. By 1935, all of the United States was served by first-class councils with little direct service to units from the national office. During these years of growth, commissioner service was the one unifying factor that made Scouting permanent.

Local councils began to require more specialized volunteer support and operating help. The commissioner, however, remained as the line of service from the council to the unit and chartered organization. Varieties of commissioners were appointed through the years. The increasingly important role of the commissioner required that more knowledgeable people be recruited to service, train, and ensure that the ideals of the movement were implemented.

Through the years, the commissioner staff has continued to be involved in and concerned with the health of the council's units, especially the unit leader. The commissioner's main responsibility is to help units succeed.

Please be sure to take full advantage of the Blue Ridge Council's Commissioner Service! The Commissioners look forward to assisting each unit as a friend, representative, unit "doctor," teacher, and counselor. We are here to help your unit succeed and are humbled to assist your efforts in providing a quality program that will change the lives of youth.

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