



CUBMAIL

January 1, 2018

Happy New Year!

Below is the latest edition of **Cubmail**, Chain Bridge District's Cub Scout electronic newsletter. All Pack Chartered Organization Representatives, Committee Chairs, Cubmasters, Unit Membership Coordinators, Unit Commissioners and District Leaders are on the distribution list, as well as other interested Scouters. **IF YOU NO LONGER HOLD ONE OF THESE KEY POSITIONS WITH YOUR UNIT, PLEASE LET ME (dandixon97@aol.com) KNOW WHO SUCCEEDED YOU, INCLUDING A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS.**

NOTE: These sites show information for quick reference about our district and usually have dates for events up to a year out. We recommend you bookmark them both.

Chain Bridge District Web Page - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/chain-bridge/>

Chain Bridge District Calendar - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/chain-bridge/calendar/>

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1. Cub Scout Roundtable – January 11, 2018

(from Elina Erlendsson, Cub Roundtable Commissioner, elinaerlendsson@gmail.com)

Start the New Year right with Cub Scout Roundtable on Thursday, January 11. We're going to focus on everything Pinewood Derby, so be sure to bring your PWD volunteer team. We will also be full of cheers for February's point of the Scout Law: CHEERFUL!

Roundtable is for all pack leaders, including Cubmasters, Committee Members, Den Leaders, and other interested parties. We provide a friendly forum to share ideas, answer questions, and support each other as we work with Cubs and their families. Enjoy camaraderie and leave feeling inspired, motivated, and enabled. Roundtable is generally held on the second Thursday of each month from 8 until 9:00 PM at the LDS Chapel at 1600 N. Inglewood, Arlington. We look forward to seeing you!

2. Commissioner Corner

(from Mark Stoffel, District Commissioner, mark.stoffel@alumni.virginia.edu)

Rechartering season is technically open, and your commissioners will be focused on helping you through the process in the coming weeks – commissioners exist to serve, so do not hesitate to contact them for help if you get stuck.

We recommend that your unit Recharter Processor at least log into the Online Rechartering system as soon as possible to ensure your access code works. If you the RP does not hold the access code, contact me and I can provide it.

In addition to Roundtables, we will host four recharter turn-in sessions at a new location this year, Little Falls Presbyterian Church (6025 Little Falls Rd, Arlington, near the CVS on Sycamore St). The library on the second floor will provide a quieter setting and more usable space than Starbucks. There is ample parking in the rear of the church.

Please sign up online to turn in your recharter packet at one of these sessions at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ca8a72da57-2016>. There, you will also find a link to the NCAC Recharter Handbook and other useful links.

Turn-in sessions at Little Falls are scheduled for January 4, 18 and 25 and February 1. Turn-in sessions at Roundtables are scheduled for January 11 and February 8. If none of these dates will work for you, contact your unit commissioner to help set up another date/time. Our goal is to close out rechartering no later than February 8!

Again, your commissioners are here to help!

3. Membership Notes

(from Ann MacPhail, District Membership Chair, annlyles@yahoo.com)

Please turn in paper Youth or Adult Leader applications as soon as possible to reduce problems during rechartering. Avoid turning them in with your charter renewal packet. They can be scanned and sent to Geoff Thomas at Geoffrey.Thomas@scouting.org, or you can contact Ann MacPhail for pickup from a doorstep, mailbox or meeting. Unit Commissioners are also very helpful turning in applications for you! If they are filled out completely, they will be processed quickly.

Note that as previously announced, BSA Registration fees increased effective December 1, 2017 to \$33 per year (\$2.75/month).

Please remember these important items as Arrow of Light Scouts and Leaders prepare to bridge to Boy Scout Troops:

1. These are transfers and they require paper applications. New Boy Scouts bridging from Cub Scout Packs should not use the BSA online registration system.
2. The Arrow of Light Award must be entered into Internet Advancement (or ScoutBook) before the Scout registers with a Troop. Cub Scouts can earn the Arrow of Light, but Boy Scouts can't.

4. Update on Family Scouting

(from Dan Dixon, District Committee, dandixon97@aol.com)

BSA continues to finalize details on the Family Scouting program. As previously announced, membership will open for girls in Cub Scout Packs this summer, but there is also a limited opportunity for Packs to get started right away if certain conditions are met – an Early Adopter Soft Launch program. The window to sign up for that option is January 15 – March 15. If your Pack may be interested or would like additional information, please let me know.

5. Online Applications to Accept Credit Card Payments Only as of January 1, 2018

(from Geoff Thomas, District Executive, geoffrey.thomas@scouting.org)

The Online Registration System launched in 2017 has been widely used and helped simplify the registration process for new youth and adults joining Scouting. Since it opened in April more than 2,400 new youth and adults have joined Scouting in our Council using this method.

As a new system that continues to gain increased functionality, there have been some problems with the system, many of which have been resolved (though transfers must still be handled with paper applications). Thank you for your patience!

Beginning January 1, 2018, online applications will require credit card payments for prorated BSA Registration and Boy's Life subscription fees. What this means for your Scout unit:

- Access to the online registration system will remain the same. To complete a youth or adult application, the person completing the application must provide a credit card to pay for the pro-rated registration fees.
- A refund will be made to the applicant if the registration is not approved by unit leadership.
- Each unit will need to collect any other unit dues separately if applicable.

