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Below is the February 1, 2013, 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 – February 21, 2013

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

Come join us for February Roundtable! No Valentine's Day Roundtable this month—we've moved it back a week to Thursday, February 21 at 8 PM! This month only, special location—Charles Wesley United Methodist Church in McLean (6817 Dean Drive, off Westmoreland (near Kirby))! Pack 149 will present March's core value of Compassion (secondary theme of Planting the Seeds of Kindness)! 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 various breakouts, we'll be discussing storytelling, Unit Commissioners, and Tour Permits, so make sure your Pack is represented at all levels!

Highlights from the January Roundtable: In January, Pack 822 presented their pack's Uniform Inspection. The leaders in attendance learned about (and sampled) Pack 822's lollipop reward (the lollipops were dressed in appropriate Class A Uniforms, naturally), as well as tips from their uniform expert (who, believe me, is an expert!) with a real, live Cub Scout showing off his uniform skills! Other packs incorporate uniform reviews in cubby awards and have other ways to encourage pride in the uniform. Questions about uniforms? Go to www.bsauniforms.org and use the interactive tools to demonstrate proper uniforming. Begin with the adults—they will set the example of properly wearing the official Scouting uniforms!

Roundtable is for all pack leaders, including Cubmasters, Committee Members, Den Leaders or other interested parents. Each month a Cubmaster or others from a 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 generally held on the second Thursday of each month (NOT THIS MONTH—SEE ABOVE!!!) from 8 – 9:15 PM at the LDS Church at 1600 N. Inglewood, Arlington (but NOT THIS MONTH—SEE ABOVE!!!). 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!

2. Recharter and Journey to Excellence (JTE)

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

There's no time like the present to complete rechartering and JTE paperwork! Actually, we have different deadlines this year for each. You can submit your JTE performance report to your Unit Commissioner anytime, but the absolute deadline to submit it is February 6 (bring it to Starbucks – see below).

Hopefully, all units are finished with Internet Rechartering or nearly so. Just remember to ensure all your youth and adults are registered, everyone who has moved on is deleted, print your report, get required signatures, issue a check (including insurance fees, which do not appear on the BSA printout) and deliver the package. Commissioners will be at the Starbucks in the shopping center at Lee Highway and North Harrison Street between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM February 6 and 13 to accept forms. You can also bring them to the February 21 Roundtable or get it to your Unit Commissioner. Questions? Please contact your **Unit Commissioner**.

3. Family Friends of Scouting

(from Kirk Shaffer, District Finance Chair, kshaffer-at-crowell.com or kirkshaffer-at-verizon.net)

The 2013 Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS) Campaign is well underway. This year our theme is "A Scout is Reverent," thus completing the series of FFOS themes based on the 12 points of the Scout Law. If you are a unit Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Ship Skipper, or other unit leader, please make an extra special effort to designate an FFOS Unit Coordinator who is willing to directly contact each Scouting family in their unit to insure that all families in the District are aware of the importance of FFOS and are given the opportunity to participate in supporting the outstanding Scouting program we enjoy in the National Capital Area Council. Put them in contact with Kirk Shaffer, our District Finance Chair, for training, supplies, and ideas for substantially increasing FFOS participation.

The Council's annual budget is over $11 million. Of that amount, over $2 million is contributed through FFOS. The Chain Bridge District objective is to raise over $125,000 toward the overall FFOS goal. Without FFOS, camp fees would be higher, training and other programs provided by Council would be curtailed, and we would not be able to present the finest Scouting program in America. Experience has shown that the more Scouting families (and Scouting alumni like Eagle Scouts and their parents) we contact, the more money we raise. Very few families decline to give, if asked. Thus, by far the best approach is to contact every family in your unit so they all have the opportunity to contribute.

Folks can contribute by check, cash, pledge to be paid by 12-31-13, installment payments, or online at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/charitable-giving/friends-of-scouting/16725 (where there's plenty of additional information about where the money goes). And be sure to indicate each contributor's unit, so that unit gets credit for supporting Scouting.

Training and supplies will also be available at 7:00 PM before the February 21 Roundtable.

4. Membership News

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

Membership applications may be turned in from 7 – 8 PM before the next CBD Roundtable on Thursday, February 21. 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**.

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**.

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 Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington (NOTE NEW LOCATION: 825 S. Taylor St., 22204). 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. District Volunteer Opportunities

(from Rob Faris, District Nominating Committee Chair, kuduhorn-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 Scout 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.

7. OA Help with Arrow of Light Ceremonies

(from Nolan Mackness, Order of the Arrow Ceremonies Adviser, nfm.scouts-at-gmail.com)

If you would like Order of the Arrow (OA) help with your Arrow of Light ceremony, please contact Nolan Mackness, our OA ceremonies adviser. Arrow of Light ceremonies will be offered from January through March 2013. Please make your reservation at least two weeks in advance of the event. We've scheduled two more district-wide ceremonies--one for Feb. 21 and the final one for March 15. They will be in the Education Bldg.'s Multipurpose Room at Chesterbrook UMC, 1711 Kirby Rd., McLean. Pre-ceremony preparation and seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremonies will start at 7:00. The only exception to these combined ceremonies will be for packs with 20 or more graduating Webelos.

8. Unit Scouter of the Year Award Nominations

(from Pauline Clark, Pauline.clark-at-verizon.com)

Please submit your nominations to Pauline Clark no later than February 28. Only one nomination per unit is allowed. Awards will be presented at the District Dinner on March 22. Here is the **nomination form**. Email the completed from to Pauline. Her contact information is on the form.

9. Scout Programs in Old Town Alexandria

(from Michele Longo, Alexandria Curator of Education, Michele.Longo-at-alexandriava.gov)

This year Historic Alexandria has a number of opportunities for Packs. To make reservations for any of the programs below, you can purchase tickets directly through our Alexandria Online Store. When purchasing tickets, don't forget to buy one for each person coming, both youth and adults. Each program costs $6 per person. If you have any questions about the following programs or would like recommendations for other things to do in Old Town during your visit, please feel free to contact Michele directly at 703-746-4739.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum (134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA)

Swordsmen's Rendezvous—Saturdays, February 9 and March 9

En guarde! Learn a skill all 18th century gentleman would know - swordplay. Includes re-enactment of swordplay and a display of 18th century weapons. Ideal for everyone 2nd grade and older, this program includes some audience participation as you practice your new-found talents. Groups can reserve space for up to 24 people, including children and adults, for this one-hour program. A new group starts the program every thirty minutes between 12:30 and 4:30 PM.

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum (105-107 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA)

Wonders of Science—Saturdays, February 2 and March 16

Recommended for 4th grade and older, explore the Apothecary through a tour and hands-on demos of 18th century natural and medical science. Discover curious objects, from poison bottles to dragon's blood, and find out how there were used (and if they worked). Scientific demonstrations led by Project Enlightenment, McLean High School's historical reenactment society. Groups can reserve space for up to 16 people, including children and adults, for this one-hour program. A new group starts the program every thirty minutes between 1:00 and 3:00 PM.

Mad Science!—Sunday, April 28

What do super heroes, crazy animals, and explosions have in common? A Mad Scientist probably made them! Explore where real science and mad science collide through tours that feature historic medicines with surprising side effects and the Museum's own mad scientist leading hands-on science experiments and the making of goop. Maximum group size of 16 people, including children and adults. Program is approximately 1 hour long, and a new program begins every 30 minutes between 2:00 and 4:30 PM.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum & Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum
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