



Blue Ridge Council E-Newsletter

The Scouter
November/December
2011

Dear Nathaniel,

This is the November and December 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.

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2011 Popcorn

We are wrapping up the 2011 Popcorn Sale and want to thank all of the Leaders, Parent's and Scouts for all your hard work to make this another successful year!

As we wrap up the sale here are some important dates coming up:

October 28 - Deadline to pay amount due to Blue Ridge Council for Show & Sell Popcorn orders

November 4 - Final orders due to Council by 12 noon.
(place orders online in Trail's End Popcorn System, also turn in hard copies of prize forms by fax, email or hand delivery)

Popcorn Leaders [Click Here](#) for detailed instructions on completing your 2011 Popcorn Sale

Here are the things needed to be turned in by November 4, noon.

1. Popcorn order (submitted online) [Click Here](#) for Trail's End website
2. Prize order (submitted online)
3. \$600 and \$800 Club Prize forms (Click links for forms)
4. Copies of Take-Order forms for \$600, \$800, \$1000 winners
5. \$1,000 T-shirt order forms (Click link for form)
6. \$2,500 Scholarship Forms (Click link for form)

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Calendar

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November

- 3 - Council Auction
- 4 - Final Popcorn Orders Due
- 4 - Cub/Parent #7
- 5 - Cub/Parent #8
- 9 - Camp Promotions Dinner

November 19 - Pick up popcorn at your designated location (early pickup available by appointment only)

December 2 - Last day to settle Popcorn accounts with Council and receive planned commission rate

2011 Auction

Thursday, November 3, 2011
2nd Annual Travel, Entertainment, Sports and Dining Auction

to benefit the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America
Hosted by Century BMW
Doors open at 6:00 PM at Century BMW
(2934 Laurens Rd. Greenville, SC 29607)

Join us for our 2nd Annual Sports, Entertainment, and Dining Auction on November 3rd at the Century BMW dealership in Greenville! The Silent auction begins at 6:00pm with the Live auction beginning at 7:45pm. This is an adult event, business casual is required. We will have hundreds of items ranging from an African Safari, golf and hotel packages, Michelin tires, firearms, ballet tickets and even a Harley Davidson Motorcycle. For more information on our auction and to view a complete list of our live and silent auction items, please visit the [Blue Ridge Council Auction Webpage](#)

Please contact [Andrew Reale](#) if you are interested in donating an item or being a corporate sponsor for our event. We look forward to seeing you at the auction!

This is an adult event | Business Casual Attire

Visit the [2011 Auction Webpage](#) to see the growing list of items up for bid

Camp Promotions Dinner

Time is rapidly approaching for our annual Camp Old Indian Promotions Dinner. This year's dinner will be held on November 9th 6:30pm at the Scout Office, located at 1 Park Plaza in Greenville SC 29607. A Pizza supper and door prizes will help us get our camping season off to a good start! We look forward to hearing from staff members and finding out about program changes.

The Leaders Guide will be distributed on CD and a paper copy will also be available for those who need a hard copy.

- 11 - Cub/Parent #9
- 12 - Cub/Parent #10
- 18 - Cub/Parent #11
- 19 - Popcorn Pickup
- 22 - Silver Beaver Nominations due
- 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving (office closed)
- 29 - Council Annual Business Meeting
- 28 - 2nd Woodbadge Weekend

December

- 2 - Popcorn Money Due
- 3 - Cub Pow Wow
- 13 - Executive Committee
- 23 & 26 - Christmas Holiday (office closed)

District News

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

Click your district link below to see news and events specific to you.

[Foothills](#)
[Learning for Life](#)
[Long Cane](#)
[Oconee](#)
[Pickens](#)
[Reedy Falls](#)
[Reedy River](#)
[Saluda River](#)
[Six & Twenty](#)
[Southboulder](#)

Quick Links

The Leader's Guide answers frequently asked questions including every aspect of camp from merit badge classes to hiking trails. Having a representative at this meeting will mean your unit will be informed and prepared for the upcoming summer camp season.

RSVP to [Matt Kubler](#) or, [Click Here](#) for the registration form

Troop Leaders remember that your \$100.00 deposit to hold your site is due by November 9th. Non reserved sites will be available after the 9th. For additional questions call (864) 233-8363.

