



Keep Oconee Beautiful Association

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32901 Signatures of Support for “The Great American Cleanup”

A stipulation of the Palmetto Pride grant for KOBA’s anti-litter elementary education program for the year 2003 was for KOBA to participate in the Great American Cleanup during the months of March-May. In order to fulfill this obligation, pledge banners with “We the KOBA Kids of Oconee County pledge our support to Palmetto Pride and The Great American Cleanup of 2003” were mounted in the hallways of the 11 public schools in the county and all of the teachers were asked to give their students an opportunity to sign the pledge. To allow students to see their signatures on display, the pledge signature papers were mounted in the schools next to the pledge banners during the month of April. During the month of May, a display was posted in the entry hall of the Walhalla County Library featuring the banner and all of the signature papers collected from the 11 county schools. Three thousand two hundred and ninety-one students (or 84% of the elementary school population) signed up to support The Great American Cleanup.

K.O.B.A. Member’s Bicycle Ride to Fight Litter

Sammie Lipscomb is moving forward with her plan to ride her bicycle across America in her fight against litter. She will travel a total of 4,250 miles in 12 weeks, through 10 states and 110 counties (averaging 50 miles per day) raising awareness to the problem of litter along the way. Sammie says that, “Abolishing litter is a necessary first step toward the higher goal of creating local and national environmental awareness.”

Lipscomb, a speech therapist in the county school system, said she hopes to inspire children at Tamassee/Salem Elementary and kids throughout the county not to litter and to recycle for a better environment. “There are a lot of things we can’t control in our daily lives but litter is not one of them. You wouldn’t throw cola cans, cigarette butts or fast food containers on the American flag. Why throw them on the country the flag represents? I want to raise awareness and change attitudes. Bumper stickers and flags are OK for displaying one’s pride in our country but not littering and cleaning it up is putting that pride into action.”

Her ride starts in May, 2004. She is seeking donations (\$5 buys a mile!) and has pledged money to KOBA as part of her commitment to a cleaner Oconee County. She has currently raised \$1,500 toward the \$14,000 needed to fund the ride. Sammie will share KOBA’s booth at Oktoberfest (Oct. 16-19) and have a yard sale that same weekend (Sat. Oct. 18th) at Caber Dancer (909 W. Main St. in Walhalla) from 7am – 12noon. She is also raffling one boy’s and one girl’s bicycle (Kid’s Bikes) for \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5. A “Special Events Day” is being planned for May, 2004. There will be more about that in a future newsletter. Sammie plans to be in parades and other venues to further her Anti-Litter campaign.

For more information about Sammie’s ride, log onto her website at samsrace.com. Be sure to check out the entire website. Find out what you can do to help Sammie and your community. R.A.C.E. is an acronym for *Ride to Abolish Crud Everywhere*. You go, Girl!

-Bob Lipscomb-

PHOTO CONTEST UNDERWAY FOR 2003

KOBA's 2003 Photo Contest is underway. Of the more than 1700 contest applications that have been placed in displays throughout Oconee County, approximately 800 have already been picked up by potential contest entrants. Many of the food markets and pharmacies in Wahalla, Westminster, and Seneca have applications at their photo finishing counters. Displays and applications are also in the Public Libraries, and at all Oconee Federal Savings and Loan Banks in the Tri-Cities. Additional locations include Head-Lee Nursery plus Hartwell and Devil's Fork State Parks.

This year's contest is being sponsored by Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Head-Lee Nursery, Oconee Federal Savings and Loan, Print-It, and Sandifer Funeral Home in Westminster.

The 2003 contest entry deadline is November 1st. Since the photo contest will be one of KOBA's ongoing programs, any entries received after the 2003 deadline will be automatically entered in the 2004 contest.

Any non-professional photographer can enter the contest and may submit as many entries as desired. While specific subject matter is unlimited, all photographs

must be taken in Oconee County.

An independent panel of judges will begin the difficult job of judging the individual entries on November 3rd. Final results will be available at the end of November or in early December. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners will be awarded cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively. There will also be nine honors winners. Winners will be notified by mail. Awards will be presented to the winners at the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce.

Questions regarding the photo contest should be addressed to Lynn Holley at 972-5585.

KOBA MEMBERSHIP

Interested in joining or renewing your KOBA membership? Simply complete the enclosed membership application, go to the KOBA website (<http://falserv.com/koba>) for an application, or contact Lina Haycraft at 944-2346.

The upper right-hand corner of your mailing label shows the expiration date for your membership. If your membership has expired or is nearing expiration, please renew your participation now.

Please direct any questions regarding your membership to Lina Haycraft at 944-2346.

