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(Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!)

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### Commissioners Corner!

**David Surrett, Council Commissioner**  
864-710-3152; davidcsurrett@gmail.com

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

BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS…
Michael Fulghum, Asst. Council Commissioner/West Service Area  
(mfulghum77@gmail.com)

DISTRICTS:
- **Long Cane** – David Gardner, Dist. Commissioner  
  (dgardnerdavid038@gmail.com)
- **Six & Twenty** – Terry Rogers, Dist. Commissioner (tlrogers27@hotmail.com)
- **Oconee** – John Sweeney, Dist. Commissioner (jrswny@yahoo.com)
- **Pickens** – Jim Ross, Interim Dist. Commissioner (ros@carol.net)
  John Cederman, Asst. Council Commissioner/East Service Area  
  (john.cederman@gmail.com)

DISTRICTS:
- **Reedy Falls** – John Boseman, Dist. Commissioner  
  (john.boseman@yahoo.com)
- **Foothills** – Chip Caraway, Dist. Commissioner (chipcar@charter.net)
- **Southbounder** – Eric Maguire, Dist. Commissioner (ericmaguire20@gmail.com)
- **Saluda River** – John Shuttleworth, Dist. Commissioner (attackrat@me.com)

COMMISSIONERS: PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOU ARE ENTERING ALL OF YOUR UNIT VISITS/CONTACTS INTO THE ONLINE COMMISSIONERS’ TOOLS SYSTEM. YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS DETAIL IS PARAMOUNT FOR THE COUNCIL’S SUCCESS IN JTE. need assistance with the online system, then contact Assistant Council Commissioner, John Cederman at john.cederman@gmail.com or John Sweeney, Asst. Council Commissioner at jrswny@yahoo.com

UPCOMING C2 GATHERINGS OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIRS…

Monday, Nov. 4, 6pm at Service Center to meet new Scout Executive!!

NO December gathering…FIRST MEETINGS OF 2020…Sat., Jan. 11, 8:30 am  
Training & Welcome Lunch

Sat., Jan. 25 at 9:30am in Lexington, SC. Carpoools leave Service Center at 8am

I am most honored to serve as your Council Commissioner. Feel free to contact me with questions and you can be most helpful by responding when I ask for information and data. I am deeply appreciative of all that you have done in 2019 and will continue to do so to support the Scouting units of the Blue Ridge Council.

--- David Surrett
The 2019 Sports, Entertainment, and Travel Auction was held on October 15th at the Hyatt Regency Greenville in Downtown Greenville, SC. This evening of fellowship brought together over 150 community leaders and over 200 auction items in support of Scouting. This year became the best one yet as your support helped to raise over $54,000 for Scouting.

But the fun is not over yet! Thanks to all of your support we are able to offer more items online!

Visit [www.biddingowl.com/BlueRidgeCouncil](http://www.biddingowl.com/BlueRidgeCouncil) to check out our online auction and view the items.

You’ll want to hurry because the online auction closes at 5 PM on Monday, November 4th!
We are pleased to announce the selection of Greg Balog as Scout Executive of the Blue Ridge Council, Greenville, South Carolina, effective November 1, 2019.

Greg began his Scouting career as a District Executive at the Blue Ridge Council in Greenville, South Carolina, where he also served as Finance Director and Field Director. He moved on to become the Assistant Scout Executive with the Indian Waters Council in Columbia, South Carolina. He was promoted to Foundation Director then Director of Field Services of the Circle Ten Council in Dallas, Texas. He most recently served as Scout Executive of the Central NC Council in Albemarle, NC.

Greg has 2 children, Parker and Dalton.

Please join us in congratulating Greg as he joins with the volunteers and staff of the Blue Ridge Council to deliver quality Scouting experiences to the young people of the communities they serve.

This past September the Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship took place at Camp Old Indian where four new members were inducted into Vigil Honors and Aidan Koschnitzki was elected as the new OA Lodge Chief. Congratulations to these Arrowmen and Brothers for their service and hard-work!
Announcing A New Limited-Time Fundraiser For Scouts In The Blue Ridge Council!

During the month of November, Scouts will have the opportunity to raise funds for camping and program by selling Jack Link’s fundraising kits!

Each kit includes:

1. 1.25oz Original Beef Jerky
2. 1oz Original Tender Bites
3. 1oz Teriyaki Tender Bites
4. 2x 0.5oz Original Beef Sticks

YOU SELL THE KITS FOR $10.00 EACH AND YOU MAKE $2.50 FOR EVERY KIT YOU SELL. TAKE ORDER ONLY. NO UP-FRONT ORDER OR COST. ONLY ORDER AND PAY FOR THE KITS YOU SELL!

- SCHEDULE -

Friday, November 22, 12:00pm…………….Orders Due to Council Service Center

Friday, December 6, 1:00-5:00pm………………Product Pickup at Council Service Center

Friday, December 20, 12:00pm…………………Full Payment Due

Download the flyer HERE or contact Robin.Mullinax@scouting.org for more information!

