



Greetings!

This is the April 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. Please [view this document](#) to register and snag exclusive Exporee gear!

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## The 2015 Camp Card Sale

From a Card, The Adventure of Camp

The 2015 Camp Card Sale is kicked off - are you participating? 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 - don't miss out!

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

Drawings for gift cards are held every Friday at 2:00pm (until May 15) for Scouts who sell 35 cards! Send in your qualifying Scouts using the verification form in the leaders guide. Winners will be notified by email. Please scan your Scouts information and [email to Matt Kubler](#)

Learn more by viewing our **leader's guide!** Contact your district executive today if your unit wants to participate!



## BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL CONTINGENT

### Are You Ready?

Scouts and Venturers: that's the question - *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 youth member of the Boy Scouts of America - Attending a National Jamboree!

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. Sounds like a long time off, but we are already busy in preparations!

Signing up early does several things: it ensures you have a place with the Blue Ridge Council Contingent and gives you and your parents time to make regular payments, easing the financial burden of this great adventure. 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.

At this time, we're still working to finalize all of our adult leadership, but we have Scoutmasters set for three troops. These leaders are 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.

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.

Want or need more information? We will be signing up Scouts at the upcoming Blue Ridge Council Exporee at SCTAC on May 1-3, 2015. We will be located in the Scouting Museum Tent near the jamboree displays. Stop by and see us!



### **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!*

**Back by popular demand:** Immediately after the game, Scouts and their families will set up their tents and sleeping bags in the Fluor Field outfield. Campers will enjoy a movie on the DriveVision, a visit from Reedy Rip'It, and an unforgettable evening under the stars. **Overnight passes are \$3/person and will be sold at the gate that evening.**

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!

## Do You Know An Outstanding Eagle Scout?

Every year, the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) recognizes outstanding Eagle Scouts across America with the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA).



This prestigious recognition is for Eagle Scouts who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their profession, community and / or avocation. NESA defines avocation as an activity including, but not limited to, athletics, hobbies, collecting, outdoor adventure, and record-setting activities.

All NOESA recipients must be Eagle Scouts in good standing with the Boy Scouts of America and must either be registered with or have their primary residence within the boundaries of the nominating council. Each recipient's actions and accomplishments should elevate the stature of Eagle Scouts in the public eye, and each recipient shall be held to the standards set forth in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and national BSA standards for membership.

While the selection of NOESA recipients is a local Council function, the nominees and reason for granting their recognition is confirmed by the National Eagle Scout Association. The award may not be granted posthumously. No length of time is required to have passed since earning the Eagle Scout rank. Recipients of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award may not receive the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.

To nominate a deserving Eagle Scout, download [the nomination form](#), complete sections 1, 2 and 4, and provide a separate attachment describing the nominee's professional, community and / or avocational achievements.

You may email a nomination to [Thompson1994@msn.com](mailto:Thompson1994@msn.com) or mail it to:

Michael Thompson  
Council President  
P.O. Box 337  
Mauldin, SC 29662-0337

All nominations must be received by Friday, May 22, 2015.

## **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)!

## **Piedmont-Appalachian College of Commissioner Science**

### **JUNE 5-7, 2015**



Each year Commissioners from the Blue Ridge Council participate in training at the Piedmont-Appalachian College of Commissioner Science (PACCS). The Ridgecrest Conference Center in Ridgecrest, NC has been the location for PACCS for the past seven years and it provides an excellent atmosphere for learning and camaraderie. This year marks the 32nd anniversary of the college.

PACCS is made up of eight member councils - Blue Ridge Council, Coastal Carolina Council, Daniel Boone Council, Great Smoky Mountain Council, Indian Waters Council, Palmetto Council, Piedmont Council, and Sequoyah Council. Commissioners from several other councils regularly attend PACCS as well. PACCS offers training that leads to degrees in Commissioner Science including the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctor of Commissioner Science. In addition, there is Roundtable specific training and Continuing Education for those not working on Commissioner degrees.

Each member council is responsible for offering one of the degree programs each year on a rotating basis. The Blue Ridge Council is responsible for the Continuing Education Certificate program this year and Alana Bell is serving as the Dean of that program.

The goal of the Piedmont-Appalachian College of Commissioner Science is to provide a source for councils to continue to improve Commissioner teams and programs that help units properly deliver the Scouting program to the youth.

Registration is now open for the 2015 Piedmont-Appalachian College of Commissioner Science. You can download the [registration form here](#) and mail it to the Palmetto Council Service Center (420 S. Church St., Spartanburg, SC 29306) or register online using [this link](#).

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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](mailto:Alana Bell) for more information!

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

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 recharterers are now past due.** All units that have not rechartered have been dropped. *Units that have not rechartered are not official BSA units; unit activities are not covered under insurance and youth may not advance.*

## **Families are the Best Friends of Scouting**

Each year, Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) enables Scouting families to support Blue Ridge Council Scouting. On average, it costs the Council \$330 to support each Scout in our Districts. District volunteer Family FOS Committees help coordinate giving through presentations at banquets and gatherings to help support our Scouts.



These Family FOS presentations and the families who give during them have a significant impact on our ability to support and provide strong Scouting programs and sustain our own Camp Old Indian.

**If your Unit hasn't had an FOS Presentation yet, call us to schedule one! If yours is coming up, please consider supporting local Scouting. Every family who donates will be invited to a special thank you event soon!**



Don't miss the [2015 Family Friends of Scouting brochure](#), including the exclusive 2015 Family FOS recognition patches!

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 university flag of the leader will be flown at the Council Service Center. **Make your voice heard in the 2015 Clemson-Carolina rivalry!**

### **Join the Scout Crowd at Fan Appreciation Night!**

The Greenville Road Warriors Fan Appreciation Night will take place during the final game of the season - **tomorrow, April 11th!**



**Discount tickets are available for Scout families and friends!** Specials include \$10 and \$7.50 tickets. Purchase tickets by clicking [here](#) or by emailing [Stacey Wise](#) or calling (864) 250-4804.

In addition to on-ice action, the Road Warriors Fan Appreciation Night will feature prizes at every whistle, Orlando and Jersey vacation giveaways, and a special appearance by Slapshot's Hanson Brothers!

Don't miss this exciting night for Scouts, families, and leaders as the Greenville Road Warriors take on the Gwinnett Gladiators!



## 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.](#)

## 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.



## Greenville Scout Shop

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**Additional important Scout Shop events, include:**

**May 1st**- NEW Cub Scout handbooks become available

**May 2nd** - Visit the Traveling Trading Post at the Council Exporee!

**May 9th** - NEW Cub Scout program kick-off event



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