



Greetings!

This is the February 2015 issue of *The Scouter*. In it you will find information about upcoming events and issues of importance to Scouting in the Upstate of South Carolina. Learn more about the Blue Ridge Council by visiting our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.

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2015 Blue Ridge Council Annual Banquet

A celebration of the Phillip A. Kilgore Eagle Scout Class & Silver Beavers

Hundreds of Scouts, Scout leaders, and Scouting supporters gathered yesterday at the 2015 Council Annual Banquet to celebrate our Scouting community's accomplishments in 2014. Of particular note are our Council's highest honorees: the Phillip A. Kilgore Eagle Scout Class of 2014 and the 2015 Silver Beaver Honorees.

The Phillip A. Kilgore Eagle Scout Class of 2014

We are proud to present the the Eagle Scout Class of 2014 and the class honoree, Mr. Phillip Kilgore.

Visit [our Facebook page](#) to learn more about Phillip's distinguished service in Scouting, including two years as immediate past president of the Council.

The Phillip A. Kilgore Eagle Scout Class of 2014 consists of one hundred and sixty-one Upstate youth whose projects devoted 23,349 service hours to their communities. These young men will become the leaders and ambassadors of our communities. Congratulations!



The Silver Beaver Class of 2015

The Silver Beaver is the highest award given by a Boy Scouts of America council to a volunteer. The individuals of this year's class have contributed years of service to Scouting on a unit, district, and council basis. We are pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Blue Ridge Council Silver Beaver.



Kay Borkowski

Visit [our Facebook](#) to view Kay's distinguished bio.



Bubba Fennell

Visit [our Facebook](#) to view Bubba's distinguished bio.



Stan Lew

Visit [our Facebook](#) to view Stan's distinguished bio.



Dan Atkinson

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Richard Baker

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Art Taylor

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Cindy Carter

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Patti Buchanan

Visit [our Facebook](#) to view Patti's distinguished bio.

Congratulations to the recipients of the Silver Beaver! Want to see similar posts directly to your newsfeed? [Like our official Facebook page!](#)



The 2015 Camp Card Sale

From a Card, The Adventure of Camp

The 2015 Camp Card Sale is just around the corner! Last year, 146 Scouting units raised \$123,000, paying for summer camp, day camp, and more! The camp card is the premier Spring fundraising method for local Scouting units.

Camp cards are discount cards for local vendors that sell for \$5.00. Scouts earn 50% from each sale. Cards will be distributed the first week of March and the sale will run through May 22.

We are pleased to announce the 2015 Camp Card vendors:

Bojangles - Buy one, get one free sausage biscuit OR 10% off entire purchase

Ingles - \$5 off a purchase of \$50 (one time)

Scout Shop - 10% off a \$50 purchase (one time)

Dave & Busters - Buy one, get one free \$10 game play

Wendy's - 10% off any combo purchase

Jiffy Lube - 10% off a signature service oil change (one time)

Moe's - Buy one entree, get one free with the purchase of two large drinks

Sport Clips - \$5 off an MVP hair cut

Jack in the Box - buy one, get one free ultimate cheeseburger

Jersey Mike Subs - 10% off entire purchase

Green River Adventures - \$5 off

The Gorge - \$10 off

Learn more by viewing our **leader's guide!** Contact your district executive today if your unit want to participate!



Share Your Scouting Story

Each week, nearly 10,000 Scouts meet, camp, and serve across the Upstate of South Carolina. Their stories are told across dinner tables, in church pews, and through newspapers. Now, we want to hear them from you.

Whether you're a current or alumni Scout, family member, or community member, you have a Scouting story. Please visit the [website](#) to upload text, documents, or images that share the impact Scouting has had on you, another person, or our community.

Share Your Scouting Story, and weave it into the fabric of our Blue Ridge Council Scouting community. Share your story [via this online form](#), tag [BlueRidgeCouncilBSA](#) on Facebook, or use #ShareYourScoutingStory!

Recharter

Each year, every Scouting unit recharter to renew the relationship between the chartering organization and the Boy Scouts of America.



