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**The Blue Ridge Council Banquet**

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!**

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**Commissioners Crazy Comments!**

*CRAZY ABOUT SCOUTING!*

David Surrett, Council Commissioner
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COME ON ALONG TO C SQUARED....THE GATHERING OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & DISTRICT CHAIRS OF THE BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL....

Feb. 4 & Mar. 4, 6:00pm, District Commissioners & Chairs Dinner & Meeting (Service Center) - District Executives will join on Feb. 4! February themes include: Getting to Know You, Safety - Why & How, Committee Member/Commissioner Selection and Building Your Team/District Roles (Or Why Do We Need All THESE People?)

March themes include: Unit Contact & Programming, How to Help Your DE and Running Effective Meetings (Or Please Don't Bore Me, I Can Sleep in My Recliner!)

Contact District Commissioner if your unit needs help, assistance, ideas, resources or any other needs - they are your constant resource!!!

Be sure & complete your Unit Re-Charter - again if you need help, then contact your Commissioner!!!

Looking forward to resourcing and assisting you & your unit as time goes by!!! Keep Scouting fun & fulfilling forever!!!
What Is Scouts, BSA?
For the first time in its 100+ year history, the iconic program of the Boy Scouts of America will be open to young women. Scouts BSA is a year-round program for boys and girls in fifth grade through high school that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves. In Scouts BSA, young men and women go places, test themselves, and have one-of-a-kind adventures that can’t be found anywhere else.

I Want To Start A New Scouts, BSA Troop For Girls:
Scouting units require adult leaders, youth, and a chartering organization. First the chartering organization agrees to adopt the Scouting program. Then you must recruit and train the leaders. Once you have your trained leaders, recruit the youth. From there you can plan your program year, complete the paperwork, and hold your first meeting. All of this can be completed and submitted to the Council Service Center prior to February 1st, 2019. However, new girl troops cannot start meeting or earning advancement until after February 1st.

Follow These Steps:

STEP 1: IDENTIFY A CHARTERING ORGANIZATION: A chartering organization will own the Scouting unit. These are often churches and civic clubs. They'll provide a meeting space, help find and approve adult leaders, and appoint an individual as the Chartered Organization Representative. This representative works as a liaison between the organization and the troop. The chartered organization will pay an annual $40 liability insurance fee. General liability insurance is provided by the Boy Scouts of America for our volunteer leaders and chartered organizations.

The Executive Officer of the chartering organization must meet with your District Executive and sign the Annual Charter Agreement prior to starting the unit. The Chartered Representative must also sign this. CLICK HERE for your District Executive's contact information.

STEP 2: RECRUIT LEADERS: Your new unit must have a few key leadership positions filled. These 6 adult leader positions are the minimum requirements to start a new unit. These adults can be multiple registered with the BSA and there is no requirement that any have their primary registration with the new unit. There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females and a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. While troops have the option to be linked and can share their committee, the following items are still required for the new unit.

• The Executive officer of the Chartering Organization.
  - This person’s information is collected via the New Unit Application. They do not pay dues.

• The Chartered Organization Representative.
  - This adult leader acts as the liaison between the troop and chartered organization and must approve all other adult leaders.
  - Must fill out a BSA application, complete youth protection and pay dues, if not already registered.
  - If the organization already sponsors a Scout unit, then this person must be the same for both units.

• Committee Chair.
  - This adult leader leads the behind the scenes administrative tasks of the troop.
  - Must fill out a BSA application, complete youth protection and pay dues, if not already registered.

• Scoutmaster.
  - This adult leader supports and guides the youth leadership as they plan and lead the troop.
  - Must fill out a BSA application, complete youth protection and pay dues, if not already registered.
  - This person cannot be a Scoutmaster in another troop.

• Two Committee Members.
  - These adult leaders work with the committee chair to run the troop in roles like treasurer or secretary.
  - Must fill out a BSA application, complete youth protection and pay dues, if not already registered.

*Not required but recommended: Assistant Scoutmaster(s), additional committee members

STEP 3: RECRUIT YOUTH: Now that you have your chartered organization and your adult leaders you can start to recruit youth. All youth will need to fill out a BSA youth membership application and pay their annual membership dues. You will need a minimum of 5 youth and 2 of these youth must have their primary BSA registration in the new unit.

