



CUBMAIL

April 1, 2020

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 two sites show information for quick reference about Chain Bridge District (CBD) and usually have dates for events up to a year out. We recommend you bookmark them all.

CBD Web Page - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/chain-bridge/>

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

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1. Cub Scout Roundtable – April 9, 2020 via Zoom!

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

Our April Cub Roundtable breakout session will be held via Zoom starting promptly at 8:00 PM, with no combined opening session. Here is the login info:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/332090362>

Meeting ID: 332 090 362

One tap mobile

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+16465588656,,332090362# US (New York)

This month we'll start with a discussion of Membership. Our District Vice-Chair Ann MacPhail will provide an update on how membership is working and preliminary thoughts about Spring Recruitment. For the remainder of the breakout we ask you to come prepared to share ideas for maintaining pack momentum in the virtual world – at the pack, den, and even the family level. What has worked, and what tools are best? What remains a challenge? We seek to highlight the good ideas for everyone's benefit and take away homework assignments for Commissioners to help in the challenge areas.

We hope that the current prohibition for group meetings is not extended too long; wouldn't it be great if it is rescinded soon? Stay tuned in coming weeks for news on May and June Roundtables, but at the moment they're likely to be virtual as well. Everyone is looking forward to a return to "normality." In the meantime let's get through this together. See you via Zoom on April 9!

2. COVID-19!

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

At this point, no one needs a definition for "COVID-19 (Coronavirus)." Hopefully all packs have adjusted meeting plans in response to directives from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), other federal, state and local authorities, and BSA. It's still hard to believe how impactful this pandemic is and how fast it descended upon us.

We understand that leaders are getting an overwhelming amount of ideas/recommendations/directives from multiple authorities. Ideally packs can identify volunteers to take the lead on specific issues so no one volunteer is expected to do everything. We also understand that jobs, families and other obligations need most of your attention. The bottom line is be careful, be reasonable, and Do Your Best!

Our first priority is to keep the Scouts and Scouters involved in our programs safe, and we are committed to following all of the guidelines issued by our local, state and federal governments. These guidelines include personal hygiene as well as social distancing. As part of our social distancing we are no longer having gatherings of more than 10 people, which means cancelling or postponing all unit meetings, all Council and District events, and all outdoor activities (i.e., camping and hiking). These postponements and cancellations are likely to last for some unknown period of time and affect all levels of Scouting.

For Cub Advancement, BSA will allow parents and other adults in the Cub Scout's family to sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements through July 31, 2020. Normally, only a den leader may sign off on these requirements. Also, Cub Scouts can continue to work on their current den's advancement through July 31, 2020. This gives extra time for Cub Scouts to complete their badge of rank; if they earn their badge of rank prior to July 31, 2020, they may advance to the next rank.

BSA National has posted a [FAQ Page](#) that addresses many questions and concerns. Our local council, NCAC, also sent out information March 24 with links to a number of helpful resources, in addition to regular updates at ncacbsa.org.

- [NCAC COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [30 Day Scouting at Home Challenge](#)
- [Acts of Scouting Service You Can Do From Home](#)
- [Guidelines for Virtual Meetings](#)

Below are a few other links for additional ideas in case you haven't discovered them already.

- [Fun projects for kids that you can do from home](#)
- [Free Boy's Life](#)
- [Regional Opportunities to Serve](#)

3. Fundraising Option!

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

Since Covid-19 has practically stopped all in-person activities and meetings, many units may be wondering how to fundraise during these interesting times. I would strongly encourage all of our units to consider selling Popcorn online. This process is very simple and requires no tracking of inventory, handling of product, or shipping and delivery of product. Plus, your unit can sell Popcorn all year around! There is absolutely no risk – financial or otherwise – if your unit sells online.

Once your unit is setup with the Trails End system, your Scouts can share their individual popcorn fundraising pages with family and friends and at the click of a button your unit has earned commission, our council has earned commission, and Trails End has recovered their costs. All of the proceeds earned by the unit can be spent how the unit sees fit, and the proceeds our council earns helps to ensure the continuation of the Scouting program. Over the years, many Chain Bridge units have generated thousands of dollars for unit activities.

