

2006 GOD & COUNTRY CONFERENCE



The Blue Ridge Council will participate in the 2006 God and Country Conference to be held at Cragmont in Black Mountain, NC, March 31st thru April 2, 2006. At the conference you will be able to learn better how to work with your scouts in bringing them closer to God. This is a great experience to fellowship with other Scouters.

The cost for attending the conference varies depending on arrangement and meals. To receive more information or a registration form, please contact Chuck Greene (843-4809) or Hub or Carol Simmons (828-685-2409).

One of the highlights of the conference is the awarding of Good Shepard Awards to deserving Scouters. The Blue Ridge Council is the national leader for the number of Good Shepard Award recipients. This is a Baptist Adult Recognition for those that go above and beyond in serving our Lord through scouting. We feel that there are many more leaders in our council that qualify for this award.

Eligibility for this award is as follows:

1. Be 18 years of age or older.
2. Demonstrate leadership as a "Good Shepherd" in local church ministry.
3. Have a minimum of 5 years of active service in local church ministry.
4. Have a minimum of five years of active service in one or more national youth-serving agencies.
5. Actively participate in the worship life and program of his or her congregation and be of substantial Christian character.
6. Assist in and encourage youth to serve their Lord through the God and Country program.
7. Display outstanding service in organizing, promoting, and strengthening youth-serving agency units operated by Baptist churches.
8. Cooperate with youth-serving agencies in promoting a "Duty to God" emphasis.
9. Live the Christ-like life in other community affairs and organizations (Colossians 1:10). This is a most important item.

To receive an application for the Good Shepard Award, please contact the Scout Service Center (864-233-8363). We look forward to seeing you at the 2006 God and Country Conference.

new policy helps states better assist students with disabilities

Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings last month announced the details of a new No Child Left Behind policy designed to help states better assist students with disabilities. The guidelines follow up on the secretary's April announcement to chief state school officers of additional alternatives and flexibility to implement the law.

The new guidelines reflect the latest scientific research that shows students with disabilities—approximately 2 percent of all students—can make progress toward grade-level standards when they receive high-quality instruction and are assessed with alternate assessments based on modified achievement standards. Under the new flexibility option, eligible states may implement short-term adjustments to their adequate yearly progress decisions to reflect the need for alternate assessments based on modified achievement standards; this is a separate policy from the current regulation that allows up to 1 percent of all students being tested (those with the most significant cognitive disabilities) to take an alternate assessment.

"Under this policy, to be made final under a new rule, students with academic disabilities will be allowed to take tests that are specifically geared toward their abilities, as long as the state is working to best serve those students by providing rigorous research-based training for teachers, improving assessments and organizing collaboration between special education and classroom teachers," Secretary Spellings said. "If you stand up for the kids and provide better instruction and assessment, we will stand by you."

For more information, visit www.ed.gov. Highlights of the new flexibility.



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1. Take I-385 south from Greenville to Exit 34 (Butler Road) and turn right, toward Mauldin.
2. About 0.2 miles south of Exit 34, take the first left onto Gateway Blvd. (There is a left turn lane, after NHC Healthcare, and just before the Gateway Academy child care center.)
3. The Blue Ridge Council Service Center parking lot is the second left turn about 0.1 miles on Gateway Blvd.

Basic Uniform and Handbook Costs
(Prices subject to change)

See www.scoutstuff.org for help with uniforming. You can get help with patch placement, put together a list of merchandise, and print it to order in person or by phone.

Cub Scout Merchandise **Webelos/Boy Scout Merchandise**

Shirt	\$22.15	Wolf Book	\$ 4.95
Shirt	\$23.40	Pants	\$ 30.45
Bear Book	\$ 4.95	Pants	\$ 36.85
Cap	\$ 11.50	Webelos Book	\$ 5.50
Cap	\$11.50	Neckerchief	\$4.55
Boy Scout Book	\$7.95	Sock	\$4.40
Neckerchief slide	\$ 2.20	Tiger Book	\$3.50
Shoulder Loops	\$1.65	Belt	\$ 6.15
Belts	\$6.15-8.45		

how scouting is financed

1. Individual Scout –

- a. Membership Fee which Blue Ridge Council will pay if notified of a financial hardship - \$69,971.00 in membership and program fees were provided in the Blue Ridge Council through the Scoutreach program in 2004.
- b. Personal gear, uniforms, books, etc.
- c. Fees for activities and events (such as summer camp, weekend outings, etc.).
- d. All above funded through family resources – except where there is a financial need or hardship, at which point Scout Leaders can petition Blue Ridge Council for assistance.
- e. Unless the Scout family contributes to Friends of Scouting or sells popcorn the Blue Ridge Council receives no direct support from Scouts and/or their families.

