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The Scouter - March 2014  
The official e-newsletter of the Blue Ridge Council

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**Greetings!**

This is the March 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.

If you do not wish to receive further emails regarding Scouting in the Blue Ridge Council, please use the safe unsubscribe link at the bottom of this email.

[2014 Boy Scout Classic - April 22nd](#)

**Calendar**

Download the 2013-2014 Blue Ridge Council Calendar by [clicking here.](#)

**March**

- 3 - Commissioner Meeting
- 6 - Council Patron Dinner
- 8 - CPR Training
- 12 - Program Committee Meeting
- 13 - Executive Committee & Charter Review
- 14-15 - OA Spring Fellowship at COI
- 21-23 - Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Skills

**District News**

Did you know that your district has its own news page? Click your district link below to see news and events specific to you.

- [Foothills](#)
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**The Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scout Classic**

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014**

**Musgrove Mill Golf Club  
An Arnold Palmer Signature Course**

ONLY THE FIRST 25 TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. There are only a handful of team spaces still available, contact [Grayson Kelly](#) to reserve your team today!

**[Follow this link to register.](#)**

[Scout Night with the Greenville Road Warriors](#)



Scout Night with the Greenville Road Warriors was once again a great success! Over 2,700 Scouts from the Blue Ridge Council attended to enjoy the evening with family and friends. We once again set the Road Warriors Season attendance record with over 6,000 attendees in the arena that evening! Thanks again to all who came out and to the Greenville Road Warriors for being such gracious host!

\*Pictured from left to right is: Mike Butler, Scout Executive, U.S. Senator Tim Scott, & Council President Phillip Kilgore.

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**One Scout at a time, Your gift will make a difference**

Your investment in scouting is more important now than ever! We have continued to see a significant reduction in funding from the Greenville United Way to the extent that United Way funding now accounts for only 6% of our annual operating budget.



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 2014 Friends of Scouting gift!**

**[CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CONTRIBUTION TODAY.](#)**

**2014 Patron Dinner - March 6, 2014**



If you would like to advertise your company on the Blue Ridge Council Newsletter or Website, please contact Grayson Kelly at (864) 233-8363 or [grayson.kelly@scouting.org](mailto:grayson.kelly@scouting.org)

**Greenville Scout Shop**

Phone: 288-1560  
Fax: 288-1614

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

Saturday  
10:00am - 2:00pm

**Round Table**

All Leaders are invited to attend their Districts monthly Round Table

WOW! What a night! The 2014 Blue Ridge Council Patron Dinner has come and gone and if you weren't there last Thursday then you really missed out! It was a great night of fun, food, and fellowship with over \$80,000 raised to directly benefit the over 10,000 youth of the Blue Ridge Council! Thanks to Road Warriors Owner, Fred Festa for serving as Keynote Speaker and the recipient of the 2014 Good Scout Award.

Thanks again to all of the 2014 top level sponsors:

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### Cub Scout Day Camps

Cub Scouts have the opportunity to work on Belt Loops, shoot BB guns, shoot Bow & Arrows, swim, make crafts, play games, make new friends and have Fun!!!

This is a great opportunity for your son to enjoy Cub Scouts for a whole week. Our Day Camp leaders are dedicated to giving your Scout the best program possible and sending them home exhausted! They will talk about it for months after-wards.

Each District has a week in set aside for Day Camp. You are encouraged to sign up for your Districts Camp, but if you find one that is more convenient for you, feel free to sign up for it instead. Simply mark the camp on the registration form that you wish to attend, and pay the fee associated with that District Camp.

Also, you are invited to come take part in the week. If you can volunteer for one day, or the whole week, Day Camp needs your help!

