



Greetings!

This is the March 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 Council Exporee

"Onward and Upward"

**A triennial spectacular, the Council Exporee brings thousands of Scouts together for a weekend of premier Scouting adventures and programs.** The 2015 Exporee will be held May 1st-3rd at SCTAC (off Hwy 25 near Greenville). This year's theme - Onward & Upward - reveals the aviation theme of our activities and celebrates the direction of Scouting!

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!

Activities include a rock wall, obstacle course, Pinewood Derby, bomb disposal unit, and more! **Don't miss out; registration is now open!** Please [view this leader's guide](#) for more information and to register for this premier Scouting experience!

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## The 2015 Camp Card Sale

From a Card, The Adventure of Camp

The 2015 Camp Card Sale kicks off this week! 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. The sale runs 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

**Sonic** - Buy one burger, get one (of equal or lesser value) free

**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

Friday March 20 is the first drawing for the Game Stop gift certificate. Drawings will be held every Friday 2:00pm, until May 15th. Send in your qualifying Scouts using the verification form from the leaders guide. Winners will be notified by email. Please scan your Scouts information and [email the form](#).

Learn more by viewing our [leader's guide!](#) Contact your district executive today if your unit wants to participate!

## Council Leaders Receive Honors

February is the birthday month of the Boy Scouts of America. This is celebrated across the nation through Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquets, Scout Sunday, Scouting for Food, and many more special events. This month, several Blue Ridge Council leaders received distinctions for their dedication to Scouting.



**Phillip Kilgore** was recognized at the Council Annual Banquet for his many years of dedicated leadership to the Blue Ridge Council. The named honoree of the Eagle Scout Class of 2014, Phillip has served as a District Chair, an Executive Board member, and the Council President. Phillip's wife, Aline, was also recognized for her years of dedicated support.



**Mac McLean** (*left*) was recognized by the Pleasantburg Rotary Club with the Cliff Dochterman Award, given for dedicated service by a Rotarian to his or her Scouting community. The Club also made contributions to the Council Friends of Scouting and Endowment Fund in Mac's honor. Mac has served in numerous Scouting roles, including as current President-Elect of the Council.

**Fred Hyslop** was recognized by the Boy Scouts of America Southern Region with the Silver Antelope, the most prestigious award given by a BSA Region for distinguished service to youth. Fred has served in numerous roles in the Blue Ridge Council and in the Southern Region, including past service as the Council Commissioner.

The Blue Ridge Council is pleased to recognize these volunteers and leaders of our Scouting community. Their years of dedicated service have transformed the lives of thousands of young people. On behalf of all those youth, we thank you!



## 2015 PATRON DINNER

### **Honor David Seaton and Celebrate Scouting at the 2015 Council Patron Dinner**

Join us for the 2015 Council Patron Dinner on Tuesday, March 17. The Patron Dinner is the premier evening event supporting Scouting in the Upstate. Proceeds from this event benefit the nearly 13,000 Scouts and volunteers in the Blue Ridge Council.

This year, our guest of honor and keynote speaker will be David Seaton. Mr. Seaton is the Chairman and CEO of Fluor Corporation. He also serves on the board of directors for Mosaic Corporation and as a member of the American Petroleum Institute and the US-Saudi Arabian Business Council. Please join us as we honor David Seaton for his leadership in our community.

The 2015 Patron Dinner will be held Tuesday, March 17. Receptions will be held at 6:00pm and dinner will begin promptly at 6:45pm. Purchase tickets online by visiting [this link](#)! For more information, please view [this informational flyer](#).

## Greenville Drive SCOUT NIGHT



### Take Your Scouts Out To The Ball Game Tuesday, July 7th

Mark your calendars for this year's Greenville Drive Scout Night: Tuesday, July 7th! This will be an evening of fun and exciting baseball action as the Drive take on the Savannah Sand Gnats.