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STEP 4: COLLECT ALL PAPERWORK AND MONEY: For a new unit, you'll need to turn in a new unit application, a signed charter organization agreement, and applications for every adult leader and youth member. Please remember that all adults must attach a copy of their youth protection training certificate to their application. Prorated membership dues for units beginning February 1st are $35.25.

Paperwork review:
- **Annual Charter Agreement**: Signed by Executive Officer, Chartered Representative and District Executive
- **New Unit Application**: Signed by Executive Officer and the District Executive.
  - Executive Officer must initial - Use of Scouting Program #6 & #7 on pages 1 & 2 of application.
  - Chartered Organization pays the $40 Liability Insurance Fee.
- **Adult Applications** with youth protection certificates and membership dues
- **Youth Applications** with membership dues
  *Use the Troop New Unit Helper to track all these items

STEP 5: SUBMIT ALL PAPERWORK AND MONEY TO THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER:
Once your have collected all the paperwork and money, you’ll need to deliver the paperwork to our Council Service Center. Contact your District Executive who can review your paperwork and help deliver it. This can be completed prior to February 1st. However, Girl units cannot start meeting or earning advancement until after February 1st.

You will be able to select your unit number, but we can't guarantee that every number is available. Don't get your hopes up about being Troop 123 without first checking to see if that number is available. Contact the [Council Registrar](mailto:Traci.Bridwell@scouting.org) who can help you select a unit number. This can also be completed when you turn in the paperwork.

**HAVE QUESTIONS?** Contact Traci Bridwell at (864) 233-8363 or Traci.Bridwell@scouting.org.

**William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award:** To recognize volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to expanding Scouting to new communities, we give out the William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award. William D. Boyce was the founder of Boy Scouts in America - he learned about Scouting in England and organized the first ever Scouting units here. Complete the steps outlined on the [Award form](mailto:Traci.Bridwell@scouting.org) and in his honor, you could receive a certificate and a knot to wear on your uniform.

**Events**

**Scouts, BSA Weekend at Camp Old Indian:** April 13th - 14th, 2019 at Camp Old Indian. This event is open exclusively to new Scouts, BSA female troops and adult leaders. This trail to first class and basic scout skill focused event will be fun for everyone! Learn how to tie knots! Learn basic first-aid! Build Fires! Complete your 1-mile orienteering course! Get a jump start on your rank advancement before you head to summer camp! More information to come!

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE (NYLT):** This exciting, action-packed program provides youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops. The course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what they must KNOW, and what they must DO. This course is designed to help our new Scouts BSA troops get off the ground. The First-Class Scout requirement will be waived; however, a unit leader must still provide a recommendation to attend the course. More information to come!

**SUMMER CAMP AT Camp Old Indian:** Camp Old Indian is our council’s premiere Scouts BSA Summer Camp! Join us for a 7 day, 6 night program where Scouts can earn merit badges, and do all sorts of cool stuff! For complete information, [click here](mailto:Traci.Bridwell@scouting.org).

**Already A Scout in Boy Scouts?**
Scouts and Scouters currently involved in our Boy Scout program will continue participating just as you have in the past. The name the Boy Scouts of America’s program offering will change from being called Boy Scouts to Scouts BSA. The name of our movement will remain the Boy Scouts of America. Troops will continue to operate as single gender programs with no changes to your current operations.

[Click Here To See Upcoming Interest Meetings and Where You Can Join!](mailto:Traci.Bridwell@scouting.org)
Silver Beaver Recipients

The Silver Beaver Class of 2018

- Gary Dean
- Bryan Dickard
- Lee Dixon
- Michael Kirby
- Ashley Steigerwald

The Silver Beaver is the highest award given by a Boy Scouts of America Council to a volunteer. Recipients of this award are register adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.

National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipients:

A.C. “Bubba” Fennell · Perry Gravely · Fred Hyslop

2018 Eagle Scout Class Honoree:

Charlie Warlick

Alumnus of the Year:

Bruce White

These fine recipients along with the 2018 Eagle Scout Class will be honored at the 2019 Annual Council Banquet on February 7th.

Register to attend the Council Banquet 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!