To sign up for Day Camp [CLICK HERE.](#)

## Sign up for the 2014 Camp Card Sale!

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<p><b>\$5 OFF</b> Your Purchase of \$50 or more</p> <p>One time use only. Please present to cashier. L0# 12254 Expires 12/31/14</p>	<p><b>\$10 OFF</b> Your next \$50 Purchase</p> <p>Limit one coupon per transaction. Not valid with any other coupon or discount. Coupon must be surrendered at time of purchase. Not redeemable for cash. Offer expires 12/31/2014</p>	<p><b>\$10 OFF</b> Signature Service Oil Change</p> <p>Not valid with other discounts or offers. Not redeemable for cash. Code (R5A10)</p>	<p><b>\$10 OFF</b> Signature Service Oil Change</p> <p>Not valid with other discounts or offers. One-time use only. Expires: 12/31/14. Code (R5A10)</p>	<p><b>\$5 OFF</b> Your Purchase of \$50 or more</p> <p>L0# 12254 One time use only. Limit one coupon per customer per day. Excludes alcohol, tobacco, prescription, jewelry, gifts, and other restricted items. Coupon must be surrendered at time of purchase. Not valid for purchases of services, gift cards or on Lowe's.com. Not redeemable for cash. Offer expires: 12/31/2014.</p>	<p><b>10% OFF \$50 or more purchase</b></p> <p>Expires 12/31/14. Not valid on alcohol, tobacco, prescription, jewelry, gifts, and other restricted items. See store for details.</p>	<p><b>Buy One Get One FREE</b> Sausage Biscuit or 10% off entire purchase.</p> <p>Expires 12/31/14. Not valid on alcohol, tobacco, prescription, jewelry, gifts, and other restricted items. See store for details.</p>
<p><b>Blue Ridge Council</b> Boy Scouts of America (864) 233-8363 • www.blueridgecouncil.org</p>			<p><b>1 Free Fountain Drink</b></p> <p>at Camp Old Indian Trading Post Good Any/One 2014</p>	<p><b>SONIC</b></p> <p>Buy one Sonic Burger, Get one of equal lesser value FREE.</p> <p>Offer good at participating locations in the South. Offer expires: 12/31/14</p>	<p><b>Sport Clips</b></p> <p><b>\$5 OFF</b> on MVP Haircut.</p> <p>Offer good at participating locations in the South. Offer expires: 12/31/14 Coupon Code: 2014</p>	<p><b>PIZZA</b></p> <p>Buy a large pizza at regular menu price and receive a medium dessert pizza at no cost.</p> <p>Valid at participating locations. Expires 12/31/14</p>

Sign up today for the 2014 Blue Ridge Council Camp Card Sale! Each card sold, the selling scout will receive \$2.50 in commission to be used towards summer camp!

To register for the camp card sale, [click here](#).

## Clemson Day



Clemson Day was February 22nd and was well attended with over 300 scouts and their families in attendance! Scouts who sold \$600 or more worth of popcorn in the 2013 Popcorn Sale had the opportunity to interact one on one with Clemson University players and coaches from Football, Soccer & Golf Team. All scouts had the opportunity to stay after the sports clinic to enjoy a Clemson Baseball game at Doug Kingsmore Stadium.

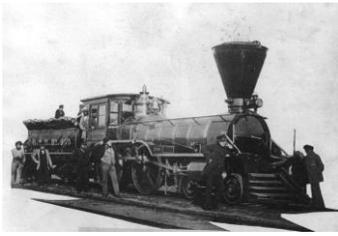
## Outdoor Leader Skills, March 21 - 23



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training provides overview opportunities to learn and reinforce the Patrol Method, camp set-up, cooking meals, Scoutcraft, skills, health and safety procedures and much more! The course is intended for every adult leader and active parent in every Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew. It is designed to provide a working knowledge of the basic outdoor skills necessary for the success of a Boy Scout Troop or Crew. It is a great training opportunity for all leaders and active parents.

Please see the full brochure [here](#) and contact the Council Service Center at 864-233-8363 for more info.

## Blue Ridge Railroad Work Day - April 26th



WE PLAN TO MEET AT 9:30AM AT THE STUMPHOUSE TUNNEL PARK. THE PARK IS LOCATED ABOUT 7 MILES NORTHEAST OF WALHALLA ON HWY 28. DRESS COMFORTABLY, BRING A LUNCH AND BRUSH CLEARING TOOLS, SLING BLADES, RAKES, PRUNING SHEARS ETC. THIS IS A GREAT SERVICE PROJECT AND WILL BE A LOT OF FUN. WE WILL BE CLEARING THE EAST APPROACH TO MIDDLE TUNNEL, AND THE APPROACHS EAST AND WEST FOR SADDLE TUNNEL. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE RSVP TO [mkubler@bsamail.org](mailto:mkubler@bsamail.org)

## BALOO - May 17th

BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation and is a great training program for any cub scout parent who wants to learn and help the pack in using the Pack Outdoor Program and go camping. You will learn the following in this program: Skills needed to go Pack Camping, Safety Rules to Protect Everyone, How to Plan and have Fun, Resources available to the Pack and much more!



