

January 2011

# Blue Ridge Council E-Newsletter

Abbeville, Anderson,  
Greenville, Laurens,  
Greenwood, Newberry, Oconee  
and Pickens Counties



New Scout Executive- January 2011

Council Calendar

*(Mike Butler (center) with the Selection Committee)*



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*me our New Scout Executive, Mike Butler, to the  
Blue Ridge Council.*

The Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America selection process for the new Scout Executive was very successful. **Mike Butler** from Bethesda, Maryland was selected by our Selection Committee. He began his new position with the Blue Ridge Council January 1.

[Please see the attached Bio of Mike Butler.](#)

2011 Pow Wow

## January

1- Happy New Year's Day- Office Closed  
8- Council Board Retreat  
17- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - Office Closed  
22- Boy Scout Specific Training  
22- Merit Badge University  
22- Pow Wow  
29- OA Winter Banquet  
29- Pre-Camp Inspection

## February

5 - Scouting For Food Weekend 1  
4-6 - Explorer Ski Weekend  
6 - Scout Sunday  
10 - Council Annual Banquet  
12 - Camp Staff Interviews  
12 - Scouting For Food Weekend 2  
14 - Valentine's Day  
19 - Trainer's Edge  
21 - President's Day - Office Closed

## March

7 - Council Program Committee  
12 - CPR Saturday  
11-13 - OA Spring Fellowship  
18-19 - Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Skills



Thank you Bi-Lo Charities for supporting Scouting in the Upstate!

Join Our Mailing List!

It's not too late to register for the 2011 Pow Wow!!!  
We have extended the registration deadline to January 14th.



Come spend a fun day learning all sorts of things to enhance your Cub Scouting experience! Learn how to put on a Blue & Gold, Cub Grub, Cub Scout Science, how to put on a den meeting, crafts and more! If you would like to learn how to be a better leader in your Cub Scout Pack, this day of training is for you. If you are new or a veteran, there is something that will benefit you. Also, it's a lot of fun!

This year's Cub Scout Leaders Pow Wow is set for *January 22, 2011* at Southern Wesleyan University in Central SC [Click Here for Directions](#). Registration begins at 8:15 AM (not before). The opening ceremony is set for 9:00 AM. The fee is \$25.00 and is due by *January 14, 2011*. This fee includes program materials, patch, the Pow Wow notebook and buffet lunch in the dining hall. [Click here to register for Pow Wow](#).

***Make plans to be there!***

If you have any questions or would like to serve on the staff please contact Nathaniel Harris at 864-233-8363 x. 206 or via email at [nharris@bsamail.org](mailto:nharris@bsamail.org).

### Summer Employment Opportunities at Camp Old Indian!!!!

Unit Leaders,

It's that time of year for your youth to begin sending in applications to become staff at Camp Old Indian for 2011!

If you have youth that would make exceptional staff members and are over the age of 14, please encourage them to send in the attached Camp Old Indian Staff Application to Camp Director, Blue Ridge Council, 1 Park Plaza, Greenville, SC 29607.

At age 14, youth can serve as Counselors in Training (unpaid) and learn the ropes of various departments at COI. At age 15, youth can serve as paid counselors in a variety of roles for the entire summer. The positions available are all listed on the application along with a required age for those applying.

We look forward to hearing from members of your unit and to a great summer at Camp Old Indian in 2011! If you have

*Thank you to Wendy's our Round-up Sponsor for Fall Recruiting at our schools.*



### District News

[Foothills](#)

[Southboulder](#)

[Learning for Life](#)

[Reedy Falls/Reedy River](#)

[Saluda River](#)

[Pickens](#)

[Six and Twenty](#)

[LongCane](#)

[Oconee](#)

### Quick Links

[www.blueridgecouncil.org](http://www.blueridgecouncil.org)

[www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

[www.scoutparents.org](http://www.scoutparents.org)

[www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

[www.boyslife.org](http://www.boyslife.org)

[www.seascout.org](http://www.seascout.org)

[www.scoutingmagazine.com](http://www.scoutingmagazine.com)

[www.bsafielbook.org](http://www.bsafielbook.org)

[www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org)

[www.goodturnforamerica.org](http://www.goodturnforamerica.org)

[www.bsamuseum.org](http://www.bsamuseum.org)

[www.scoutingfriends.org](http://www.scoutingfriends.org)

[www.scoutingvalelapena.org](http://www.scoutingvalelapena.org)

[www.thescoutzone.org](http://www.thescoutzone.org)

any questions about camp staff, feel free to contact the Program Director, Josh Hipps (864-350-7226 or [jhipps@clmson.edu](mailto:jhipps@clmson.edu)) or the Camp Director, Garrett Riddle (864-400-8202 or [griddle@bsamail.org](mailto:griddle@bsamail.org)).

Thank you for all you do for Scouting!