2. Unit –

- a. Unit equipment.
- b. Awards and recognition.
- c. Other expenses as Unit Leadership deems appropriate.
- d. Unit secures funds through approved fund-raising projects that meet Boy Scouts of America fund-raising guidelines.

3. Charter Organization –

- a. Legally owns the unit and tax status for the Unit is the same as that of the Charter Organization.
Note: No unit is, or can be, a 501-c-3 organization.
 - b. Only financial responsibility is \$20.00 annual charter fee.
 - c. However, Charter Organization's provide meeting facilities and other non-cash related support, and many provide direct financial assistance to their Scouting programs.
- 4. National Organization –**
- a. Funded through registration fees (currently \$10.00) of individual Scouts (not one cent goes to local council).
 - b. Boys' Life Magazine sales.
 - c. Local council charter fees – which generally amount to 1.2% of local council's budget.
 - d. National Council does no direct fund-raising for operations.

5. Local Council –

- a. Funded entirely through direct contributions from individuals, businesses, and organizations, United Way support, special events, product sales (popcorn) and income from activities and events. Activity and event income is offset by the expenses of operating those events.
- b. The Blue Ridge Council is the only 501-c-3 Scouting organization within our 8-county area.
- c. United Way partners make up 20% of the Blue Ridge Council budget

post advisor training

Course Content: This training is designed to introduce adult Explorer leaders and participating organization members to the basic information needed to organize and operate a post. The information provided includes an introduction to Exploring, obtaining or renewing the commitment of the adults in the participating organization, Explorer career opportunity development, recruiting and the first-nighter, post activity development, and post leadership development.

Who Should Attend: New post participating organization personnel, Explorer Post Advisors, Associate Advisors, committee volunteers, service team volunteers, and other adults involved with Exploring should attend.

When: Saturday, September 10, 2005 at the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts Service Center from 9 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Fee for the training is \$5.00. (Breakfast will be provided.)

Please return the bottom portion of this form with your \$5.00 registration fee by Friday, August 19, 2005. If there are any questions, please contact Tia Pendleton at 233-8363 *204.

**POST ADVISOR TRAINING
PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM**

Name _____

Post _____

Position _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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SEPTEMBER	1	Key 3 (6:00)
	8	District Committee (6:00)
	8	Unit Commissioner (6:30)
	8	Roundtable (7:00)
OCTOBER	24	Cub Scout Leader Training (9:00am)
	6	Key 3 (6:00)
	8	Cub Scout Leader Training (9:00am)
	13	District Committee (6:00)
	13	Unit Commissioner (6:30)
	13	Roundtable (7:00)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

On the 24th of September there is a scheduled Cub Leader Specific training course being offered, as well as on the 8th of October. Also, on the 24th of September there is a Boy Scout Leader Specific training course being offered. If you would like to attend any of these scheduled training courses or would like to help please contact Brian Hicks at 292-8470 or Matt Holmes at 233-8363. Now is a good opportunity to catch up on the needed training to ensure a positive year for our Scouts.

ROUNDTABLES

Roundtables are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Taylors 1st Baptist Church. We start at 7:00pm and will be ending around 8:00pm. This is a great way to learn and experience new tactics and techniques to use with the Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts. Roundtables are open to anyone in your unit. The Roundtable team encourages you to come as we look forward to seeing you there.

POPCORN

All units should have a kickoff to hand out materials and information in September at a Pack or Troop meeting. Popcorn selling is a very important aspect to fundraising for the units and our council. Sell that popcorn! If you have any questions please contact Jill Rose at rosej@acetrone.com or 675-1592 or Matt Holmes at 233-8363.

FOOTHILLS FALL CAMPOREE

Fall Camporee is just around the corner. The date for this event is November 4-6. There will be a packet mailed to all Troop/Crew/Pack leaders with more details. If you have not received this information by September 30th please contact Jimmy Stepp at 608-4247 and I will make sure that you get this information.

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serving learning for life and exploring in greenville county

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SEPTEMBER	5	Labor Day
	11	National Grandparents Day
	14	Impact Luncheon (11:30 a.m.-Greenville Tech)
	16-18	Exploring/Venturing Weekend at COI
	20	Key 3 Meeting
OCTOBER	22	District Committee Meeting (11:30-1:00)
	18	Key 3 Meeting
	26	Popcorn (Fundraiser) Sale Ends
	31	Halloween

EXPLORER NEWS

Exploring Program Kickoff was held Thursday, August 11, 2005 at the Scout Service Center. If you did not attend please contact Tia, 233-8363 to receive all of your 2005-2006 Exploring Information.

FIRST-NIGHTER/OPEN HOUSE

It is time once again for all Explorer Posts and Venture Crews to have their annual Open House. First-Nighters allow students who are new to the Learning for Life program to register, as well as the participating organizations to recruit additional members. If you have any questions, please contact Tia Pendleton, at 233-8363.

