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Are you ready for Fall Scouting?!
# October 2019

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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!!!**

1) **Unit Visits & Assessments** – Unit visits are the key to strong Commissioner service. I cannot state or emphasize this enough! **We want each District & the entire Blue Ridge Council to score well on the Journey to Excellence standards.** Please complete the Unit Assessment which is required before specific visits count for the JTS scores. **THIS IS MOST, MOST CRITICAL!!!**

2) **BSA Nationally in the news** – You may have read or had referred to you articles about bankruptcy and the BSA. This is connected to abuse cases from a number of years against the BSA. No final decision has been made in this matter. Always, please read such articles with objectivity and a critical eye. Not all printed or electronic materials are accurate.

3) **Council Commissioner Staff Goals for 2019** – You should have a copy. Let’s commit again to do all we can individually to make these goals be complete!!! If you have not turned in your “Red” Form for Mid Year unit assessments, then I would appreciate these documents.

4) **Service for 2020** – Please respond to me if you will be serving again as Commissioner in the new calendar/Council year. If I do not hear from you, then I will assume you will continue to serve in the New Year. Please notify me by our October 14th D2 meeting.

5) **Remaining C2 Meetings for 2020** – The dates will be Monday, October 14 at 6:00 pm at the Service Center in Greenville and Monday, November 4 with our soon to be named new Scout Executive also at the Service Center! Please RSVP to me! Agendas will sent with additional reminders closer to these two dates.

6) **Several E Mail Forwards** – I will be sending to you several recent e mails which have been distributed for your response as requested.

7) **Scout Executive Search** – As I described at our August C2 gathering, it is anticipated that a new SE will be announced in all likelihood by the first of next week, September 30. Their start date will be November 1.

8) **Fall Membership Round Ups** – Your District Executive & District Membership Chairs are working hard to involve new youth into our program. I am sure you are doing all that you are able to support their efforts. This applies to Popcorn and Nut sales as well.

9) **CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DAVID GARDNER, District Commissioner of Long Cane District for being named Blue Ridge Council Commissioner of the Year!!!** Prayers to Terry Rogers, Six and Twenty District Commissioner as he recuperates from heart bypass surgery. His e-mail is tlrogers27@hotmail.com and mailing address is 101 Edgewood Ave., Belton, SC 29627.

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.

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David Surrett
Blue Ridge Council Auction

The Council Sports, Entertainment, and Travel Auction

Proceeds from the auction support over 6,500 youth in the Blue Ridge Council. Through Scouting, thousands of young men, and women become “Prepared. For Life.”

Tuesday, October 15th, 2019, 6:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Downtown Greenville

Auction Includes: African Safaris, Beach Trips, Golf Packages, Restaurant Certificates, and MUCH MORE!

Attend the 10th annual Blue Ridge Council Auction to benefit the youth in our Scouting programs and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun!

Single Ticket: $30  Couples Ticket: $50

Click here to purchase your tickets today or visit: https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/551/appeal/1878

You Have A Chance To Win A Golf Cart From Garrett’s Golf Cars!!

Only $50 per ticket (Only 150 Tickets Left!)

Click Here To Purchase Your Ticket Or Visit: https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/551/appeal/1877
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.

Scout Night at Chuck E. Cheese’s!
October 10th, 3pm - 9pm & October 17th, 3pm - 9pm
Chuck E. Cheese’s
253 Congaree Road
Greenville, SC 29607

Join the Blue Ridge Council for a special Cub Scout Night at Chuck E. Cheese’s! Not only will any new Scout Registrations receive a FREE FISHING POLE, but 15% of sales will go directly to benefit Scouting Programs in the Blue Ridge Council. We can't wait to see you there!
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
(1) 1oz Original Tender Bites
(1) 1oz Teriyaki Tender Bites
(2) 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 -

October………………………………………………………………..Promotion at Roundtables

Wednesday, October 17, 6:30pm……………..Information Meeting at Council Service Center

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

- October 25 - Final Product Orders & Prizes Due Online by NOON!

Leaders Guide, Popcorn & Peanut Order Assist Forms, and Sign Up Here
Upcoming Events & Training

Legacy is the premier event of Southern Region Area 5 Venturing. The 7th annual Legacy event is hosted by the Indian Waters Council VOA at Camp Barstow, in Batesburg, South Carolina.

