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Scouting for Food Updates, Boy Scout Leader Training This Saturday, Information Needed for Transition to Boy Scouting, C&O Canal Towpath Finally Repaired, AT Hike Presentation Available to Scout Units, Scout Essay Competition, Upcoming Training Opportunities, In the News..., High Adventure Opportunities, Email Changes, Quick Reminders

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Greetings to all.

1) Scouting for Food Updates
(from Paul Maloney, ASM-167)

This is just a reminder that that Scouting For Food (SFF) this year is November 3 (bag distribution to the neighborhood) and November 10 (collection of donations and taking to the two drop off sites).

If you have any questions, or you want to change your area or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Maloney, paul.maloney.v2-at-gmail.com. If you have changed Scouting For Food coordinators or would like to add anyone from your unit to Paul Maloney's Scouting For Food email list, please let him know.

We have a Scouting For Food page on the Chain Bridge District web site -- look for the SFF tab Tab on bottom left of the main CBD page. Or you can directly to the CBD Scouting For Food web page by going to www.boyscouts-ncac.org/scouting-for-food/50185

For the record, most donations collected in Arlington go to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), which is a big food bank in

Arlington. Most donations collected in McLean go to SHARE. In 2011, we delivered 68,978 pounds of food to AFAC, 14,852 pounds to SHARE, 125 pounds to various other places, for a total of 79,522 pounds.

2) Boy Scout Leader Training This Saturday

Wearing the leader uniform or thinking about putting it on? What exactly should a Boy Scout Leader be doing and how can you be focused and effective at it? What is the patrol method & how can it work in your troop? How can you manage and apply your contributions to Scouting to be a more effective resource to those around you? How can YOU make more of a difference to your Scouts? We welcome you to EDGE-based practical SM/ASM training this Saturday (see brochure at link below).

Yes we are all busy this time of year ... but it's important to find time for something truly worthwhile that will make us more effective and committed Scout leaders. We promise a worthwhile proactive experience with lots of participation - come be a part of it!

See the full event flyer here:

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/cbd-2012-october-training-extravaganza/116403

3) Information Needed for Transition to Boy Scouting (from Dan Dixon, Web-to-Scout Coordinator)

Scoutmasters: please check

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/webelos-to-scout-transition/37994

for the current info on Troop events for Webelos. If you have any updates, please send them to Dan Dixon (dandixon97-at-aol.com).

4) C&O Canal Towpath Finally Repaired (from National Parks Traveler website, w/ hat tip to Dr. Bob)

After more than 15 years, and \$19 million, the 184-mile-long towpath along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal has been restored to its original alignment along the Potomac River.

Dubbed the "Big Slackwater" project after the last section of towpath needing repairs, the restoration work eliminates the hazardous detour along narrow country roads, and restores the magnificent views and historic route once walked by "mules and canawlers."

Note: This gap has impacted many local Troops attempting to hike or bike the entire towpath, forcing a lengthy detour on somewhat dangerous local roadways.

For more information:

www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2012/10/big-slackwater-project-completed-chesapeake-and-ohio-canal-national-historical-park10691

5) AT Hike Presentation Available to Scout Units
(from Scott Jenkins, ASM-869)

Recently I completed a Southbound Thru Hike of the Appalachian Trail from Mount Katahdin in Maine to Springer Mountain, Georgia. My trek started on May 21 and ended October 9. My son, Eagle Scout Tracy Jenkins accompanied me from Katahdin to Harpers Ferry before coming off-trail to pursue a graduate fellowship at the University of Maryland. From Harpers Ferry, I hiked solo, but continued to meet many interesting people along the way. If a troop or unit is interested in a presentation on the trip or preparation for a long distance hike, contact me at scottgjenkins-at-gmail-dot-com.

6) Scout Essay Competition
(from Brittany Byrd, Bill of Rights Inst.)

