

BSA Chainemail 2/11/2013 (Chain Bridge District e-newsletter)T

Reminder of February Roundtable Changes, Klondike Derby is a Grand Success, Life-to-Eagle Seminar, Chain Bridge District Dinner, NCAC Orienteering Meet Opens, In the News..., Membership News, High Adventure Opportunities, Email Changes, Quick Reminders

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1) Reminder of February Roundtable Changes

As mentioned in the update edition of Chainemail (several days ago), the February Chain Bridge District Boy Scout Leader Roundtable has been moved to February 21, at 8 p.m., and will take place at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church (6817 Dean Drive, McLean, which is off Westmoreland, near Kirby)!

2) Klondike Derby is a Grand Success

(from Bill Demarest)

Dateline: Klondike Territory.

Hundreds of acres of Loudoun County temporarily seceded from the Old Dominion on Saturday, February 9, 2013, as hundreds of Boy Scouts and their adult advisors turned a portion of Camp Highroads, north of Middleburg, into the "Klondike Territory" for a day!

Nineteen patrols, from eleven troops, participated in the great Klondike Derby gold rush. Towing sleds fashioned after the traditional dog sleds of Alaska, loaded with scouting gear - tarp, ropes, compass, knives and ax, cooking pot, first aid kit, fire starting materials and other equipment - around a several mile-long trail through the fields and woods of the Northern Virginia countryside. Along the trail, the teams encountered five encampments: Dead Horse, Big Skookum Gulch, Dawson City, Bonanza, and Cripple Creek. At each, the town Mayor assigned the teams a theme-based challenge to demonstrate the boys' scout skills.

Before leaving from Chilkoot Pass on their great adventure, the teams were inspected by Territorial Director of Public Safety, Dave Vollenweider, for proper clothing, foot gear and adequate water supplies. After successfully passing their health and safety

inspection, Territorial Sheriff Randy Wahab used his trusty firearm (safely loaded with blanks as the Territory enjoys a zero crime rate - "A Scout is Trustworthy" and "A Scout is Obedient" are two of the Twelve Points of the Scout Law) to start the teams in pairs, in opposite directions, around the loop trail.

Gusty winds and chilly temperatures added to the challenge but did nothing to dim the enthusiasm of the teams as they headed out on their adventure. Even teams that were unable to complete the full course due to sled malfunctions, were enthusiastic on their return to Chilkoot Pass - looking forward to a reward of a steaming cup of hot cocoa. One undaunted team returned to Chilkoot Pass carrying their sled in pieces ("A Scout is Cheerful") after the sled reportedly "blew up" on the trail! No nuggets, but memories that will last them a life-time.

At Chilkoot Pass HQ, Registration duties were handled by Territorial Secretary-of-State, Kristine Flamm, who reported a budget surplus. To assure all participants remained safe throughout the event, Territorial Surgeon General Jay Eidson provided First Aid coverage. Jack Person, Chief Communication Engineer for the Territory, erected a communication tower to facilitate radio between Base Camp at Chilkoot Pass and the five territorial towns. Doug Flamm, the official Cocoa Major Domo of the Territory, kept a steady supply of hot cocoa flowing throughout the day, rewarding tired but cheerful

teams on their return to Chilkoot Pass with nuggets in hand.

Dave Carlson, Territorial Chief Cook and Bottle Washer, prepared a feast of Dutch-oven chili covered with hot dogs and baked corn bread for all to enjoy. Sheriff Wahab even snuck in a hot dog with a promise from those nearby not to let his wife know.

Out on the trail, the Mayors (the unsung heroes of the Klondike Derby) - Annie Bridges at Cripple Creek, Bill Swarm at Bonanza, co-Mayors Kelly Wise and Mark Wray at Dawson City, Jon Etherton at Big Skookum Gulch, and John Hadley at Dead Horse - challenged the teams to demonstrate scouting skills, including first aid, camp-craft, compass and map reading, pioneering, nature and general scout knowledge. Several Mayors were ably assisted by members of the District's Chapter of the Order of the Arrow, scouting's honorary camping society dedicated to service to scouting and the community. Based on each team's performance on their assigned challenges, demonstrated teamwork, and scout spirit, the Mayors awarded up to ten "gold nuggets." Videographer Carl Stout recorded the teams' performances for posterity.