EXPLORING AND VENTURING WEEKEND

Our summer Exploring/Venturing Weekend was held July 31 thru August 3. If you missed this fun weekend of white water rafting, rappelling and other fun activities, make sure you mark your calendars for September 16 -18, 2005 Fantastic weekend at COI.

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! The Popcorn sale begins September 30 and ends October 28.

PRIZES

1. PIZZA PARTY- to the top selling post!!
2. Free t-shirts to Explorer/Venturers that sell a minimum of \$100.00.
3. Top 2 Sellers from each post/crew will be eligible to enter drawing for a portable CD player.

If you have any questions about popcorn sales, please contact Kemika Mattison via email at kemika@bellsouth.net or Tia Pendleton, 233-8363 x. 204 or tpendleton@blueridgecouncil.org.

LEARNING FOR LIFE NEWS

We will host our 2005 Learning for Life Impact Luncheon on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at Greenville Tech's Admission and Registration Building. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. in support of the partnership between the Learning for Life programs and the youth of our community. Please join us to hear a presentation on how we can continue to develop programs together that will prepare the youth in our community for tomorrow.

THANK YOU

To all Post Advisors, Unit Leaders, Committee Members, Volunteers and most importantly the youth that continue to support and participate in Learning for Life and Exploring opportunities!

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 (Extention 204) or via e-mail tpendleton@blueridgecouncil.org. Don't forget to check out our website www.learning-for-life.org .

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SEPTEMBER	8	Roundtable
	22	District Committee
	22	Commissioner Staff
OCTOBER	23-25	Fall Camporee
	13	Roundtable Meeting
	27	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	27	District Committee Meeting

FALL ROUNDUP

By now, we are well into our Fall Roundup. We ask that all units continue to support our efforts to spread our Scouting Programs to all youth in our community. What can you do to help? There are several ways to get more youth involved in Scouting. I would love to see more Scouts earn their recruitment patch. This is a patch given to any Scout who recruits another boy into Scouting; the Blue Ridge Council (BRC) at no cost to the unit or the boy provides it to the Scout. We also would like for all churches to open their doors to Scouting by having an advertised open house. The BRC will do all church bulletin inserts and printing to help with the promotion. All units are also encouraged to have a Scout Open House Night within your own unit (separate from school night and church night). Your District Executive will help you prepare any agenda for any additional recruitment your unit wishes to conduct. All units strive to be gold star at the end of the charter year to qualify for free advancements for a year from the BRC. Let's all make certain to make Scouting available to all youth in the fall.

POPCORN

Our 2005 Popcorn Sales begin on October 1st and ends on October 26th. There is no better opportunity to secure financial stability for your Scouting unit for the Scouting year. Let's all make the extra effort to sell popcorn...bring it to work, take the boys around the neighborhood, contact all family members, etc. Popcorn sales is a fundraiser that not only strengthens your Scouting unit, but also betters the Scouts experience in the program, and strengthens Scouting as a whole in our community. Again, let's all make the extra effort to sell popcorn. Saturday, October 1st will be the Blue Ridge Council Popcorn Blitz Day. This will be the day we have all Scouts selling popcorn council-wide from 8:00 am - 4:00 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 the District Executive or Chareen Stevenson (223-4467) 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!

FALL CAMPOREE

Thank you to AP and Cathie Neal for planning our Fall Camporee. Please, make plans in advance to bring your Boy Scout Troop to this event. The dates are Friday, September 23, 2005 - Sunday, September 25, 2005. More information will be mailed to all Scoutmasters. Secure your attendance now by contacting your Scoutmaster or your District Executive or District Chairman.

TRAINING

We will be offering trainings on October 1st, and November 5th. Both trainings will begin at 8:30 am and will be at First Baptist Church in Greenwood. Please, help make sure that all new and returning leaders get trained. Last year we had record attendance to our trainings. Let's not stop short of getting all leaders trained! We all know the saying, "Every Scout deserves a trained leader". We owe it to our Scouts. For more information, contact Gary Stratton, 223-2013.