Josh Hipps  
Program Director  
Camp Old Indian



**CAMP OLD INDIAN STAFF  
INTERVIEWS  
A SUMMER CAMP STARTS WITH  
A GREAT STAFF!!!**

In order for you to be considered for a position on camp staff, you must attend a staff interview. Staff interviews will be held on Saturday February 12, 2011 at the Scout Service Center.

Please wear your Class-A uniform. If you have any questions or need directions, please feel free to call Matt Kubler at 233-8363 or email [mkubler@blueridgecouncil.org](mailto:mkubler@blueridgecouncil.org). If you are unable to attend on this date please contact Matt for an alternate interview date. Applications are available on the website or at the Scout Office and will be accepted prior to the interview process. Without knowledge of your interest all available positions will be filled.

Mail your application to: Blue Ridge Council, ATTN: Camp Director, 1 Park Plaza, Greenville, SC 29607.

Upon receipt of your completed application you will be contacted and given an exact time slot within the above allocated times so you will not have to wait. Each interview will take 10 to 15 minutes. [Click here for application.](#)

**TIMES FOR INTERVIEWS:**

**Saturday February 12, 2011**

- RETURNING STAFF 9:00AM-11:00AM
- NEW APPLICATIONS 11:00AM-12:30PM

**DON'T WAIT APPLY TODAY!**

[Scouting Fun!](#)



*The Blue Ridge Council appreciates Publix Super Markets Charities investment in the Scouting Program.*

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Thank you for supporting Scouting in the Blue Ridge Council!



**Local OA News!!!**



[OA](#)

**Scout Night with the Greenville Road Warriors! Mark your calendars now for February 19!**



## *Scout Night with the Greenville Road Warriors Hockey Team!!!*

Calling all Scouts!! Come out for a fun filled night with the Greenville Road Warriors Hockey Team on Saturday, February 19! There will be plenty of excitement on and off of the ice on February 19!

Scouts you have the option to choose between 2 VIP packages!!

*Package 1* - Come out for a fun filled night with the Greenville Warriors **OR** *Package 2*- Enjoy the game THEN enjoy an overnight stay at the arena while enjoying a movie on the Jambo-tron!!

*Additional information about our Scout Night with the Greenville Warriors will be available soon!*

### Camp Old Indian - Reservations, Camping Opportunities , Leader Training

#### Upcoming Camping Opportunities for Scouts



[National Youth Leadership Training \(NYLT\)](#)- June 5- 10, 2011- Offers training in advanced Scout skills and teaches the eleven points of leadership.

[Winterfest - February 4-6, 2011](#) (Gatlinburg, TN)



**LEADER TRAINING:** *Are you a trained leader?*

Merit Badge University -January 22, 2011

Pow Wow Cub Scout Training - January 22, 2011

[Boy Scout Leader Specific Training](#)- January 22, 2011

[Trainer's Edge](#) - February 19, 2011

[2011 Council Training Dates](#)

Merit Badge University



## 2011 BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

The 2011 Blue Ridge Council's Merit Badge University has reached its largest registration yet at nearly 800 scouts.

There are 52 merit badges including 12 Eagle required ones.

One interesting note is that this year, our Council is privileged to be one of the pilots for the new NOVA award which is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative sponsored by the BSA and Exxon Mobile.

All the STEM merit badges (except Electronics and Scholarship) are offered at this year's MBU.

The BRC MBU staff welcomes this year's class of Merit Badge earners (scouts) and all the volunteers.

We want to thank all the instructors, volunteers and staff that makes the BRC MBU happen. Without the dedicated staff, the BRC MBU could not happen each year. Happy Scouting to all in 2011!!!

Paul Winston is the 2011 BRC MBU Director. [Click here to view the Merit Badge University website.](#)

### 2011 Recharter Process



*Rechartering* has been streamlined to make the process a lot easier. The youth that were recruited at school nights will be marked with a red 'x' to show they have paid for 2011. This is intended to eliminate duplication of registration fees. As a reminder, annual registration fees have been increased to \$15 for new and rechartering Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. The following information will help you in the process.

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

**Unit Renewal Instruction Sheet: "Recharter Step by Step"**

Unit Accident Insurance Claim Form

National requires new adult volunteers registering in a unit to provide social security numbers. If someone is currently registered and is transferring or multiple registering with a different unit, a new application with SSN# will be required.

**Items to be returned to the Council Service Center:**

- Unit Re-charter Renewal Form with Fees
- Applications for all unregistered youth and adults
- Gold Star Unit Certification Form with signature
- Demographic Letter
- Annual Charter Agreement

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### Important Information for Adult Leaders

Youth Protection Training must be completed for ALL youth contact positions. [Click Here](#) to take the Training. Your training is good for 2 years, and you must be up to date to be a registered leader.

#### Turning in New Adult Applications:

When turning in an Adult Application, you must provide the date of completion for Youth Protection Training.

Also, there is a page inside the application that explains the BSA policy of doing background checks on all adult volunteers. This page must be signed by the applicant in addition to the normal required signatures. Applications cannot be processed without this page.

