



# CUBMAIL

June 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. Cub Scout Roundtable – June 11, 2020

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

This will be our last pack breakout session until August 13 and we will keep it short using Zoom – sign-in details below – starts at 8 PM – super easy and we believe you will find the topics useful!

Topic 1: National Summertime Pack Award ([scouting.org/awards/awards-central/national-summertime/](http://scouting.org/awards/awards-central/national-summertime/)). Maintain pack and den cohesiveness by planning low-key, easy-to-organize events over the summer! With summer camps cancelled, pursuing this award will help keep scouts and parents involved. Recognition is available for individual scouts, dens, and the pack. The award application can be found here ([filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf](http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf)).

Topic 2: brainstorming ideas for pack-run family camping to replace summer camp. When COVID meeting strictures are lifted, Be Prepared to Do Your Best in providing a quality, “home-brewed” summer program experience for your pack families. Creativity, planning and safety are important. We'll discuss key elements of the “Guide To Safe Scouting” and “The Adventure Plan.”

Topic: June Chain Bridge District Cub Scout Roundtable

Time: Jun 11, 2020 8 PM EST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89741399971>

Or Dial In 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 897 4139 9971#

## 2. Chain Bridge District Offers Virtual Program Launch Mini-Sessions for June, July and August

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

Scouting during COVID has provided many challenges, including the Annual Program Launch. We have responded by offering multiple virtual program launch mini-sessions. The plan is to offer virtual sessions in June, July and August, then tentatively schedule the traditional Program Launch in September. Listed below are the two June sessions.

### Mini-Session 1 – Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 PM EST

- Discussion and questions for Scouting Recruitment
- Popcorn Sales
- Open Forum for Questions

Virtual Meeting Details:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81111331595>

Or Dial In 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 811 1133 1595#

### Mini-Session 2 – Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 PM EST

- Unit Summer Planning
- Open Forum for Questions

Virtual Meeting Details:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85714082832>

Or Dial In 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 857 1408 2832#

The schedule for Mini-Sessions for July will be announced in the next Cubmail. If you have suggestions for additional subjects in these mini-sessions please contact: [scott.krall.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:scott.krall.bsa@gmail.com).

## 3. 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 at 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, including the latest FAQs from BSA regarding camping, advancement and other relevant topics. We plan to update that link whenever we find new info. Hope it helps!

**Unit Activities.** As we move closer to phased openings in Virginia and neighboring jurisdictions, we expect all District and Council events still to be postponed, held virtually, or cancelled, but it is possible that local jurisdiction and the Governor will allow in-person unit-level activities – watch for updates from those entities. The Council Executive Board is meeting with our Health and Safety Committee in early June to discuss what Scouting will look like across NCAC with VA, DC, and MD entering Phase 1 of reopening. We will share additional information and guidance as soon as it's available.

In the meantime, our Council's current policy is that the ultimate decision on unit activities rests with each unit in consultation with its Chartering Organizations. Once local jurisdictions allow small groups to meet in-person, units should still obtain permission from their Chartering Organizations before participating in any in-person Scouting event(s).

As usual, units must comply with all laws, rules, and regulations regarding COVID-19, in addition to YPT guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Keenan Pallone, Senior District Executive, [Keenan.Pallone@scouting.org](mailto:Keenan.Pallone@scouting.org).

## 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 the Virginia Governor's latest stay at home order still limits gatherings to 10 or less. 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 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](http://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](http://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](http://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).

## 6. Cub Leader BALOO Training – August 22-23, 2020

(from Tom Ballew, BALOO Lead Instructor, [WThomasBallew@gmail.com](mailto:WThomasBallew@gmail.com))

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 Tom.

## 7. Digital and Online Resources for All Volunteers!

(from Phillip Zabriskie, Unit Commissioner and CBD Committee, [pmz.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:pmz.scouts@gmail.com))

As Scouting continues to be increasingly digital, most traditional hard-copy resources you might find at in-person training or at local Scout Shops can also be found online. This includes the official BSA Cub Scouting resource page (<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/>), as well as specific pages for Den Leaders (<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/>), Cubmasters (<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/pack-meeting-resources/>) and Committee members (<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/pack-committee-resources/>). These links contain countless documents, publications, and handbooks that can benefit you and your Scouts -- no paper required!

In addition, the BSA Scout Shop (<https://www.scoutshop.org/>) has everything Scouting, including advancement awards and insignia.

## 8. Membership Notes – Especially for Pack Leaders

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

**BeAScout listing** - Make sure families can find you on [BeAScout.org](http://BeAScout.org) and join your pack online. BSA put a lot of work into this great tool and parents are using it. Is the contact information correct in your listing? Is the APPLY NOW link active? Key 3 Leaders can make edits in [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) under Legacy Web Tools->BeAScout.

**Applications are moving again** - Please send application 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 are still reporting 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.

**Keep Scouts Active** - BSA ages everyone up to the next rank on June 1! (NOTE: It's OK if your pack is allowing Cubs more time this summer to complete rank advancement requirements; you can still post advancement and award ranks even after BSA ages them up.) Hold short virtual Den meetings and see what Cub Scouts can work on at home. Recognize adventures completed with families. 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. Write letters to thank first responders. Do a food donation as a group. Use a school or neighborhood newsletter and social media to spread the word about how your Pack is staying active and share your registration link.

## 9. Commissioner's Corner – Especially for Pack Leaders

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

First, thanks to everyone who continues to work hard to make our Cub Scouting program work under difficult circumstances. We are disappointed that the fantastic programs we typically run during the summer will not be possible this year. On the other hand, we are encouraged by the new opportunities that will be created as we move through the upcoming phases of the lockdown. Please work carefully with parents and your Pack Committee to examine how your program can expand its activities as restrictions are lifted.

In addition, please help your older Cubs continue their Scouting adventure by helping those bridging out of Cub Scouts into Scouting BSA. We have been unable to do Troop open houses and other events to facilitate this since mid-March, but hopefully your second year Webelos had some opportunities to meet some troops by then. If any Cub Scout is looking for troop join, please contact your unit commissioner or me to help find one of our many great troops.

Finally, new resources and guidance seem to come out every week so please, come to the next Roundtable and check the Chain Bridge District Web site and Basecamp for these communications.