If you are interested, please reach out to Fran O'Reilly (fforeilly10@yahoo.com) or Keenan Pallone for more details!

4. Special Jamboree on the Internet – April 3 – 5, 2020

(from Phillip Zabriskie, NCAC International Committee, pmz.scouts@gmail.com)

Each year in October, the World Organization of the Scouting Movement hosts a "Jamboree On The Internet" (JOTI). Last year 1.6 million Scouts from 160 countries participated in Minecraft, voice chat, text chat, and other fun remote activities. This year, to provide Scouts a fun activity during COVID-19 restrictions, a SPECIAL JOTI has been announced. Click the link to participate on April 3 – 5. All the details about signing up, safety, and fun exchange programs can be found here: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

5. Update on Chain Bridge District Pinewood Derby

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

We were terribly disappointed to have to cancel the District Pinewood Derby, and while we are trying to reschedule it (we were shooting for a May 30 date before the Governor's order), the Governor's stay at home order through June 10 has presented some complications. Understanding the impact, particularly on the Arrow of Light Scouts, especially this year, when many of their crossovers were pushed back, we want to try to do everything to proceed, but with such a late end date on the order, we need to assess other potential conflicts and the status of potentially competing events, like Scout summer camps. We will circulate a decision in the next few weeks. If we are able to do it, the rules and schedule for the day will remain the same. I will be providing the information first to each pack's Pinewood Derby coordinator.

A few notes:

- You will be able to freely substitute scouts based on how your Pack chooses its reps. We understand that some kids may not be able to make the new date.
- Make sure the scouts keep their cars safe - and the car MUST have been raced in their pack races this year.

6. Cub Scout Day Camp – July 6 – 9, 2020

(from Tom Ballew, CBD Day Camp Chair, WThomasBallew@gmail.com)

Chain Bridge District's "Cub Scout Day Camp" will be for 4 days, Monday through Thursday, July 6 – 9, 2020 at Camp Snyder in Haymarket VA, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm each day, and includes all your summer camp favorites like BBs, Archery, and Swimming in the in-ground pool. Lunch is included in the cost of camp for Cubs and their adult chaperones. All rising Tigers (1st graders) attending summer programs at Camp Snyder must be chaperoned by their own parent or guardian. In addition, all Packs must provide at least two adults for their Pack (called Den Walkers) every day. We welcome parents, trained Scout leaders and Den Chiefs to attend camp with their Cubs. Per BSA National policy all adults attending camp must have completed Youth Protection Training within the past two years, though they need not be registered with BSA.

Our Chain Bridge District Cubs and attending adults will be offered Bus Transportation to and from Day Camp, with a pick-up and drop-off in Arlington TBD. Cost for the Bus is an additional \$50.00 at registration (making sure to register at the same time for the Bus when registering for Day Camp). Accompanying Day Camp Adults do NOT pay for the Bus transportation for themselves.

Parents can register their Cub Scouts now on the NCAC Council Camp Snyder web site and take advantage of the "Early Bird" pricing through April 30, 2020 (gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/day-camp/).

Cub Day Camp fees are currently \$230.00 for Early Bird from now until April 30; fees go up to \$255.00 after that until May 16; late registrations are \$280.00. The Bus is an additional \$50.00.

7. 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. This time of National Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) when many of our activities are shut down, offers an excellent opportunity to get trained. We encourage you and all Leaders in your pack as well as upcoming Leaders for next year to become Position-Specific Trained. Once trained, such training never has to be renewed as long as you are registered in the same position. We strongly recommend you get trained on-line.

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 and sign in, then click on BSA learning Center (right hand side); Cub Scouting; Program Unit Specific Training; 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, once signed in to My.Scouting.org click on BSA Learn Center, click on Position Non Unit Specific, click on New Member Coordinator. Once completed, the leader can download a certificate and also see Position Trained Requirements for each position. 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).

