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Upcoming District Roundtable, Annual District Meeting, District Awards Nominations Sought, International Scout Center Opens on Irish Border, Upcoming Training Opportunities, Membership News, In the News..., High Adventure Opportunities, Email Changes, Quick Reminders

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Greetings to all.

1) Upcoming District Roundtable

The November 2012 Chain Bridge District roundtable will take place this Thursday, November 8 (as always, the second Thursday) from 8 - 9:15 PM at the LDS Church at 1600 N Inglewood, Arlington 22205. Many Boy Scout leaders and district volunteers come at 7:30 for informal conversations regarding outdoor activities, membership, fundraising, etc. You can deliver applications for new youth and adults, too. Please join us!

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2) Annual District Meeting

The Chain Bridge district annual meeting will be held on Thursday November 29, 2012 at 7:30 PM at (tentatively) Saint Agnes Catholic Church Parish Hall. All chartered organization representatives (COR) and District Committee Members are invited for the purpose of approving 2013 District Slate of Nominees. Following the formal annual meeting, there will also be a brief regular District Committee Meeting to address outstanding items.

COR Training will be offered immediately before the district annual meeting, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

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3) District Awards Nominations Sought
(from Pauline Clark)

It is that time of year again to recognize our outstanding Scouters! The District Award of Merit (DAOM) is the highest award that can be given by the District, and is intended for Scouters who have provided sustained and excellent service to their Unit and to Chain Bridge District (and by BSA regulations, Chain Bridge District may submit only four DAOM nominations).

The nominations are due to me (Pauline Clark) by COB Friday, December 14th; this is a *HARD* deadline: DO NOT DELAY! Every year I get asked to accept late nominations, this puts a lot of pressure on me and the committee, so please please get them in on time.
My email address is: pauline.clark-at-verizon.com

For your convenience, you can use the form below, download one from
www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf
or contact Pauling Clark for a form in MS Word.

District Award of Merit (Use Extra Space as Needed!)
National Capital Area Council Boy Scouts of America
TO THE AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:
It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the AWARD OF MERIT:
*FULL* NAME:
Home Address:
City or Town & Zip Code:
Home Phone #:
Business Phone #:
Currently registered in Scouting as:
Primary Unit:
The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):
_____ Scouter's Religious Award
_____ Training Awards (specify)

_____ Silver Beaver Award
_____ Order of the Arrow (specify)
_____ Cubmaster Award
_____ NESA Scoutmaster Award of Merit
_____ Wood Badge Beads
_____ Cub Scouter Award
_____ Exploring Award
_____ Webelos Leader Award
_____ Distinguished Commissioner Service Award
_____ Unit Scouter of the Year Award
_____ Scouter's Key
_____ Other Award(s) (specify)
The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:
_____ (Use as much space as needed; furnish as much information as possible, and include approximate time frames.
Date of Nomination:
Your Name:
Your email address:
Your Home Phone #:
Your Business Phone #:
Your Position in Scouting:
Your Primary Unit:
NOTE: The nomination is confidential. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise nominee in any way of your actions on his or her behalf. (Due on/or before December 14th.)

GENERAL INFORMATION
The Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 units or fraction thereof.
The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year. It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award. A professional Scouter may not receive this award based on professional service. However, a professional Scouter who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on volunteer service.

REQUIREMENTS
1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in

Scouting, outside Scouting, or both. Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/ or council is to be taken into consideration.

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4) International Scout Center Opens on Irish Border
(from Dave Wrausmann)

This looks like a neat opportunity for a crew or adventuresome troop:

Located within the border region of Ireland, between Cavan, Fermanagh and Monaghan, the "Castle Saunderson International Scout Centre" will encourage greater levels of interaction amongst young people from different religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. With the help of a EU grant, a 30-acre multi activity center has been built, including fully-equipped indoor facilities as well as a campsite capable of accommodating up to 1000 people at any given time. The Scout Movement has a long and proud tradition of helping young people achieve their full potential and become responsible citizens. Castle Saunderson International Scout Centre will allow this tradition to continue and ensure future generations learn the leadership, self-reliance and team building skills that Scouts are famous for.

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5) 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.

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6) Membership News
(from Larry Hume, CBD Membership Chair)

Get Applications in NOW!
Membership applications may be turned in from 7 - 8:00 PM before the next CBD Roundtable on Thursday, November 8th. If that doesn't work for you, contact Larry or Ben Lacy (info below) for other options!

If you have any scout or scouter applications, please turn them in and do not wait for rechartering to ensure that all scouts are covered by BSA insurance and so they can start receiving Boys Life magazine.

It's also the time for Webelos to start looking at possible Boy Scout Troops. A chart showing Troop contact information and event schedules can be found on the CBD web site (copy and paste into web browser):
www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/troop-open-house-for-webelos-2012-2013/116510

We ask that troops provide input and/or updates to Dan Dixon (dandixon97-at-aol.com) so that all troops are represented on the Webelos-to-Scouts chart.

The Chain Bridge District membership POC is Larry Hume (CBDMembershipChair-at-gmail.com, mobile 703-577-3048). Membership questions can be addressed to Larry by email or phone, or between 7 and 8 PM before each CBD Roundtable, or before the CBD Committee Meeting (generally 7:30 - 8:30 PM the 4th Thursday of each month except July). Email or call Larry to confirm availability at a particular meeting.

Complete info for submitting applications and highlights of other current topics of interest are available at (copy and paste into web browser):
www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/chain-bridge-district-membership-program-launch-2012/115517

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7) In the news...

PAIR OF OREGON BOY SCOUTS FOUND SAFE
(from Associated Press, October 30)

Two teenagers who didn't return from a weekend hike were safe Monday after spending two nights in wet, windy weather. The two, ages 16 and 17, were found by a driver not connected to the search party, Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputy Nate Thompson said. They did not need medical attention.

The lost hikers told reporters they went in the wrong direction and got lost. The Boy Scouts and avid hikers did not have food, but they drank water and slept under trees that blocked the rain.

The pair left West Linn in suburban Portland on Saturday afternoon

and planned to return to their vehicle by nightfall. A sheriff's deputy said the boys were found several miles from their pickup.

Their parents called for help when the boys didn't come back. On Sunday, a searcher discovered the teens' pickup five miles east of the Table Rock Wilderness area. About 50 volunteers, joined by a helicopter, had searched the foothills south of Portland on Monday.

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8) High Adventure Opportunities

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 lottery for 2014 slots during two time slots THIS MONTH (Nov. 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:

* 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.

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9) E-mail Changes
[no new listings]

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Problem e-mails - updates requested
[no new listings]

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10) Quick Reminders

***** Remember to put out Scouting for Food signs beginning on Wednesday, November 7. Scouts and adults interested in assisting

at the Arlington drop off on Nov 10, should contact Dave Carlson,
carlsonbsa-at-verizon.net.

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

See district website hosted by council at
www.boyscouts-ncac.org/chainbridge/

For entry to the Merit Badge Directory
[not currently available online; contact CBD Merit Badge Dean,
Isabelle Muller (isabellem-at-vsl.cua.edu) for information]

Complete District Calendars are posted at:
www.boyscouts-ncac.org/chainbridge

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Hope there was something there for you!

Send news and new contact info to chainemail-at-twelfthpoint.com

-Paul

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