



CUBMAIL

March 1, 2019

Below is the latest edition of **Cubmail**, Chain Bridge District's Cub Scout electronic newsletter. *I'm publishing extra early this month due to personal travel.*

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 – March 14, 2019

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

“A Scout is Courteous.” On March 14, we will provide pack leaders with the materials necessary to offer an exciting April pack meeting aligned with this theme. Do not reinvent the Scouting program, come to Roundtable and help us help you provide a proven program. Plan to attend!

Roundtable is for all registered pack leaders, parent volunteers and other interested parties. We provide a friendly forum to share ideas, answer questions, and support each other. Enjoy camaraderie and leave feeling inspired, motivated, and enabled. Roundtable is generally held on the second Thursday each month at the LDS Chapel at 1600 N. Inglewood, Arlington. The formal program begins at 8:00 PM, but many volunteers arrive around 7:30 to network, review special pack questions, turn in paper applications, and/or catch up with friends. We look forward to seeing you!

2. Membership Notes

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

Keep turning in applications!

Applications come in all year round. Get your paper Adult or Youth applications to Ann by email or in person at Roundtable. She will also pick them up if you have a safe place to leave them.

Cub Scouts can join in the Spring?!

Yes! Some ranks are tricky to complete in less than six months, but if you know kids who would enjoy participating, let them sign up. If you didn't have a Lion Den in the fall, ask around to see if there's interest now.

Help with My.Scouting.org.

Key 3 Leaders and New Member Coordinators, get a personal tutorial on My.Scouting.org. Are you thinking about using online applications? Want to make rechartering even easier next year? Contact Ann to set up a daytime or evening help session.

Help with Online Applications.

myscouting@scouting.org

3. Commissioner's Corner

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

A couple of interesting developments to tell you about this month. First, talk with your Unit Commissioner (UC) about presenting the unit charter to your chartered organization Executive Officer this spring. Units can now print these charters using the my.scouting Organization Manager module. Your commissioners are standing by to assist with printing out instructions, and also to participate in the presentation of the charter. BSA National no longer mails out unit charters, so do not bother checking your mailbox anymore.

You may have noticed – after rechartering, unit Key 3s now reflect updated Cubmaster, Committee Chair and COR. Also, the Key 3 delegates are cleared at rechartering, and it is important to redesignate the Key 3 delegates to ensure their required access to unit data in my.scouting. Again, your UC is available to help if you have questions.

This is a perfect time for packs to update BeAScout pin profiles, which steers would-be scout families to your pack. Your UC is standing by to assist if you need guidance in how to manage this, and how to do it. Once set up, you will automatically receive requests and be able to smoothly integrate new scouts. Combined with online registration, BeAScout can help membership recruiting evolve into a paperless SNAP!

4. Update for Online Youth Protection Training – March 1, 2019

(from Rob Ganim, District Vice Chair, Training, rlganim@gmail.com)

At the end of February, the online Youth Protection Training (YPT) Course (Y01) will be replaced with an updated version. Please get the word out to all volunteers and parents that any courses in progress (completions of some but not all of the required four modules) will be lost when the course is updated. This update does not affect anyone with a current training certification.

The updated online YPT course will also include four new voluntary modules, covering Physical Abuse, Neglect, Emotional Abuse and Witnessing Violence. All volunteers are encouraged, but not required, to review these new modules.

5. CBD Oratory Contest – February 27, 2019

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

Come present your best 3 minute speech at the 2018 Chain Bridge District Annual Oratory Contest on February 27, 2019 at 7:00pm at Cherrydale United Methodist Church. There will be a Cub Scout division and another division for all other Scouts; all Division winners and the overall Contest winner will present their orations at the annual Chain Bridge District Dinner on March 2, 2019. The theme is "What Scouting Means to Me." 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). Click [HERE](#) to sign up contestants. Contact Fran for more information.

