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Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Council, BSA

Greetings!

This is the June 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 social media sites.



New in June

- **Blue Ridge Council is now on Instagram and Twitter**
- **The Scouter will be released the first Tuesday of every month starting in July**





Don't forget #BlueRidgeCouncil when you post photos of your Scout at camp!

We'd love to share your Scout's adventure with other Scouting Families!

Cub Scout Day Camp 2015

Cub Scout Day Camp is 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!

Click on the District name for more information and to register!

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

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Cubs at Camp 2015

Camp Old Indian

Saturday, June 27 Saturday, July 11 Saturday, July 25 1pm-5pm

This summer, we are offering an opportunity for Cub Scouts to experience a taste of an afternoon at Summer Camp. Cubs will get the chance to have fun in the same departments that Boy Scouts do. Aside from plenty of opportunities to play in The Meadow, the activities that are planned to be available are:

* Field Sports where cubs can use BBs (with the assistance of their guardian) and shoot arrows.

- * Aquatics where cubs can go out on row boats (with the assistance of their guardian), go swimming or go fishing (fishing gear not provided).
- * Ecology which includes nature hiking and viewing the various animals in the COI Nature Lodge.
- * Scoutcraft where Cubs can learn some simple knots.
- * The Order of the Arrow Dance Team will present one of their Cherokee dances and teach a move or two.

Additionally, the Trading Post will be open for the afternoon.

Please remember to bring something to eat and drink.

Stay Hydrated!

Registration Form

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Tuesday, July 7th | 7:05 First Pitch

affiliate of the
New York Mets



VS

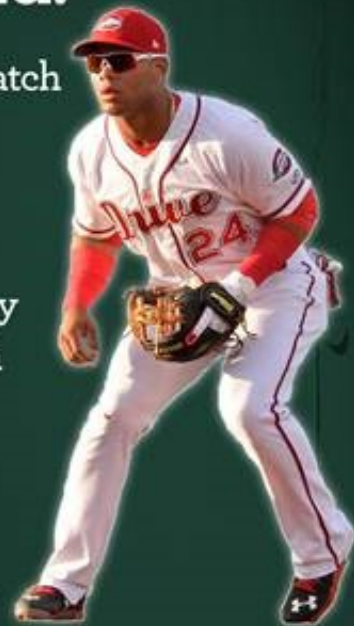


affiliate of the
Boston Red Sox

Don't miss Boy Scout Night at Fluor Field!

- All Scouts receive Commemorative Patch
- "Parade of Champions" with Pack Names on Drive Vision
- "Survival Training Challenge" Activity and Special Order of the Arrow 100th Anniversary Recognition
- Postgame Campout on Fluor Field

See the Red Sox of Tomorrow!



BRING IT IN, GREENVILLE

Boy Scouts of America
Blue Ridge Council



For more information click on the following links:

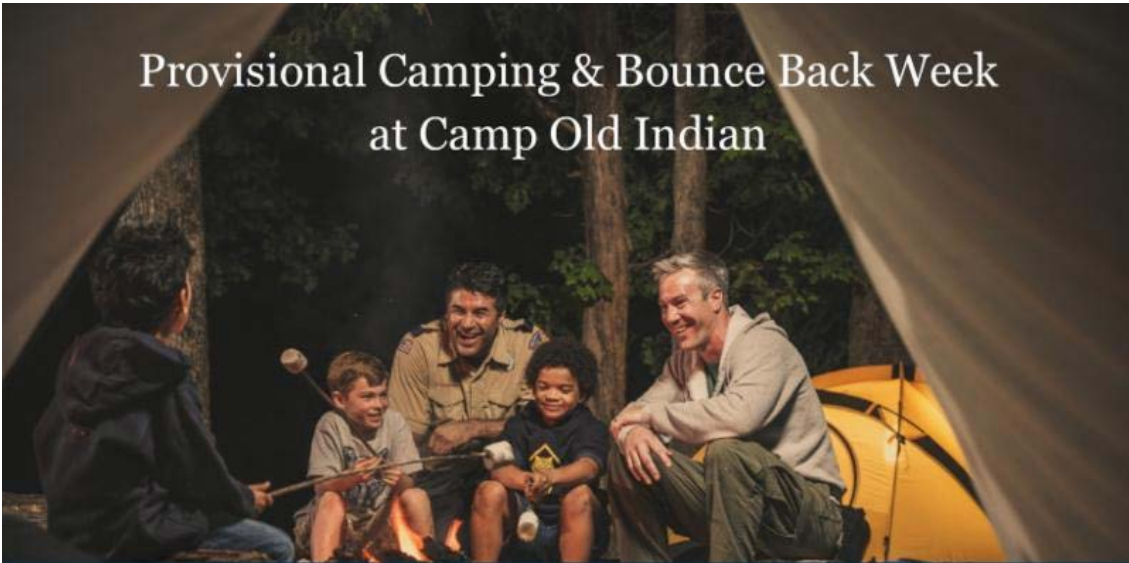
[Register](#)

