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Register Now for March 15 District Dinner, Early Bird Deposit Due for Provisional Summer Camp, , In the News..., Membership News, High Adventure Opportunities, Email Changes, Quick Reminders

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1) Register Now for March 15 District Dinner
(from Dave Carlson)

District Dinner Registration is now LIVE!!
For information and registration, here is the link:
www.boyscouts-ncac.org/event/district-dinner/1316867

Our Annual District Dinner will be Friday evening March 15, once again at Marymount University. Our purpose is to recognize all of our Eagle Socuts, Venturing Silver Awards, and Sea Scout Quartermaster Awards during 2012, as well as many of our outstanding adult volunteers.

The National Council of BSA allows us to recognize one adult leader for every 250 adult leaders registered with the District Award of Merit. This year we will recognize Susan Crank, Steve Englund, Kirk Shaffer, and Kelly Wise for their outstanding contributions to our Arlington and McLean youth. Please pass your congratulations on to these people by joining us at the dinner. We will also recognize "Unit Scouters of the Year"

As in the last few years, a highlight of the dinner will be hearing from our youth Oratory Contest Winners. We expect to have one Cub Scout, one Boy Scout, and one Venturing, Varsity, or Sea Scout each deliver a short talk related to scouting.

Registration is required for the event.

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2) Early Bird Deposit Due for Provisional Summer Camp
(from Larry Hume)

The Chain Bridge District provisional Scout camp will be July 6-13, 2013 at Camp Bowman, in Goshen Scout Reservation. This year, the sponsoring troop will be Troop 164.

The early bird deposit of 50 (to receive a Goshen hat) is due before 15 March. Contact ScoutmasterTroop164-at-gmail.com.

Other dates to remember:
Goshen early payment deadline: April 26, 2013 (Youth cost: 315 / Adult: 240)
Regular camp payment deadline: May 31, 2013 (Youth cost: 345 / Adult: 260)
At-camp payment: After May 31st (Youth cost: 370 / Adult: 280)
Transportation fee: 40 (for those riding the Goshen bus or using troop-provided transportation)
Checks and major credit cards accepted: payable to "Troop 164 - BSA"
Required Parent/Scout Organizational Meeting: Wednesday, May 29, 7:30-8:45pm
Location - Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Parish Hall, 830 23rd Street South, Arlington, VA
Purpose - To identity scout & parent expectations for advancement and merit badge goals while at camp, discussion of the patrol method and expected scout behavior, payment of fees, and submission of required medical forms and waivers. Note: a doctor-signed BSA medical form is required for summer camp.
Contacts: ScoutmasterTroop164-at-gmail.com and CommitteeChairTroop164-at-gmail.com.

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3) In the News...

[on hiatus – nothing sufficiently interesting to share today.]

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4) 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).

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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5) High Adventure Opportunities

2013 NCAC Philmont Provisional Opportunities: NCAC is on the verge of losing its P716 (7/14-28) provisional crew unless 2 more individuals are recruited. The following includes more detail:

Interested in going to Philmont this summer? Philimont is the crown jewel of BSA's High Adventure program and NCAC has spaces available on a Council-sponsored trip departing on July 14 and returning on July 28. We are looking for at least two individuals (perfect for a father-son trip!) to fill out a provisional crew. Multiple Scouts from the same unit are welcome to sign up. With shakedowns and other preparations starting soon, we really need to fill these seats as soon as possible. Trip cost is estimated at 2150 per person and includes the Philmont fee, all air and ground transportation, two days of sightseeing and activities in New Mexico (including a tram ride up Sandia Peak and whitewater rafting), all meals, lodging en route to Philmont, and all admission fees and gratuities. This is the trip of a lifetime, so sign up now. The registration form and instructions are available at:
https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1988&id=107211
Note that the available slots are on P716. For more information, 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. (second listing)

2013 Unit-Crew Philmont Reservations: Philmont still has 2013 unit-crew openings available. For a list of available slots, see www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/75.aspx. (second listing)

2014 NCAC Philmont Provisional and Unit-Crew Opportunities: Philmont has a waiting list for 2014 crews, but NCAC has space on its three 2014 Philmont contingents: P701 (6/29or30-7/13), P708 (7/6or7-20), and P715 (7/13or14-27). Unit-crew slots will be filled through a fax-in lottery to be conducted between 3/23 and 3/31/13. More information and a copy of the fax in unit-crew application will soon be available at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure. NCAC will also be accepting provisional youth and adult advisor applications for these contingents. All provisional and unit crews will travel together under arrangements made by NCAC. The standard estimated cost is 2250 per person, but there is also an economy option estimated at 1950 per person. For more information, see 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. (second listing)