IF YOU HAVE NOT CONFIRMED YOUR SITE FOR 2012, YOU NEED TO DO SO NOW! SEVERAL WEEKS ARE FULL AND WE ARE TAKING RESERVATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS.

Thank you for supporting Old Indian and offering a great summer camping experience for the youth in your unit!

Pow Wow



Boy Scouts of America, Blue Ridge Council Presents: Cub Scout Leader POW WOW 2011

Attention ALL Cub Scout Leaders! Get ready to set your sails with the Pirates of the Baloo Ridge Council for our Pirate themed POW WOW of 2011! We hope that all of our Cub Scout Leaders will take advantage of what POW WOW has to offer. We have twelve unique courses planned that will help you learn and grow within the Scouting program from learning how to run a Pack or Den meeting to cooking Cub Grub and Geocaching! POW WOW will be held on December 3rd at Marathon Church in Powdersville.

[Click Here](#) for registration form

[Click Here](#) for Course Descriptions

Cost is \$25.00 (due by November 23, after which the cost increases to \$30.00)

[Blue Ridge Council](#)
[Scouting.org](#)
[Scout Parents](#)
[Boys Life Magazine](#)
[Sea Scouts](#)
[Scouting Magazine](#)
[BSA Field Book](#)
[Philmont](#)
[Northern Tier](#)
[Sea Base](#)
[Good Turn For America](#)
[BSA Museum](#)
[Scouting Friends](#)
[Hispanic Initiatives](#)
[Be A Scout](#)



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(864) 233-8363

Greenville Scout
Shop



Phone: 288-1560
Fax: 288-1614

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 6:00pm

Saturday
10:00am - 2:00pm

When: December 3, 2011 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Where: Marathon Church
315 Roe Road
Greenville, SC 29611

For more information email [Grayson Kelly](mailto:Grayson.Kelly@scouting.org) or call 864-556-370

Online Rechartering



COMING IN 2011 INTERNET RECHARTERING

Beginning in 2011 the Blue Ridge Council is making available the ability to recharter using the Internet Recharter process available through MyScouting.org. This process has been in use by many Councils and is well tested. There are several key steps required to use the Internet Recharter process.

- Have a [MyScouting](http://MyScouting.org) account for the person associated with the Unit that will be responsible for the Recharter.
- Obtain a Unit ID code. This will be available from the Unit Commissioner and/or District Executive.
- Get some training. Currently you can go through the on-line tutorial under MyScouting as an educational introduction.
- The ability to update the recharter information starts 2 months prior to the recharter date and ends two months after the recharter date.

Important things to know:

Your Unit Commissioner should be able to assist you.

There is still a form that must be printed and have the appropriate signatures for submission to the council. No change from the current process.

Once a recharter is submitted to the Council it cannot be changed.

The addition of new leaders and youth still requires an application form.

Keep watching for more educational opportunities.

Your Recharter form should be signed by the Chartered Organization Rep, Scout Leader, Unit Commissioner and District Executive.

For the Blue Ridge Council Internet Recharter Guidebook [Click Here](#)

2012 Family Friends of Scouting

With the coming of the new year we are gearing up for our Family Friends of Scouting Campaign for 2012. This will give all of our families in the upstate an opportunity to support the local Scouting efforts by making a pledge to the Blue Ridge Council. We are currently working on the recognition items for 2012 for the families that participate in this event.

It is through these giving programs that Scouting services are available to our youth. If you would like to get a presentation on your calendar for a Court of Honor or Blue & Gold Banquet please contact your District Executive.

Upcoming Training

[Pow Wow](#) - December 3

[Boy Scout Specific](#) - January 21

[Trainer's Edge](#) - February 18

[CPR Saturday](#) - March 10

[Boy Scout Outdoor](#) - March 23

[Baloo Training](#) - April 21

[Webelos Outdoor Training](#) - April 21

[Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training](#) along with Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Fast Start, and This is Scouting are all located on the e-learning webpage. [Click Here](#) to visit the e-learning webpage



Round Table

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.