6. Annual Chain Bridge District Dinner – March 2, 2019

(from Dave Carlson, carlsonbsa@gmail.com)

Join us for our Chain Bridge District Dinner - coming up soon - Saturday, March 2, 5:30 PM, at the St. Agnes Ministry Center (Furthest building to left of "campus" when you're looking at the Church from N. Randolph St.) at 1910 N. Randolph St., Arlington, VA.

A good time will be had by all. Dinner will be provided, as well as several short presentations from our 2019 Youth Oratory Contest winners, and recognition and appreciation of our Chain Bridge Scouters and Scouts with meritorious life-saving awards. Good Food, Good Friends, Good times? What could be better?

The price? **Free** to all registered adult Scouters in our District and their adult guests. **Youth are by invitation only.**

Register [HERE](#). Free registration is requested by midnight Tuesday, February 26. After that time, register by email to David Carlson (carlsonbsa-at-gmail.com) and pay a late registration \$20 per person, at the door.

7. Chain Bridge District Pinewood Derby – March 16, 2019

(from Joe Mazel, District Pinewood Derby Coordinator, committeechairpack164@gmail.com)

Chain Bridge District will host our annual District Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 12 PM until 6 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! This year, we added Lions too! **Deadlines are coming shortly - each Pack that wishes to participate has to register a Pack Pinewood Derby Coordinator by *February 11*, and then register its Pack representatives in the speed competition no later than *March 4*!**

The rules for 2019 and a 2019 Race Information Sheet, as well as additional information about the race, are posted at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/chain-bridge/2019-pinewood-derby/>, and we strongly encourage all Packs to run their races according to the District Rules, especially with respect to car construction. Please make sure your Pack's Scouts understand the district rules! 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.

8. Cub Leader Training

(from Jim Thomas, CBD Cub Leader Training Chair, JPTThomasSr@verizon.net)

Expectations are that every Cub Leader in Chain Bridge District is position trained – leaders and youth benefit. Position-Specific Training is available, both on-line via the Internet and in-person, live training offered by Chain Bridge and other neighboring districts.

The BSA Learn website now has a complete and updated list of courses required for position-specific training in all of the BSA's programs, and lists courses that are also available in a classroom training format. The list can be accessed [HERE](#).

For On-line Position-Specific Training for Cub Leaders (Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster, all Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader positions (including Lions!), Pack Committee Chair and Committee Members), go to My.Scouting.org and sign in; under the Fleur-de-lis (top left) drop down to My Dashboard; Training Center (top center); Cub Scouting; click on your position-specific set of courses (i.e., Cubmaster, Den Leader, Pack Committee Chair, or Pack Committee Member) and get going. For New Member Coordinator and Chartered Organization Representative click on "Position Specific Training" once at Training Center instead of Cub Scouting. Training takes about 3 hours for first time training for one position. Den Leader or any other position-specific training once taken on-line or in-person is good as long as you are a registered Scouter.

For In-person Position-Specific Training for Cub Leaders, contact Jim Thomas. We will come to you at a mutually agreed time and location. Plan to set aside 2 hours for position-specific training for Cubmaster, Den Leaders (Lion through Webelos II), and Committee Chair and Members. Alternatively, you could attend one of our next scheduled training sessions (June 13 and September 28) to be announced in Cubmail.

Training Posted on the NCAC Calendar: The National Capital Area Council (NCAC) posts an on-line, council-wide calendar that includes training opportunities. Google "NCAC BSA calendar." Once at the calendar place your cursor over an event of interest to see details in a pop-up box. Click on the box to get additional details. Training dates and events are identified below to save you search time once at the calendar.

May 4, 2019 – Cub Scout Leader-Specific Training, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Herndon, VA.

