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

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Greetings!

This is the June 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.

Scout Night at the Greenville Drive - Wednesday, August 6th



Enjoy the Adventure, Achievements & Fun!

- All Scouts receive a special Commemorative Patch
- Pregame "Parade of Champions" with Pack Names on DriveVision
 - In-Park "Survival Training Challenge" Activity
- Between Inning Skits and Competition Featuring Boy Scouts and Pack Leaders

[Commemorative Patch Contest for scouts to design the 2014 Scout Night at the Greenville Drive Patch! Click here for more details. Must be submitted by June 27th!](#)

Postgame Campout on the Fluor Field Outfield!

**Campers will receive tickets and rules for overnight stay by July 25th*



[PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY BY CLICKING HERE.](#)

Calendar

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

June

- 7-14 - COI Staff Week
- 7-14 - NYLT
- 15 - Father's Day
- 15-21 - Week 1 of Summer Camp
- 19 - Executive Board Meeting at Camp Old Indian
- 22-28 - Week 2 of Summer Camp
- 29 - Week 3 of Summer Camp

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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Get hooked on Popcorn!!!

THE 2014 POPCORN SALE is right around the corner and will kickoff in August!!!

This year's popcorn sale will include:

- New PRODUCTS!
- New PRIZES!
- New PRICES!

Any youth who sells \$600 or more will join the Clemson Club as well as the Big Catch Club and will receive an Ugly Stick rod and reel combo with a tackle set and the opportunity to come out to the Blue Ridge Council Fish Derby for the opportunity to catch a fish and win a number of prizes!!!

Preview and Training for late Summer to be announced soon!



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

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.](#)



Greenville Scout Shop

Phone: 288-1560
Fax: 288-1614

Monday - Friday
9:00am - 7:00pm

Saturday
10:00am - 2:00pm

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 June 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.](#)



Round Table

All Leaders are invited to attend their Districts monthly Round Table





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Effective July 1, 2014, our store hours will be changing to the following:

Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 7:00PM

Saturday 10:00AM to 2:00PM



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MAKE HIS DAY!

Celebrate with new caps, jackets, tumblers, greeting cards, and more.

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Scout Night at the Anderson Motor Speedway - RESCHEDULED for JUNE 6th!



FREE Admission to ALL Scouts (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers and Leaders) in Uniform. Scouts are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to a local food bank.

Scouts will gather at 7PM and take a brief tour of the Anderson Motor Speedway Infield Area following Late Model Stock Qualifying.

Scouts will be in charge of the Opening Ceremonies on this evening and gather on the Front Stretch of the racetrack to perform the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the National Anthem (at approx. 7:50PM). Racing starts at 8PM!

Following Opening Ceremonies, it's time to sit back, relax and enjoy a night of racing at the family-friendly Anderson Motor Speedway. There will be FREE face painting for the kids. Anderson Motor Speedway offers a full concession of hotdogs, hamburgers, corndogs, nachos, fries etc. so bring your appetite as well! And don't forget your camera as we make lots of memories!

FEATURE EVENT: NASCAR Whelen All American Late Model Stock Series

Plus: Mini Stocks * Renegads * US Legends * Super Renegades * Fast & Fearless Front Wheel Drives

GRANDSTAND GATES OPEN AT 5PM * PRACTICE 6-7PM * LMS QUALIFYING AT 7:15PM * RACING STARTS AT 8PM

GRANDSTAND ADULT ADMISSION - \$10 / KIDS 12 & UNDER - FREE

TRACKSIDE PARKING: \$10 PER SPOT / \$10 PER ADULT / KIDS 12 & UNDER - FREE

Anderson Motor Speedway / 313 Irby Rd / Williamston, SC 29697 / Office (864)226-5481

TRACK CONTACT: Sylvia Porter (864) 304-7087 / sporter@nctv.com

www.andersonmotorspeedway.com

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](#).