Important Upcoming Dates For Popcorn & Peanuts

November 16 - Final Product Pick-up at Young Office!

- 1280 Ridge Road. Greenville, SC. 29607 -

Leaders Guide, Popcorn & Peanut Order Assist Forms, and Sign Up Here
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 2020 Friends of Scouting Campaign is kicking off! You can donate to the 2020 Friends Of Scouting funds below or by visiting https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/551/appeal/2045

2020 Friends Of Scouting

For 2020, if you make a Friends of Scouting commitment of just 1 dollar a day ($365) you will not only be investing in a young Scout's future, you will also receive a 2020 collectible Clemson/University of South Carolina patch.

All FOS Patches From Previous Years Are Now On Sale!

Only $25

Contact the Scout Office at (864)233-8363 or visit us at:
1 Park Plaza
Greenville, SC 29607

(2012 - 2018 Patches Available)
Upcoming Training

Venturing Advisor Position

Specific Training

December 14, 2019  -  $10
Mauldin United Methodist Church

This course is intended to provide Venturing crew Advisors with the basic information they need to help youth leaders manage a crew. The course includes the latest updates to Venturing and aligns with the new Venturing leader materials. Participants who complete this training and the Venturing version of Youth Protection training are considered “trained” as an Advisor or Associate Advisor.

Register Today!

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING AND
THE NEW POW WOW

Earn your Degree in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, or Venturing!
January 4th, 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.

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Trainer’s EDGE

November 16, 2019  -  $10  -
Bethesda United Methodist Church

Trainer's EDGE is BSA's trainer development course designed to help Scouters put into practice the EDGE training model and gain self-confidence through hands-on training experiences. It replaces the Trainer Development Conference (BSA 500) as the required train-the-trainer course.

REGISTER TODAY
With Packs gearing up to begin Annual Planning for the 2019 - 2020 Scouting year, we thought it was important to provide parents and leaders with as much advance notice as possible for upcoming events. Below is the Council Cub Calendar for 2019, we’re hoping to have dates for 2020 events by the next issue of The Scouter. Stay tuned!

**Important Events Coming Up!**

- **Webelos Woods.** Webelos Woods is a transition camping experience for Webelos. The Webelos will act and function according to the patrol method and will elect leadership positions in their patrol. Webelos will be assigned to a patrol with an experienced older scout from a Troop as their guide; your child may or may not be assigned to a patrol with members from their current unit depending on the number of participants. A parent must be present for the entire weekend. There is no room for siblings. [REGISTER TODAY!]

- **University of Scouting & POW WOW.** University of Scouting and the New Pow Wow is an action-packed, fun-filled day of supplemental Scout Leader training. It is offered once a year to provide knowledge, ideas, tools and resources to help adult leaders, volunteers and Scouts in their Scouting positions. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, a wide variety of training opportunities in all program areas. [Registration Coming Soon!]

**2019 - 2020 Cub Calendar Available Here & On The Next Page**

Have you ever wondered how Cub events are organized? Would you like to help organize a new event or support an existing Cub Program? Attend the next Council Cub Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, October 30th at 6:30pm at the Council Service Center. To RSVP please call Ashley Steigerwald at 864-907-0601 or email ashley@wilsonassociates.net.
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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 brand new Fluor High Adventure Base and Leadership Center at Camp White Pines in 2020! For more information contact Traci.Bridwell@scouting.org.

- 2020 Camp Old Indian Registration
- Camp Old Indian Facebook Page
- 2019 Leaders Guide
- Camp Old Indian Map

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

Communicable Disease Safety

We’ve all caught some kind of infection, or sickness, from someone else. These illnesses are known as communicable or contagious diseases because they are spread from one person to another. They may occur when a healthy person becomes infected through contact with a sick person or by touching something that a sick person has come in contact with. Communicable diseases are caused by germs—both viruses and bacteria—and some examples include colds, flu, or strep throat. You can catch infections in several different ways, but all involve germs coming in contact with mucous membranes (like your eyes, nose, or mouth) or through breaks in the skin (like a cut or a hangnail).

Learn More About Communicable Disease Safety Here
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 3, 2019.

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.

Click HERE for the current Silver Beaver Award nomination form.

All nominations must be submitted to:
Joshua.Hipps@scouting.org
or
Joshua Hipps
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 3, 2019, 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 Eric Black at Eric.Black@scouting.org by Friday, November 30, 2019.

Mac McLean, Council President
Eric Black, Acting Scout Executive
We have some new and exciting things coming to the Greenville Scout Shop and the Blue Ridge Council! NEW Scouts, BSA uniforms and handbooks are now in stock! This place is packed full of great stuff that you’ll need for your Summer of Scouting! Stuff like tents, Outdoor cooking equipment, knives and multi-tools, …..plus a ton of other items to help you BE PREPARED!!!
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.

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