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Tis the Season....
For Scouting!

Happy Thanksgiving
## December 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!!!**

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

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- **Long Cane** – David Gardner, Dist. Commissioner  
  (dgardnerdavid038@gmail.com)  
- **Six & Twenty** – Terry Rogers, Dist. Commissione (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  
  (jcd erfahren@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...

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. Carpools 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
Announcing A New Limited-Time Fundraiser For Scouts In The Blue Ridge Council!

During the month of December, 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 -

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

December 8 - Last day to settle accounts on Popcorn and Peanuts to qualify for Bonus Checks!

Leaders Guide, Popcorn & Peanut Order Assist Forms, and Sign Up Here
The Blue Ridge Council is proud to announce the 2020 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 the 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 2020 Sale will run from February 1st – April 26th giving units over 2 months to sell!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Academy Sports, Papa Johns, Tractor Supply, Carolina Fresh Farms and dozens of local businesses in your area are some of the amazing partners that have joined the Camp Card program. With partners like these the 2020 Camp Cards is an easy decision. Take advantage of these offers to help your Scouts attend a camping activity in the Blue Ridge Council!

Full List of Vendors by District Coming Soon to the Blue Ridge Council Website!
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 us kicking off! You can donate to the 2020 Friends Of Scouting funds below or by visiting [https://donations.scouting.org/#!/council/551/appeal/2045](https://donations.scouting.org/#!/council/551/appeal/2045)

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 Scouts 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 & Events

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, 2020

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 OPEN NOW

Cub Resident Camp

July 24 - 26, 2020

Camp Old Indian

Come experience the great adventures that await you at Camp Old Indian.

For 2020, Cub Resident Camp will take place from a Friday - Sunday and is now a brand new low price of $70 for the whole weekend!!

The program activities and facilities can’t be beat. Our camp provides a variety of programs to match your unit’s needs and desires. BB guns, archery, swimming, crafts, hiking and special events are all part of the camping experience.

REGISTER TODAY
Upcoming Events

The 2020 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 2019.

The 2020 Blue Ridge Council Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 6:30pm at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, in Greenville.

Visit https://scoutingevent.com/551-2020CouncilBanquet to Attend

Early Registration– through January 17, 2020 - $26
Regular Registration– January 18 - February 6, 2020 - $31

Welcome to Blue Ridge Council Merit Badge University 2020! We will again be offering it over 2 weekends, January 18 and January 25 (with Chess on 1/11/20). First weekend will be mainly at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church and various satellite locations. Second weekend will focus on 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. We always need volunteers to help us with two deep leadership so make sure your troop has volunteers ready to go, if needed.

Register Here Today!
With Packs gearing up to begin Annual Planning for the 2020 - 2021 Scouting year, we thought it was important to provide parents and leaders with as much advance notice as possible for upcoming events. Below are a few upcoming events for 2020, and a Cub Calendar listed on the next page. We hope to have more 2020 dates set soon! Stay tuned!

**Important Events Coming Up!**

- **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 is open NOW!**

- **Cub Scout Resident Camp.** Come experience the great adventures that await you at Camp Old Indian!! Sleep 2 nights in Adirondacks, bath houses at every campsite with hot showers. Also, 3 delicious meals a day served in the dining hall. **For 2020, Cub Resident camp will take place Friday - Sunday and is being offered at a brand new low price of $70 for the whole weekend!** The program activities and facilities can’t be beat. Our camp provides a variety of activities such as: BB guns, archery, swimming, crafts, hiking and special events are all part of the camping experience. **Register Today!**

**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, December 4th 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

Frostbite Safety

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 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
Recharter and YPT

The window for Charter Renewal officially opens November 1st and is due by December 31st, 2019. 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
It’s that time of year again! Winter is coming and you need to be STOCKED up on all of the essentials!

The Greenville Scout Shop will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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.

Scout Shop Site
2019 Executive Committee

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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