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Newsletter
July/August
2011

Greetings!

This is the July and August issue of the Blue Ridge Council e-newsletter, "The Scouter." In it you will find information about upcoming events and other things relating to Scouting in the Upstate of South Carolina.

Cub Scout Resident Camp

The Sky is the Limit! 2011 Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Old Indian August 3-6

(early bird sign-up before July 6)

Webelos Scouts (rising 4th and 5th graders): 4 days and 3 nights of adventure at Camp Old Indian!!! Webelos and parents will tent camp Thursday night at Camp White Pines and will enjoy a dinner cooked over an open fire. They will also have a campfire program. So, don't forget your tent!

Cub Scouts (rising 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders): : Enjoy 3 days and 2 nights of adventure at Camp Old Indian!!!

Activities: Take a refreshing dip in the lake. Maybe do some fishing while you are there. Learn to shoot an arrow straight and to hit your mark with a BB gun. Try your hand at crafts, cooking and other activities while having fun and working on Cub Scout or Webelos Scout achievements. The week will end with a campfire program on Friday night and a camp-wide games and recognition program on Saturday morning. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

District Newsletters

Did you know that your district has it's own news page?

Click the links on right side of this newsletter to see news and events specific to your district.

2011 Popcorn

Popcorn season is here, and we have another great program this year! By selling popcorn, Scouts will have an opportunity to earn a day with Clemson or Carolina student athletes! They can earn gift card to Walmart or Amazon.com. They can earn a [Zyclone](#)! They can also earn scholarships to college! If your Scout sells enough popcorn they can earn a free week at camp. We also have some new incentives for Unit's this year. If your unit sells enough popcorn you can earn free delivery to a location of your choice.

Don't forget that you can sell popcorn online now from www.trails-end.com.

Popcorn is not just another fundraiser. By selling popcorn, Scouts are learning how to speak with adults. They learn how to be salesmen. These are skills that will help them through their lifetime. They are also earning money towards their year of Scouting. When you have enough gas in the

Calendar

July

3-4 - Week 4 @ COI
4 - Independence Day
(Office Closed)
10-16 - Week 5 @ COI
17-23 - Week 6 @ COI
20 - OA Lodge Cookout and
Vigil call out
24-30 - Week 7 @ COI

August

3-6 - Cub Resident Camp
9 - Executive Board Meeting
20 - Baloo
20 - Webelos Leader
Training
District Program Kick-off
Regional Popcorn Kick-off

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tank, you can go anywhere!

Plus, when you send the Scouts out in their uniform to knock on doors, you are putting the Boy Scouts of America in front of the public. You are giving them the opportunity to invest in the program of Scouting at the boy, Unit and Council level. Over 70% of the money raised goes back to Scouting.

Besides, who doesn't like chocolate covered popcorn? But, if you happen to meet someone who doesn't like popcorn, they can make a donation to the military by purchasing popcorn that will be shipped directly to our military men and women overseas.

Leaders: If you have not already filled out your commitment form, please do so as soon as you can. We have several regional trainings around the Council for you to attend at your greatest convenience.

Attend 1 of the 5 Popcorn Training / Kickoff Meetings:

Greenville -Monday, August 15 @ 6:30pm - Blue Ridge Council Service Center (1 Park Plaza, Greenville 29607)

Clemson -Monday, August 15 @ 6:30pm - Clemson United Methodist Church (300 Frontage Rd. Clemson 29633)

Clinton -Thursday, August 18 @ 6:30pm - Broad Street United Methodist Church (310 North Broad Street, Clinton, 29325)

Anderson -Thursday, August 18 @ 6:30pm - Anderson Church of Latter Day Saints (412 Harden Rd. Anderson 29621)

Greenwood -Monday, August 22 @ 6:30pm - Main St. United Methodist Church (211 Main St. Greenwood 29646)

Download the 2011 Popcorn Sale
Commitment Form: [Click Here](#)

2011 Pitch For Scouting

What: Pitch for Scouting with the Greenville Drive

When: August 8

Where: Fluor Field

Take the Field with Greenville Drive Players!
Throw Out the First Pitch!

Participate in the Scout Parade on the Field!
Get a limited edition "Pitch for Scouting" patch!

The Blue Ridge Council, BSA and the Greenville Drive are partnering together to celebrate Scouting in the Upstate. The Drive will be hosting us on August 8th for their home game at Fluor Field at the West End at 7pm versus the Lexington Legends. Tickets are \$7.00, which includes **admission to the game, a pre-game autograph session, parade and a "Pitch for Scouting" patch** that will only be available at this event!

The deadline to take advantage of this special deal is July 15th. After that date we cannot guarantee seating along with the patches. Those who reserve seating by July 15th will be entered into drawings to take the field with Drive players in the first inning and also have a chance to throw out the first pitch! So get your reservation form in early! This special price is not limited to Scouts.

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Parents, siblings and anybody in your family can attend. The top 5 unit leaders in ticket sales will receive 4 reserved box seats for a future game. Scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear their uniforms but it is not mandatory

You do NOT have to purchase your tickets as a unit to sit together. But you must have your correct unit number (Pack/Troop/Crew) on your order form in order to be seated together. Tickets will be available to pick up the day of the game starting at 5:30 pm at a special Scout table at the Field Street entrance to the field. Gates open at 6pm. Scout Parade will begin promptly at 6:30pm.

Questions?