The Bill of Rights Institute is excited to announce the launch of an Eagle Scout Competition. The competition is open to high school

students who are Eagle Scouts, or Life Scouts who are planning or implementing their Eagle Scout project. The competition asks applicants to submit essays on several topics tied to the Citizenship and the Nation merit badge and their Eagle Scout project for a chance at a scholarship or Eagle project funding of up to 1000. The deadline is Sunday, February 10, 2013. The essay topics and entry info can be reviewed at www.billofrightsinstitute.org/eaglescout, or contact Brittany at bbyrd-at-billofrightsinstitute.org.

[I have no background info on the entity offering this, other than the website, which indicates that it is a 501(c)(3) entity. - ed.]

7) Upcoming Training Opportunities

TRAINING:

Every Scout deserves a trained leader! Chain Bridge District's Leadership Training Committee is responsible for helping to train you our adult volunteers in the principles and methods of the BSA, and to give you the knowledge and resources needed to ensure that you can deliver a safe, high-quality Scouting program. Providing an exciting, age-appropriate program full of fun activities, enjoying and respecting the great outdoors, and challenging oneself through high adventure programs, are all critical factors that help us improve the overall quality of the Scouting program. These in turn lead to better retention, advancement, and participation by our youth in all that Scouting has to offer. Having a number of well-trained adults available with current BSA certifications for your programs is not just a 'check the box' exercise, but rather is the best way for your Unit to meet its program objectives. It is also a fundamental part of your Unit's Journey To Excellence (JTE) metrics, in order to qualify for the bronze, silver, or gold level of Quality Unit award. Make adult training an integral part of your Unit's annual program plan, so that you will always have on hand a number of leaders with the right training qualifications to conduct all your activities.

The Training information posted on Chain Bridge District's page of the NCAC's website

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17028&orgkey=2015

is your primary resource for answering your questions about what training the BSA requires for Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing programs for your specific registered position, and announcements for what upcoming training is available. For most courses, registration will be available online by going to the NCAC's training calendar, then selecting the training date and particular course you want.

Course announcements - sign up now!

Oct. 27 - Training Extravaganza at 8:00 am at LDS Scotts Run Church, 1325 Scott's Run Rd.; McLean, Contact Glen Johnson, at johnson.glenh-at-gmail.com (and see article above).

8) In the news...

CUB SCOUT'S HUMBLE SALUTE SHARED BY THOUSANDS

(condensed from cnn.com, Oct. 18, 2012)

The Facebook photo, grainy and blurred, shows a boy in his Cub Scout uniform standing in the sun on the side of the road, his right arm in a stiff salute as cars pass by in Woodlawn, Virginia.

The caption explains that the Scout was saluting the two-mile funeral procession Thursday for Virginia State Police Trooper Andrew Fox. The trooper was a graduate of Virginia Tech, and was killed while directing traffic at the state fair earlier this month.

The Scout, Lane Snow, said he didn't know trooper Fox, but he came up with the idea to dress in uniform and salute the procession on his own. Everyone who saw it was touched, including Fox's widow, who saw Snow saluting as her car passed.

At Snow's Cub Scout meeting Monday night, 10 officers from various agencies -- some of whom knew Fox personally -- showed up to thank Snow in person.

[As you can tell, what this Scout did was simple, genuine, and quite powerful. Peace Officer's Memorial Day is May 15, and typically the Arlington Police hold a brief memorial in the morning on May 14 at

the plaza by the county buildings, at which public attendance--and as in the story, a Scout in uniform--is a simple but meaningful gesture to our officers and their families. - ed.]

9) High Adventure Opportunities

2013 NCAC Philmont Provisional Opportunities: NCAC has provisional space on its three 2013 Philmont contingents: P709 (7/7-21) and P716 (7/14-28) are standard trips estimated at 2100 per person and include an extra day for rafting and other activities. P723 (7/22-8/4) is an economy trip estimated at 1800 per person. For the youth application, see

<https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1988&id=107214>

and, for the adult advisor application, see

<https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1988&id=107212>.

