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Clemson Basketball Scout Night

Happy Holidays from the Blue Ridge Council!

Clemson Basketball Scout Night

The Blue Ridge Council Scouts are invited to join the Clemson Men’s Basketball team as they take on St. Peter’s College THIS Tuesday, Dec. 4th @ 7PM at Littlejohn Coliseum!

All Scouts get in FREE and it’s only $5 for Family Members!

Just Click The Link Below To Reserve Your Seats!
Family Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is our annual fundraising campaign that supports our Scouts and adult leaders. Funds not only help with financial assistance for our Scouts and families but also go to our great programs at Camp Old Indian!

In order for us to continue the excellence you expect out of Scouting, we need your help. Our goal is 100% participation. Our 2018 Friends of Scouting Campaign is nearing the end and it’s not too late to contribute! You can donate to the 2018 FOS funds below.

Friends Of Scouting

As a thank you, anyone who gives at least $25 per month to Scouting will be given a Clemson or South Carolina patch for your child’s uniform!

Get your patch for this great year of Carolina sports!

95th Anniversary Patch!

To celebrate the 95th Anniversary of our Council, we have released a limited-edition patch. We have commissioned only 100 of those patches to be numbered and only another 150 patches to be released unnumbered. We are offering these limited-edition patches to our Scout families.

Your support with a gift of $250 by December 31, 2018 will ensure your family receives a special numbered patch (only 100 available) and included will be a patch with your choice of designated name on the Wall of Fame at our Council office. You can also purchase an unnumbered patch for $100 that will not include participation on the plaque.

You may make your gift of either $250 or $100 online at: http://95thBRC.kintera.org or mail directly to the Blue Ridge Council Service Center, 1 Park Plaza, Greenville, SC 29607.
Are you a member of the “Top 20” Seller Club!? 

The Top 20 Scouts who sell the most popcorn/nuts in the Council will earn access to an exclusive “Top 20” Seller VIP Clemson Experience! The Scout and one parent who qualify will earn a private tour of the Allen M. Reeves Football Operations Complex at Clemson University immediately following Clemson Day. Plus, you’ll gain all the things that come from the $2,500 and $750 Clubs!

*Top 20 ranking is based on sales of popcorn/nuts (Show & Sell, Take Order and Online for popcorn and Show & Sell and Take Order for nuts) with a $3,000 minimum to qualify.

**The Top 20 is ranked by all Scouts in the Council, not broken down by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.

Click Here to fill out your information and see if you are a Top 20 Seller Club Scout!

Clemson/Carolina Day!

Scouts and their families can attend a Clemson or Carolina Sports Clinic. Scouts will participate in sports activities with student athletes! Scouts who sell at least $750 will also receive a limited-edition Clemson or Carolina-Boy Scout baseball hat and have their hats autographed by student athletes!

*Baseball hat is available to $750 sellers only. There will be an additional “family” hat available for $20 to pre-purchase for those who don’t qualify for Clemson or Carolina Day hats. For units that qualify for $15,000 in sales, only $750 sellers from that unit will receive a hat.

**Carolina Day is coordinated by the Indian Waters Council.

Get signed up for your Clemson or Carolina Day Here!

Check out The Council Popcorn Page Here!
The window for Charter Renewal officially opens November 1st and is due by December 31st, 2018. The chartering process is one of the oldest traditions in all of Scouting history. It is the formal document that certifies the agreement between a Charter Partner (an organization that agrees to utilize Scouting as a part of its service to youth and community outreach) and the Boy Scouts of America, setting expectations for the quality of program to be delivered to the Charter Partner’s youth population. The charter renewal process ensures continuity of a unit’s program, advancement and activities for youth as well as continuity of service and tenure records for youth and adult advancement and recognition. This process is something to be taken very seriously, executed thoroughly and conducted in a timely manner according to the schedules in this handbook.

More information on the Resources page of the Blue Ridge Council Website.

Updated Youth Protection Training

True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district, and unit levels. Youth Protection Training (YPT) must be taken every two years. If a volunteer’s YPT record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be registered. Units should not wait until charter renewal to ensure compliance. Failing to ensure compliance now will undoubtedly make unit charter renewal more difficult.