[Cub Scouts](#)

[Boy Scouts](#)

[Order of the Arrow](#)

Provisional Camping & Bounce Back Week at Camp Old Indian



Provisional Camping will be Week 4, July 5-10 & Week 6, July 19-25. During these 2 weeks, Provisional Campers will form their own troops and function just like any other troop at camp.

Bounce Back Week allows Scouts to come back to camp for a second time during weeks 4 & 6 as Provisional Campers.

[Click here to learn more or to register for Provisional Camping.](#)



Save A Life At The Matthew Borkowski Memorial Blood Drive

Please join us for the Third Annual Matt Borkowski Memorial Blood Drive to save a life and remember a local Eagle Scout. The Blood Drive memorializes Southbounder Eagle Scout Matthew Richard Borkowski.

This year's Matthew Borkowski Memorial Blood Drive will occur **Saturday, June 13 from 10am to 2pm at the Council Service Center**. Help us save lives by donating blood to the Blood Connection.

The Blood[®]
Connection
Your Community Blood Donation Center



Commissioner's Corner:

Where Do Your Scouting Dollars Go?

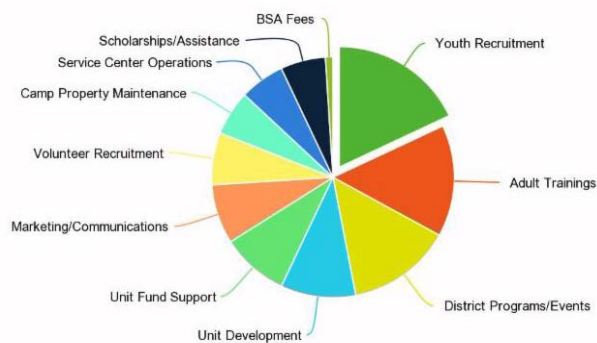
Many of you probably think that the \$25 annual dues each Scout and volunteer pays to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America goes to the Blue Ridge Council. Actually, the Council does not keep even \$1 of that \$25. BSA annual dues are \$24 and all \$24 goes to National BSA. The dollar that is left purchases insurance for each Scout and leader - so it goes to National BSA as well.



So where does the money come from that allows the Blue Ridge Council to offer the Scouting program? The United Way was a big supporter of Scouting in the past but now provides significantly fewer dollars. So most operating dollars come from the various fundraising activities/events that Scouts, volunteers, families and other community members participate in. Those fundraiser activities/events include the popcorn sale, camp card sale, golf tournament, auction, patron dinner, and most importantly, the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign.