Merit Badge University

Save the Date

Merit Badge University is scheduled for
January 21, 2012

Work at Camp Old Indian



Want to work at Camp
Old Indian in 2012?

[Click Here](#)
for an application

2012 Council Banquet



The Council Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

At the Banquet, we will honor and recognize the 2012 Silver Beaver Award Winners (see below), and the 2011 Class of Eagle Scouts.

Please mark your calendar and join us!

Silver Beaver Award

2011 Nominations for the Silver Beaver Award ([Click Here](#) for

nomination form)
Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America
Due by: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, November 22, 2011

The Silver Beaver Award was established in 1931 and is presented for distinguished service to young people within a local Boy Scouts of America Council. It is the highest National award which may be presented by a local council. A recipient must be a registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Annually, volunteers nominate men and women who are doing an outstanding job as Scouters for the Silver Beaver Award. These nominations are reviewed by the Silver Beaver Selection Committee each year, and the most outstanding men and women are selected to receive this special recognition.

The committee welcomes all nominations and encourages you to recommend those Scouters you believe worthy of this high honor. Please send all nominations by 5:00 pm on Tuesday November 22, 2011 to:

Silver Beaver Selection Committee,
Blue Ridge Council, BSA
1 Park Plaza, Greenville, SC 29607

or by email to: [Matt Kubler](#), by fax to 864-233-2424 or you may personally bring to the Council Server Center, 1 Park Plaza, Greenville, SC 29607.

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](#)

Scouting For Food 2012



Scouting for Food is when Scouts go into our community and collect food items to donate to local food banks. This is a fantastic way for us to "do a good turn daily."

We always participate in Scouting for Food on the Saturday's surrounding the Anniversary of Scouting. This year our collection dates will be February 4th and 11th.

Not only is this an appropriate way to celebrate the Anniversary of Scouting, 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.

Order of the Arrow



2011 Officers & Advisers

[Brian Almond](#) - Lodge Chief
[Tyler White](#) - Vice Chief of Administration
[Austin Couch](#) - Vice Chief of Communications
[Johnny Culwell](#) - Vice Chief of Indian Affairs
[Kyle Stevens](#) - Secretary/Treasurer
[Mickey Stokes](#) - Lodge Adviser
[Josh Hipps](#) - Staff Adviser

Lodge Calendar

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

January 28 Lodge Winter Banquet - Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville, SC

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).

Commissioners Corner



Beginning in 2011 Scouting Units, Districts and Councils have a brand new way to show they are performing at a high level. This program is called the Journey to Excellence. There are three performance levels that can be earned. The Gold Level is the highest, followed by the Silver Level and the Bronze Level.

Why should a Unit, District and Council participate in this program? Participation provides a framework for planning, a method of evaluation, guidelines and standards of quality, and recognition just to name a few. Currently the Council is actively engaged in the Journey to Excellence striving for the Gold Level of performance. I hope all the Districts are engaged as well with the same goal of reaching the Gold Level. If you are a Unit Leader I hope your Unit is also actively engaged in the process. If not, it is not too late to begin. If you need support, check with your Unit Commissioner.

One of the expected outcomes of high quality units is an increase in youth retention. With that thought in mind, I constantly remind my Commissioners - "Lets keep the Scout in Scouting".

Fred Hyslop
Council Commissioner

NESA Eagle Scout Scholarships



The applications for the 2012 NESA Eagle Scout scholarships are now available at www.nesa.org. The homepage features a link that leads directly to the forms.

These are the only scholarship applications acceptable in 2012. These applications must be printed and mailed to the national office when completed.

All scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than midnight on January 31, 2012.

Journey To Excellence Passport Challenge



Benchmark #3 (September - December)

Cub Scouts need to attend 1 session of Cub/Parent Weekends, Donate at least \$1 to Scoutreach, Sell at least 5 items of Popcorn and Earn 1 Beltloop or Pin.

Boy Scouts need to attend District Camporee or 2 Troop Camping Trips, Donate at least \$1 to Scoutreach, sell at least 5 items of Popcorn and earn 1 Eagle Required merit badge.

Turn in your filled out card to the Council Office by December 31, 2011.

[Click Here](#) for more information

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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