DISTRICT KEY LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Let's all give a nice warm welcome to our new District Leadership for 2005 - 2006. Dr. Jon Hobbs, who has served as our District Commissioner for the past 2 years has accepted the position of District Chairman. Jon has been extremely instrumental to the overall success of Scouting in our community for the past 2 years and will be a great asset for our youth in his new role. Isaac Shaffer, who has developed and served on our District Training Team for the past several years, has accepted the position of District Commissioner. Isaac will do a fantastic job and will help ensure the future success of all units in Greenwood and Abbeville County. These two guys are very much deserving of a warm welcome to their new roles. Welcome them at our next Roundtable meeting or feel free to contact them.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE CHANGE

By now, some of you may have heard that I have accepted another position within the Blue Ridge Council and will be leaving the Greenwood and Abbeville Communities September 1, 2005. I have thoroughly enjoyed the time I have spent working in Long Cane and will miss the regular contact I have with all of you. Over the past couple of years, I have continually been amazed by the level of support the people in our community show toward the development of young people and the regular sacrifice that hundreds of you make daily to ensure that we not only say what we should do, but do what we say we should. When I moved in to the Long Cane District, I was told by one of the key members of our Blue Ridge Council management team that I am moving in to the best District in the upstate that the people in Greenwood and Abbeville were amongst the most committed and best Scouters in Scouting. It did not take me long to recognize that was the most accurate assessment of our community that someone could make. To this day, the never-ending sacrifice that people in our community make to ensure the future of young people amazes me. However, it is beginning to surprise me less and less, because my experience with working beside each one of you tells me that you all are committed to our young people. With that said, the Blue Ridge Council has validated what I was initially told by a member of management, and that I have over and over again found out for myself that the people of Greenwood and Abbeville counties all are amongst the best people in the upstate. This comment was recently validated through my acceptance of the Finance Director position, serving the 10 districts of the Blue Ridge council. I thank you all for your continual support of the development of our young people through our great Scouting programs.

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serving oconee county and the community of clemson

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SEPTEMBER	1	District Committee meeting @ St Mark Methodist
	8	Roundtable 7pm St. Marks Methodist Church, Seneca
	14	Cub Scout Leader Specific Training, 8:30am- 2pm St. Mark Methodist
	23	Cub-Parent Campout at Camp Old Indian (Register Early) Wknd 1
OCTOBER	30	Cub-Parent Campout at Camp Old Indian (Register Early)Wknd 2
	4	Key 3
	12	District Committee Meeting 7pm St. Marks Methodist
	19	Roundtable 7pm St. Marks Methodist Church
	22	Cub Scout Leader Specific Training 8:30am- 2pm
	28-30	Fall Camporee

FALL CAMPOREE

The fall camporee plans are complete and information should be in the leaders' hands. If you have not received an information packet please call Chad Duggins @ 886-9393. We look forward to seeing each of you there.

CUB SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

This course is designed for all Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Assistants and Committee Members to learn about their specific role in the Pack. The topics include Cub Scout advancement, Proper Uniform Wear, and many other subjects. Having your leaders trained counts toward your pack being recognized as a Quality Unit. The single most important fact to retaining Cub Scouts is having leaders trained. Trained leaders make the program more interesting and fun for the boys.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

The District Annual Banquet will be on January 17, 2006. Mark your calendars and start thinking of nominees for District Awards. The awards include: District Award of Merit, Scouter of the Year, Scoutmaster of the Year, Cubber of the Year, Cubmaster of the Year & Commissioner of the Year. Remember the many hard working volunteers serving in the Scouting program. These volunteers deserve to be recognized for their sacrifices and contributions to the young people of our community. Award forms should be available by mid September and turned at the December roundtable on the 8th. The awards will be presented at the Banquet on January 17th.

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SEPTEMBER	6	Roundtable at Easley First Baptist @7:00pm
	10	Cub Basic/Specific Training @8:30am
	20	District Committee at Dixie Tool @7:00pm
	23-25	Cub/Parent Weekend #1 at Camp Old Indian
OCTOBER	30	Popcorn Sale Officially Begins
	4	Roundtable at Easley First Baptist @7:00pm
	8	Cub Basic/Specific Training @8:30am
	18	District Committee at Dixie Tool @7:00pm
	26	Popcorn Sale Ends
	28	FINAL DAY to turn in Popcorn orders
	28-30	Fall Camporee @ BJ Skelton Career Center

TRAIL'S END POPCORN SALE

This is a reminder to all Packs and Troops to encourage your boys to get out and sell popcorn. This is the most effective fundraiser you can participate in all year. Remind parents that the more popcorn their son sells, the less money the pack has to charge or raise to do activities. As you see on the calendar above, this year's sale begins on Sept. 30 and ends on Oct. 26. All orders will be due on Oct. 28, no exceptions. Make sure parents and leaders are aware of these dates and turn their orders in early enough.

CUB-PARENT WEEKENDS

How many Cub Scouts would like the chance to spend the night at Camp Old Indian with mom or dad, while participating in great outdoor activities? How many Cub Scouts like BB's, archery, hiking, fishing, sports and fire building? How many Cub Scouts would laugh, while mom or dad was dancing and singing during a campfire skit? Want to know the answer? All of them, every Cub Scout wants the chance to participate in these memorable experiences. Leaders please remind all your parents the benefits and the great time they will have by spending one night at Camp with their son. You can sign-up for one of five different weekends, each weekend having two sessions to choose from. Please give your boys this opportunity.