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, 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!

Title Sponsor

Reception Sponsor
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 2019 Friends of Scouting Campaign is about to begin! You can donate to the 2019 Friends Of Scouting funds below or by visiting https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/551/appeal/610

**2019 Friends Of Scouting**

Starting this year, if you make a Friends of Scouting commitment of just **1 dollar a day** ($365) you will not only be investing in a young Scouts future, you will also receive a 2019 collectible patch leading to the 100th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Council.

Your gift will make a difference. The Blue Ridge Council serves thousands of youth and adult volunteers in 8 counties throughout the Upstate of South Carolina. Living their lives by the Scout Oath and Law, these individuals know the value of duty to God, Country, and helping other people at all times. Through our Chartered Partners and under the leadership of a diversity of adult volunteers, Scouts are trained to be the leaders of tomorrow. Ask yourself this question. What does the Scout Slogan, “Do a Good Turn Daily”, mean to you? Your gift to Scouting is your Good Turn that will enable Scouts today and, tomorrow the opportunity to continue to do their good turn for America.

The Power To Shape The Future ....Is You.
Help Scouts Earn Their Way To Camp With CAMP CARDS!

The Blue Ridge Council is proud to introduce you to the 2019 Camp Card Sale to help our Scouts earn their way to the adventures of Scouting. Scouts have the opportunity to help themselves attend one of many camps offered at Camp Old Indian. These adventures include Summer Camp, Webelos Resident Camp, Cub Day Camp, NYLT Training and Cub Family Fall Festival. Units who participate in the Camp Card Sale can earn up to 50% commission or even MORE with the BONUS CARD incentive. The 2019 Sale will run from February 1st – April 26th giving units over 2 months to sell!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Ingles, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Ace Hardware, and Carolina Fresh Farms are just some of the amazing partners that have joined the Camp Card program and they make the purchase of this year’s card an easy decision. Take advantage of these offers to help your Scouts attend a camping activity in the Blue Ridge Council!

Click Here to find the Full list of Vendors and the Camp Card Leaders Guide

Or visit:

http://blueridgecouncil.org/brcn/camp-card-sale.aspx
Cub Scout Events

Cub Scout Day Camp!!

Are you ready for another great week of Scouting? We are happy to release the dates and locations of this year’s Day Camps and registration is coming soon! The volunteers are hard at work to make this year’s Day Camps the best yet! Cub Scout Day Camp is for youth entering 1st - 5th Grade in Fall 2019. Enjoy a fun filled week with archery, BB’s, crafts, field games, and much more! The earlier you register, the more you save! Not a Cub Scout yet? No problem! Contact Traci.Bridwell@scouting.org at our council office about our bundle program. We can’t wait to see you there!

Cub Scout Events

Click Here for Dates and Locations!

Blue Ridge Council Cub-o-ree!

Come join us April 5th through 7th for Cub-O-Ree at Camp Old Indian. One Saturday night after dinner, we will have our first annual Cubmaster Summit! We will be sharing some of the exciting programs we have coming up this year for our cub scouts such as Day Camp and Resident Camps as well as give you the dates for Fall Family Camp. We will also have time for a fireside chat to talk about what programming you would like to see, things you would like to see improved, and a time for open forum discussion.

If you have any questions, contact April Lengel at 919-208-7018 or ksmommy2@gmail.com.
Upcoming Training

Every Scout deserves to have a trained leader!

Intro To Outdoor Leader Skills

This hands-on program gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a Scout-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors.

WHEN: March 22nd - 23rd, 2019
WHERE: Fluor High Adventure Base and Leadership Center at Camp White Pines
COST: $40.00

Register Today!

National Youth Leadership Training

National Youth Leadership training is a week long experience conducted by Blue Ridge Council to provide each Scout with a meaningful Scouting experience that will enhance 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 skills and confidence to lead well.

June 9th - 14th, 2019 - Fluor High Adventure Base and Leadership Center at Camp White Pines

Register Today For Your Training
We have so many new and exciting programs coming for Cub Scouts in 2019! Coming in January, registration will open for District Cub Scout Day Camps. Come join us this summer as we go under the sea to meet new friends and create great memories!

