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Below is the May 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/Program Launch – May 9, 2013

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

It's that time of year again – Chicago Style Hot Dogs and Program Launch! Come out to Lacey Woods Park on May 9 for the Chain Bridge District's Program Launch 2013. The event will start at 6:00 PM with an opening flag ceremony and last until 8:00 PM. I encourage everyone to be there for the opening ceremony, special announcements and presentations. Assistant District Commissioner Craig Hirai will be serving his delicious Chicago Style Hot Dogs, soft drinks and chips. Our Scouting programs will be on display, with leaders on hand to answer your questions. Once again, Casual Adventure, our very supportive Camping, Hiking and Outdoors Equipment store, will have a display and experts on hand to demonstrate gear and let you know about any specials (see below for info on their 27th Annual Sale this weekend!). Most important, we'll have Program Launch packets for you with most everything you'll need to plan your new scouting year. So, join us in the park for the latest information and a chance to enjoy great hot dogs in the outdoors. Lacey Woods Park is located at 1200 N. George Mason Drive, Arlington, VA. In case of inclement weather the program will be conducted at the Arlington LDS Chapel – same place Roundtables are held but we will keep the Program Launch time (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM). Rain or shine you don't want to miss it!

April Roundtable Recap: At the April Roundtable breakouts, we discussed that now is a great time to recruit new scouts—the weather is improving, your packs will be doing an increased amount of outdoor activities and the rising 1st graders (and others!) will be itching to join!

2. Welcome Michael Lee, new District Executive!

(from Dan Anderson, Virginia Central Area Field Director, Daniel.Anderson-at-scouting.org)

We are very pleased to welcome Michael Lee as our new District Executive for Chain Bridge District. He earned the rank of Eagle at Troop 875 in Falls Church and graduated from The Ohio State University in 2012. This is his second district here in the National Capital Area Council; he previously served in the Seneca District (Upper Montgomery County). "I look forward to meeting many of you in the near future – hopefully at Program Launch May 9 at Lacey Woods Park. Feel free to contact me [info below] with any questions or concerns you may have."

3. Membership News – JSN Training!

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

It's that time of year – Spring Tiger Recruiting! Get a jump on your new Tiger Den by inviting this year's kindergarten boys and their families to join you for Cub Scouting this summer and next fall. And in the process, find that new Tiger Leader now, so he or she (or all of them!) can get training and organized, then hit the ground running in September. Questions? Talk to Larry Hume or Dan Dixon at Program Launch.

All packs are encouraged to send at least one volunteer to Join Scouting Night (JSN) training, offered at multiple locations around the Council in coming weeks and again next fall. A major focus of the training is recruiting new Cub Scouts, but there is also a discussion of the new, soon-to-be unveiled online application processing through BeaScout.org. Online applications have been a long time coming and should streamline the process of registering new Scouts. Click **Here** for more information and to register for NCAC JSN training.

The Chain Bridge District membership POC is Larry Hume (CBDMembershipChair-at-gmail.com, 703-577-3048 cell). Membership questions can be addressed to Larry by email or phone, or at Program Launch May 9, or before the CBD Committee Meeting (generally 7:30 PM – 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**.

4. BALOO Training – May 11, 2013

(from Larry Hume, Pack 164, LHumeP164-at-gmail.com, 703-577-3048 cell)

BALOO Training is a day of fun and learning that will help pack leaders plan and carry out a quality "entry-level" outdoor experience for Cub Scouts and their families**.** Participants will better understand BSA rules and camp programming while acquiring the skills and confidence to host a successful campout. Increase your knowledge of available resources and national and council guidelines.

Pack 164 will be offering BALOO training at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Parish Hall on Saturday, May 11th, 8 AM – 2 PM., 830 S. 23rd. Street, Arlington. For more information and registration, click **Here**.

5. Casual Adventure 27th Annual Sale – May 3 – 5

We don't usually plug companies in Cubmail, but this is an exception to that rule. Casual Adventure, the Outdoor Adventure store at 3451 North Washington Blvd. in Arlington, is having its 27th annual "Gear Up and Get Outside!" sale this weekend, May 3 – 5. Casual Adventure carries a full line of Scout uniforms and gear and has been one of our biggest supporters for many, many years. Click **Here** for more info on the sale and meet them at Program Launch May 9!

6. HOST Memorial Day Weekend Hike – May 25 – 27, 2013

(from Jay Eidson, CBD Program Chair, jayhoya1977-at-gmail.com)

NCAC is sponsoring a hiking event around DC on Memorial Day Weekend. This new Trail is called the Washington DC History of Scouting Trails (HOST). At the moment there are more than 1000 NCAC Scouts, Scouters, families and friends registered. Those that hike the 6-mile "Colin Livingstone Trail" on Memorial Day Weekend are eligible for a limited edition medal. There is a shorter 2-mile trail intended for younger Scouts; for this shorter hike there will be a limited edition pin available.

For more details and to sign up for the HOST Hike, click **Here**.

7. Family Friends of Scouting

(from Kirk Shaffer, District Finance Chair, kirkshaffer-at-verizon.net)

As of April 15, we have collected just over 50% of our annual goal for Family Friends of Scouting. We jumped a full 25% in just the last month, but we still have a way to go. Let's please redouble our efforts to insure that we not only exceed our goal but also do so in short order.

The easiest way for your Scout families and friends to contribute is online (http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/charitable-giving/friends-of-scouting/16725). Please remind everyone to indicate their Scout unit when asked during the online donation process, so that their unit gets due credit for their participation.

If you need materials to support your unit campaign or if you need a unit coordinator trained, please let me know right away. I'll be at Program Launch May 9 if you have other questions. Thanks very much for your support so far!

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