Chainemail
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2013 Alonzo Stagg 50/20 Hike Solicitation of Interest, Upcoming Training Opportunities, Membership News, In the News..., High Adventure Opportunities, Email Changes, Quick Reminders

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

1) 2013 Alonzo Stagg 50/20 Hike Solicitation of Interest
(from Bob Klein, ASM-111)

The 2013 Alonzo Stagg 50/20 Hike is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th (rain date Saturday, March 23rd). Note that this is the 50th Anniversary of the first Alonzo Stagg Hike. The hike offers opportunities for Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Leaders to hike from 10 to 50 miles over local roads, trails, and bike paths. The hike is "supported," meaning that there are various rest stops along the way that provide food, drinks, first aid, encouragement, and bail-out options. This event is an ideal opportunity for Scouts to complete the "roadblock" 20 mile hike needed for Hiking Merit Badge (an Eagle Required Merit Badge), that very few Units otherwise conduct. The event is also an excellent bonding and training event for Philmont, Lenhok'sin Trail, or similar high adventure Crews. Hikers that complete the entire 50 miles within 20 hours will receive the coveted Alonzo Stagg medal, and will also be listed on the Alonzo Stagg Hike Wall of Fame (see: troop111.org/activities/alonzo-stagg-5020-hike/alonzo-stagg-hall-of-fame/ ).

Although a District event, the hike requires the logistical support of the participating Units (that is, it is run by the participating Units, not by the District Staff). Support levels will be linked to the number of hikers from the respective Unit - Troops with large numbers of hikers will be tasked to run full service support stations; Troops with smaller numbers of hikers will be tasked to run small support or guidance points (known as "Waypoints") or other duties as assigned (such as bicycle or hiking escorts, sag wagon van drivers, and so on); and Troops with minimal numbers of hikers will be tasked to provide one or two "fill-in" volunteers where needed. The minimum

signup is two hikers and one support volunteer. Hikers MAY NOT sign up under other Troop's registrations; no exceptions. There will be a Provisional Unit for District Staff ONLY whose Home Units are not participating.

Large and Medium Units that ran Support Stops last year may sign up for those same Stops this year, if they so wish. They are encouraged to do so. Those "reservation signups" will be accepted starting today.

This year's Hike is limited to 250 hikers. This is an increase from last year and represents our maximum capacity for both this and all future Hikes. Interested Chain Bridge District Units (only) need to send an email to Bob Klein at drbob -at- troop111.org by Monday, January 14th. If there are still spaces remaining, emails from interested non-Chain Bridge District Units will be accepted starting Tuesday, January 15th. Signups CLOSE when the 250 hiker limit is reached or on Tuesday, January 29th, whichever occurs first. The email should include the respective names and emails of the SM, CC, and their Troop's Hike Coordinator (3 DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS, please), plus a "rough" estimate of the size of the Troop's involvement in terms of hikers (Large - 20 or more hikers; Medium - 5 to 20 hikers; or Small - less than 5 hikers). There is no financial commitment for expressing interest. There will be a multi-tier payment schedule for hikers, based on total intended hiking distance (that is, how many rest stops passed). Two mandatory planning meetings will be held, TBA, one in in February and another in early March (one and preferably two adults must attend from each participating Unit). Extensive additional information will be posted on the Troop 111 website in January. For now, questions should be directed to Bob at the above email address.

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2) 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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3) Membership News
(from Larry Hume, CBD Membership Chair)

Membership applications may be turned in by contacting Larry Hume (info below) or our D.E., Ben Lacy, for 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 before May (the month that the subscription generally kicks in for scouts entered into the database in February).

It's also time for Webelos to start looking at possible Boy Scout Troops (we know Cub Scouting is lots of fun, but the real deal really 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 website here:

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 (2nd Thursday of each month except July), or before the CBD Committee Meeting (generally 7:30 to 8:30 PM the 4th Thursday of each month except December and 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 www.boyscouts-ncac.org/document/chain-bridge-district-membership-program-launch-2012/115517

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4) In the news...

BOY SCOUT HONORED FOR RESCUE ON MOUNTAIN
(condensed from article by Stephen Hudak, Orlando Sentinel, Dec. 11, 2012)

Eleven thousand feet up a sun-scorched New Mexico mountain known as "Big Red," prospective Eagle Scout Brian Boatright watched in shock as a troop leader suddenly tumbled backward down the steep, rocky trail. "His eyes were rolling into the back of his head, and he was just in a terrible state," the 15-year-old recalled. "Obviously, something was wrong."

The small band of Boy Scouts was four days and three hours into a rugged adventure climb in [Philmont], in late June when fate tested how closely they had heeded the organization's famous motto: Be prepared.

On Big Red that day, cellphones were out of range as the sun bore down on the climbers. The troop's other adult, along with a Scout who had wilderness first-aid training, immediately began CPR

Brian recalls that he was scared, but his merit-badge lessons kicked

in. He pulled together three fellow Scouts, grabbed a map, and they took off running a sharply zig-zagging, four-mile descent to find help at Cyphers Mine, the nearest staffed camp.

