



CUBMAIL



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Below is the December 1, 2012, edition of Cubmail, Chain Bridge District's Cub Scout electronic newsletter. All Cubmasters, Pack Committee Chairs, Pack Chartered Organization Representatives, Pack Membership Coordinators, Unit Commissioners, and District Leaders are on the distribution list, as well as other interested Scouters. **If you or anyone you know would like to subscribe to Cubmail, send an email to DanDixon97-at-aol.com.**

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1. Cub Scout Roundtable – December 13

(from David Pearson, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, david.pearson-at-carlyle.com)

There are lots of things happening at Roundtable on Thursday, December 13! Make sure someone from your pack attends Unit Rechartering Training at 7 PM! Stay for the Cub Scout Roundtable at 8 PM. Pack 104 will present January's core value of Positive Attitude. We will hold **breakout sessions for all leaders**, from Cub Scout Den Leaders through committee members, so Roundtable is valuable for all levels of your pack's leadership! At the Cubmaster/Pack Committee breakout, we'll discuss the Pinewood Derby and Blue & Gold Banquet!

Roundtable is for all pack leaders, including Cubmasters, committee members, den leaders or other interested parents. Each month one pack's leadership team presents the theme in the style of their pack meeting. This is a great way to see how others run their packs and "borrow" some great ideas for your next month's meeting! Other leaders are also there, providing a great forum to share ideas and answer questions. Enjoy camaraderie and refreshments, and leave feeling inspired, motivated and enabled! Roundtable is held on the second Thursday of each month (except July) from 8 – 9:15 PM at the LDS Church at 1600 N. Inglewood, Arlington. Many Cub 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!

Highlights from November Roundtable:

Maintain Pack Meeting Discipline:

- KISMIF (Keep It Simple, Make It Fun!)
- Have a role for every den
- Consider a den spirit award, like a stuffed animal the winning den keeps between meetings
- Have a plan for the meeting and recruit plenty of help
- Don't be afraid to deviate from the plan, but have a back up
- Employ run-ons, cheers and other quick items to keep the meeting moving

Pinewood Derby is right around the corner:

- Some Packs buy the kits, wrap them up, and hand them out as presents at their December Pack Meeting!
- Buy those cars early as there are runs on them, and it can take a little while for the stores to restock!
- Consider organize a workshop, where the handier parents lend and help operate the tools so the scouts can get the rough cut of their car done!

Commissioner's Minute:

Millions of youth and adults have been a part of the Scouting movement since it began in 1910. Perhaps your dad was a Scout or your mother was a den leader. Maybe you are the first in what will become a long legacy of Scouters in your family. Whatever the circumstance, someone helped you take that first step on this wonderful journey of character development, citizenship, and personal fitness. What better way to say thanks to those people than to pass along their legacy. May each of us commit ourselves to being that person in the life of somebody else as we invite others to join with us in our Scouting family.

2. Membership News – URGENT REQUEST TO TURN IN APPLICATIONS NOW!

(from Larry Hume, CBD Membership Chair, cbdmembershipchair-at-gmail.com)

Our current youth registrations are down compared to this time last year - **WAY DOWN** by hundreds of scouts, particularly for new Tiger Cubs. Rumor has it that many units may be holding on to applications for submission later, for various reasons, rather than turning them in this fall. If true, this is unfair to the parents and scouts who have paid for a scouting experience that includes Boy's Life magazine and BSA insurance coverage. This also adds unnecessary liability on the shoulders of unit leaders and their chartering organizations who may unknowingly be dealing with uninsured scouts. Register your Scouts!

We ask that you turn in any applications that you may have ASAP!

Membership applications may be turned in from 7 – 8 PM before the next CBD Roundtable on Thursday, December 13. If that doesn't work for you, contact Larry or Ben Lacy (info below) for other options!

A PDF file of common errors to avoid can be found [Here](#).

There's still time for Webelos to visit Boy Scout Troops (we know Cub Scouting is lots of fun, but the real deal begins with Boy Scouting!). We encourage all Webelos to visit at least a couple of Troops in order to figure out which one is the best fit. A chart showing Troop contact information and event schedules can be found on the CBD web site [Here](#). Visit it periodically for updates.