All attending Scouts will receive a special Greenville Drive Scout Night Commemorative Patch, recognition on the DriveVision, Survival Training Challenge Workbook experience and chance to participate in on-field entertainment throughout the evening. For more details on this exciting evening, [Click Here!](#)

Troops and Packs who order their tickets by June 12th are guaranteed group seating and are eligible to win the following honorary roles:

- **Field of Dreams Team** - Awarded to the top selling unit (minimum 75 tickets sold) - *Take the field with Drive Players during the National Anthem*
- **Between Inning Game Participants** - Awarded to the 2nd and 3rd place selling units (minimum 50 tickets sold) - *Two units will participate in an on-field game. Possible games include Tug-Of-War, Shoe Scramble, Sleeping Bag Relay Race, and more!*

- **7th Inning Stretch Enter to Win** - All units that sell 25 tickets are eligible  
- 2 units will be randomly selected from the qualifying units to be lead  
"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the 7th Inning Stretch!

All reserved seat game tickets for Scouts and Scout families are only \$7 and include the Scout Commemorative Patch. Tickets can be purchased online by [clicking here](#) or, by returning your troop's/pack's ticket order using [this document](#) to the following address by June 12th:

Boy Scouts of America  
Blue Ridge Council  
One Park Plaza  
Greenville, SC 29607

For questions contact Michael Prachar, Scout Field Director, at 864-233-8363 or [Michael.Prachar@scouting.org](mailto:Michael.Prachar@scouting.org)

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at the game!

## **Cub Scouts Are Out Of This World! Day Camp 2015**

Cub Scout Day Camp is nearly here! This summer, Cub Scouts will gather at six camps, conveniently located for each district, for a week of adventure and fun. Fulfill the promise of Scouting with BB guns, bows & arrows, horseback riding, compasses, knots, sports, and more!



Stay tuned for more information. Registration will go live this month for the following day camps:

### **SOUTHBOUNDER**

6/22-6/26  
Former Kingdom Life Center

### **LONG CANE**

6/15-6/19  
Camp Oasis @ Connie Maxwell Children's Home

### **PICKENS/OCONEE**

6/15-6/19  
Rock Spring Baptist Church

## **SIX & TWENTY**

6/22-6/26

Darwin Wright Park

## **FOOTHILLS**

6/8-6/12

Lake Robinson

## **SALUDA RIVER**

6/8-6/9 @ Presbyterian College

6/11-6/12 @ Newberry College

For more information, contact Traci Bridwell at (864) 233-8363 or

[Traci.Bridwell@Scouting.org](mailto:Traci.Bridwell@Scouting.org)!

## **The Newest Key 3 In Scouting**

The concept of a Key 3 has been used at many different levels of Scouting. A Key 3 consists of a volunteer representing operations support, a volunteer representing unit service support, and a BSA employee representing professional support.



The Key 3s that are most familiar to Scouters are the District Key 3 that includes the District Chair (operations), District Commissioner (unit service) and District Executive (professional) and the Council Key 3 that includes the Council President (operations), Council Commissioner (unit service) and the Scout Executive (professional). BSA also employs the Key 3 concept at the area, regional, and national levels.

It just makes sense to use the concept of a Key 3 at the unit level, the most critical level of Scouting. A Unit Key 3 is comprised of the unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, etc.), the unit's committee chair, and the chartered organization representative. Many of you may wonder why the Unit Commissioner is not a member representing unit service. The reason is that the Unit Commissioner is not a member of the unit. The Unit Commissioner does work with the Unit Key 3 but in an advisory role.

Like other Key 3s in Scouting, the Unit Key 3 should meet monthly. The Unit Key 3 addresses unit challenges, checks on Journey to Excellence status, and adjusts program and administrative elements to ensure unit progress towards

JTE goals. The Unit Key 3, along with the Unit Commissioner, make recommendations to the unit committee to strengthen unit service to youth.

The Unit Key 3 concept has several advantages:

1. The Unit Key 3 is designed to meet monthly in between the monthly unit committee meetings. It functions much like the other Key 3s in Scouting. In today's fast-paced world, waiting a month to make a decision can be too long.
2. In addition, it is obvious that a smaller group is easier to schedule and work with when doing research, problem solving, or reviewing JTE progress or Voice of the Scout feedback.
3. The regular committee meetings are still needed, but the Unit Key 3 can take some of the burden off those committee meetings so that more can be accomplished in a shorter time. And today, time is a precious element and a factor in volunteer participation.

Efficiency is important, but probably the biggest advantage to using a Unit Key 3 is the strengthening of the relationship between the chartered organization and the unit. With the chartered organization representative a part of the Unit Key 3, the awareness of the unit's challenges and successes creates an atmosphere of mutual help and support.