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. (second listing)

2013 and 2014 Northern Tier Opportunities: The first day to make 2014 reservations for the high adventure bases at Ely, MN; Atikokan, Ontario; and Bissett, Manitoba is 4/1/13. The best dates go fast, but there are still limited 2013 dates available. The number to call is 218-365-4811. This is the oldest national high adventure opportunity with the most wilderness. No roads, no resupply, and literally millions of acres of wilderness lakes, rivers, and streams for you to paddle and portage. Most crews take 10-day treks and are limited to 9 people (e.g., 6 Scouts, 2 adults, and an interpreter). You must be at least 13 years old, BSA-registered, and a swimmer to attend. The base cost is 58 minimum plus extras (2013) per person with a reservation deposit of 300. The Order of the Arrow sponsors trail crews followed by a trek. Winter Okpik programs (e.g., by

dog-sled, cross-country ski, or snowshoe) are also offered at Ely, MN. For more information, see www.ntier.org or contact Craig Reichow at Sctmstr-at-verizon.net or 703-478-0660.

2013 Lenhok'sin High Adventure Provisional Opportunity: 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 a 7/14-20 provisional crew for youth unable to attend with their unit. 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. (second listing)

2014 NCAC Summit Opportunities: BSA is opening the Summit, a new high adventure base, in southern WV in 2014. For more information on the programs, see https://summit.scouting.org/en/Pages/SummitActivities.aspx. NCAC is planning provisional crews for The River and the Helmets and Harnesses programs. For more information, contact George Gadbois at Gdbsrj-at-aol.com or 301-770-5386 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:

* 3/2 – NCAC Philmont Crew Advisor Hike – Signal Knob, VA. All 2013 NCAC crew advisors are required to attend either the 3/2 or 3/16 hike. For more information, contact Rush Williamson at longportage-at-comcast.net or 301-424-7132.

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

* 3/7 – 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.

* 3/9 – NCAC High Adventure Advisor Training – 8:00 am – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – The training is for adult advisors and youth crew leaders going on NCAC-sponsored HA treks. Adult advisors and crew leaders attending HA bases on their own are also welcome. The training will cover such topics as first aid, backpacking equipment, map and compass, bear safety, stoves, camp set up, cooking, and water purification. There will be breakout sessions for crew leaders, Philmont, Northern Tier, Adirondacks, Maine, and Lenhok'sin. For more information, contact Art Jordan at jordana3-at-verizon.net or 703-368-4975.

* 3/9 – 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/48626/session/66024.

* 3/16 – NCAC Philmont Crew Advisor Hike – Catoctin Mountain Park, MD. All 2013 NCAC crew advisors are required to attend either the 3/2 or 3/16 hike. For more information, contact Rush Williamson at Longportage-at-comcast.net or 301-424-7132.

* 3/16 – Chain Bridge District Amos Alonzo Stagg 50 miles in 20 hours challenge hike. Preregistration is required. For more information, troop111.org/activities/alonzo-stagg-5020-hike/.

* 3/28 – 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.

* 4/8, 13-14, 5/4-5 – Backpacking 101 – cost 75-95 – Potomac Appalachian Trail Club Headquarters and Shenandoah National Park. For more information, see www.patc.net/bp101 or contact John Bridges at TPBackpack-at-patc.net or 703-726-0188.

* 4/12-14 – Goshen Trail Work – Help clear Lenhok'sin's trails. For more information, contact Rush Williamson at longportage-ar-comcast.net or 301-424-7132.

* 4/27-28 – 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.

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

ADD Andy Hall (AA-C2473/ASM-106) AT AndrewOHall-at-msn.com
ADD Joan Gaines (CmteM-111) AT gainesjoan-at-gmail.com

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

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7) Quick Reminders

***** Life to Eagle Seminar will be Saturday, March 2 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, McLean. Register at
www.boyscouts-ncac.org/OpenRosters/View_Homepage.aspx?orgkey=2015
Contact David Christensen (dychrist4-at-yahoo.com) for more information.

***** Scout Oratory Contest needs Scout speakers from all levels. District judges will hear unit-level winners on March 6. Info from carlsonbsa -at- verizon.net.

***** Chain Bridge District provisional Scout camp July 6-13, at Camp Bowman, Contact ScoutmasterTroop164-at-gmail.com and CommitteeChairTroop164-at-gmail.com.

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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/