



# CUBMAIL

May 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 three 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 - [ncacbsa.org/chain-bridge/](http://ncacbsa.org/chain-bridge/)

Program Calendar - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/chain-bridge/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2020/03/CBD-2019-2020-Program-Calendar-v-6.pdf>

Roundtable Editions - [Monthly Roundtable Documents](#)

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### 1. Annual Program Launch Is Trying to Go Virtual!

(from Scott Krall, Unit Commissioner, [scott.krall.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:scott.krall.bsa@gmail.com))

With all in-person District events, activities, and meetings through June 10 postponed or canceled, we are hoping this year's Chain Bridge District Program Launch can occur virtually. There will be no Roundtable May 14, virtual or otherwise.

The annual Program Launch historically has been a showcase of Scouting programs, resources, activities, and information from Chain Bridge Scouters, our Council, and exhibitors from outside of Scouting. It's the perfect time to get NEW IDEAS and resources to help provide your Cubs with a great Scouting program. We hope you will be able to see exhibitors and vendors' presentations and access their brochures and contact information from a website. Please check your email for information about the Chain Bridge District Virtual Program Launch planned for late May/early June.

Also, we'll continue to post information each month in "Roundtable Editions," including whatever we collect for May 2020 – a link appears above.

## 2. COVID-19!

(from Dan Dixon, District Committee, [dandixon97@aol.com](mailto:dandixon97@aol.com))

Hopefully everyone is still safe and sane! We understand Scouting isn't anyone's top priority at the moment but we encourage everyone to consider ways to continue participating, both because of the value we all recognize in Scouting and because there are lots of fun and interesting activities available while staying home.

We also understand everyone is being inundated with suggestions for how to cope with the current restrictions, how to stay safe, and how to continue Scouting. In an attempt to highlight key information, we created a link for [Current COVID Guidance](#). There, you will see a short list of the latest and most relevant Scouting guidance. We plan to update that link whenever we find new info. Hope it helps!

We expect an announcement in the next couple of weeks regarding summer camping programs, including Goshen Webelos camps and Snyder Day Camp – stay tuned!

Finally, there's a growing inventory of fun Cub activities in circulation to help connect with Scouting during COVID, including these:

### 30 Days of At Home Adventures

#### Week 1

Lions – Rumble in the Jungle Adventure belt loop award  
Tigers – [Curiosity, Intrigue, and Magical Mysteries](#) Adventure belt loop award  
Wolves – [Germs Alive](#) Adventure belt loop award  
Bears – TBA  
Webelos – [Project: Family](#) rank/Arrow of Light required Adventure pin  
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#### Week 2

Lions – [Build it up, Knock it Down](#) rank elective Adventure belt loop award and supplemental  
Tigers – [Tiger Theater](#) rank elective Adventure belt loop award  
Wolf – Air of the Wolf rank elective Adventure belt loop award  
Bear – [Super Science](#) rank elective Adventure belt loop award  
Webelos – [Protect Yourself](#) rank/Arrow of Light required Adventure pin  
Webelos/AOL – [Art Explosion](#) rank elective Adventure pin  
Multi Den Plan – English Video and [Writeup](#), [Spanish Video](#) and Writeup

#### Week 3

Lions – [Protect Your Rules](#) rank elective Adventure belt loop award  
Tigers – [Tiger Tales](#) rank elective Adventure belt loop award  
Wolf – TBA rank elective Adventure belt loop award  
Bear – TBA rank elective Adventure belt loop award  
Webelos – [Build Your Own Hero](#) rank/Arrow of Light required Adventure pin  
Webelos/AOL – [Building a Better World](#) rank elective Adventure pin  
Multi Den Plan – English [Writeup](#), [Spanish Video](#)

#### Week 4

Lions – Gizmos and Gadgets Adventure belt loop award  
Tigers – Tiger Bites Adventure belt loop award  
Wolves – Paws on the Path Adventure belt loop award  
Bears – [Baloo the Building](#) Adventure belt loop award  
Webelos – [First Responder](#) rank/Arrow of Light required Adventure pin  
Webelos – [Aware and Care part 2](#) rank/Arrow of Light required Adventure pin  
Multi Den Plan – [English Writeup](#) and [Spanish Video](#)

## Cub Scout Fun!

Yo-Yo Preview Adventure sponsored by Duncan Toys  
Scouting and the Science of Fun  
Ideas to Stay Busy at Home (for kids!)  
4 Activities to Do at Home During Coronavirus  
Fishing: A Guide to Getting Hooked  
5 Cub Scout Activities for Your Weekend  
Worm Composting (or Vermicomposting)  
Top 10 Family Camping Activities  
Scout Chef Kitchen presents Leprechaun Garden Pasta  
Delicious Corn Ship Recipes for Camping  
How to Make Irresistible Homemade Ice Cream

## 3. NCAC Virtual Campfire May 5

In addition, NCAC is hosting a Virtual Campfire May 5 – you bring the S'mores, NCAC will bring the songs, skits, and Scout Spirit! Join us streaming live on our Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/events/700708750701735/>

## 4. Giving Tuesday – May 5, 2020

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

Since the middle of March, National Capital Area Council has placed all fundraising efforts on hold. We understand that everyone has been affected by this pandemic and that this year will be especially challenging for many of our families, volunteers and donors impacted by COVID-19.

As you can imagine, funding the Scouting movement in this environment is incredibly difficult, with many families and businesses facing a good deal of uncertainty right now. That said, we also know that the mission and programs of the BSA must continue; our Scouts need and deserve it.

National Capital Area Council plans to reengage in fundraising efforts of our annual campaign by participating in [#GivingTuesdayNow](#), a global day of giving and unity that will take place May 5, 2020 as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19.

