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

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Greetings!

This is the July 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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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*



Calendar

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

July

- 1-5 - Week 3 of Summer Camp
- 4-5 - Scout Service Center Closed
- 6-12 - Week 4 of Summer Camp
- 13-19 - Week 5 of Summer Camp
- 15 - District Chairman Meeting
- 20-26 - Week 6 of Summer Camp
- 23 - OA Vigil Call Out and BBQ at COI
- 27-31 - Week 7 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](#)
- [Long Cane](#)
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- [Reedy Falls](#)
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[PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY BY CLICKING HERE.](#)

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!!!

Popcorn Preview and Training will be Thursday July 17th at the Embassy Suites at Verdae, in Greenville. All units who wish to receive the bonus commission of 33% must have a representative in attendance!

[Please register by clicking here.](#)



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

Greenville Scout Shop

Phone: 288-1560
Fax: 288-1614

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

Saturday
10:00am - 2:00pm

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.](#)

Blue Ridge Council Staff News



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL

Several changes have been made related to staff responsibilities that will become effective Monday, July 14, 2014. The purpose of these changes is to position our council in the most effective manner to maximize our ability to recruit new youth, to organize new units, and to raise necessary funds through the popcorn sale, FOS and special events in the fall. In effect, we are assigning some of our best people to direct field service positions to become fully staffed at the district level with experienced, senior staff who can deliver results and serve our volunteers and units best.

Each of these related staff members have accepted their new responsibilities and will carry forth in their duties with the same level of dedication and commitment we have come to expect from them.

The new responsibilities are as follows:

- Dwayne Skinner will serve as the Senior District Executive for the Southbounder District.
- Eric Goodwin will continue to serve Long Cane District and will also serve the Saluda River District.
- Brandon Loflin will serve as the District Executive for the Foothills District.
- Eric Black will serve as the Director for the 6 & 20 District.
- Grayson Kelly will serve as the Director for the Pickens and Oconee Districts.

We also regret to announce that Preston Hull has resigned as the Reddy Falls District Executive, as he is moving to New York to be with family. We have already begun the process of hiring a new District Executive for Reddy Falls and hope to have that determined very shortly.



Round Table

All Leaders are invited to attend their Districts monthly Round Table

The contact information for each of these executives can be found on the [Council website](#).

Commissioner's Corner



On June 23rd, Commissioners from across the Blue Ridge Council met at Camp Old Indian for our annual Commissioner Recognition event. The evening started with a friendly shooting competition at the Rifle Range. We shot .22 caliber rifles with the winner having the tightest grouping of five shots. The winner for the second time in three years was Mills Grant from the Reedy Falls District. Thanks to the range staff for their instruction and assistance. Commissioners then gathered in the Dining Hall for a meal and our thanks go to the dining hall staff for hosting us. We then met in the Conference

Room for a brief meeting followed by recognition of Commissioners for their awards and accomplishments for the past year as listed below.

Commissioner Arrowhead Honor:

Libby Bashor - Pickens District
David Gaffney - Pickens District
Chris Loewer - Reedy Falls District
John Yeary - Southbounder District

Commissioner Key:

Libby Bashor - Pickens District
David Gaffney - Pickens District
Chris Loewer - Reedy Falls District

Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service:

Jim Ballard - Reedy Falls District
Michael Peeler - Foothills District

The 31st Annual Piedmont-Appalachian College of Commissioner Science was held on May 30 - June 1, 2014 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina. The Blue Ridge Council served as the host council for the college with Fred Hyslop and myself serving as Co-Deans. The Blue Ridge Council once again had the largest attendance of the eight member Councils. The courses attended and degrees earned by Blue Ridge Council Commissioners are listed below.

Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree:

John Boseman - Reedy Falls District
Cindy Carter - Pickens District
Gary Dean - Pickens District
Mills Grant - Reedy Falls District
Sam Reid - Foothills District

Roundtable Program:

David Gaffney - Pickens District
Michael Peeler - Foothills District

Master of Commissioner Science Degree:

Robert Griffin - Southbounder District
Charlean Mullikin - Six & Twenty District
Steven Pynne - Southbounder District
John Yeary - Southbounder District

Candidate for Doctor of Commissioner Science:

William Martin - Six & Twenty District
Bill Mulligan - Reedy Falls District

Postgraduate Studies:

Libby Bashor - Pickens District
Lynne McCarragher - Six & Twenty District
Steven McCarragher - Six & Twenty District

Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree:

