



Proposed Council Merger

The respective volunteer boards of the Indian Waters Council (headquartered in Columbia, SC) and the Pee Dee Area Council (headquartered in Florence, SC) are proposing to merge the two councils to better serve Scouting youth and families in their 19-county territory in South Carolina's Midlands and Pee Dee regions.

This follows extensive research and due diligence as well as separate votes to merge by the executive boards of both councils. The proposed effective date of the merger is August 1, 2022.

By combining volunteer and program resources and by consolidating operational functions (membership registration, fundraising and program support, retail, and bookkeeping) more resources will be put towards growing Scouting and supporting its constituents. Both councils have been supporting Scouting for about a century and their combined resources will strengthen it for the next 100 years.

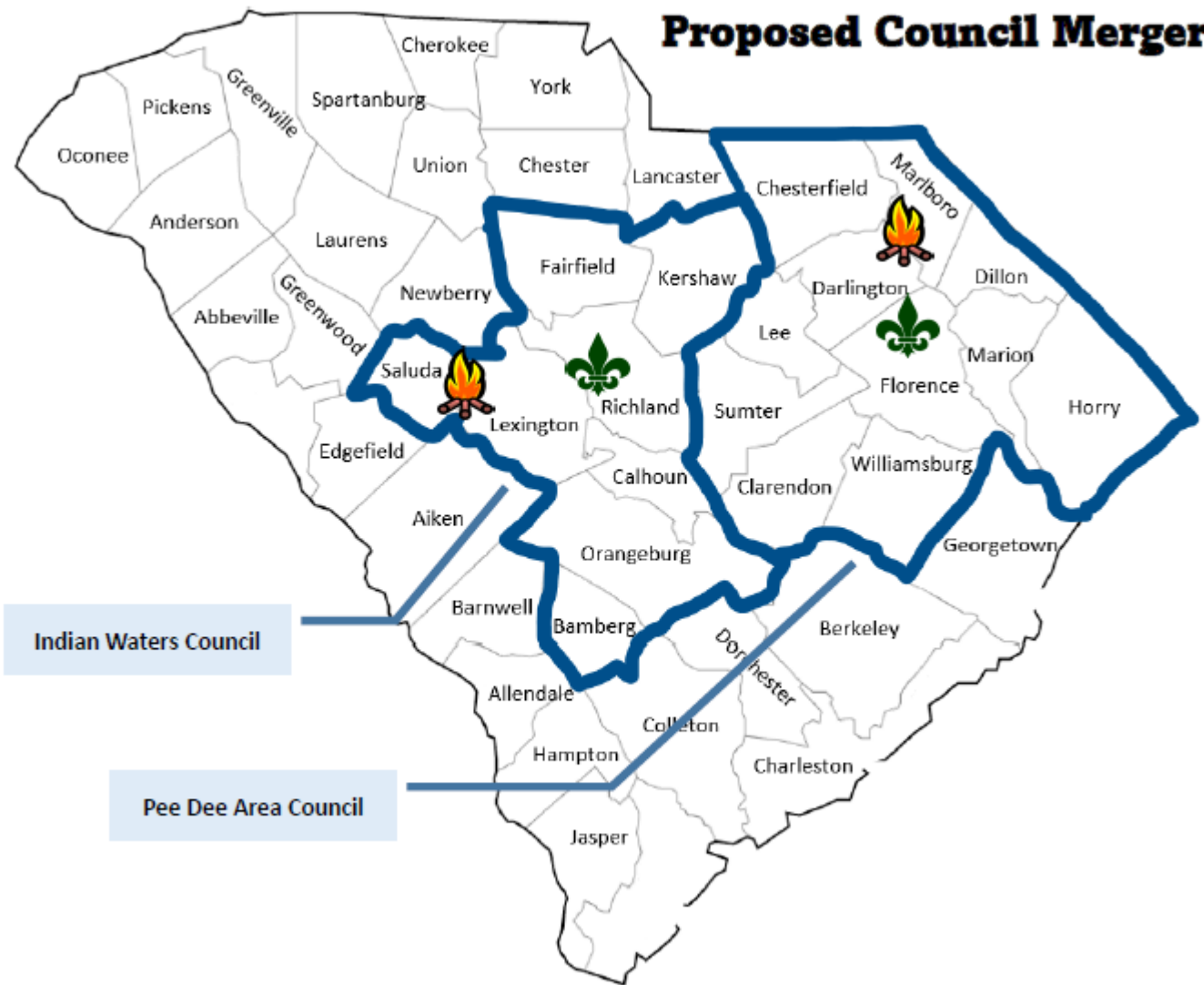
The combined council's leadership will continue its work building the new foundation of Scouting throughout 2022, including adding professional staff, increasing volunteer training, bolstering its programming, membership support, and fundraising capacity, as well as continued youth leadership development through a strengthened Order of the Arrow program.

Each council has had volunteers represented on a "Merge Plan Committee." They were charged with working through the legal, program, financial and operational considerations to better serve our Scouts, families, volunteers, and communities.

- Both camp properties - Camp Barstow and Camp Coker - will continue to be open and operating.
- The combined Order of the Arrow lodge will use the Muscogee Lodge (#221) name with the creation of the Santee Chapter for the Pee Dee Area Council counties.
- Both council offices and Scout shops will continue to be open and operating.
- As of August 1, 2022, the combined councils will be known as the Indian Waters Council (#553).

<u>Representing Indian Waters</u>	<u>Representing Pee Dee Area</u>
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Jason Millman, IWC Commissioner	Diane Bauer, PDAC Commissioner
Bill Eisele, IWC VP Properties	Walt Barefoot, PDAC Legal Counsel
Mason Thomas, IWC VP Program	Webb Jones, PDAC VP Endowment
Wesley Peel, IWC Legal Counsel	Porter Stewart, PDAC Board Member
Chip Payne, IWC VP Operations	David Lee, PDAC Board Member
Robert Stewart, IWC Advisory Board	David Warner, PDAC Board Member
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