It is important that youth and adults wanting to join Scouting have the ability to do so with ease and without delay. Please do your best to ensure that all new applications, paper or electronic, are properly submitted within the same month in which the new Scout joins.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

6. 2018 Friends of Scouting Campaign

(from Dave Carlson, FOS Coordinator, carlsonbsa@gmail.com)

Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for the 2018 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. Chain Bridge District exceeded our \$95,000 goal for 2017. Now we'll set out to make sure that every Pack and every family has the opportunity to support our local Scouting movement via a short (one month) drive.

Pack Committee Chairs: It would be MOST helpful to make sure your Pack has an FOS Pack Coordinator. Someone in your Pack has the ability to pay attention to detail and the enthusiasm to get this job done. This is NOT a year-round assignment. It probably should not be your Cubmaster or a Den Leader either. But if you cannot find someone in your Pack to take on this duty, consider being the FOS Coordinator yourself.

Everyone Else Reading This: Contact your Pack Committee Chair if this important work is calling your name. This could be your opportunity to provide important support to your Pack, District and Council with limited exposure to your calendar (one month plus a week or two to wrap it up). Templates for emails, notes, and other contacts will be provided. You don't have to re-invent a way to do this. You can do it!

FOS Coordinator Training: The district is offering a 30 minute training session for this position at 7:30 before the January and February Roundtables (second Thursday at the LDS Chapel, 1600 N Inglewood, Arlington). We're offering the SAME FOS Coordinator course at all three Roundtable sessions, so your FOS Coordinator only needs to attend one of them. We'll break down the job and show you an efficient way to make your drive a success.

7. CBD Oratory Contest – Save the Date – February 26, 2018

(from Francesca Fierro O'Reilly, CBD Chair, fforeilly10@yahoo.com)

Come present your best 5 minute speech at the 2018 Chain Bridge District Annual Oratory Contest on February 26, 2018 at Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean. There will be a separate Cub Scout division; all Division winners and the overall Contest winner will present their orations at the annual Chain Bridge District Dinner on March 3, 2018. Each speech will be judged by a panel of adult Scouting leaders in Chain Bridge District using the criteria of delivery (50 points), content (40 points), and message (10 points). Contact Fran for more information.

8. Arrow of Light/Crossing Ceremonies

(from Eli Mendelowitz, Chain Bridge Order of the Arrow Chapter Chief)

If you would like the Order of the Arrow (OA) to perform an Arrow of Light/Crossing Over ceremony for your Pack, please contact Robby Gessel, OA Vice Chief of Ceremonies, at robbygessel@yahoo.com not later than Monday, January 15, 2018, to schedule. You can choose to celebrate either earning AoL or Crossing Over (Bridging) or both at your ceremony. The OA Ceremonies Team will provide their own scripts and regalia.

9. Camp Card Fundraiser

(from Geoff Thomas, District Executive, geoffrey.thomas@scouting.org)

Our original deadline of December 15th to sign up for Camp Cards has passed. However, since it is the Holiday Season we are extending our deadline! Please make sure that your unit gets signed up by Thursday, December 28. Please visit <https://www.ncacbsa.org/support-scouting/camp-cards-sign-up/> to get signed up. When signing up you will click the submit button at the bottom of the page. You should then see a different screen as confirmation that it went through and also receive a confirmation email within minutes to the email address entered in the sign up form. If you do not see the confirmation immediately, please check your junk mail. If you still do not see it, contact CampCard@NCACbsa.org. Also visit the FAQs page for any other questions (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/camp-card-faqs/>). Please remember this is a NO RISK fundraiser for your unit as long as you return unsold cards by May 15.

You can also find a list below of the discounts you'll find immediately on the card, as well as thousands of discounts that can be used nationwide through the Entertainment Discount Network. We are excited to have another great sale in 2018! Please let me know if you have questions.

Available discounts on the cards: There will be two cards this year, one with Safeway and one with Harris Teeter. You can choose to sell one card or a little of both. All other coupons on the card will be the same.

- Safeway \$5 off \$50
- Harris Teeter \$5 off \$75
- Dicks Sporting Goods \$10 off \$50
- Dominos Buy One Large Pizza get a large of equal or lesser value FREE
- Jiffy Lube \$8 off Signature Oil Change
- SweetFrog Buy One Get One 50% off
- Firehouse Subs \$2 off the purchase of a sub, chips and medium drink meal
- Sports Clips \$2 off a regular haircut

10. Pinewood Derby Track Available – FREE!

(Mark Allen, COR, Pack 111, mallen@americanpublic.us)

Pack 111 has decided to get a new PWD track, replacing the 3-lane wooden version that we have used for a number of years. The timing mechanism is touchy, but it does work, it's free, and someone with some soldering/electronic skills might be able to fix it in a jiffy. If you or your Pack is interested, contact Mark.

11. Chain Bridge District Pinewood Derby – March 10, 2018

(from Joe Mazel, Race Coordinator, at committeechairpack164@gmail.com)

Chain Bridge District will host our annual District Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 12 PM until 5 PM, at the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 800 23rd Street South, Arlington, VA 22202 (on the corner of South Hayes Street). There will be lots of engines revving and cheers flying as the winners from each of our Packs compete for the district championship! There is a speed competition, as well as a best design competition for any scouts who didn't qualify for the speed competition but still designed a great looking car!

The rules for 2018 and a 2018 Race Information Sheet, as well as additional information about the race, are posted at <https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&calendarID=125057>, and we strongly encourage all Packs to run their races according to the District Rules, especially with respect to car construction. If you choose to run your races under different rules, please make sure your Pack's scouts understand the district rules are different! It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that Pack Coordinators ensure that every cub (and more importantly, cub parent) that goes to the Districts has read both **IN ADVANCE** of race day!

Please email Joe if you have any questions.