For more information, see

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure or contact Dave Talbott at

dave.talbott-at-uspto.gov or 301-933-0048 or Wes Haynes at

Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org or 301-943-8376. (fourth & final listing)

2013 NCAC Florida Sea Base Opportunity: NCAC is sponsoring a Coral Reef Sailing Contingent S717 leaving Washington on July 17 and returning on July 23 at an estimated cost of 1600 per person. The application is available at

<https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1988&id=107213>.

For more information, contact Dana Abrahamsen at dabrahamsen-at-ftc.gov or 703-280-9782 or Wes Haynes at

Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org or 301-943-8376. (fourth & final listing)

2013 Lenhok'sin High Adventure Provisional Opportunities: Lenhok'sin is NCAC's high adventure program at Goshen Scout Reservation. It offers a variety of less costly programs that are excellent for crews doing their first high adventure program and for more experienced crews. The High Adventure Committee is sponsoring two provisional crews for youth unable to attend with their unit. For more information, contact Tom Wheatley at tmwheatley1981-at-gmail.com or 301-371-4797 or Wes Haynes at Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org or 301-943-8376.

2014 Unit-Crew Philmont Reservations: The 2014 Philmont registration packet will be available soon. NCAC units will be able to participate in the web-based random selection for 2014 slots during two time slots in November 2012. For the official announcement, monitor www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/Registration.aspx.

High Adventure Opportunities Bulletin Board: The High Adventure Committee hosts a bulletin board at www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=19308&orgkey=1988 for crews to post notices looking for scouts and scouters to join a high adventure crew or for individuals looking for a high adventure crew to join. To post a notice, send an e-mail with the details to Stan Turk at stanley.turk-at-verizon.net.

Newly Updated High Adventure Program Summaries: For information on program opportunities, age requirements, and prices at Goshen's Lenhok'sin High Adventure, Adirondack High Adventure Area, Maine High Adventure Area, Northern Tier High Adventure Bases, Philmont, Florida Sea Base, and other NCAC high adventure programs, see the 5/5/12 edition of High Adventure Program Summaries available at the NCAC High Adventure website at www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure

Many of these programs provide provisional opportunities for youth and adults unable to participate as a unit-crew. You are welcome to contact Dave Green at dkgreenva-at-hotmail.com or 703-536-5189 if you need help finding a program suitable for your situation.

The following are some upcoming events and training opportunities to assist in preparing for high adventure activities:

* 10/27 - 36th Annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day, Patuxent River Park's Jug Bay Natural Area near Upper Marlboro, MD. For a registration form and more information, see <https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=2527&ActivityKey=1136140>.

* 11/1 - NCAC High Adventure Committee Meeting - 7:30 pm - Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD. Scouters interested in finding out about the committee's activities are welcome to attend.

* 11/2-4 - NCAC V3 Hike-o-ree - 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. For more information and to register, see www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1213185
www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=370&ActivityKey=1046477.

For additional information, contact Bob Austin at Bob.austin-at-verizon.net or 703-425-9675(H) or 703-253-1917 (W).

* 11/10-11 - Wilderness First Aid - \$240 - Wilderness Safety Council.
For more information, see www.wfa.net or contact Chris Tate at chris-at-wfa.net or 703-836-8905.

* 11/18 - 2013 Philmont Trek Orientation Meeting - 1:00 to 4:00 pm -
Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA.
Advisors, youth, and parents are invited to hear a description of the Philmont experience and ask questions. For more information, contact Art Jordan at jordana3-at-verizon.com or 703-368-4975.

You may contact Dave Green, our district high adventure representative for additional information or questions on any of the above topics at dkgreenva-at-hotmail.com or 703-536-5189.

8) E-mail Changes
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9) Quick Reminders

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Chain Bridge Master Website:
www.boyscouts-ncac.org/