SCHOOL NIGHTS

So far school nights are going wonderfully and I would like to thank all the leaders and volunteers who have helped to make them a success. I also want to remind leaders to thank their teachers and principals when you see them, let them know how important they are to your pack.

CHURCH NIGHTS

This is a reminder to all Cubmasters and Scoutmasters, schools are not the only place to recruit boys. We should all be recruiting boys not just from the church that sponsors your pack or troop but also from other churches in our community. Luke has materials to specifically recruit in churches, so see him for information on these things. These are recruiting nights that can be held by the pack, so it will make it more convenient to your schedule.

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SEPTEMBER	1	Eagle Board of Review @ Buncombe St. UMC 7pm
	5	Labor Day - Office Closed
	7	Key 3
	8	Round table
OCTOBER	15	Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30pm, Scout Service Center
	15	District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, Scout Service Center
	17	Cub Leader Basic Training, Buncombe St UMC
	23-25	Cub Family Weekend #1, Camp Old Indian
	30	Popcorn Sale begins
	1-2	Cub Family Weekend #2, Camp Old Indian

PICKENS DISTRICT CONTINUED...

OCTOBER	5	Key 3
	6	Eagle Board of Review @ United Way Office, Downtown 7:00pm
	13	Leader Roundtables, 7pm, Buncombe St. UMC, Scout Building
	14-16	Cub Family Weekend #3, Camp Old Indian
	14-16	Fall Camporee
	21-23	Cub Family Weekend # 4, Camp Old Indian
	22	Cub Leader Basic Training, Buncombe St. UMC
	27	Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:30pm, Scout Service Center
	27	District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, Scout Service Center

FALL IS RECRUITMENT TIME!

All Packs and their leaders should be planning ahead for their school recruitment night. It is very important that all cubmasters be present for their recruitment night so they can answer any questions that the parents may have. This year we are assigning roundup coordinators to each school. Roundup coordinators will assist the pack in setting up den orientation meetings for the new leaders, church nights, and pack membership inventories. This year, our Reedy Falls District Roundup Chairman is Dave Caldwell. Early this summer we sent out a Pack Membership and Leadership Inventory packet. Please make sure you fill that out and mail it in back to the council office as soon as possible. It is important that we have every boy and leader registered with the council for insurance reasons. Also it will help us all if we can identify leadership for all our dens before we go into the school nights.

LEADER ROUNDTABLES

Join fellow leaders the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at Buncombe St. UMC Scout Building downtown (off College Street, beside Lacher Jewelers on left just before Academy Street). Roundtables provide important information, Program helps/ ideas and leader fun & fellowship. Roundtables also provide an Upcoming program theme. This can be especially good for new leaders.

OA CHAPTER MEETING REMINDER

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

REEDY FALLS FALL CAMPOREE

Leaders need to start planning now for our annual district fall event. This year's Fall Camporee will be held on October 14th-16th. If you have not received your information packet please contact Edmond Davis at the Scout Office.

POPCORN KICKOFFS

All units should have their kickoff to distribute information and sales materials in September at a Pack or Troop meeting. Popcorn is a very important fundraising tool not only for the units but for the Council as well. Sales begin on Sept. 30th. Questions, contact Edmond Davis 233-8363. Sell that popcorn!!!!

HEY CUB LEADERS, GOT TRAINING?

Attention all new cub leaders and existing cub leaders; now is the time to be trained! We will have a cub leader basic training on Saturday, September 17th and Saturday October 22nd @ Buncombe St. UMC, Scout Building from 9:00am-4:00pm. Rick Vogel and his experienced staff are in the process of organizing these training events that will directly benefit your leadership skills on the den and pack level. You can register for these training programs through this newsletter, scout office, or by logging on at www.blueridgescout.org Remember, every boy deserves a trained leader!

UPCOMING COMMISSIONER STAFF & DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Attention all Unit Commissioners and District Committee members. We will begin our Commissioner Staff and District Committee meetings Thursday, September 15th. The Commissioner meetings will begin at 6:30pm and District Committee meetings will start at 7:30pm, located at the Council Service Center. Lindsay Smith, district chairman and Steve Morrison, district commissioner, have worked hard over the summer getting their committees ready for the new scouting year. Lindsay and Steve encourage all members to be present for their respective meetings. Let's all look forward to a wonderful scouting year!