### How can you help?

1. Reach out to your networks and volunteers to let them know we are participating in #GivingTuesdayNow and ask them to spread the word through their social media channels.
2. Share/repost/retweet Council social media channels all #GivingTuesdayNow stories and encourage others to do the same.
3. Please send us your ideas for the Virtual Campfire that will end the campaign on May 5. What would you like to see? What would you like shared?
4. Help find stories from your network where donors/companies/volunteers did something that we can post as a story with our gratitude to them.
5. When you find stories and photos to share, please email them to [scoutstories@ncacbsa.org](mailto:scoutstories@ncacbsa.org).
6. Participate in the Fleur De Lis challenge, when announced.

### May 5 – Day Of

1. On social media, encourage everyone to attend the campfire May 5 at 7:00pm (more info above).
2. Continue to share stories.
3. Watch NCAC social media for hourly posts.
4. Push everyone to give to Scouting today as part of #GivingTuesdayNow, by visiting [www.NCACBSA.org/give](http://www.NCACBSA.org/give).

For more information please visit [www.NCACBSA.org/Giving-Tuesday-Now](http://www.NCACBSA.org/Giving-Tuesday-Now).

## 4. Update on District Pinewood Derby

(from Joe Mazel, District Pinewood Derby Coordinator, [committeechairpack164@gmail.com](mailto:committeechairpack164@gmail.com))

We still hope to reschedule the District Pinewood Derby but there's no update yet to either the Governor's stay at home order through June 10 or BSA summer camp plans. Hopefully 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. Thanks very much for your patience.

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.

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

(from Keenan Pallone, CBD Senior District Executive, [Keenan.Pallone@scouting.org](mailto:Keenan.Pallone@scouting.org))

Chain Bridge District's "Cub Scout Day Camp" remains on our calendar for 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.

We expect final decisions from NCAC in the next several weeks regarding whether or not Day Camp will proceed. NCAC has already decided to cancel the bus registration and transportation for our Day Camp at Camp Snyder this year, based on current guidance from local and state governments and discussions with our Council Health and Safety Committee and other parties involved with Camping Services at NCAC. This was not an easy decision to make, but the safety and well-being of all our Scouts is our #1 priority and we cannot feasibly incorporate mass transportation for our participants while remaining in compliance with safety regulations. NCAC will offer a full 100% refund to any family who wishes not to participate anymore due to the change.

Parents can register their Cub Scouts now on the NCAC Council Camp Snyder web site ([gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/day-camp/](https://www.ncacbsa.org/day-camp/)). If you still wish to participate in this camp, or another day camp(s) in NCAC, please go to <https://www.ncacbsa.org/day-camp/> and/or <https://www.gotosnyder.org/>.

Cub Day Camp fees are \$255.00 until May 16; late registrations are \$280.00. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns and thank you for all that you do!

## 6. Cub Leader Training

(from Jim Thomas, CBD Cub Leader Training Chair, [JPThomasSr@verizon.net](mailto: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 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](https://www.myscouting.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](https://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](https://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 – August 22 – 23, 2020**

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is the introductory training Cub Scout leaders must complete before taking Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip. BSA requires that you have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout Pack or Webelos Den overnight outdoor event. Having a 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.

Subject to relaxation of current COVID-19 restrictions, we plan to conduct BALOO training at Camp Snyder beginning at 7:15 AM Saturday, August 22, 2020, with tent over-night 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](mailto:WThomasBallew@gmail.com)).

## **7. Membership Notes – Especially for Pack Leaders**

(from Ann MacPhail, District Membership Chair, [annlyles@yahoo.com](mailto:annlyles@yahoo.com))

**Applications are moving** - Please send pdf's to Ann by email or mail. Make sure the Arrow of Light Award is recorded before a Scout bridges to a troop.

**Missing Scouts** - Several Packs reported that Cub Scouts vanished from their rosters during charter renewal. Please check. If you notice that Scouts were unintentionally deleted from your Pack, contact Ann so we can get them added back quickly.

**April Roundtable ideas** - Cub Leaders agreed that right now, retention should be our focus. Keep Cubs active through virtual Den meetings and suggest adventures they can work on with their families. Use virtual meeting time to recognize adventures completed at home. Just for fun, try a scavenger hunt! See who can be the first, second and third Scouts to find a flashlight, Scout handbook or bottle of hand sanitizer. Use a school or neighborhood newsletter and social media to spread the word about how your Pack is staying active.

**BeAScout listing** - Make sure families can find your pack and join online. Parents are searching [BeAScout.org](https://BeAScout.org). Is the contact information correct in your listing? Is the APPLY NOW link active? Key 3 Leaders can make edits in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) under Legacy Web Tools->BeAScout.

## **8. Commissioner's Corner – Especially for Pack Leaders**

(from Glen Johnson, District Commissioner, [johnson.glenh@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.glenh@gmail.com))

First, let me thank all of you for the ingenuity, initiative, and innovation in keeping Scouting going during the COVID-19 event. We are all grateful for this. At the district level, we are also trying to adapt and keep going. District and Council meetings have all moved to a virtual format and are allowing us to continue our Commissioner service. We had an excellent Virtual Roundtable in April for Pack, Troop and Venturing leaders. We are looking forward to our Virtual Program Launch and thank Scott Krall for putting this together. We also look forward to Roundtables in June. Whether we meet virtually or in person, these meetings are going to be critical as we are still not going to be "normal" for some time. There is a lot of information to share and we all certainly need to get new ideas on how to run our programs during these unique times.

Stay tuned for announcements later in May concerning Summer Programs. NCAC decisions are going to be driven by state and local government restrictions and BSA policy updates.