Other Scouts built a shelter from a tarp and hiking gear to shield the ailing adult from the sun's searing rays, while others took turns with CPR, and two hiked up the trail, hoping to find a cell signal at a new height.

Brian's running crew, reached base camp in an hour and a half, where leaders at the base camp radioed a helicopter, which plucked the man off the rock and carried him to a hospital in Albuquerque, where he reportedly had successful heart-bypass surgery.

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NINTH CIRCUIT UPHOLDS CITY LEASES OF PUBLIC LAND TO BOY SCOUTS
(condensed from article by Kenneth Ofgang, Metropolitan News-Enterprise [Los Angeles], Dec. 21, 2012)

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday ruled for the City of San Diego in a years-long dispute over whether the [California] state Constitution allows public land to be leased to organizations that discriminate on the basis of religion or sexual orientation.

A three-judge [appellate] panel said the state's ban on government aid to religion does not apply to a lease for a secular purpose that provides a mere incidental benefit to a religious group.

The action was brought 12 years ago, to challenge the leases of Camp Balboa and the Youth Aquatic Center on Fiesta Island, both in San Diego, for which the scouts pay nominal rent to the city.

Other than when Boy Scouts events are being held, the facilities are open to the public.

The plaintiffs argued that because the Boy Scouts exclude atheists, agnostics, and homosexuals from membership, leasing public lands to the organization at below-market rates violates various provisions of federal, state, and city law.

Originally, U.S. District Judge Napoleon A. Jones had ruled that the leases violated the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution and the state Constitution's bans on government aid to, or preferences based on, religion. Following the trial court's decision, the city terminated the leases and settled with the plaintiffs.

The Boy Scouts, however, appealed, and the appeals court reversed Judge Jones's rulings. The ruling from the court of appeals explained that while the state Constitution prohibition against aiding any church or sectarian purpose did not apply in an absolute manner.

Because San Diego made its leases available to religious and secular groups on an "equal basis," doing so did not constitute aid to religion within the meaning of the state Constitution, and for similar reasons, did not violate the U.S. Constitution.

Full article at
www.metnews.com/articles/2012/barnes122112.htm

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5) High Adventure Opportunities

2013 NCAC Philmont Provisional and Unit Crew 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
There is also the possibility for a unit crew on one of these contingents.
For more information, see http://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. (first listing)

2013 Unit-Crew Philmont Reservations: Philmont has still has a limited number of 2013 unit-crew opening available. For a list of available slots, see
www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/75.aspx
There is a waiting list for 2014 unit-crew slots.

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.

2013 and 2014 Florida Sea Base Reservations: There are still a limited number of 2013 Sea Base reservations available. Reservation requests for 2014 Sea Base Adventures must be made online at www.bsaseabase.org starting 1/15/13 and continuing through 2/15/13. A lottery will be held and crews contacted when they have been accepted for a 2014 Sea Base Adventure.

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 during the weeks of 7/14-20 and 7/28-8/3. 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.

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 12/9/12 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:

* 12/29 - REI Members Only - Used Gear Sale - 10:00 am - REI, Bailey's Crossroads, VA. For more information, call 703-379-9400 or see www.rei.com/event/46729/session/61822.

* 1/3 - 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.

* 1/12-13 - Wilderness First Aid - cost 175 - Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, Leesburg, VA, The Center for Wilderness Safety. For more information, see http://www.wildsafe.org/ or contact Clif Castleman at office-at-wildsafe.org or 703-444-9468.

* 1/13 - 2013 NCAC Philmont Advisor & Crew Leader Training - Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church VA. The training will be directed to adult advisers and youth crew leaders traveling with the 2013 NCAC Philmont contingents, but others are welcome. For more information, contact Art Jordan at jordana3-at-verizon.net or 703-368-4975.

* 1/19 - Philmont Class - 10:30 am - REI, Timonium, MD. For more information, call 410-252-5920 or see www.rei.com/event/46740/session/61805.

* 1/26 - Introduction to Philmont - 11:00 am - REI, Columbia, MD. For more information, see call 410-872-1742 or see www.rei.com/event/46866/session/62040.

* 2/2-3 - Wilderness First Aid - cost 240 - Arlington, VA, Wilderness Safety Council. For more information, see www.wfa.net or contact Chris Tate at chris-at-wfa.net or 703-836-8905.

* 2/23-24 - Wilderness First Aid - cost 180 - Emergency Response Training Center, 6834 Plantation Road Frederick, MD, Emergency Repsonse Training. For more information, see www.onthetrailfirstaid.com or contact Saleena DeVore at emailert-at-yahoo.com or 301-228-3759.

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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6) E-mail Changes

[no new listings]

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

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7) Quick Reminders

***** CBD Provisional Summer Camp will be July 6-13, at Camp Bowman, The sponsoring unit is Troop 164. Contact: ScoutmasterTroop164-at-gmail.com or CommitteeChairTroop164-at-gmail.com for information.

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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!

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-Paul

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