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serving laurens and newberry counties

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SEPTEMBER	1	Cub and Boy Scout Roundtables at Broad Street UMC in Clinton, 7:30pm
	5	Labor Day
	10	Cub Leader Specific Training at Broad Street UMC in Clinton, 9am-12 noon
	15	District Committee Meeting at Presbyterian College Administration Building, 7:00pm
	15	Commissioners Staff Meeting

OCTOBER	6	Cub and Boy Scout Roundtables at Broad Street UMC in Clinton, 7:30pm
	8	Cub Leader Specific Training at Broad Street UMC in Clinton, 9:00am - 12:00 noon
	10	Columbus Day (Observed)
	20	District Committee Meeting at Presbyterian College Administration Building, 7:00pm
	20	Commissioners Staff Meeting

ROUNDTABLES

Roundtables are held the first Thursday of each month at Broad Street United Methodist Church in Clinton at 7:30pm and are open to any leader or parent. The Roundtable is a great place to learn and experience new ideas so you can deliver a fun and exciting program to your Scouts. Don't miss out! Make it a point to have someone representing your unit at each meeting.

SALUDA RIVER DISTRICT CONTINUED...

CUB-PARENT WEEKENDS

The Blue Ridge Council is giving all Cub and Webelos Scouts an opportunity to go camping at Camp Old Indian. You have the opportunity to go camping on a Friday or Saturday session on five separate weekends this fall. This is a unique camping experience and a great way for you and your son to spend quality time together. Your son will get to shoot BB guns, sleep in an Adirondack, and participate in a campfire program. (See article on front page of Scouter for more information.)

FALL CAMPOREE

The Saluda River Fall Camporee will be held September 16-18 at the Musgrove Mill State Historic Site in Clinton. As the Scouter is being written, plans are being developed to offer the best weekend for our Boy Scouts. We look forward to having good fellowship and competition between our troops. Make sure that you put this weekend in your calendar and plan on attending. A brochure should be in your hands about 6 weeks in advance of the Camporee.

FALL ROUNDUP

Packs are gearing up for another year of scouting. By now fall recruitment is well underway and we are in the midst of going into all our schools with School Nights to recruit new youth. Thanks to all the volunteers, commissioners, and unit leaders for their help and support with School Nights and our recruiting efforts.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

A good leader is a trained leader! All new leaders, and those not yet trained, need to attend a Cub Scout Specific Training. This training will give you the knowledge and confidence to run a great Den, Pack, or Committee Meeting. The Saluda River District will hold training on September 10th and October 8th at the Broad Street United Methodist Church in Clinton from 9:00am until 12:00 noon. If you cannot attend one of these sessions, make sure and attend one of the other trainings offered throughout the Council. With training, your pack will flourish and grow!

POPCORN

Does your Pack or Troop need money? Every Pack and Troop in Saluda River District can benefit with an easy source of income to support their Scouting Programs. Troops can use new camping equipment, pay for Merit Badges, Camping Outings, etc. while Packs can use the money to pay for Day Camp or Resident Camp for their Cubs, build a new Pinewood Derby Track, provide for great Pack activities and other things. The Blue Ridge Council Trails' End Popcorn Sale begins on September 30th. Lynn Cousins is heading up this year's Saluda River District Sale again this year. Most units have already signed up for the sale, but if your unit has not yet signed up, call Lynn or Garland Lane for more information.

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SEPT	13	Key 3 Meeting
	22	District Committee Meeting
OCT	22	Commissioner Staff Meeting
	11	Key 3 Meeting
	20	District Committee Meeting

SCOUTREACH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The next Scoutreach District Committee meeting will be September 22nd at 6:00 PM at the Scout Service Center.

SCOUTREACH WISH LIST

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

1. Scoutreach needs any used uniforms for its youth.
2. Scoutreach can use any used camping Equipment for its units.
3. Bicycle helmets
4. Volunteers for after school programs, for one hour every two weeks

If you can help with any of these items please contact Isaac at 233-8363 x. 208. Thank you!

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SEPTEMBER	1	Cub Roundtable
	1	Scout Roundtable
	11	Camporee
	24	Cub Leader Training
	26	District Committee

OCTOBER	6	Cub Roundtable
	6	Scout Roundtable
	29	Cub Leader Trainings
	31	District Committee
	31	District Commissioner

POPCORN PROGRAM KICK-OFF

August 25th (Thursday) at 6:30 P.M. at the LDS Church in Anderson (tentative location) 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 committee 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: SEPT. 9-11

This Camporee will be a backpacking theme and will most likely be held on the Chattooga River, more details will be forthcoming. David Rubin and Troop 215 have so kindly agreed to take this on and plan it up. David can be reached for details at 261-7832. The packet will go out soon and that should take care of questions!