The FOS campaign is a major source of funds for Council operations. Your participation at any level helps to ensure that the Scouting program will be offered to the youth in the Upstate. So where do your FOS dollars go? Below is a list of how each dollar from a \$100 FOS contribution is spent:

- **\$18** supports the School Night for Scouting new youth recruitment efforts and outreach programs to under-served markets.
- **\$15** provides training opportunities for more than 3,000 volunteers, support materials, and maintaining volunteer records (district roundtables, basic and advanced leader training, Commissioners, online training, Wood badge, and Pow Wow Cub leader).
- **\$14** goes to supplement the costs and programs of youth events like camporees, day camps, and other district-sponsored activities as well as supporting the Gold Star Unit Program.
- **\$10** supports processes to develop and organize new Scouting programs with churches, schools and community organizations.
- **\$9** provides coordination and support for unit fundraising programs like the camp card and popcorn sales.
- **\$8** goes to marketing efforts and promotional materials for recruitment and district operations (Scouter newsletter, council web site, flyers, posters, training packets, yard signs, commissioner's packets, and district operations packets).
- **\$7** goes to volunteer recruitment efforts to help recruit more volunteers to help at the district and unit level.
- **\$6** helps provide support for year-round property maintenance at Camp Old Indian open to 5,000 Scouts and family members outside of summer camp and Cub family weekends.
- **\$6** goes to pay for the Scout Service Center operations and record keeping for advancements, such as the Eagle Scout Award.
- **\$6** supports scholarship assistance for needy youth to join Scouting and participate in camping experiences.
- **\$1** goes to the Boy Scouts of America to provide local assistance for council and district operations.



The all-volunteer Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Council develops a budget for the Council each year. The Board therefore approves all expenditures made by the Council.

The Board and the professional staff of the Council work together

to be good stewards of your dollars and to ensure that the Scouting program will continue to be delivered in the Upstate of South Carolina

The Friends of Scouting Campaign provided nearly 30% of the budget of the Blue Ridge Council in 2014. So why should you give to FOS? Without your financial contributions, no matter how small, the Scouting program in the Blue Ridge Council would look drastically different than it does now.

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Are You Ready?

Ready to live Scouting's adventure?
Ready to be part of one of the greatest opportunities a Scout or Venturer can experience as a BSA member?

Yes, it's time to start preparing for the 2017 National Jamboree being held July 15-29, 2017 at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reservation in West Virginia.

Sign up early to ensure your place with the Blue Ridge Council Contingent!

Participant cost to attend the Jamboree will be \$1550. By signing up now, you have over two years raise the money! Commit, set a goal, and work towards it: that's two years to sell camp cards, popcorn and work on other fundraisers.

Current Jamboree Scoutmasters include Darrell Green, Randy Dowell, and Bill Edge. Each troop will consist of 36 scouts and 4 adult leaders. Ventures will be organized by a full crew or by Venture Patrols depending on the number of participants we sign up.

National Jamborees are a once-in-a-lifetime experience for Scouts. Ready to sign up? [Click here for the application!](#)

Fill it out and return it to the Blue Ridge Council Service Center along with your \$100 deposit to reserve your spot.





Scout Day at Williams-Brice Stadium **Saturday, November 21st vs Citadel**

Each Scout Day Package will include:
Block seating in our scout section
Gamecock football scout day patch
Access to post game event on the sidelines of Williams Brice Stadium

[Click here to register](#)



Clemson Scout Days **Clemson vs Wofford**

Sept. 5th at 12:30pm
and
Clemson vs Applachian State
Sept 12th at 12:30pm

Scout tickets are only \$15
Ticket includes Clemson Football Scout Day Patch

[Click here to register](#)

From The Program Desk

Updates on Upcoming Council Programs and Operations

Join Scouts from across the region at the

Apalachee 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. For more information,

[view this announcement flyer!](#)



It is nearly summer - and summer is Camp Old Indian season! [View the Leader's Guide](#) for complete information about the summer experiences. Not yet registered? Provisional campers (campers whose unit did not register) are placed with another unit. View page 43 for more information and to register.

Webelos Resident Camp will be held at Camp Bob Hardin in Saluda, NC. Sessions last from July 12-15 and July 15-18.

[Please see this guide for more information and to register.](#)

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.



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