Contact: Brandon Smith at 864-233-8363 or
brandons@bsamail.org

[Click Here](#) for registration form

Journey To Excellence

Journey to Excellence is the Boy Scouts new Council Recognition program. It is designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts and councils. Please visit the [National JTE website](#) to see what you are already doing, and what you need to be doing to qualify as a Gold level Unit. To log your service hours [Click Here](#)

2011 Camp Old Indian Summer Camp



Boy Scout Resident Camp - 2011 is turning out to be a banner year for Camp Old Indian! We are as full as we have ever been!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2011 COI Leader's Guide

[CLICK HERE](#) for the most current Camp Reservation Chart

[CLICK HERE](#) for the T-Shirt Order Form

Training

Monthly Leaders Round Table

Meeting

All Leaders are invited to attend their Districts monthly Round Table. Round Table is a great way to keep up with upcoming events in your District, learn new things and fellowship with other leaders. Check your District page for the day your Round Table meets. [CLICK HERE](#) to find your district page, or use the navigation in the district news window on the right side of this email.



Fall Recruiting and School Night For Scouting Training

July 14

If you would like to be a part of the Fall recruiting effort in your district, you should attend your District SNFS Training.

There are 2 confirmed training locations: 1 in Greenville and 1 in Anderson.

Call your [District Executive](#) for more details.

Upcoming Trainings

Baloo Training - August 20

Webelos Leader Training - August 20

2011 Auction

The 2011 Auction will be Thursday, November 3rd at Century BMW (2394 Laurens Rd. Greenville, SC 29607)

Doors open at 6:00 PM

This is an adult event | Business Casual Attire

[Click Here](#) if you would to participate in the Auction

New Staff at Blue Ridge

Robert Johnson has been selected to serve as the Director of Field Service for the Blue Ridge Council effective June 6, 2011.

Robert is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a concentration in Accounting. He has served as a Scouting professional since August of 2002.

Robert has served as a District Executive, Program Director, and Field Director at the Black Warrior Council in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He has served as a Camp Director and is Woodbadge trained.

Robert, an Eagle Scout, is married to Elizabeth and they have two children, Kate and Claire.

Please join us in welcoming him and his family to South Carolina and to the Blue Ridge Council!



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LODGE CALENDAR

July 20 Lodge Cookout and Vigil Call-Out at Camp Old Indian

July 24-30 SummitCorps - The New River Experience - Beckley, WV

August 1-6 Indian Summer - Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC

September 16-18 NLS - T Bar M Resort & Conference Center, New Braunfels, TX

September 23-25 Fall Fellowship at Camp Old Indian

November 4-6 NLS / NLATS - Florida FFA Leadership Training Center, Haines City, FL

LODGE COOKOUT

This year's Lodge Cookout will be Wednesday July 20 at Camp Old Indian. All lodge members and their families are invited to attend.

We will have BBQ and all the fixings. Look for registration forms to be mailed and posted on the website soon - www.akk185.org

VIGIL CALLOUT & RECEPTION

The 2011 class of Vigil Candidates will be announced at Camp Old Indian following the Wednesday evening program on July 20.

Current Vigil members, the new candidates, and their families are invited to a reception following the Callout in the Dining Hall.

AKK LODGE ADVISER

Mickey Stokes accepted the role of Lodge Adviser effective May 1.

Mickey was elected to the OA by his Troop while a Scout in the Blue Ridge Council, was a youth leader in the lodge, received the Vigil Honor, and more recently served as Foothills District Chairman.

NOT GETTING THE NEWS?

If you are not getting the lodge newsletter or e-mails about upcoming events, we may need to update your contact information. Download the Dues Form from the Resources & Forms page from the lodge website akk185.org. Fill in all the fields and send in with your dues (if needed).

[Journey To Excellence Passport Challenge](#)



Benchmark #2
(May-August)

Cub Scouts need to attend Day Camp or Resident Camp, Donate old Scouting Clothing/Gear or something they don't wear anymore,

Purchase at least 1 Scout Share and Earn 1 Beltloop or Pin.

Boy Scouts need to attend Camp Old Indian Resident Camp, donate old Scouting clothing/gear or something they don't wear anymore, purchase at least 1 Scout Share and earn 1 merit badge.

Turn in your filled out card to the Council Office by September 1, 2011.

[Click Here](#) for more information

2011 Family Friends of Scouting

The Character 2011 Family Membership Enrollment process is the annual opportunity for a parent to support the big picture of Scouting in the Upstate by making a financial pledge to the Blue Ridge Council. Our intention is to reach every parent through presentations at Pack, Troop, Team and Crew gatherings from December 2010 through March 2011.

The pledge you make towards Scouting makes a dramatic impact on our ability to continue upkeep and improvements to Camp Old Indian. The money raised goes to support At-risk, under-served and multi-cultural markets. It helps the Blue Ridge Council to provide Scouting to boys who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford it.

And, you can get patches for your donation!

Founders Club - \$100 per month for 1 year (\$1,000)

Recognition:

- Limited Edition Founders Club Shoulder Patch (gold milar border)
- Two Limited Edition Shoulder Patches (one silver milar border, one red border)
- Round Family Enrollment Patch



Character Partners - \$33 per month for 3 years (\$1,000)

Recognition:

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



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

Recognition:

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



\$14.80 per month for 1 year (\$148)

Recognition:

- Round Family Enrollment Patch



The Blue Ridge Council, BSA serves 8 counties in the Upstate of South Carolina: Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee and Pickens.

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