2nd Annual Matt Borkowski Memorial Blood Drive - June 28th

[Click here for more information about the Blood Drive.](#)

The Matt Borkowski 2nd Annual Memorial Blood Drive will be held at the Blue Ridge Council Service Center on June 28, 2014. Matt achieved his Eagle rank in 2009 and was a diligent blood donor. Matt gave his first donation on his sixteenth birthday and always encouraged others to Give Life! His Scouting Family encourages you to sign up to give in Matt's memory at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44aaaf28a4f85-blood>

Cub Resident Camp - August 7-10

SPACE EXPLORATION 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.](#)

SAVE THE DATE - October 17 - 19 / LEGACY 2014



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October 17 - 19

Camp Barstow, SC

LEGACY 2014

2nd Annual Area 5 VENTURING FUN WEEKEND

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW*

2014-2015 Cherokee Days with the Cherokees

Saturdays 10 AM - 3 PM*

Weekend Campout: Friday 6 PM - Saturday 3 PM**

(Times are flexible & can be negotiated.)

Admission: \$20.00 each (Scouts & Leaders)

*Bring Bag Lunch - Eat on the Grounds

**Can cook on grounds - primitive camping - portable toilets

Reservations due: As soon as possible; first come first served.

Admission must be paid by check or cash for total amount the day of event

Contact: Victoria Norris 864-967-2713 or email gvnorris@charter.net

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Be a part of the 23rd World Scout Jamboree!



In 2015, more than 30,000 Scouts and leaders from 161 countries around the world will converge on Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan, for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

The event will provide opportunities to raise awareness about global issues, explore the environment, participate in community service, make friends from around the world, and deepen understanding of developments in science and technology. The world jamboree is a unique opportunity for participants to experience an exciting program of activities, including: Global Development Village, City of Science, Cross Road of Culture, and the Peace Program.

Participants will live and learn with fellow Scouts from around the world. They will be housed in tents along with the BSA contingent but will soon venture out to mingle with tens of thousands of people for two weeks of activities and adventure. That's right, a world fellowship exercise on an enormous scale!

The 2015 World Scout Jamboree Contingent from the Blue Ridge Council will be lead by Robbie Hill. He can be contacted at (864) 938-5054 or at robbie@hillsservice.com

For more information about the 23rd World Scout Jamboree please follow this link:

<http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>

2017 National Jamboree

The Blue Ridge Council is in the planning process for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. This Jamboree and future Jamborees will be held at Summit Bechtel Family Reserve in West Virginia. Even though this event is still more than three years away, it is critical for us to establish the adult leadership, which will lead our troops and crews to this once in a lifetime event. The arrival date for this Jamboree will be Wed. July 19th and the departure date will be Friday July 28th. Costs are not finalized at this time, but are believed to be similar to those in 2013, (~\$1500).

We are asking that any scout leaders interested in becoming a Troop or Crew Leader for the 2017 National Jamboree, submit the attached application with your personal and scouting information. Our goal for this Jamboree is to fill at least 4 troops and 2 Venture Patrols. Troops require 36 boys, three adults over the age of 21, and one adult between the ages of 18 and 21 years old at the time of the Jamboree. This 18-21 year old will serve as a Third Assistant Scoutmaster. Venture Patrols typically consist of 10 scouts and 2 adults, (we can send co-ed crews, as long as we have co-ed leadership). Please note - All leaders will be expected to recruit scouts to fill our troops and crews.

A Council Leader Selection Committee will convene in the near future to obtain the commitment of four individuals to serve as Scoutmasters. Shortly thereafter, the committee will meet with the Scoutmasters and Crew Advisers to select the Assistant Scoutmasters and Associate Advisers for each of the Council's National Jamboree Troops and Crews. The Council Jamboree Committee will select the Third Assistant Scoutmasters at a later date, (closer to mid 2016).

The Boy Scouts of America require each person applying for a Jamboree position to meet certain requirements. A list of these requirements is attached. Please share this information with all of the leaders in your unit and District, so that anyone who is interested may have an opportunity to apply.

All applications must be submitted to the Council Office (1 Park Plaza, Greenville, SC 29607) **no later than Monday, June 16, 2014**. Thank you for all that you do in scouting, and we hope you will consider taking advantage of this great opportunity.

Sincerely,

Willie Couch
2017 Council National
Jamboree Chairman

[APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND HERE.](#)

Marine Corps League Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award

The Marine 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 and 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

[An Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award Application can be found by clicking here.](#)

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>



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

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

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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 or 864-907-9356.

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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