BALOO Training: Every Pack is required to have at least one adult leader trained in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) in order to lead a Webelos Den- or Pack-level outdoor overnight event. Most Packs have several BALOO trained leaders in different age groups. BALOO has two parts, an on-line or classroom prerequisite and an outdoor, overnight experience. Both are required. Once taken BALOO never has to be renewed. The NCAC calendar (see previous paragraph on accessing NCAC calendar) lists the following dates and locations for BALOO training:

- April 5 (5:30 PM) – April 6 (5:00 PM), 2019 – Fredericksburg, VA (overnight)
- May 8, 2019 (7:30-9:30 PM) – Gaithersburg, MD (classroom prerequisite)
- May 11 (7:00 AM) – May 12, (4:00 PM) 2019 – Purcellville, MD (overnight)
- May 15, 2019 (7:30-10:30 PM) – Alexandria, VA (classroom prerequisite)
- May 17 (5:30 PM) – May 18 (5:30 PM), 2019 – Gaithersburg, MD (overnight)

9. Friends of Scouting

(from Keenan Pallone, District Executive, Keenan.Pallone@scouting.org)

If your unit has not picked a date for a FOS presentation, please contact either Dave Carlson (carlsonbsa@gmail.com) or Keenan Pallone (Keenan.pallone@Scouting.org). We are revamping our FOS campaign this year and we want to make sure EVERY family is given the opportunity to give!

10. Cub Scout Day Camp – July 8 – 12, 2019

(from Keenan Pallone, District Executive, Keenan.Pallone@scouting.org)

If your pack is interested in attending Cub Scout Day Camp this year, please send me the contact info for your unit's Day Camp Coordinator!

Registration is now Live [HERE!](#)

Day Camp Details

Location: 2034 Great Falls St, McLean, VA

Dates: Monday July 8, 2019 – Friday July 12, 2019

Times: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

11. Unit Scouter of the Year Nominations Due – April 1, 2019

(from Johanna Kehoe, District Awards Coordinator, jckehoe@aol.com)

All packs have the opportunity to recognize a Unit Scouter of the Year, demonstrating their appreciation for service to the Cubs and other pack volunteers. The award is not intended to discount the efforts of other pack volunteers, but rather to allow the pack to highlight someone whose service is noteworthy. It also allows the pack to motivate others to join the volunteer team and enhance the quality of pack programs.

This year, nominations are due by April 1 and need the approval of the pack's Unit Commissioner. Once the nomination form is received, we will arrange preparation of the Award certificate, which can then be presented at a pack celebration (pack meeting, year-end picnic, etc.). If a pack wants to make its presentation earlier, just turn in the nomination form earlier.

The nomination form is available at the end of this Cubmail; a pdf version of Cubmail, including this Nomination form, is available on the Newsletters tab of the Chain Bridge District web site [HERE](#). Please refer questions to your Unit Commissioner or Johanna.

CHAIN BRIDGE DISTRICT UNIT SCOUTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

I am pleased to nominate the following registered Scouter for the 2019 Unit Scouter of the Year Award:

Name _____ Unit _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as (Position): _____

Phone Number(s) (at least one): Home _____ Cell _____

Email address: _____

Required Information: The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based.

Please elaborate on a separate piece of paper. Use as much space as needed. Furnish as much information as possible, e.g., describe activities that contributed to the lives of youth (such as running an outstanding event for the Unit, organizing and running a station at a district event, and/or superior performance over an extended time on the Unit level (such as administering the Unit's advancement program for several years). Especially describe any service beyond that called for by the position. Optional (but desirable) Information: The nominee has previously earned the following Awards in Scouting (provide dates and include Training Awards if possible).

The nomination should be based on a consensus of the Unit Committee (though the Committee Chair need not be the person making the nomination since he/she may in some cases be the nominee!)

Name of Person submitting this Nomination: _____

Your Position in Scouting: _____

Phone Numbers: W: _____ H: _____ C: _____

Email Address: _____

NOTE: The nomination is confidential until approved by the Unit Commissioner. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise nominee in any way of this nomination before approval.

Unit Commissioner Approval: _____ Date: _____

Due to Johanna Kehoe, District Awards Coordinator, jckehoe@aol.com, no later than April 1, 2019