KOBA Contacts

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HOW TO USE THE LITTER WATCH REPORT FORM

You can use the form opposite to help Keep Oconee Beautiful! Just follow these steps to report any littering you observe:

1. Keep the form in your car with a pencil. **DO NOT WRITE WHILE DRIVING.**
2. Do Not report out-of-state vehicles.
3. You must identify yourself to submit the form, however your identity will not be revealed nor will you be required to testify.
4. The Litter Control Officer will contact the registered owner of the vehicle.

The more complete your report, the more effective tool it will be for the Litter Control Officer.

Litter Watch Report Form

Call the Sheriff's Office (litter Control Officer): 638-4111 or 638-4112
Or mail to the address on the reverse side

Date: ____/____/____ Time: _____ (AM/PM) Location: _____

Car Description: License Number: _____ Make: _____

Body Style: _____ Color: _____ Peculiarities: _____

Type of Littering: _____

Describe Who and What You Observed: _____

Reported by: _____
[Please print] Name Telephone number

Street address City State Zip code

**Your report can not be accepted unless you identify yourself.
However, your identity will not be revealed, and you will not be required to testify**

Member Application/Dues Renewal/Special Support Gifts Form

Name: _____
[Please print] Last First Spouse's Name(if applicable)

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
(if different from above) Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: (h) _____ (w) _____

Membership status: New Renewal

Annual Dues Classifications

Individual/Family Membership: \$10.00
Commercial/Organization (up to 25 employees): \$25.00
Commercial/Organization (25 - 50 employees): \$50.00
Commercial/Organization (over 50 employees): \$100.00

Special Gifts

Donor: \$25.00
Friend: \$50.00
Patron: \$100.00
Benefactor: Over \$100.00

To join a committee, check it below.

- Adopt-A-Highway
- Awards
- Community Rel.
- Education
- Legis/Enforcement
- Membership
- Newsletter/Web
- Publicity
- Recycling
- Not sure

Please mail your most appreciated check to: KOBA, P.O. Box 1491, Seneca, SC 29679

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check Number: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Note: You may also enter this information at the KOBA web site: <http://falserv.com/koba>

**Place
Stamp
Here**

**Litter Control Officer
Oconee County Sheriff's Office
415 South Pine St.
Walhalla, SC
29691**



**Place
Stamp
Here**

**Keep Oconee Beautiful Association
P.O. Box 1491
Seneca, SC
29679**

SAMMIE’S RACE DONATIONS

You may make a donation to Sammie’s RACE Across America by using the form below. Complete the form and mail it, along with your check or money order made payable to Sammie’s RACE – KOBA, to:

Sammie’s RACE – KOBA
 P.O. Box 1491
 Seneca, SC 29676

A \$5.00 donation buys 1 mile of the RACE.

KOBA operates through a 501 (c) (3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions to Sammie’s Ride may be tax deductible to the extent they exceed in value any goods you may receive for joining.

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Company: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Contribution: _____ **to support** _____ **miles of the race**

Want to work as a volunteer? Check an area(s) of interest below:

- **Publicity**
- **Fund Raising**
- **Promotion**
- **Special Events**
- **Web Site**
- **Newsletter**
- **Admin Support**
- **Communication**
- **Education**

Mail to:
 Sammie’s RACE – KOBA
 P.O. Box 1491
 Seneca, SC 29676



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The fight against litter continues on the Oconee County homefront with the Adopt-A-Highway program.

This year to date, 84 groups, consisting of 591 individuals, have spent 1476 people hours picking up 24,180 pounds of litter along 180 miles of state roads in the county.

Meanwhile, 21 Adopt-A-Highway groups have cleared 63 miles of county roads of 937.5 pounds of litter.

The fight against litter in our county is on going. If you are interested in Adopting A Highway, contact Fred Bailine at 888-0190. If you are unable to formally participate in the program, you can still make a difference. You can:

1. Make use of the Litter Watch Report Form included in this newsletter
2. Keep your property free of litter
3. Put litter in appropriate waste or recycle containers

WANT TO HELP?

KOBA needs volunteers! We have ideas, and we have funds, but we need you to help us meet the ongoing challenge of keeping Oconee Beautiful. There is only one place we can get this kind of assistance, and that's from you, the KOBA membership.

Listed below are some of the positions which are currently open. Look over the list and then call Lina Haycraft, our Membership/Volunteer Chair, at 944-2346 to express your interest or receive further information.

- Middle School Education Program Developer

- Adult Education Program Developer
- Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator
- Communications Liaison
- Webmaster
- Public Relations Chair
- Adopt-A-Highway Workers
- Creative Artist
- Spreadsheet/Database Clerical Support
- Public Representative

Please consider volunteering a portion of your time to help Keep Oconee Beautiful. Find the position that interests you and call to volunteer. Don't see the position you want to fill? Give Lina a call, and we'll find the appropriate spot for you.



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**Nancy Soper
Editor**

Comments or questions regarding this newsletter may be directed to Nancy Soper at 885-0306.