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E-Newsletter
March/April 2011

Dear Nathaniel,

This is the March and April 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.

2011 Council Banquet

The Blue Ridge Council Annual Banquet was held on February 10, 2011. There were 350 people in attendance and presided over by our new Council President King Dixon.

There were seven Silver Beaver Award Recipients. The Silver Beaver Award is one of the highest honors that a Scouter can earn. It is awarded to a registered leader who has made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council.

The 2011 Silver Beaver recipients are:

Jim Guirl
Tommy Howell
Kim Kelly
Lynne McCarragher
Mickey Stokes
Richard Turner
Chip Walpole

Also recognized at the Council Banquet were our "2010 Russell Smart Class of Eagle Scouts" which was presented by Michael Cogdill of WYFF.

5th Annual Boy Scout Classic



The 5th Annual Boy Scout Classic Golf Tourney is coming up June 14, 2011. Mark your calendars now! More details to come soon.

Camping

Calendar

March

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

April

- 13 - Executive Committee Meeting
- 15-17 - OA Dixie Fellowship
- 16 - Baloo
- 16 - Webelos Leader Training
- 22 - Good Friday (Office Closed)
- 24 - Easter

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There are many camping opportunities coming up in the next few months.

OA Spring Fellowship - March 11-13

OA Dixie Fellowship - April 15-17

Spring District Camporee - Find out more at Round Table, your district page or contact your local District Executive for more details.

Day Camp - Every District has a Summer Day Camp opportunity. They occur in the first part of summer, usually in early June. (details coming soon)

Webelos Resident Camp - "The Sky is the Limit" Webelos Resident Camp 2011 at Camp Old Indian will be held August 3rd - 6th. More Details coming soon.



BMW Charity Pro-Am



The 2011 BMW Pro-Am will be played May 19-22, 2011 at Bright's Creek Golf Club, The Carolina Country Club and Thornblade Club. The BMW Charity Pro-Am is the only tournament on the Nationwide Tour where amateurs and celebrities are grouped with Nationwide Tour professionals in a four-day better-ball competition over three courses.

General Admission tickets are only \$25 and includes access to the tournament course of your choice. Club House Admission tickets are only \$50 and includes access to the club house. You don't have to be a golfer, or even know anything about the game to get into the action. There are plenty of ways to get your company, clients, friends, family and Scouts involved in this extraordinary event.

[Click Here](#) for the BMW Pro-Am website
[Click Here](#) for volunteer registration details.

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.



BALOO Training - April 16

BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. If you want to

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take your Cub Scouts camping, you have to have someone who is BALOO Trained. More details coming soon.

CPR Saturday - March 12

Receive certification that meets or exceeds OSHA Requirements. [Click Here](#) for more details.

Outdoor Leader Skills - March 18-20

This course is intended for every adult leader and active parent in every Boy Scout Troop. It is designed to provide a working knowledge of the basic outdoor skills necessary for the success of a Boy Scout Troop. [Click Here](#) for more details.

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training - April 16

Designed specifically for Webelos Leaders. The course teaches outdoor-related skills through demonstration and hands-on practice. Webelos Den leaders should attend this training before conducting Webelos overnight camping with the boys and parents of the den. More details coming soon.

Wood Badge

Woodbadge is the premier adult leadership training program for the Boy Scouts of America. Wood Badge provides its participants with contemporary leadership and team development skills in classroom and outdoor settings. Wood Badge helps you become a better leader, it's fun, rewarding and you meet new friends! [Click Here](#) for more details.

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



2011 Boy Scout Patron Dinner with Guest Speaker Coach Sam Wyche



Coach Sam Wyche was a NFL Head Coach for 12 seasons. He coached the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII. He is a former CBS Sports Analyst, a national motivational speaker, a former NFL player and an alumni of Furman University.

**Boy Scout Patron Dinner
Thursday, March 31, 2011
Carolina First Center
6pm Reception
7pm Dinner**

Please be our guest at the 5th annual Boy Scout Patron Dinner to benefit the Boy Scouts of America. Funds raised at this dinner will provide the Scouting program to thousands of young people in the Upstate of South Carolina. Scouting continues to thrive due in large part to friends like you who provide the funds necessary to support our mission which is "to instill values in young people that will last a life time."

We hope you will be able to join us at this important event. There is no ticket cost for the dinner, instead, during the program you will be asked to pledge your financial support to Scouting.

Please RSVP to the Council (233-8363) before March 18, 2011. This will help our planning and meal preparation. This is an adult event

All adult volunteers are encouraged to be a Table Captain. A Table Captains job is to fill one table of eight including yourself for the dinner. Please contact Brandon Smith (233-8363) to discuss details.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)



National Youth Leadership Training is the pinnacle of Boy Scout training for youth. NYLT offers training in advanced Scout skills and teaches the eleven points of leadership.

There will be only 48 available spaces for this course. [Click Here](#) for more details and registration form.



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LODGE CALENDAR

March 11 - 13	Spring Fellowship
April 15 - 17	Dixie Fellowship (Camp Daniel Boone)
May 7	OA Work Day at Camp Old Indian
July 20	Lodge Cookout and Vigil Call-Out
September 23 - 25	Fall Fellowship

SPRING FELLOWSHIP

The AKK Spring Fellowship will be March 11-13 at Camp Old Indian. The registration form is currently available on the Resources & Forms page of the lodge website.

Take advantage of this special opportunity to enjoy a weekend of great fellowship, fun, and food at the Spring Fellowship.

DIXIE FELLOWSHIP

We have slots available if you want to attend the Dixie Fellowship. The Dixie will be held at Camp Daniel Boone near Canton, NC on April 15-17. Dixie is always a fun weekend filled with lots of opportunities for competitions, training, spirit, and more. Any registered lodge member may attend - so encourage every member in your unit and chapter to join AKK for a great event.

SUMMITCORPS & INDIAN SUMMER

There are two National OA events taking place this summer - SummitCorps and Indian Summer.

At its recent meeting the lodge Executive Committee approved to cover \$100.00 per person of the registration fee for those who will be part of the lodge delegations going to these events. Updated registration forms for both are available on the lodge website. Register for these events as soon as you can. We currently have eight slots for SummitCorps and ten for Indian Summer.

AKK will be attending **SummitCorps** the week of July 24-30. SummitCorps is a hybrid of ArrowCorps⁵ and OA High Adventure, providing service to the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. Upgrading the trail bed of the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail, along with invasive species removal, will be the focus of the project. The Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail connects the New River Gorge National River to the Boy Scout's new high adventure base and new home of the National Jamboree - The Summit: The Bechtel Family National Reserve.

The week of August 1-6 **Indian Summer** will be held at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Asheville, NC. This is a national event held every several years, the last time in 2003, covering all aspects of American Indian affairs. This event will expand your understanding of the American Indian culture, provide opportunities from learning to dance, making outfits and crafts, singing, ceremonies, inductions, and much more. You will have an opportunity to gain hands on experience with some of the best trainers and craftsmen in the Scouting movement. There will also be plenty of time to participate in other recreation.

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).

Scouting For Food

Scouting for Food is one of many ways the Scouts give back to their community. We spend a couple of Saturdays in February collecting food and delivering it local food banks in an effort to restock them after the holiday season.



To All Pack/Troop/Crew Leaders:

please tally your total items collected/donated and the number of youth and adults who participated in your unit and get that information to you District Executive so we can report those numbers.

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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