Chain Bridge District Cub Leaders BALOO Training

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is the introductory training Cub Scout leaders must complete before taking Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip. The BSA requires that you have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout Pack or Webelos Den overnight outdoor event. Having at least one BALOO-trained adult will make your Cub Scouts' camping experience as awesome as it can be. Leaders who complete BALOO training are better prepared to plan overnight events. You'll learn how to make camping activities and outings fun. You'll discover how to keep your Cub Scouts safe and entertained. And you'll learn how to plan an event that's rooted firmly in Cub Scouting's principles. Successful experiences in the outdoors make Cub Scouts — and their parents — more likely to keep coming back.

We will be conducting BALOO training at Camp Snyder, beginning at 7:15 AM Saturday, August 22, 2020, with tent overnight Saturday and departure by 11:00 AM Sunday morning, August 23, 2020. Alternatively, attendees may arrive Friday afternoon, August 21, 2020 (no earlier than 4:00 PM) for an additional night of camping. Registration will go live May 15, 2020, once course fees are determined. There is a one hour required online course everyone must take before arriving on site. If you have questions, please contact BALOO Lead Instructor Tom Ballew (WThomasBallew@gmail.com).

8. 2020 Cub Camporall – September 26 – 27, 2020

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

The 2020 Fall Cub Camporall is set for September 26 – 27 at Camp Snyder in Haymarket VA (surely we'll be done with COVID-19 by then!). This years' theme will be NINJA ADVENTURE. We'll have all of your Cubs' favorite activities and a few Ninja Surprises. Please plan to join us, whether as Ninjas or staff (always need lots of volunteers!). Contact Dave or Scott Lucier (scottlucier@yahoo.com) with any questions.

9. Pack Crossover Bridge Available for Free

(from Bob Klein, Chain Bridge District Committee, drbob@troop111.org)

Crossing Bridge Available for Free - Dimensions 74.5" x 24" x 10.5". Sturdy, made of pressure-treated lumber. Has names written on it, but they can be easily sanded off. For a photo, or if you want it, contact Dr. Bob.

10. Membership Notes – Especially for Pack Leaders

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

Membership Inventory - Please conduct a first quarter membership inventory. Unit Commissioners will be encouraging inventories every March, June, September and November. Get a roster of all youth and adults in your Pack and check with Den Leaders to make sure everyone is registered.

Apply Online - Due to the closure of the NCAC office and BSA's national office, paper application processing has come to a complete stop. Right now, the only way to add a new Scout or adult to your roster is with online registration. Usually, we don't use online registration for transfers because it creates duplicate records, so please contact Ann to discuss the benefits and consequences.

Yes, Adults CAN apply online - They just have to pay a prorated registration fee (\$3/month through the end of the year) and your COR must approve the Adult Application online. A complete Adult Application includes three parts: the main application data page, a signed 2020 Additional Disclosures Form, and a Youth Protection Training certificate. BSA's

online application automatically includes all three of these with online approval -- no begging, no scanning. If you submit applications to Ann on paper or as .PDF files, please include all three items. They will be logged immediately and processed...someday.

Webelos Transfers - Transfer applications for Webelos II's bridging to troops will not be processed quickly. But, please send me your scanned transfer applications by email and I'll add them to the cue. The date on the transfer application will be important for proving tenure in the troop, so please keep the original copy. Webelos are still registered in their packs and insured through the end of 2020, so membership will not lapse in the next few months.

11. Commissioner's Corner – *Especially for Pack Leaders*

(from Glen Johnson, District Commissioner, johnson.glenh@gmail.com)

With the difficult situation we find ourselves in with the COVID-19 virus, I am reminded of the Scout Oath that we will always "do our best." With no in-person meetings, "doing our best" is certainly redefined. It means doing virtual activities that are less satisfying. It means we must adjust because some of our adult volunteers cannot participate as completely as usual while others will now have additional time. Our only ask during this time is we do our best to move our programs forward, complete training, clean up membership, and other similar activities. All this will leave us in a better place when we resume normal programs. Our prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.