### Journey To Excellence

#### ***BSA Action Required: Additional Journey to Excellence webinars***



In order to accommodate volunteers and professional staff who were not able to attend one of the Journey to Excellence webinars in October or November, the Boy Scouts of America has expanded the schedule into early 2011 with more dates and times. Please share the schedule below with those who did not attend a council, district, pack, troop, or crew webinar this fall.

The final Journey to Excellence forms are posted online at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org). They can be accessed by clicking on "volunteers" and looking under the "quick links" heading. **This is also where the recorded webinars are located.** All forms are also on MyBSA>Resources>Council and District Operations in the blue column on the right. In addition, please check the online scorecards for the most up-to-date versions.

If you have any questions, contact Stan Willey at 972-580-2381 or e-mail [stan.willey@scouting.org](mailto:stan.willey@scouting.org).

All times shown below are Central time.

#### **Council Webinars**

\* Wednesday, January 26 at 9 a.m.

\* Tuesday, February 1 at 4 p.m.

#### **District Webinars**

\* Wednesday, January 26 at 11 a.m.

\* Thursday, January 27 at 8 p.m.

#### **Pack Webinars**

\* Wednesday, January 26 at 7 p.m.

\* Wednesday, February 2 at 10 a.m.

#### **Troop Webinars**

\* Thursday, January 27 at 11 a.m.

\* Tuesday, February 1 at 7 p.m.

#### **Crew Webinars**

- \* Thursday, January 27 at 9 a.m.
- \* Wednesday, February 2 at 1 p.m.

### [Council webinar link](#)

### [District and unit webinar link](#)

#### Family FOS Enrollment



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 pledge to Scouting. Again, this year our intention is to reach each parent through presentations at Pack, Troop, Team and Crew gatherings from December 2010 through March 2011.

The Character 2011 presentations will make a dramatic impact on our ability to continue

the implementation of the capital improvements for Camp Old Indian. Parents will have an opportunity to truly make a difference in the future of Scouting in the Upstate. [Click here to view our fully embroidered recognition items parents and leaders will receive.](#)

#### Council Annual Banquet - February 10, 2011



The Council Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 6:30 pm. The Banquet will recognize Silver Beavers and Eagle Scouts within the Blue Ridge Council.

If you would like to attend or have any additional questions please contact the Council Office, 864-233-8363.

#### Scouting for Food



Scouting for Food is when the Scouts go out into the community and collect food items to donate to local food banks for those less fortunate. All Scouts should participate in this Food Drive. Scouts should do a good turn daily, and this is a fantastic way for us to gain community service hours, and to be seen out in the community doing good things for people who need it.

We always participate in Scouting for Food on the two Saturdays surrounding the Birthday of Scouting which falls on February 6<sup>th</sup> in 2011. Not only is it an appropriate way to celebrate Scouting's Birthday, but food pantries really need a boost after the holiday rush. Scouts do a great job every year of helping to restock those empty pantries.

In past years we have provided bags for units to use, but this year we are asking that you use your own bags or boxes to collect food. Everyone has plastic bags sitting around the house, and most people would love to get rid of them. The Blue Ridge Council has developed a flyer that can be passed around neighborhoods indicating which day Scouts will be in your area to

pick up food.

This year we will again collect soup, beef stew, chili, canned fish, canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, and many other food items. We only ask that you not collect anything perishable or frozen.

There are several ways to participate in Scouting for Food. You can go out on a day and drop the flyers off in neighborhoods, and pick food up on a specified date. You can go out and collect the food as you go. You can go stand outside a grocery store and collect food. The important thing is to collect the food so we can give it back to those less fortunate.

You may be wondering if there is a particular food bank to which you should donate the food. Well, the neat thing about it is, *your* unit picks the place that *you* think will benefit most from the food. Examples are your local Salvation Army, your church, UnitedChristianMinistries, your sponsoring organization and other local food pantries.

So, how do you get involved with this great activity? You can pick up the Flyers at your Round Table Meeting in February. Call your District Executive to get more details.

Please plan on participating in Scouting for Food. Together we can do a Good Turn for America.

**Winterfest 2011 !! February 4-6, 2011!! Mark your calendars!!!**



The 2011 Explorer/Venturer Winterfest Ski Weekend is scheduled for February 4- 6, 2011 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, located in the heart of the Great Smokey Mountains. This is an exciting competitive event activity for all Explorers and Venturers. It is sure to be the highlight of the year for your Unit! This year's event is expected to have over 3,000 participants! Activities include: skiing, dancing, kayaking, water volleyball, swimming, shopping, scuba diving and more! In addition, there will be many competitions that include: fire fighting, law enforcement, mock trial, shooting range, venturing roundtables, backpacking, water basketball, climbing tower, and much more. [Click here](#) for more information, or call Dwayne Skinner at 864-233-8363 x208.

### Greenville Scout Shop



**Hiking? Camping? Got gear?**

### Greenville Scout Shop

Phone: 288-1560 Fax: 288-1613

Email: [ssutton@bsamail.org](mailto:ssutton@bsamail.org)

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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