The addition of a Unit Key 3 recognizes the critical role the unit leadership and the chartered organization play in the success of the unit. Maybe it should have been called the Unit Key 4, since the Unit Commissioner is an advisor to the Unit Key 3. It is a distinction with a difference, however, and recognizes that the Unit Commissioner is a coach, supporter, and catalyst to assist the unit's leadership.

Want to learn more about Commissioner service? Join us at the monthly Council Commissioner Cabinet meetings normally held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Blue Ridge Council Office.

Dr. James H. Blake  
Council Commissioner  
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## **From The Program Desk**

Updates on Upcoming Council Programs and Operations



Join Scouts from across the region at the **Fall International Camporee**, Oct 9-11, 2015 at Camp Rainey Mountain in Clayton, GA. Exhibits will represent other countries and games such as cricket and Australian football (sponsored by the Atlanta professional leagues). Scouts will work on the Citizenship in the World and International Spirit merit badges and participate in an internationally sponsored Messengers of Peace service project. Email [Alana Bell](#) for more information!

Subscribe to a [new weekly newsletter](#) from the Boy Scouts of America!

Don't miss the **Voice of the Scout** survey coming to your inbox this week!

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 inaugural **Area Five NYLT for Venturers** will be held at Camp Old Indian the week of July 4-9, 2015 NYLT is a high level youth leadership training. Please [see this brochure](#) for more information and to register.

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.

**All recharTERS are now past due.** Units in Saluda River, Foothills, Reed Falls, and Southbounder Districts that have not rechartered have now been dropped. Units in Long Cane, Pickens, Oconee, and Six & Twenty Districts that have not rechartered should contact their district executive. *Units that have not rechartered are not official BSA units; unit activities are not covered under insurance and youth may not advance.*

**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.

**Make your voice heard in the 2015 Clemson-Carolina rivalry!** Each gift of \$150 or more counts as a vote for your favorite university - plus, receive a limited edition Clemson or Carolina Council Shoulder Patch (CSP)! Each Friday, the appropriate flag will be flown at the Council Service Center.

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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](http://akk185.org) for up-to-date information!

To commemorate the lodge's 75th anniversary, Atta Kulla Kulla has assembled a Where To Go Camping Guide. This stunning resource includes over one hundred regional parks, attractions, and camping sites. **[Click here to view this document.](#)**

### **Scouting Community Bids Farewell, Welcome**

Long Cane District Welcomes A New Face

The Blue Ridge Council bids a fond farewell to District Executive Eric Goodwin (*right*), who announced his resignation this month.

Eric began with the Blue Ridge Council in 1998 and earned his Eagle Scout through Reedy Falls District Troop 828. He rejoined our Scouting community in June 2013 as a District Executive serving the Greenwood and Abbeville communities. With his support, Long Cane District has experienced consecutive years leading the Council in membership growth and received the 2013 Council President's Award for most outstanding district.



Eric (*left*) speaks with Eagle Scout Asa S.

Last July, Eric's service area expanded to include the Laurens and Newberry communities and he began managing the Blue Ridge Council communications (including this newsletter). Eric's leadership, vision, and enthusiasm have secured the promise of Scouting for thousands of Upstate young people.

This fall Eric will matriculate to law school. All of us in the Blue Ridge Council wish Eric the best in his future endeavors. Eric will serve in a temporary position as a communications assistant with the Council. Eric Black will directly serve Saluda River District and can be reached at (864) 214-5405.



In a related announcement, we are pleased to announce that Jeff Mason (*left*) will join our community as District Executive for Long Cane District. From Spartanburg, Jeff is a graduate of the University of South Carolina-Upstate where he earned a B.A. in political science. Jeff is an Eagle Scout from Venturing Crew 114 in Spartanburg. He is also a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 5 in Spartanburg. Jeff can be reached at (864) 814-9968.

Please join us in welcoming Jeff Mason to the Blue Ridge Council Scouting community!

## Join Our Team!

Are you skilled in graphic design, web design, marketing, and/or communications?

Do you believe in spreading Scouting throughout the Upstate?

If so, we want you to join our team! The Blue Ridge Council is hiring a communications specialist to develop and direct Council-wide communications and marketing. For more information, please visit our [Job Opportunities](#) gateway.



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