This February we will host our first ever Cubmaster Summit at Holland Park Church. This event will include dinner, time for fellowship, an open forum for questions and suggestions, and a review of Cub events for 2019. Our first Cub-O-Ree will take place on April 5th - 7th at Camp Old Indian. This is a two night camping event with meals provided in the dining hall on Saturday and Sunday! Cub Scouts will have an opportunity to go fishing, hiking, geocaching/orienteering, and of course participate in shooting sports. Arrow of Light Scouts who will or have earned Arrow of Light rank this Spring are invited to join us for all activities including a mini-summer camp experience and a special recognition ceremony to honor them for earning the highest award in Cub Scouting! New Year, New Memories - Let’s make this your best Scouting year ever!

Next Cub Cabinet meeting will be held on Jan. 31st, 2019 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 plus Arrow of Light recognition! Full use of camp!

ashley@wilsonassociates.net

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.

Frostbite

Serious injuries can occur when it’s cold and you spend time working, playing, or sleeping outside, particularly if you are wet or your clothes are wet or too tight. Scouts should be instructed to inform an adult as soon as possible if they are at an event, winter camp, or troop campout and start experiencing any of the symptoms in this Safety Moment.

Learn More About Frostbite Here
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

SCOUTBOOK is FREE Starting January 1st

It’s here! Remind your unit leaders, parents, and Scouts that SCOUTBOOK – our suite of online unit-management tools – will be completely free starting January 1st, 2019. A helpful new Bryan on Scouting blog post will go live January 1st to aid volunteers and parents.

Please note that Scoutbook is down for scheduled maintenance through December 31st in preparation for the launch.
There are some amazing new things coming the Greenville Scout Shop and the Blue Ridge Council. NEW Scouts, BSA uniforms and handbooks are now in stock! You can also make the Greenville Scout Shop your one stop shop for your Pinewood Derby needs. Make sure to join us as we help support the World Friendship Fund starting February 1st through February 15th.
Three top performing District Executives from the Blue Ridge Council were recognized by the Southern Region, Boy Scouts of America for their 2018 membership growth achievements at a special dinner in January. Long Cane District Executive James Alston led the Council with a 10% growth in youth served. Kyle Jones, Pickens District Executive, and Michael Smith, Southbounder District Executive, each recorded a 4% growth record. The Reedy Falls District achieved growth in membership as well. Overall, the Blue Ridge Council recorded a growth in membership in 2018 and recruited 2,646 new youth to Scouting during the year, 11% more than in 2017. Congratulations to these professional staff members and the countless volunteers who worked hard to expand Scouting opportunities to more youth!

(Pictured left to right: Council Scout Executive Mike Butler, Jana Butler, Southbounder Executive Michael Smith, Devashai Dunbar-Smith, Long Cane Executive James Alston, Ronalyn Alston, and Pickens Executive Kyle Jones.)

Scouting For Food

Do you know about Scouting for Food? It’s been a project of the BSA for decades! Scouts can go out on one weekend to place hangers on the doors of their neighbors, and come back later to pick up the food and take it to a local food bank. Scouting for Food is a great way for a Scout to “Do a good turn daily”!

For More Information about Scouting for Food click here or contact the Council Service Center at (864)233-8363
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 2019 Council year.

**President**
Mac McLean

**President-Elect**
Bruce White

**Commissioner**
David Surrett

**VP-Administration/RM**
Russell Smart

**VP-District Operations**
Glenn Davis

**VP-Cub Scouting**
Ashley Steigerwald

**VP-Finance**
Dannie Newell

**VP-Membership Growth**
Matthew Delk

**VP-Program**
Fred Hyslop

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

**VP-Outdoor Adventures**
Russell Cann

**VP-Endowment**
Bruce White

**VP-Facilities**
Everett Baker

**VP-Special Events**
Robin Foster

**VP-Major Gifts/FOS**
Dave Brenner

**Treasurer**
Lee Dixon

**Asst. Treasurer**
J.B. Garrett

**Legal Counsel**
Lindsay Smith

**National Council Representative**
King Dixon II

**Immediate Past President/Board Dev. Chair**
Michael Thompson

**At-Large**
Mickey Stokes

**NESA/Alumni Chair**
Phillip Kilgore

**Scout Executive**
Mike Butler