



Echota District and Breakthrough Systems announce a partnership to help districts, packs and troops develop web sites to better communicate with scouts, potential scouts, parents, leaders, and the general public.

Jim Clauson, Echota District webmaster, is offering special pricing for troops and packs in the Echota District. Until now, scouting units had 2 choices:

- Use free hosting sites with pop-ups and banner advertising
- Pay \$25-50 a month for professional hosting

BreakThrough Systems is offering a year's fully-featured web hosting for a one-time annual prepayment of \$99. This is basically break-even costing for scouting units only. This deeply discounted prepayment also includes domain registration, if needed, which can cost \$35 a year.

This is not a stripped-down hosting plan, but a fully featured professional service – the same used for the 58 business domains that BreakThrough Systems manages (including Camp Buck Toms and the soon-to-be-released Great Smoky Mountain Council site. Features include:

- Email accounts & forwarding
- Webmail
- Autoresponders
- Databases
- Forums
- Spam filters

Jim has also offered to help train scouts and leaders in basic html, the code that web sites are built with and support the scouting mission via the web in whatever manner he can.

Why is he doing this? 45 years ago, scouting played an important part in Jim's growing up. Jim used the old "typed stencil & jelly mimeograph method" to develop scouting communications. His commitment to scouting has not changed, but his technology has!

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