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


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Dear Grayson,  
This is the 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.  
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2014 Boy Scout Classic - April 22nd



The Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scout Classic  
PRESENTED BY:  
**WOMBLE CARLYLE**   
INNOVATORS AT LAW<sup>SM</sup>  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014  
Musgrove Mill Golf Club  
An Arnold Palmer Signature Course

ONLY THE FIRST 25 TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. **There are only 2 team spaces still available, contact [Grayson Kelly](#) to reserve your team today!** Hole Sponsorships are still available.

Calendar

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

April

- 5 - Camp Old Indian Alumni Reunion
- 7 - District Chair Meeting
- 10 - Executive Board Meeting
- 18-20 Council Service Center & Camps closed in recognition of Good Friday and Easter
- 22 - Council Golf Tournament
- 25-27 - OA Dixie Fellowship
- 26 - Webelos Leader Training

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.

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[Follow this link to register.](#)

## 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.](#)



## 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.](#)



## Scout Shop News

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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





Sign up for the 2014 Camp Card Sale!

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<b>Publix</b> <b>\$5 OFF</b> Your Purchase of \$50 or more <small>One time use only. Please present to cashier. LU# 13254. Expires 5/30/14.</small>	<b>LOWE'S</b> <b>\$10 OFF</b> Your next \$50 Purchase <small>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 12/31/14.</small>	<b>jiffylube</b> <b>\$10 OFF</b> Signature Service Oil Change <small>Not valid with other discounts or offers. Code (BSA10)</small>	<b>\$10 OFF</b> Signature Service Oil Change <small>Not valid with other discounts or offers. One-time use only. Expires: 12/31/14. Code (BSA10)</small>	<b>\$10 OFF</b> Your next \$50 Purchase <small>Limit one coupon per transaction. Not valid with any other coupon or discount. Coupon must be surrendered at time of purchase. Not valid for purchases of services, gift cards or on Lowes.com. Not redeemable for cash. Offer expires 12/31/2014.</small>	<b>\$5 OFF</b> Your Purchase of \$50 or more LU# 13254 <small>One-time use only. Limit one coupon per customer per day. Excludes all alcohol, tobacco, lottery tickets, money orders, postage stamps, gift cards, fuel and prescriptions. Customer is responsible for all applicable taxes. Reservation or transfer of this coupon voids this offer. Offer good through June 30, 2014 at select Publix locations in Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina and Alabama.</small>
<b>\$5</b> Blue Ridge Council Boy Scouts of America (864) 233-8363 • www.blueridgescout.org			<b>10% OFF \$50 or more purchase</b> <small>Expires July 31, 2014. Only good at participating Scout Shops. In one time purchase.</small>	<b>Buy One Get One FREE</b> Buy one Get One FREE Savings Biscuit or 10% off entire purchase. <small>Expires 12/31/14 • Sold at participating locations only.</small>	<b>1 Free Fountain Drink</b> at Camp Old Indian Trading Post <small>Good thru Oct 2014</small>
<b>SONIC</b> Buy one Sonic Burger Get one of equal/lesser value FREE. <small>Offer good at participating locations in the southeast. Offer expires 12/31/14. Offer expires 12/31/14.</small>			<b>Sport Clips</b> <b>\$5 OFF</b> an MVP Haircut. <small>Offer good at participating locations in the southeast. Offer expires 12/31/14. Coupon Code: 2274.</small>	<b>PIZZA</b> Buy a large pizza at regular menu price and receive a medium dessert pizza at no cost. <small>Valid only at participating locations. Expires 12/31/14.</small>	

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](#).

This week's winner of the camp card drawing is **Luke McGuffin of pack 184**. Luke will receive a \$25 Gift card to Game Stop. Great job Luke!!

