



CUBMAIL

May 1, 2019

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. Annual Program Launch – May 9, 2019

(from Scott Krall, Unit Commissioner, krallscott@yahoo.com)

Chain Bridge District's Program Launch is an annual showcase of Scouting programs, resources, activities, and information from Chain Bridge Scouters, our Council, and exhibitors from outside of Scouting. There are many exhibitors and vendors scheduled to attend (see Exhibitors and Programs List below). It's the perfect time to get NEW IDEAS and resources to help provide your Cubs with a great Scouting program. Please note this is in place of the regular Roundtable.

Every unit should have at least one leader attend the Program Launch. Assistant Cubmasters and Den Leaders should attend too! The more leaders that attend, the more you'll be able to bounce ideas around.

Program Launch is OUTDOORS at Lacey Woods Park, 1200 N. George Mason Drive, just off Washington Blvd., in Arlington, and starts at 6:00 PM, with hotdogs included! If the weather does not cooperate, we will simply meet at the usual 8:00 PM time at the LDS church, but without hotdogs.

Partial Exhibitor and Program List

BSA - Camp Snyder: Located in the rural crescent of Prince William County Virginia, Camp William B. Snyder encompasses 350-acres including a managed wetland. A premier camping location within the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America

Link: <https://www.gotosnyder.org>

Contact: Sarah Moses (sarah.moses@scouting.org)

BSA - Goshen: Goshen Scout Reservation is located in the wilderness of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and has at its center the beautiful, 450 acre Lake Merriweather.

Link: <https://www.gotogoshen.org>

Contact: Sarah Moses (sarah.moses@scouting.org)

Cub Scout Day Camp: Chain Bridge District's annual "Cub Scout Day Camp" will be held July 8 – 12, 2019 at the McLean LDS Stake Center – 2034 Great Falls Street, Falls Church, VA from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily. The theme this year is "On-the-Water and Beneath the Sea."

Link: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp>

Contact: Tom Ballew (wthomasballew@gmail.com)

Cub Scout Camporall: September 28-29, 2019 at Camp Snyder. This year's theme will be "Let the Games Begin." What kind of games? Field games, obstacle course, board games, chess, Feats of Cub Strength (and Cub Smarts). We will again offer Cubs' perennial favorites: archery, BB's, crafts, Gaga Ball, etc. And, of course, camping at beautiful Camp Snyder. Probably way too much fun for one weekend – but come on out and give it your best shot. Sign-up link will be available in early August.

Contact: Dave Carlson (carlsonbsa@gmail.com)

Fairfax County Parktakes-Hidden Oaks Nature Center: Hidden Oaks Nature Center's Scouting counselors afford knowledge and education, while providing positive experiences and insights into the fields of science, art, history, and leadership. Our mission is to promote a sense of lifelong passion and stewardship while continuing to be an ongoing resource for the Scouts taking our programs. Cub Scout programs are scheduled throughout the year at Hidden Oaks and the nearby Clark House.

Link: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/scouts>

Contact: Emily Cole (emily.cole@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Vendor-Casual Adventure: Casual Adventure is a fourth-generation family-owned and -operated outdoor outfitter, and is Arlington's only official BSA distributor. We have been serving all you adventurers for many years with packs, tents, sleeping bags, footwear and more!

Link: <http://www.casualadventure.com>

Contact: Eric Stern (camping@casualadventure.com)

Vendor REI: Let the whole world be your playground. Get outside with REI. Curious about climbing? Want to take your photography into the wild? 3509 Carlin Springs Rd; Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041 Telephone: (703) 379-9400

Link: <https://www.rei.com>

We'll also have many District volunteers to answer your questions about membership, training, and much more! Hope to see you there!

Our regular monthly Roundtable will resume June 13.

2. Annual Gear Giveaway – May 9, 2019

(from Dr. Bob Klein, ASM, Troop 111, drbob@troop111.org)

May 9 is the return of the Annual Chain Bridge District Gear Giveaway – an opportunity to donate unwanted or unneeded Scout and camping items to fellow Scouts and Scouters, and/or to pick up unusual or needed items.

