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(Left to right) Past President Mac McLean & new Council President Bruce White
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30 Pickens District Award Banquet

Commissioners Corner!

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

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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…

FIRST MEETINGS OF 2020…Sat., Jan. 11, 8:30 am Training & Welcome Lunch
Sat., Jan. 25 at 9:30am in Lexington, SC. Carpoolls 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 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

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 & Events

National Youth Leadership Training

Fluor High Adventure Base and Leadership Center

March, 27 - 29 & April, 3 - 5, 2020

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.

**Registration Opens January 1st!**

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

OA Winter Banquet and LLDC
January 25th, 2020
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Brothers, we are coming up on the Lodge LLDC and Winter Banquet on January 25th. There will be all kinds of courses to take at it and a swearing in of the new officers at the Banquet. The lodge needs all A&B health forms for any Arrowmen registered for events this year, these forms are only needed once a year.

- Banquet Sign-up
- All Events and Dues Links

Clemson Day
February 15th, 2020
Clemson University

Scouts and their families that participated in Popcorn and Peanuts can attend a Clemson Sports Clinic. Scouts will participate in sports activities with student athletes!

Contact Robin.Mullinax@scouting.org for more information and sign-up.

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 2/1/20). 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. New classes are being added all the time so make sure to keep checking!

Register Here Today!
Upcoming Events

2020 PATRON DINNER

Tuesday, March 10th, 2020

THE BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA is proud to recognize Mike Baur, Chairman, CEO, and President of ScanSource with the Good Scout Award. Join us to help honor Mike Baur at this special occasion. Your attendance will also support Scouting and upwards of 6,500 youth served in the Upstate!

Interested in serving as a Table Host or Sponsor for this special occasion? Find out how by contacting Eric.Black@Scouting.org or by viewing the links below.

- Table Host Description
- Patron Dinner Sponsor Information

Title Sponsor

PRISMA HEALTH

Reception Sponsor

Bank of Travelers Rest

2021 National Jamboree

The Summit Betchel Reserve

July 21st, 20th, 2021

“Nothing is impossible for prepared youth — no future is out of reach for a group of committed people who care.”

$200 Deposit - Due January 31st, 2020 ($1,700 Total)

Register HERE or Visit https://scoutingevent.com/551-Jamboree2021

Note: If unable to submit deposit by Jan. 31st you can still commit! Contact the Blue Ridge Council via our Facebook or call (864) 233-8363 for more information.
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

The Silver Beaver Class of 2019

John Cederman · Matthew Delk · Michael Ingram · Eric Maguire
Sandi Rice · Bill Steigerwald · John H. “Howie” Thompson

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.

2019 Eagle Scout Class Honoree

Everett Baker
Scout Night with the Greenville Swamp Rabbits

Come Support The Blue Ridge Council AND The Greenville Swamp Rabbits!!

The Swamp Rabbits are excited to invite the Blue Ridge Council for a Greenville Swamp Rabbits hockey game on February 22nd at THE WELL. Tickets can be purchased for either $20 for Center Ice or $17 for the End Zone (per person). For every ticket sold, $5 will go directly to the Blue Ridge Council!

All tickets will be purchasable through a Special Blue Ridge Council link come January and will help support Scouting in the Upstate, so save the date!

We are excited for this opportunity to support the Blue Ridge Council and our very own Greenville Swamp Rabbits! Come join the fun!

We Can’t Wait To See You There!

For any questions, please contact Brett Sullivan at: (864) 250-4765, (864) 461-8585, or Bsullivan@swamprabbits.com
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!**

**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.
# Cub Calendar

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<td>Pickens Cub Day Camp</td>
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<td>Friday - Sunday</td>
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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
- Blue Ridge Council COI Page
- Camp Old Indian Facebook Page
- 2020 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

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
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 Wednesday, January 1st, 2020 for New Years Day. Thank you all for your support!

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.
2020 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 2020 Council year.

**President**
Bruce White

**Commissioner**
David Surrrett

**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**
Philip Kilgore

**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**
Mac McLean

**At-Large**
Mickey Stokes

**NESA/Alumni Chair**
Michael Thompson

**Scout Executive**
Greg Balog