The Chain Bridge District membership POC is Larry Hume (CBDMembershipChair-at-gmail.com, mobile 703-577-3048), and our District Executive is Ben Lacy (ben.lacy-at-scouting.org). Membership questions can be addressed to Larry by email or phone, or between 7 and 8 PM before each CBD Roundtable (2nd Thursday of

each month except July), 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 [Here](#).

3. Internet Recharter Training – December 13

(from John Brown, District Commissioner, j_brownjr-at-verizon.net)

Internet Recharter Training will be conducted from 7:00 PM till 8:00 PM before the December Roundtable. All pack leaders or other volunteers involved with preparing and submitting recharter packages should attend this training. Our experienced commissioners will share recharter basics and cover a number of important changes since last year, so it's very important that all units take advantage of this training to ensure a smooth rechartering process. The rechartering time table and package drop-off locations and dates will be promulgated at the meeting. Hope to see you there!

Special Note: Be sure all leaders you expect to reregister have current Youth Protection Training. Training must be renewed every two years and must be completed on or after March 1, 2011, to be valid this cycle. And make sure your leaders have added their BSA Membership Number to their personal training record on MyScouting.org. Questions? Please contact your [Unit Commissioners](#).

4. Scouting for Food – Final Wrap-up

(from Paul Maloney, CBD SFF coordinator, paul.maloney.v2-at-solers.com)

Thanks to all the scouts and adults that worked so hard on Scouting for Food (SFF) in 2012, particularly those units that took on new or expanded areas. Thanks to your scout and adult efforts, we collected 59,000 pounds of donations in 2012 – a very important “good turn” but less than usual (in fact lower than any of the past five years). I think it's fair to say that we're all disappointed at that, particularly since so many scouts and adults worked really hard this year. The average number of hours this year worked per scout is 3.5 hours, which for most troops or packs is typically 2 hours on the first Saturday and 1.5 hours on the second. That's a significant effort and I thank you for it. The full SFF results will be posted on the Chain Bridge District's web page on the [Scouting for Food Link](#).

Every year there are some SFF donations that are not collected during the SFF collection Saturday. If you have picked up any missed donations or have any other donations that you want to get to AFAC, please drop them off at the December 13 Round Table. If you have a really large donation (say more than seven or eight bags), please let Paul Maloney know and he'll arrange to pick it up directly from you.

Finally, please pick up and retain ANY SFF sign that you see, ANYWHERE (regardless of which unit installed it). SFF signs are NOT disposable, but rather should be stored for future years - if you are your Unit's SFF Coordinator, and are moving on to Boy Scouts (or out of Scouting), be sure to relay all your signs to your successor.

Once again, thank you to everyone that helped on this important service project!

5. CBD Pinewood Derby – March 2, 2013

(from Jon Etherton, CBD Program Chair, jon-at-ethertonandassociates.com)

The 2013 Chain Bridge District Pinewood Derby is scheduled to take place on March 2, 2013 at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Mclean (1545 Chain Bridge Road). For more information on the rules and the event, go to [CBD Pinewood Derby](#). All packs are urged to follow the District rules for the Pinewood Derbies at the pack level to avoid the potential for confusion and possible disqualification of entries at the district event.

6. Journey to Excellence

(from John Brown, District Commissioner, j_brownjr-at-verizon.net)

Unit Leaders: Your Journey To Excellence (JTE) form for the 2012 calendar year can be submitted to your Unit Commissioner as soon as you are ready, but in any case no later than the January 10 Roundtable. Unlike last year, when forms were due with the unit recharter packages, we will collect them separately this year. Roundtable is conducted at the Arlington, LDS Chapel, 1600 N. Inglewood St. (8:00pm - 9:15pm). [Unit Commissioners](#) can assist you and answer any questions.

7. District Volunteer Opportunities

(from Rob Faris, CBD Nominating Committee, kudahorn-at-verizon.net)

We are almost always looking for additional volunteers to support Scouting in Chain Bridge District and touch the lives of youth beyond your individual unit. Following is a list of positions now or soon to be open:

- Popcorn Kernel (summer and fall 2013)
- Cub Scout Training Chair
- Community Friends of Scouting Chair
- Cub Program Chair
- Cub Scout Camporall Chair (fall 2013)

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these opportunities to serve youth throughout the district, please contact Rob.

8. Contact Data - Chain Bridge District (CBD) and NCAC

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