This year the Giveaway will be set up at Program Launch at Lacey Woods Park (see location, time and other details above). Setup starts at 6:00 PM and runs till 8:00 or so. All items are free, and there are no limits on what can be taken. Literally everything imaginable has been offered at past Gear Giveaways, so there's no telling what might show up. Some years there is a lot of gear; other years not much – but you never know

POINTERS:

- No items for sale. Everything is FREE.
- Setup and "cherry-picking" starts at 6:00 pm. If you have items to donate, please bring them EARLY to maximize the chances of someone grabbing them. If you cannot make it that night, please arrange an advance drop off at Bob Klein's house (contact him at drbob@troop111.org).
- No garbage, please. The Giveaway is not a table-top dumpster. Moldy or canvas tents and/or tarps, delaminated, low quality or worn-out backpacks, bent tarp poles or pack frames, mangled stakes, badly dented cookware, worn-out or unwearable uniform parts, water-soaked books or paperwork items, and so on, should NOT be brought.
- Remaining unclaimed items MUST be removed at 8:00 pm. You'll need to take unclaimed items back home - this is why we suggest bringing stuff early. However, Dr. Bob is willing to take unclaimed metal and paper items for recycling if you don't want them back. Please mark such items as "Recycle if Not Taken" with yellow sticky notes when bringing them to the Giveaway.

3. American Flags Needing Retirement – May 2, 2019

(from Bob Klein, District Vice Chair for Administration, drbob@troop111.org)

If anyone has small-to-moderate-sized (less than 30 square feet), worn out American flags needing retirement, please drop them off at my house (6219 N. 19th St., Arlington, 22205) before noon on Thursday, May 2. Thanks.

4. World Migratory Bird Day Event – May 11, 2019

(from Jack Person, Assistant District Commissioner, jackscoutschainbridge@gmail.com)

The Arlington Department of Parks and Recreation is hosting a World Migratory Bird Day Event Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 9 till 11 AM at the Picnic Pavilion in Lacey Woods Park (same venue as our annual Program Launch – see item #1 above). The event is free and there will be games and crafts for kids and coffee for adults. There will even be a free pair of pocket binoculars for the first 25 families! A great outdoor event for a spring Saturday morning!

5. Pre-Camp Swim Classification Tests – May 19, 2019

(from Charles Hochstein, NCAC Aquatics Committee, charles.hochstein@usps.gov)

This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA swim classification check done under the supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel at the Camp Snyder pool on Sunday, May 19, 2019, from 1 till 4 PM. A unit swim classification record will be issued by NCAC Aquatics personnel showing the Scout's

swim classification (swimmer, beginner, non-swimmer). This event is open to all NCAC Scouts and units. Units must register online at www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics for a 30 minute block. Cost is \$3 per participant. Minimum unit registration is 10. Smaller groups can either preregister or be handled on a walk in, pay-onsite, space available basis. The registration deadline is May 13.

Note: Although these swim tests are being conducted prior to summer camp, the camp Aquatics Director will review or retest any Scout whose skills appear to be inconsistent with his/her classification. Additionally, the camp Aquatics Director is authorized to retest any Scout or group of Scouts at his/her discretion. Goshen Scout Camp waterfronts require swim classification tests be conducted at Goshen in Lake Merriweather.

6. Commissioner's Corner

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

Coinciding with our May Program Launch are pack preparations for Spring Join Scouting Night. A modicum of prior planning will ensure overall success.

"But Mark, we already do Fall JSN and there's no good reason to do this twice, right!?" Au contraire!

Actually, if you only could do one JSN, spring has many advantages over fall ... but, doing spring and fall should not be a burden and will help your pack maximize outreach.

Spring JSN's primary advantage is that it allows the pack to assemble a nucleus of Tigers (or Lions) that can spend the summer months bonding on Adventures (including Summertime Pack Award events), identification of Tiger (or Lion) den leaders, recruitment of at least a couple of registered leaders to serve on the pack committee, and establishing a base of parents and scouts who have Handbooks and uniforms, ready to take off in the fall.

The majority of parents who attend JSN have already self-selected to participate in Scouting, so make it easy for them to sign up (for example, using the URL link for your pack's online registration on their smartphones). Keep it simple, close the deal with the "converted," and spend time with those who remain on the fence, or who have questions ... easy!

I mentioned the Summertime Pack Award ... you can find the form containing submission criteria [HERE](#).

Program Launch is covered above, but you should know that it's an excellent opportunity to learn about summer camps, especially if you're late in planning!

7. Membership Notes

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

When's Your Spring Join Scouting Night?

Our Commissioner mentioned above all the reasons Spring Recruiting is a great idea. Just invite families to a spring event to see what Cub Scouting is all about. See our District Executive's offer to promote your event with targeted Facebook ads! Ann can provide handouts, applications and online registration support.

Membership Toolkit

New Member Coordinators, you'll find recruiting and membership materials all in one Google Drive folder. Check it out! <http://tinyurl.com/yya7o7n9>

Keep turning in applications!