Recharter for units in **Saluda River, Foothills, Reedy Falls, and Southbender Districts** were due December 31st. [Units that have not submitted their recharter should contact their district executive immediately.](#)

Recharter for units in **Long Cane, Pickens, Oconee, and Six & Twenty Districts** were due January 31st. [Units that have not submitted their recharter should contact their district executive immediately.](#)

Recharter should be submitted prior to the due date to your local commissioner or district executive. *Units that do not recharter on time are not official BSA units, their activities are not covered under insurance, and their youth may not receive advancements.*



2015 Council Exporee

"Onward and Upward"

The 2015 Exporee will be held May 1st -3rd at SCTAC - Donaldson Air Field off Hwy 25 in Greenville. Our theme - Onward and Upward - reflects the direction that Scouting is headed and the of our aviation-focused activities. Along with aviation, we will pay homage to the US Armed Services and community first responders that make us all proud and safe to be Americans and Scouters.

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers will all be able to fully participate in this weekend. Naval, Air Force, and Army Reserve units stationed at SCTAC will lend their support and supplies! Other participating groups include the Greenville County Police, County EMS, and the Greenville County SWAT Team.

Registration will open next week. Watch your email for the leader's guide and online registration link!

The goal of the 2015 Exporee committee is to lead by example with both fun and innovation. We look forward to seeing you all at SCTAC for a great time in the name of Scouting.

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From The Program Desk

Updates on Upcoming Council Programs and Operations

National Youth Leadership Training is an action-packed program that equips youth with the leadership skills and experience to use in their troops and own lives. The 2015 NYLT will be held February 27-March 1 and March 13-15 at Camp Old Indian. For more information and to register, [view this document](#).

Local Scouts will be trekking to **Philmont Scout Ranch** this summer and you can be a part! For more information and to register, [view this document](#).

The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia needs medical professionals to volunteer during summer 2015 high adventure weeks. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. For more information, contact Dr. Dan Miller at 386-690-1973.

The **Cub Scout program** is receiving updates this June! Check out the [BSA program updates page](#) for recorded webinars, roundtable guides, and FAQs on all of the changes coming to your pack.

One Scout at a Time, Your Gift Makes the Difference

Friends of Scouting Makes Life-Changing Experiences Possible

Your investment in Scouting is more important now than ever! The youth of the Blue Ridge Council are counting on and need your continued support! Please call the Council Service Center at 864-233-8363 today to make your 2015 Friends of Scouting gift!



Invest in the future of our young people, our families, and our community.

Don't miss the **2015 Family Friends of Scouting brochure**. Stay tuned for more information from your Council Friends of Scouting team about this year's campaign.

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Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge of the OA

2015 is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Atta Kulla Kulla lodge and the one hundredth anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Visit our lodge at akk185.org for up-to-date information!

Don't miss out on an OA event this year. Register for all 2015 AKK events and receive a discount with the **Annual Pass!**



The OA Winter Banquet, held January 31 in Greenville, featured renowned author Alvin Townley speaking to 160 members of the lodge. David Buchanan (*right*) received the prestigious Area 5 Venturing Leadership Award.

Scouting Community Bids Welcome

New Professionals Join the Blue Ridge Council

The Blue Ridge Council is pleased to announce that Thomas Beach (*right*) is the new District Executive for Pickens District. Born in the Rocky Mountains and raised in North Alabama cotton fields, Thomas is a former Army infantryman, paratrooper, and Ranger. His prior professional experiences include managing a medical clinic and serving as a campaign manager with several national political campaigns. Thomas is married with three children.



Thomas can be reached at or 864-233-8363 or Thomas.Beach@Scouting.org.



The Blue Ridge Council is pleased to announce that Adam Owens (*left*) is the new District Executive for Six & Twenty District. Adam is a Pelzer native and earned bachelors in Philosophy and Management from Clemson University and masters in Divinity and Theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served in a number of roles as a missionary and humanitarian aid worker, during which he worked with 19 different people groups and over 60 different

countries. His former experiences include being a pastor in an Upstate church, a staff member with Campus Crusade for Christ, and a missionary with More 2 Life ministries.

Adam can be reached at (864) 634-8447 and Brently.Owens@scouting.org.

Please join us in welcoming Thomas and Adam to the Blue Ridge Council Scouting community!



Greenville Scout Shop
Official Retail Store of the Blue Ridge Council

Give a \$1 or more
Make a Difference!

World Friendship Fund
 Scouting Generosity goes Global!
 Help the efforts of BSA's World Friendship Fund when you donate during this focused fundraising effort — February 1-15.

Join the Greenville Scout Shop in celebrating the 85th year of Cub Scouting during our Blue and Gold event Saturday, February 7, 2015.
 Mark your calendar - National Scout Sunday is Sunday, February 8, 2015.

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