BSA National YPT Website
Welcome to Blue Ridge Council Merit Badge University 2019! We will be changing things a little bit this year by offering it over 2 weekends, January 19 and January 26. First weekend will be mainly at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church and various satellite locations (maps attached). Second weekend will take place at Roper Mountain Science Center for a weekend of STEM merit badges. We hope this change will allow Scouts to have new experiences as they travel on their journey to First Class or Eagle Scout Registration Coming Soon! Please check back often as we will add classes as we find instructors and this week we added Metalwork to the schedule!

Register Here Today!

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING AND THE NEW POW WOW

Earn your Degree in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, or Venturing!

January 5th, 2019
Easley First Baptist Church - 300 E 1st Ave, Easley, SC 29640

Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University of Scouting provides interesting courses in any aspect of the Scouting program. Adventure and leadership training for Adults, Elective courses applicable across all Scouting programs, and Advancement and Program Operation courses are awaiting you at the University.

REGISTER TODAY
Cub Korner and Safety Moments

The “Cub Korner”

- Remember these upcoming dates.....The NEW Pow Wow (Joined with University of Scouting) will take place on January 5th, 2019 at Easley First Baptist Church. Register Here!

- Next Cub Kabinet meeting will be held on Jan. 31st at the Council Service Center at 6:30 pm.

- New Council CUB-O-REE will be held at Camp Old Indian April 5th - 7th, 2019! Loads of activities for your Cubs and Webelos to Scouts recognition! Full use of camp!

- A GIANT THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF that have made 2018 a year of fun and learning!!! SUPER PLANS ARE COMING TOGETHER FOR DISTRICT DAY CAMPS NEXT SUMMER AND FOR CUB RESIDENT CAMP....Be sure and include these events in your pack calendar!!! If you have any ideas, needs, or information request you can always freely contact our Cub Scout Vice-President at...

  davidcsurrett@gmail.com
  or
  (864)710-3152

Safety Moments

Safety Moments are exactly what the name implies: opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures, and report incidents correctly. Topics of this new series include incident reporting helps, high-adventure safety, weather-related safety, summer activity, and campout checklist.

Learn About All Of Them Here

Winter Activity

There is magic to camping in winter. It is one of the most challenging outdoor adventures. However, potentially extreme weather conditions, cold temperatures, and unique hazards associated with outdoor winter activities require careful planning to ensure safety.

Learn More About Winter Activity Here
The 2019 Blue Ridge Council Banquet

The Blue Ridge Council would like to cordially invite you to an evening of celebration and fellowship as we honor many of our outstanding leaders, volunteers, and the Eagle Scout Class of 2018.

The 2019 Blue Ridge Council Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019, 6:30pm at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, in Greenville.

**Click Here To Register!**

Early Registration—now through January 19, 2019 - $26
Regular Registration—January 20 - February 8, 2018 - $31

2019 PATRON DINNER

Tuesday, March 5th, 2019

THE BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA is proud to recognize the honorable Richard W. Riley, Jr., Senior Partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, with the Good Scout Award. Join us to help honor Dick Riley at this special occasion. Your attendance will also support Scouting and upwards of 9,000 youth served in the Upstate!

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Silver Beaver Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Silver Beaver Award for the Blue Ridge Council.

Silver Beaver Award Nominations

The Silver Beaver Award was established in 1931 and is presented for distinguished service to young people within a local Boy Scouts of America Council. It is the highest National award which may be presented by a local council. A recipient must be a registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Annually, volunteers nominate men and women who are doing an outstanding job as Scouters for the Silver Beaver Award. These nominations are reviewed by the Silver Beaver Award Selection Committee each year, and the most outstanding nominees are selected to receive this special recognition.

The committee welcomes all nominations and encourages you to recommend those Scouters you believe are worthy of this high honor. All nominations must be received no later than 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Any nominations from previous years must be resubmitted to be eligible for the upcoming Silver Beaver Award.

If you have any questions regarding the Silver Beaver Award nomination process please contact Michael Thompson, Silver Beaver Award Selection Committee Chairman, at Thompson1994@msn.com.