Remember drawings are held each Friday afternoon so get your Scouts names in each week. Winners of the weekly drawings will be returned to the mix for the grand prize drawing to be held in June. If your unit has cards checked out cards that you are not going to be able to sell, please return them to the Scout Office so they can be redistributed. Sales have been extremely brisk, and we want to be able to provide additional cards to those who have requested more. Thanks to each of you for your leadership in this year's sale. Let's send some Scouts to camp!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders - April 26th

Outdoor Leader Skill for Webelos Leaders is for all Bear and Webelos Leaders. This course is designed to help Webelos leaders enhance the outdoor program for the Webelos Scouts in their den by teaching some basic outdoor skills as well as skills needed to complete many of the Webelos activity badges. This supplemental training course covers skills & resources needed to prepare and lead a Webelos campout. A DAY FULL AND NIGHT OF FUN, FOOD AND INTERACTION WITH OTHER WEBELOS LEADERS - JUST ASK ANYONE WHO HAS ATTENDED!

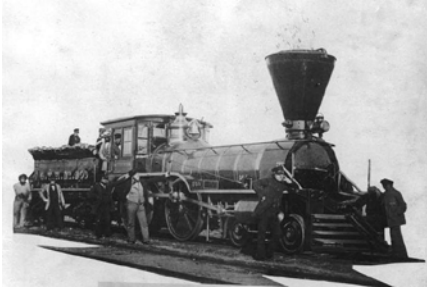
WHEN: Saturday, April 26th to Sunday April 27th (Check-in at 8:00AM on Sat. Depart by 12:00PM on Sunday)

WHERE: Camp Old Indian

Cost: \$25.00 - will include lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast.

[Click here to for the registration form.](#)

## 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](#).

## Cub Resident Camp - August 7-10

SPACE EXPOLRATION Resident Camp 2014!

Webelos Scouts (*rising 4th and 5th graders*): 4 days and 3 nights of adventure at Camp Old Indian!!! Webelos and parents will tent camp Friday night and will enjoy a dinner cooked over an open fire. They will also have a campfire program. So, don't forget your tent!

Cub Scouts

(*rising 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders*): : Enjoy 3 days and 2 nights of adventure at Camp Old Indian!!!

Activities: All Activities will reflect the Space Exploration theme.

Take a refreshing dip in creator lake. Maybe do some fishing while you are there. Learn to shoot an arrow at the moon. Hit your mark with a BB gun. Try your hand at crafts, space cooking and other activities while having fun working on Cub Scout or Webelos Scout achievements. The week will end with a campfire program on Saturday night and a camp-wide games and recognition program on Sunday morning.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION.](#)

## Marine Corps League Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award



The Mariens Corps League supports the Boy Scouts of America as they promote traditional family values to America's youth. The Eagle Citizenship Award is an attractive 8-1/2x11 certificate that is prepared, printed, and presented to Boy Scouts who attain their Eagle Scout Award.

#### GOALS OF THE EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION PROGRAM:

- To congratulate and give recognition to members of the Boy Scouts of America who have fulfilled the requirements and obtained the highest award in Boy Scouting.
- To have the Eagle Scout become aware of the skills that he has mastered to become an Eagle Scout are also held in very high regards by the United States Marine Corps and Corporations throughout the United States.
- To fulfill part of the Marine Corps League Mission, which is to preserve the traditions, promote the interest, and perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps.

To initiate recognition by a Detachment within the Department of South Carolina, the supporting Boy Scout Troop should contact Art Blenk with the Marine Corps League, Grand Stand Detachment #873 at [ablenk@sc.rr.com](mailto:ablenk@sc.rr.com)

[An Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award Application can be found by clicking 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!

### 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



Philmont Scout Ranch Promo

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

Blue Ridge Council  
Climbing and Rappelling Program

TROOP & CREW  
CLIMBING & RAPPELLING  
OPPORTUNITIES

Help your scouts learn self-confidence & communication while having a "wow" time. Get your scouts on **real** rock.

BSA Certified Instructors and Council-owned gear is available for your use.

Cost per day is \$20 per climber/rappeller (Scout and leader)

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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