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Upcoming District Roundtable, Recharter and Journey to Excellence, Eagle Advancement News, 2013 Alonzo Stagg 50/20 Hike Solicitation of Interest, Membership News, High Adventure Opportunities, Email Changes, Quick Reminders

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1) Upcoming January Roundtable

The January 2013 Chain Bridge District roundtable will take place this Thursday, January 10 (as always--the second Thursday), from 8 - 9:15 PM at the LDS Church at 1600 N Inglewood, Arlington 22205. Many 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!

Unit Journey to Excellence forms are now due separately from rechartering - at the January Roundtable.

2) Recharter and Journey to Excellence
(from John Brown, District Commissioner)

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 at the January Roundtable or deliver it to your Unit Commissioner anytime, but the absolute deadline to submit the form is February 6.

Starting January 1, you can go online to complete Internet Rechartering. If your membership records are up to date, there's no need to wait! 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 - bring it to the January or February Roundtable or get it to your Unit Commissioner. Questions? Please contact your Unit Commissioner.

3) Eagle Advancement News
(from David Christensen, CBD Advancements)

Here are three quick announcements related to advancement to Eagle rank:

First, the 2013 Chain Bridge District Life-to-Eagle Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd from 1 - 4:30 PM at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church (6817 Dean Drive McLean, VA 22101). All Life Scouts who are working to earn Eagle rank should plan to attend, as should all unit-level Eagle coaches and advisers.

Second, the merit badge requirements for Eagle are changing and the Cooking Merit Badge will become a required badge effective January 1, 2014. If you want to avoid a last-minute crunch, it would be wise to earn this badge in 2013.

Third, there is a new and improved version of the fillable pdf Eagle Project Workbook. Look for the "New Expandable PDF" file on the BSA website:

www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/Resources.aspx

The new file is user-friendly with expandable text boxes, easy photo uploads and automatic total calculations.

4) 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 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.

5) 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](tel: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

6) 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](tel:301-933-0048) or Wes Haynes at Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org or [301-943-8376](tel:301-943-8376). (second 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-ffc.gov or [703-280-9782](tel:703-280-9782) or Wes Haynes at Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org or [301-943-8376](tel: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](tel:301-371-4797) or Wes Haynes at Wes.Haynes-at-scouting.org or [301-943-8376](tel: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](tel: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:

* 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](tel: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](tel:703-368-4975).

* 1/19 - Philmont Class - 10:30 am - REI, Timonium, MD. For more information, call [410-252-5920](tel: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](tel: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](tel:703-836-8905).

* 2/23-24 - Wilderness First Aid - cost 180 - Emergency Response Training Center, 6834 Plantation Road Frederick, MD, Emergency Response Training. For more information, see www.onthetrailfirstaid.com or contact Saleena DeVore at emailert-at-yahoo.com or [301-228-3759](tel: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](tel:703-536-5189).

7) E-mail Changes

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

8) 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](mailto:ScoutmasterTroop164-at-gmail.com) or CommitteeChairTroop164-at-gmail.com for information.

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 (isabelle-m-at-vsl.cua.edu) for information]

Complete District Calendars are posted at:

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/chainbridge

Hope there was something there for you!

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

-Paul

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