CUB LEADER TRAINING

Basic Training for new Cub Scout Den Leaders and parents will be held on Saturday, September 24th and October 29th at Central Presbyterian Church in Anderson (1404 N. Boulevard). The cost of the training will be \$3.00 per participant. This will include a light snack and training materials. Check in for the training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the training will begin at 9:00

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and will last until around 12:00. April Haynes will be running one of the two trainings with assistance from other training team members. April can be reached at 646-3992, for more details call Jonathan at 864-224-7440 or e-mail at jrunge@blueridgescout.org.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Ca-Nu-Pa Chapter of the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge is headed up by new Chapter Chief Will Martin from Troop 20 out of Belton. The chapter hosts a break out meeting at roundtable where an O.A. youth representative from each Troop is asked to represent their unit and attend the meeting. These youth reps. can then bring the upcoming OA information back to there Troops so no boys involved in the Lodge miss out. This new format that Tom Miller helped to institute has proven to be a success with youth representatives from nine units consecutively attending the last couple of meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1st (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. For more details on the Ca-Nu-Pa chapter contact Will Martin by e-mail at madcow8pi@juno.com

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 \$88,000 and our District exceeded our goal in record time raising \$96,000 placing us at 109%

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 7:00 P.M. and have breakout sessions for Cub Scout Leaders and Boy Scout Leaders. Attending is absolutely the best way to stay informed. District Committee Meetings are held the last Monday of every month at the 'Alternative School' in Anderson, the Commissioners meeting will be from 6:00 -7:00 and District Committee will be from 7:00 - 8:00, this is a new format.

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SEPT	1	Roundtable
	17	Cub Leader Basic
OCT	6	Roundtable
	20	District Committee and Commissioner Staff Mtgs
	21-23	Fall Camporee and Webelos Wilds
	26-27	Cub Leader Basic

NINE STEPS TO A GREAT SCOUTING YEAR!

- 1. Roundup New Scouts and Leaders**
 - Have good representation at your school Night for Scouting night
 - Get your boys to wear their uniforms to school
 - Let your boys know that they can get a patch vest and baseball card for recruiting one of their classmates into Scouting.
- 2. Finance Your Ideal Year of Scouting With Popcorn**
 - Make an annual budget for your "Ideal Year of Scouting"
 - Sell enough popcorn to cover your Scouting expenses for all year
 - If you are not already signed up, call the council office to get on board, or Jim Westmoreland at 963-3254
 - Hurry up; sale begins on September 12, 2005.
- 3. Get Yourself and Your Leaders Trained**
 - Every boy deserves a trained leader! Southbounder District has a great Cub Scout Training Team. Training dates are available online and in this scouter.
 - There are many council-wide training opportunities available, look at the training page of this issue of the Blue Ridge Scouter for details.
 - It has been determined that a trained leader is the number one factor in retention of boys and leaders!
- 4. Get Youth Protection Trained**
 - Every troop must have at least one leader that has been through Youth Protection Training.
 - We will hold a YP session at a future Roundtable or you can take the course online. This is a great opportunity to get required youth protection training.
- 5. Don't Even Think of Missing the Fall Camporee**
 - That is the theme for our Boy Scout Fall Camporee on the weekend of October 21-23.
 - Details at upcoming roundtables
 - Call Mike Watson at: 297-3023.
- 6. Go Wild at The Council Exporee!!!**
 - If you like Campfires, Camping and great activities...this is for you!
 - May 5-7, at the Donaldson Center
- 7. Serve the Community "The only thing anybody ever keeps are the things he gives" - Waite Phillips**
 - Get ready for the 2005 Gobbler Grab For the Hungry! The A-Ni Wa-Ya Chapter of the Order of the Arrow needs your help in providing thanks giving turkey for over 10,000 people. Every Den, Patrol and Crew should have at least one turkey ready by November 17. Last year they collected over 900 turkeys, let's get more than 1000 this year!
- 8. Don't Miss Roundtable!**
 - Do you want to make being a Scout leader easier?
 - Do you want to meet other Scouters?
 - How would you like to learn a lot of new ideas?
 - Would you like to know what all of the upcoming activities entail?
 - If you answered at least one of the above answers yes, then you need to attend Roundtable!
 - Make roundtable a regular part of your "First Thursday of the Month Routine"
- 9. Think About Recharter Before The Holidays!**
 - You will receive your recharter packets a little earlier this year (Sept). This will allow you to get started on it and free up your holidays.
 - Jim Westmoreland and the Commissioner staff will be holding individual recharter clinics for Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops. Jim Gillespie will also be conducting a session in Troop Master and Pack Master recharterers. Get help and finish your recharter early and don't worry about it during the holidays.



