

**Oconee District Fall 2003 Backpack-O-Ree**  
**November 1-2**  
(Rain date November 22-23)  
**Andrew Pickens District**  
**Sumter National Forest**  
**Burrell's Ford Campground**

**Hosts:** Troop 120 (Keowee) and T-235 (Clemson)

**Where:** Burrell's Ford Campground (see attached map of parking and campground)

**When:** Saturday November 1 - Sunday November 2, 2003

**Cost:** \$6.00/person for patch, ribbons and supplies; registration due by October Roundtable (10/9/03)

**Water:** All water must be treated (purified, treated or boiled); there is no potable water supply at Burrell's Ford.

**Latrine Facilities:** We will have portable toilets available in the campground. Also see the Hygiene handout in this packet to share with your scouts.

**Events for Boy Scouts:**

- Backpacking by unit along one of trails that accesses Burrell's Ford Campground (see options below) on Saturday and backpack out by trail of your choice on Sunday. See Foothills Trail Map or Andrew Pickens Trail Map for locations of trails. A reduced map is enclosed for general location purposes only. Note that a backpacking checklist is in this packet to share with your scouts.
- Patrol Scavenger Hunt during the backpack hike and while at Burrell's Ford
- Unit Geocaching using GPS units ( 3 caches near Burrell's Ford campground; 2 caches along each of the three main approach trails)
- Campfire at Burrell's Ford campground on Saturday night
- Chapel Service on Sunday before troops depart on hike out

### **Events for Webelos:**

Webelos may hike one of the routes in with a daypack in order to fulfill the hike/camping requirement for Arrow of Light (Req. # 5). They may also participate in a reduced version of the scavenger hunt. Webelos are encouraged to visit the troops in their sites late Saturday (Req. 4 in Arrow of Light) but leave by sunset. They may develop their own events if they do not want to hike. A site will be set aside for that purpose.

**Trail Options for Webelos : See map and Billy Bogg's memo for suggestions**

**Trail Options for Boy Scouts: See map for starting points**

Southern approaches:

- S1. Hwy 107 (Foothills trail crossing) to Burrell's Ford (9.5 miles)
- S2. Hwy 107 (Cherry Hill) to Burrell's Ford (4.9 miles)
- S3. Hwy 28 to Burrell's Ford (10.9 miles)

Northern Approaches:

- N1. Fish Hatchery Road to Burrell's Ford (4.1 m)
- N2. Fish Hatchery (via East Fork Tr ) to Burrell's Ford (5.2 m)
- N3. Sloan Bridge to Burrell's Ford via Foothills Trail (7.4 m)
- N4. Sloan Bridge via Fork Mtn Trail via Ellicotts Rock to Burrell's Ford (12.3 miles)
- N5. Burrell's Ford Parking Lot to Burrell's Ford campground (0.2m)

We would expect that most troops will enter by Southern approach # 2 or Northern approach # 1 or 2 and exit by one of these again. Troops could begin Friday night and begin one of the longer sections if they have experienced scouts. Likewise, troops with limited backpacking experience may consider the Northern approach # 5 as an exit or entry option.

Whatever your approach option, you should plan to arrive at Burrell's Ford no later than 3 PM on November 1. If you arrive by 2 PM, you'll have plenty of time to set up, finish the scavenger hunt and participate in the geocaching.

The scavenger hunt and geocach coordinates will be given to each unit in a sealed envelope the week before and may not be opened until the unit begins its hike. Each unit must have at least one GPS unit. Units that need a GPS unit must tell the Backpack-O-Ree staff by the October Roundtable (registration). Ideally, each patrol should have a GPS unit but it is not required.

Scoring for the Scavenger Hunt:

85 - 100 = Blue Ribbon;

70-84 = Red Ribbon;

Less than 70 = Yellow ribbon

Geocaching Scoring: TBA

## **Oconee District Backpack-O-Ree–Geocaching Game**

Background: Geocaching is a game played with GPS units to find “something” at a specific latitude/longitude. A “cache” can be a permanent thing already existing, or can be something hidden by the person creating the “cache”.

For the Backpack-O-Ree, we will hide a series of 5 containers, each containing a letter of a word. The idea is to have at least one cache near each trailhead and the majority of the caches near the campsite. Each troop participating will be supplied with each cache location marked on a map of the area, the latitude/longitude of the cache, and clues to location of the cache.

Points will be awarded for each troop that collects all 5 letters and spells out the word. A second, more advanced, bonus cache will also be set up with a secret code and a series of questions for those inclined to go beyond the basic game. Bonus points will be awarded. Each troop participating will need to have one GPS unit. Those troops without a GPS unit but who want to play the game should tell Vic Shelburne and he will arrange for a GPS unit to use.

See the attached information and examples of Geocaching. At the very least, you will need to instruct your scouts on how to set a waypoint on the GPS unit and navigate to the geocache safely.

**OCONEE DISTRICT BACKPACK-O-REE  
SUMTER NATIONAL FOREST SCAVENGER HUNT**

TROOP #: \_\_\_\_\_

PATROL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Items Needed: (Collect along hike on Saturday and in camp). Adults may assist in identification BUT NOT IN COLLECTION. Only the Patrol leader and one member of patrol report to Camporee HQ at 4:30 with items and this sheet. Use the Hints for Scavenger hunt to aid your identification.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Red maple leaf ( 3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain laurel twig with leaves (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow-poplar seed or group of seeds (4 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 acorns with caps (5 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scarlet oak leaf (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ White oak leaf (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ White pine cone (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pitch pine needles (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Piece of reindeer moss or any lichen (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Galax leaf (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Feather or bone (5 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Twig of doghobble (3pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sprig of clubmoss (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Frond of Christmas fern (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ List 5 signs of wildlife\*(use back of this page (5 pts))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Piece of quartz (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Piece of mica (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hemlock cone (5 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rhododendron leaf (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hickory nut (5 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ A twig that smells like wintergreen lifesavers (5 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buckeye (or the outside husk) (5 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fraser magnolia leaf or fruit (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut leaf (4 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut oak leaf (4 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Change in elevation in feet of your hike today \_\_\_\_\_ (3 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 pieces of firewood all at least 1" x 18" (5 pts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PATROL TOTAL SCORE

Total Possible Score = 100

Scoring: 85 - 100 = Blue Ribbon;

70-84 = Red Ribbon;

less than 70 = Yellow ribbon

\*vertebrate animals only (birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals); no insects or crustaceans; identify by species if animal is actually seen; otherwise, describe the sign and try to figure out what animal made it.

**Wildlife or Wildlife Sign Description**

**Where Seen**

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ONLY NEED FIVE: list may be continued for scout who need this requirement

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