Get our Scouts and Leaders insured and connected. Send Adult or Youth paper applications to Ann by email or hand them in at Roundtable. Drop them at Ann's house or she will pick them up if you have a safe place to leave them. Youth and Adult Applications are available as fillable PDF's in the Membership Toolkit (above). The PDF applications need real signatures or verified electronic signatures from parents and leaders.

Lion recruiting

The verdict is in: families love the Lion program! Please consider actively recruiting Lions for the upcoming year. They may register beginning June 1. If you have a Pre-K program at your school, or preschools in your neighborhood, find out who is willing to circulate digital flyers or paper flyers. Let Ann know if you're reaching out to a particular Pre-K program to recruit Lions. We can provide you with Parent Guides for students to take home.

Cub Scouts can join in the Spring?

They may not have time to complete a rank, but if they're excited about joining, let them sign up. Enthusiastic parents who inquire in the spring and participate over the summer might be great den leaders. Early registration means that the Cub Scouts are insured, communications from BSA begin and Boys' Life starts showing up. All of this helps new families feel like they're part of BSA.

Help with [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org):

Key 3 Leaders and New Member Coordinators, would you like a tutorial on [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)? Are you thinking about using online applications? Contact Ann to set up a phone call or a meeting at your home, office or favorite coffee shop with Wi-Fi.

Help with Pin Access and Online Applications:

myscouting@scouting.org

Help with Scoutbook:

Scoutbook.support@scouting.org

8. Geotargeted Facebook Advertising – For Free!

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

Council is paying for geotargeted Facebook advertising for Spring and Fall recruitment! We received the statistics from last year's advertisements – units that participated increased membership by over 5%!

If your unit is interested in participating, please send me or Ann MacPhail (annlyles@yahoo.com) the date, time, and location of the recruiting event 4 weeks in advance so the advertisement can be developed and aired on time.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out!

9. Cub Leader Training

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

Expectations are that every adult Cub Leader in Chain Bridge District is position trained – the leader benefits, the youth benefit. Position-Specific Training, both on-line via the Internet and in-person, live training offered by Chain Bridge and other neighboring districts, is available. Take on-line or in-person training; whichever suits you style. And once completed, it never has to be renewed as long as you are a registered Scouter.

For **On-line Position-Specific Training** for Cub Leader positions (Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster, all Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader positions (including Lions!), Pack Committee Chair and Committee Members), go to [My.Scouting.org](https://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. To see Position Trained Requirements for each position, sign in as above, click on BSA Learn Center (right side of home page after you log into My.Scouting.org), scroll to bottom of page, click on Position Trained Requirements for All Programs (see specific training modules to complete for each position, including how long each module takes). Once completed, the leader can download a certificate, and also

My.Scouting.org automatically updates the completion in the training record. 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 Leader positions, contact Jim Thomas. **We offer two options: 1) We will come to you at a mutually agreed time and location convenient for you, or 2) you attend one of our scheduled training sessions.** Our next scheduled training is June 13, from 6:15 – 7:45 PM before Roundtable at LDS Chapel, 1600 N. Inglewood, Arlington. Training also is scheduled for September 28, at the Cub Camporall. Whether we come to you or you come to us, plan to set aside 2 hours for position-specific training for Cubmaster, Den Leaders (Lion through Webelos II), and Committee Chair and Members. 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.

Position-Specific Training Posted On NCAC Calendar: The National Capital Area Council (NCAC) posts an on-line, council-wide calendar that includes training opportunities. All are welcome unless otherwise stated. Google: "NCAC BSA calendar". Once at the calendar place your cursor over an event of interest to see details in a pop-up box. One training date and event is identified below to save you search time once at the calendar.

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

10. BALOO at Camp Snyder – August 24 – 25, 2019

(from John Dietrich, Course Director, BALOO2019@crew128.org)

[Register now](#) for one of the most meaningful and hands-on training events available to Cub Scout Leaders!

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training has been updated, as described in a recent article in [Scouting Magazine](#). It is now an overnight camping trip lasting one-and-a-half days and filled with modules to help you lead a meaningful outdoor camping experience for our smallest campers.

Why take BALOO? There are many good reasons, but just a few are:

- The [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) requires it for Packs or Webelos Dens to go camping on their own.
- You'll learn how to have a meaningful program at camp.
- You'll learn how to organize and run a trip per BSA standards.
- You'll learn how to make camping FUN (just in case you have doubts!)