Steven R. Brandt

Greenville, SC – The Boys Scouts of America, along with the Blue Ridge Council are pleased to announce to announce that Steven R. Brandt is the recipient of their 2005 Distinguished Citizen Award. An award ceremony honoring Brandt will take place on October 20, 2005 at the Palmetto Exposition Center. Steven Brandt has been the President and Publisher of The Greenville News, as well as the Group Vice President for the South Newspaper Group since 1999. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Virginia in 1973, and completed his M.A. in Journalism from the

University of Missouri in 1974. In 1984, Brandt also graduated from The Executive Program at The University of North Carolina School of Business Administration. Brandt began his career in journalism as the General Assignment Reporter for The Pittsburg Kansas Morning Sun. He then went on to become the Assistant Production Manager of Dow Jones and Company, Inc. from 1975 – 1977. In October of 1977, Brandt became the Assistant to the Publisher for the Sosland Publishing Company. Brandt began his 27 year career with The Greenville News, in 1978 as the Personnel Director. From 1979 to 1997, Brandt began an ascension in The Greenville News that would take him through six different positions. He was the publisher of The Greenville News from 1993 – 1997. Brandt briefly left the Greenville News in 1997, to be the President and Publisher of the

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. He returned in January of 1999, and has been the President and Publisher of the Greenville News for six years.

In addition to his extensive career in journalism, Steve still finds time to give back to the Greenville Community. Currently, he is affiliated with 17 different community organizations and projects. These projects include serving on the following boards: Urban League, United Way, Peace Center, Greenville County Museum of Art, Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, Artisphere, Community Foundation and the Greater Greenville Forum. Brandt also serves on the advisory boards for Clemson University, Furman University, Carolina First, the Junior League, and the South Carolina Children's Theater. Brandt is also involved in the BI-LO Charity Pro Am golf tournament and a member of Imagine Nation,

the Children's Museum of the Upstate's Capital Campaign Committee.

Steve is married to Scottie Lu Parker Brandt, and they have two sons. The Brandts are members at Buncombe St. United Methodist Church.

The event will begin with a pre-banquet dinner at 6:30 p.m., and a dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Donations for the evening are \$1500 for a table of ten. For more information on attending the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner contact Chris Daughtrey at 864-233-8363. Past recipients of the Distinguished Citizen Award include: Stewart Spinks, Frank Pinckney, Jon Wilken, E. Roy Stone, Jr., Dr. Bill and Sylvia Dukes, John Burgess, Sheriff Johnny Mack Brown, Nap Vandiver, Leighton Cabbage, Mack I. Whittle Jr., and former South Carolina Governors Richard Riley and Carol Campbell Jr.

2005 Distinguished Citizen

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Popcorn Blitz Day 2005

On October 1st, for every youth who sells \$150 worth of popcorn between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM that day will receive a free special limited edition patch. Please contact your District Popcorn Chair if you need help in developing a plan for your Pack, Troop or Crew to have their own individual "Blitz Day" sales and activities.

The patches will be delivered when each unit turns in their popcorn order on October 31. In order to receive the patches each unit leader must fill out and turn in the "Blitz Day – Special Patch Recognition Form" that is a part of the 2005 Popcorn Guide (handed out at the District Popcorn Kickoffs and available for download at www.blueridgecouncil.org/popcorn.htm).



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2005 Fall Scout Roundup

With the Fall Scout Roundup in full swing, it is important that we give every young person who wants to be a part of the Blue Ridge Council Scouting Program an opportunity to join. Listed below are some facts I found to be interesting about the attitudes and awareness of parents as it relates to the Cub Scouting program. These findings come from a study done by Harris Interactive, Inc. The study was done with 3,339 parents of elementary school age boys.

- 70% Cub Scout age boys have never been a Cub Scout.
- 75% parents say that boys in Scouting learn valuable skills.
- 57% of parents who indicated they had been invited to join the Cub Scouts said it came from a flyer at their sons' school.
- 65% of parents surveyed said they knew of a Cub Scout Den that met in their area.
- 37% of the parents surveyed didn't know their son could join Scouting while in the First Grade.
- 32% of parents thought the only time their son could join was during the fall.

Here are just a few ways you can make the Cub Scouting program more available.

- Help your District Executive with the School Night for Scouting program.
- Have an invite a friend night with special activities and prizes. The council also has special recognition for Scouts who recruit another Scout.
- Put out yard signs in neighborhood yards inviting parents to find out more about Scouting by contacting the person who has the sign in their yard. The council can provide your pack with yard signs.
- Hold a Church Night for Scouting. The council has church bulletin inserts available at no cost. We will also print them.

Here are a few ways to keep the Scouts you recruit in the program

- Make sure each family who joins at school night gets a phone call reminding them of them of the Den Orientation meeting.
- Insure all leaders get training as soon as possible.
- Have as many leaders as possible in place going into the School Night program.
- Have your Pack Program planned before the fall.
- Promote participation in Pack and Council activities such as Cub/Parent Camping Weekend.
- Cub Scout Resident Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp.

Contact your District Executive or District Commissioner to find out more about the fall recruiting program. Good luck, and have a great Scouting program this fall!



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