**BALOO Training**  
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation



To register for this course, please click [here](#).

## 2014 NYLT, June 8 - 13

National youth Leadership Training is a six-day experience conducted by the Blue Ridge council to provide each Scout with a meaningful Scouting experience that will enhance his/her knowledge and create a deeper understanding of his/her role and responsibilities as a leader.

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audiovisual support, NYLT participants engage in a unified approach to leadership that gives the skill and confidence to lead well.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

## Blue Ridge Council set to participate in Voice of the Scout

As part of a national Boy Scout of America program, the Blue Ridge Council is excited to announce their participation in the Voice of the Scout. With over four million members, this program is being adopted as a key way to collect experiences and deliver upon the expectation of members as they participate in Scouting.

**Look for an email from the Boy Scouts of America in your inboxes!** Beginning mid-March, parents, Scouts & Venturers over 14, volunteers and chartered organizations will begin seeing surveys delivered into their email inboxes for Voice of the Scout. The surveys

have been designed to be very brief but will give needed insight into the variety of experiences at the unit and district within our council.

Surveys will stay open for three weeks, then information will be referenced for making key decisions to drive Scouting forward, as guided by the people that matter most- our members. It will be a continuous program, in that we will launch these surveys twice per year, with no household receiving more than one survey every six months.

Due to the sheer volume of surveys in this program, we must deliver via email to effectively and efficiently collect opinions. To make the most of this program we will begin asking for email updates regularly, so please make sure we have your most recent email by contacting Traci Bridwell at [traci.bridwell@scouting.org](mailto:traci.bridwell@scouting.org).

Voice of the Scout is how we will help guide our decision-making for our future programs and operational delivery. Please take a few minutes of your time to participate!

## National Jamboree Duffle Bags for Sale!

**ONLY 10 ARE AVAILABLE! GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST!!!**

**The Blue Ridge Council has a limited number of 2013 National Jamboree Duffle Bags for sale at \$50 a piece! Limited to while supplies last! If you're interested in purchasing one of these bags please stop by the Council Service Center or contact our receptionist at 864-233-8363 or [kay.borkowski@scouting.org](mailto:kay.borkowski@scouting.org)**



## Journey To Excellence

Journey to Excellence is the Boy Scouts Council Recognition program. It is designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts and councils. **We are proud to announce that the Blue Ridge Council achieved Silver Level JTE Status for 2013!**

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](#)

## Philmont 2015 Unit Registration

If your unit would like to travel to Philmont Scout Ranch in 2015 outside of the Blue Ridge Council contingent in 2014, you can find more information by following this link: <http://philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/TrekPlanning/HowToReserve.aspx>



## Experience Philmont 2014

Registration is now open for the Blue Ridge Council 2014 Philmont Trek!

This is the Scouting experience of a lifetime! Philmont is one of the National High Adventure bases of the Boy Scout's of America located in Cimarron, New Mexico. For more information on this trek taking place between June 14-28, 2014, please click [here](#).

## 2014 Camp Old Indian



If you have not made plans for Scout Camp in 2014 we would like to invite you to attend Camp Old Indian.

Camp Old Indian is located 25 miles north of Greenville, South Carolina in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains.

We are excited about the upcoming camping season at Camp Old Indian and we would like for you to make plans to be with us. We camped over 2,000 youth and adults during the 2013 season, and with the reservations that are already booked, we know that 2014 will be bigger and better.

Camp sites are filling up fast, don't be left out, get registered today! If you have questions or need help getting signed up, email [Traci Bridwell](mailto:Traci.Bridwell) or call at 864-233-8363.

## Climbing and Rappelling

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For more information and available dates contact the Council climbing chair - Paul Herr - [pdherr@gmail.com](mailto:pdherr@gmail.com) or 864-907-9356.

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