Register For The 2019 Council Banquet HERE!

Click HERE for the current Silver Beaver Award nomination form.

All nominations must be submitted to:
Logan.Holloway@Scouting.org
or
Logan Holloway
Silver Beaver Award Selections Committee
1 Park Plaza
Greenville, SC 29607
Attention To All Executive Board Members, Advisory Board Members, Members at Large, & Charter Organization Representatives.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America will be Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 6:00 PM at the Scout Service Center, 1 Park Plaza, Greenville, 29607.

The Annual Meeting of the Blue Ridge Council shall be for the purpose of receiving annual reports of the executive board, officers and various committees; electing members at large, associate and honorary members of the local council, National Council members, regular members of the executive board and officers of the corporation; receiving and approving financial statements showing the financial position of the corporation from the most recent complete fiscal year; and transacting other business as may come before the meeting.

The Council President, with the approval of the Executive Board, has appointed the Nominating Committee. Active members of the Blue Ridge Council may make recommendations of possible nominees to the committee for consideration. All recommendations shall be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the meeting and directed to the Nominating Committee at the Council’s address.

Please RSVP your attendance to Mike Butler at mike.butler@scouting.org by Friday, November 30, 2018.

Mac McLean, Council President

Mike Butler, Scout Executive
We are very excited to announce that Jeremy Baker has been selected as the Camp Ranger for Camp Old Indian Scout Reservation effective January 1, 2019. Jeremy is a “homegrown” product of the Blue Ridge Council. He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 50 and a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

He served on the Camp Old Indian camp staff as a youth and has been the Shooting Sports Director at Camp for the last two summers. He also has been working part-time as the Assistant Camp Ranger for the past year. Jeremy is a decorated veteran of the United States Navy having served our Country for 20 years.

Please join me in congratulating Jeremy in his new role for the Blue Ridge Council.

We are also pleased to announce that we have hired Jake Gotimer as a Field Director for our Council starting January 1, 2019. Jake will supervise the District Executives serving the Long Cane, Oconee, Pickens and Six & Twenty Districts.

Jake is originally from Rhode Island. He started his Scouting career with the Twin Rivers Council in Albany, NY as a District Executive. He later served as a Senior District Executive in the Connecticut Rivers Council in East Hartford, CT and has served as the Program Director of that Council for the past four years. He is a graduate of Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA with a degree in Political Science and Spanish.
Camp Old Indian

Join us for a week of Adventure at Camp Old Indian!

With over 80 merit badge opportunities, and more coming this summer, Camp Old Indian provides Scouts with a traditional camp experience while also offering high adventure activities! Check out the new Callahan Mountain Adventure for your Exploration Merit Badge! For more information contact Traci.Bridwell@scouting.org.

- 2019 Camp Old Indian Registration
- 2018 Summer Camp Photos
- 2018 Leaders Guide
- Camp Old Indian Map
- Smoke Signals

This past fall at Camp Old Indian we held the 1st Annual Cub Family Fall Festival with over 150 Youth and Adult participants enjoying a weekend of Pumpkin Painting, Flag Football, Tractor Hay Rides, and much much more! Check out the Blue Ridge Council Facebook to see even more photos from this past weekend. We are already excited for next year!

Blue Ridge Council Facebook
Sew guess what. The Greenville Scout shop can sew your patches on for just $3 per patch! Need a hemming? They can also hem for only $10! So come check out the Greenville Scout Shop where you’ll find everything you’ll need to BE PREPARED!

*Usual 2-day turnaround
The Blue Ridge Council would not be able to do so many amazing things for the youth in our community without the help of so many great volunteers and leaders. Below you will find the Executive Committee Officers for the 2018 Council year.

**President**
Mac McLean

**Commissioner**
Dr. James Blake

**VP-Administration**
Harry Bolick

**VP-Finance**
Dannie Newell

**VP-Exploring**
Capt. J. H. Thompson

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**VP-District Operations**
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King Dixon

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**Audit Committee Chair**
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**Scout Executive**
Mike Butler

**NESA/Alumni Chair**
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