**Legacy 7**
**TWISTED FAIRY TALES**

**October 4th - 6th, 2019**

$49 Per Participant ($40 For Adult)

Click Here To Register or Visit:

[https://scoutingevent.com/553-30253](https://scoutingevent.com/553-30253)

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

Cub Leader Specific Training

**October 20th, 2019**

Join us for FREE cub training. We will cover what your leaders need to know to run FUN and effective pack, den, and committee meetings. Learn the practical side of cub scouting from experienced leaders. This is more than online training, this is an opportunity to ask questions, fellowship with other new leaders, and experience a great day of training!

RSVP TODAY
The best overnight shipboard camping experience is at Patriots Point! For more than 30 years, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, JROTC, churches, schools, and other youth groups have been staying aboard the awe-inspiring aircraft carrier, the USS YORKTOWN. Campers sleep in the berths that sailors once occupied and immerse themselves into the lives of heroes. With packages that include lodging, meals and an educational activity, your group is sure to have an unforgettable stay.

One Night Stays, Two Night Stays, & a Camp and Go Package Available.

See All Of The Details HERE

Looking For A New Tent?

The Blue Ridge Council is offering a special on Coleman Sundome-4 gently-used (only once) tents are the Council Office! This durable Polyguard fabric and Weathertec System 4-person tent will come in handy for years to come. Retail value set at $100 but you can get yours today for only $50! You’ll want to hurry, there are only 32 left!

Contact Lori Maguire at the Council Office to purchase yours today.

Lori.Maguire@scouting.org or call (864) 233-8363.
Cub Events

Cub Family Weekends

Cub Family Weekends are right around the corner! Through 5 weekends this fall, your whole family can enjoy activities such as: ARCHERY, CAMPING, PERSONAL FITNESS, FIELD GAMES, BB GUNS, FIREBUILDING, and an exciting EVENING CAMPFIRE. All while at CAMP OLD INDIAN!

Cub Family Weekends consist of 8 one night sessions beginning September 27th through October 20th. The weekend of October 25th - 27th consist of a two night Cub Family Fall Festival!

- Cub Family Weekends: $25 per person, per session
- Cub Family Fall Festival: $45 per person, includes meals.

Sign-Up for Cub Family Weekends Today!

Webelos Woods

Nov. 1st - 3rd, 2019 at Camp Old Indian

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.

ONLY 100 WEBELOS CAN REGISTER!

Cost: $35.00 per Scout includes a Webelos Woods T-Shirt - Adults $30.00 T-Shirt are Optional

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!**

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**2019 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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Camp Old Indian & Safety Moments

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

Fire Safety with Backpacking Stoves

Stoves made for the outdoors can extend the range of your travels by giving you a reliable way to safely cook anywhere and in any weather. Typically, backpacking stoves use white gas, kerosene, propane, butane, or isobutane gas as a fuel. Ultralight trekkers also favor alcohol stoves.

Learn More About Stove Fire Safety Here
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 2019 Friends of Scouting Campaign us underway! You can donate to the 2019 Friends Of Scouting funds below or by visiting [https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/551/appeal/610](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.

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)
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
Now thru Oct. 13th you can take 25% off your uniform top when you purchase a uniform bottom (shorts, switchbacks, capris, skorts).

This applies to all programs! Adult uniforms too! Tops and bottoms purchased must be for the same Scout/Scouter.

It’s finally fall, and we have a deal to go with it! From 10/5 through 10/12, you can save BIG on family camping essentials in store at your local Scout Shop or at ScoutShop.org. With savings like these, there’s no excuse not to get outside and enjoy the fresh autumn air with the family.

*Offer is available online and in store from 10/5-10/12/19 on camping Gear. Retail Only. Excludes wall tents, paddleboards, kayak, and gift cards. Check with your local Scout Shop for event details, in-store event activities vary by store. © 2019 Boy Scouts of America. “BSA,” “Scouts BSA” and “Cub Scouts” are trademarks of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Greenville Scout Shop is pleased to announce that we will have extended hours for your shopping convenience! **These new hours are for the months of September and October ONLY.**

- Mondays: 9:00am – 6:00pm
- Tuesdays: 9:00am – 6:00pm
- Wednesdays: 9:00am – 7:00pm*
- Thursdays: 9:00am – 7:00pm*
- Fridays: 9:00am – 7:00pm*
- Saturdays: 10:00am – 4:00pm*
- Sundays: CLOSED

*See Special September & October Hours

*Monday - Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm
*Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm
Closed Sunday

The Scout Shop is hiring a Part-time Associate! No Scouting experience necessary and must be able to sew with a machine. See Scout Shop for details.
2019 Executive Committee Officers

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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