Are you in?! Here are the CBD course details:

- Dates: August 24 (8 AM) to, August 25 (11:30 AM)
- Where: Camp Snyder
- Cost: \$37 per student.
- Registration: [Online \(deadline: Sat. Aug 17, 2018\)](#)

A prerequisite online session is required before the camping trip. Simply go to [My.Scouting.org](#); MyDashboard; MyTraining; Training Center; Cub Scouting; Course Catalog (at the top of the Cub Scout page); BALOO Prerequisite Training). Registered students will receive a packing list and other guidance.

If you're want to take BALOO but can't wait till August, the NCAC calendar (see Cub Leader Training note above on accessing the NCAC calendar) lists the following alternative dates and locations for BALOO training.

- May 8, 2019 (7:30-9:30 PM) – Gaithersburg, MD (classroom prerequisite)
- 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)
- May 17 (6 PM) – May 19 (5 PM) – Frederick, MD (two overnights)
- May 18 (5 PM) – May 19 (5 PM) – Lorton, VA (overnight)
- June 1 (8 AM) – June 2 (11 AM) – Camp Snyder (overnight)

11. Family Scouting Update

(from Shannon Virgadamo, Family Scouting Champion, shvirga@gmail.com)

BSA's Family Scouting info page:

scouting.org/familyscouting

Adding Girls to your Pack?

The girls should have a den of their own if possible. Ideally, you'd have five girls close in age, but there are other ways to do it. Contact Shannon to find out what worked in her pack.

Scouts BSA Troops for Girls

We now have eight troops for girls with more hoping to form soon. If you know of someone thinking about joining, check with Shannon Virgadamo for guidance on finding a good fit. Thank you to the many Boys' Troops that have offered to share advice, financial support, gear and leaders. You are truly living and teaching the Scout Oath and Law.

These Girls' Troops are starting soon and are looking for Scouts age 11+ or 10 and finished with 5th grade:

- T149 Cherrydale UMC, Arlington, Reid Schwebach (schwebac@yahoo.com)
- T350 Fairlington UMC, Alexandria, Elina Erlendsson (committeechairpack350@gmail.com)
- T652 St Dunstan Episcopal, McLean, Todd Massidda (todd.massidda@gmail.com)

12. Encore Stage Cub Scout Workshop – June 1, 2019

(from Ken Woodrow, Pack 149 Cubmaster, kdwoodrow@gmail.com)

Encore Stage & Studio is offering a Workshop for Cub Scouts in grades 3 - 5 (Bear, Webelos, and AOL):

- The Talented Clementine
- Saturday, June 1, 2019
- Gunston Arts Center – Theatre One (2700 S. Lang St. Arlington, VA 22206)
- Time: Meet in theatre lobby at 1:50 PM
- Please wear Class A uniform!

The workshop will allow Cub Scouts to see a production and participate in a workshop specially designed to meet selected adventure requirements while exploring theater as an art form. Encore's workshops are taught by seasoned, theater professionals and are designed to help Cub Scouts gain confidence in learning to express themselves in different ways. Participation in this workshop will enable Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts to meet requirements for their Roaring Laughter, Maestro, and Moviemaking Adventures.

The workshop will be conducted in accordance with Scouts BSA Youth Protection guidelines and Cub Scouts should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registration information can be found on Encore Stage & Studio's website ([link](#)).

13. 2019 Scouting for Food – November 2 – 9, 2019

(from Paul Maloney, SFF Coordinator, paul.maloney.v2@gmail.com)

As you and your Scouts plan your activities for the 2019-2020 Scouting year, please remember that Scouting For Food (SFF) in 2019 is November 2 (the Scouts distribute the SFF bags to the neighborhood) and November 9 (the Scouts collect donations and take them to the two drop off sites).

Scouting For Food is an important service project where our scouts from all over the National Capital Area collect food donations for area food banks. Donations collected in Arlington go to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), and donations collected in McLean go to SHARE and Food For Others (FFO) in

McLean. In 2018 our Scouts and volunteers delivered 51,000 pounds of food to AFAC; 10,025 pounds of food to SHARE and 2,333 pounds of food to FFO, for a total of 63,508 pounds of food overall.

I have a Scouting for Food email list to keep units informed on Scouting For Food. If you did not get an email from me in April and you want to be added to my SFF email list please email me your name, unit name and number and your email address.

14. Help with Cubmail – Please!

(from Dan Dixon, District Vice Chair for Communication, dandixon97@aol.com)

Cubmail readership has continued to grow, and we're at the point where we desperately need help organizing distribution to the 300+ subscribers. A little research suggests MailChimp might be a good solution, but I need someone to help me learn how to use that software. If you're a MailChimp user, or have a better suggestion, and have an hour to spare, please contact me. Thanks!