Keith Overstreet - Six & Twenty District

A new Commissioner award was added this year - **The Blue Ridge Council Commissioner of the Year Award** thanks to the efforts of Assistant Council Commissioner Michael Peeler. Michael developed the criteria for the award, which are as follows. The recipient must be registered as a Unit Commissioner and must have completed Unit Commissioner Fast Start Training, Youth Protection Training, and Commissioner Basic Training. The award is based on the number of Unit Activity and Unit Meeting visits made by the Commissioner for the 12-month period prior to presentation of the award and as reported in the Unit Visit Tracking System. While Leader Visits and Other Visits are important types of unit visitations made by Commissioners, it is the visits to Unit Activities and Unit Meetings that truly show how the Scouts are progressing in the Scouting program. The **2014 Blue Ridge Council Commissioner of the Year** is Bill Mulligan from the Reedy Falls District.

It was a pleasure to be able to honor all of these Commissioners for their achievements and awards over the last 12 months. Congratulations to you all once again.

Dr. James H. Blake

Council Commissioner
jblake@clemson.edu

Save the Date! Sports, Entertainment & Travel Auction - October 28th



Save the date for the Sports, Entertainment & Travel Auction on October 28th to benefit the Blue Ridge Council!

This year's Auction will be chaired by Dave Brenner and will be held at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Greenville. It will be an exciting event that will be sure to impress with an array of high end trips including an african safari and over 150 silent auction items!!!

To donate an item [CLICK HERE](#).

To be a sponsor [CLICK HERE](#).

For more information, contact Andrew Reale at andrew.reale@scouting.org or 864-554-3393

Scout Shop News

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**

OA Lodge Cookout and Vigil Callout

The 2014 Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Cookout will be held on July 23 at Camp Old Indian. Join us in the Camp Activity Building for good food, fellowship and tons of fun. We'll have a Little Pigs pickin' with all the fixin's. Directly following the Cookout, we will join the rest of Camp to see the 2014 Native American Dance Show performed by the Lodge American Indian Activities team in the Camp Old Indian Amphitheater. The 2014 Vigil Class will also be announced after the Show during the Vigil Callout ceremony. Please plan to arrive at Camp Old Indian at 5:00 PM and be sure to sign in to get your patches and meal ticket. Make sure to wear your Class A uniform with your Order of the Arrow Sash. The "One Eight Five Store" Lodge trading post will be set up during the Cookout and to make the night even more exciting, the Lodge 75th anniversary logo will be revealed!

SAVE THE DATE - October 17 - 19 / LEGACY 2014



**VENTURING · BSA®
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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Venturing in the BRC



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The mission of the Venturing Officers Association (VOA) is to promote and support the Venturing program, utilizing a standard organizational structure that enables local councils to grow membership by advancing leadership opportunities through communication, program, and administration.

The Blue Ridge Council Venturing Officers Association fulfills the mission above by working to provide fun and exciting activities for all Venturers throughout the council on an annual basis. The term of office in the VOA is for a period of one year, April 1st through May 30th of the following year. Each member of the VOA must be a registered member of a Venturing Crew and must be under the age of twenty-one for his or her entire term of office.

Each individual crew's president is a voting member of the council VOA, we want to encourage EVERY crew president to join us at VOA meetings to help set the course for Venturing in the Blue Ridge Council. It's your program; provide your input to make the events you want to see...happen!

BRC VOA officers for the 2014-2015 year are:

President- James Stokes of Crew 616, Foothills District

Vice President of Program- David Buchanan of Crew 215, Six and Twenty District

Vice President of Administration- Taylor White of Crew 616, Foothills District

Anyone interested in participating in the VOA is encouraged to do so. We are always looking for youth with their ideas about how to improve what we are doing or to bring ideas about new opportunities. The VOA would like to provide all the Venturers in the council as much support as possible to continue to help grow the program. Capable advisors are welcome to provide their support to these exciting group of youth leaders to accomplish this growth. If you would like to volunteer to help plan an event, offer a new event through the VOA, or have questions about the Venturing Officers Association, please contact either of the co-VOA advisors, David Gaffney at David.gaffney@yahoo.com or Kay Fisher Borkowski at Larksix@yahoo.com.

Venturing Officers Association Meetings

The VOA meets on a bi-monthly basis and one of their key responsibilities is to plan and execute activities throughout the year providing to supplement the programs planned by the individual crews. The Legacy is one of the area events offered.

Sincerely,

Taylor White

VOA VP of Administration

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. Cost 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.

Sincerely,

Willie Couch
2017 Council National
Jamboree Chairman

[APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND HERE.](#)

Marine Corps League Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award

The Marines 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

[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

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 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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