Teams competed in two Divisions - the Scout Division (comprised of younger teams), and the Senior Division (generally comprised of teams of older and more experienced scouts). Senior Division teams faced more difficult challenges tailored to the scouts' greater experience. On each team's return to Chilkoot Pass, their nuggets were counted,

and time was factored in, to determine the winners of the two Divisions. Bill Demarest, Governor of the Klondike Territory, reported that the winning scores were the closest in the nine-year history of the event. The Governor announced the following winners of each Division:

SCOUT DIVISION:

First Place: Troop 111's Stonecutters Patrol. With 36 nuggets, the Stonecutters were aided by the best time of the day (just 3:29, and more than 40 minutes faster than their nearest competitors in the Scout Division), to a total time-weighted score of 460 points, to just edge out Troop 1130's Eagle Patrol for First Place honors!

Second Place: Troop 1130's Eagle Patrol. In the 2013 running of the Klondike Derby, the 2012 Scout Division winning patrol accumulated more nuggets than the Stonecutters (37). However, the Eagle's third-place time (4:40), more than an hour longer than that of the Stonecutters, yielded a time-weighted score of 450 points. This is the first instance in the nine-year history of the event in which time determined the first place outcome.

Third Place: Troop 822's Penguin Patrol. The Penguins earned 29 nuggets and a total point score of 360.

Honorable Mention went to Troop 822's Grey Wolves Patrol. Aided by a second-best time (4:10), the Grey Wolves turned their 21 nuggets into a total score of 300 points.

The remaining teams all "timed-out," exceeding the five-hour course

time limit, but nevertheless accumulated impressive nugget counts:

Troop 164 Lightning (30); Troop 821 (29); Troop 167 Angry Onions (25);

Troop 104 Frontiers (22).

SENIOR DIVISION:

First Place: Troop 111's Burning Pants Patrol. With 35 nuggets, and the best time in the Senior Division (3:33), the Burning Pants racked up a total time-weighted score of 450 points.

Second Place: Troop 111's Scooters Patrol was close behind, with 34 nuggets and a third-best time (3:53), for a total time-weighted score of 420 points.

Third Place: Troop 167's Hammer Patrol edged out Troop 111's Spectre Patrol for third place. Both patrols scored 370 total points. In the tie-breaker, the Hammer Patrol's 32 nuggets bested the Spectre Patrol's 28 nuggets, carrying the Hammer Patrol to Third Place, despite the Spectre Patrol's second-best time (3:36), and spoiling Troop 111's bid for a "clean sweep" of the Senior Division.

Honorable Mention went to Troop 141's Singing Hobos (28 nuggets), Troop 1130's Yogi's (29 nuggets), and Troop 128's Tornadoes (18 nuggets).

The First Place trophies will be formally presented to the leaders of the winning patrols at the Chain Bridge District's Annual Dinner in March. Governor Demarest congratulated the Stonecutters' Patrol Leader, Life Scout Jack Whelan (16), and the Burning Pants' Patrol

Leader, Eagle Scout Michael Gaines (17), immediately following the completion of the competition. The Governor congratulated Troop 111 on an outstanding performance by the troop's four teams. Governor Demarest reported that he was most impressed by the fact that both patrols were "natural patrols," which function throughout the year, not teams of ringers pulled together for the purpose of the competition!

Following the event, the Klondike Territory in Loudoun County was returned to the sovereignty of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at least until February 2014!

3) Life-to-Eagle Seminar

(from Dave Christensen, Advancement Cmte)

The 2013 Life to Eagle Seminar will be Saturday, March 2nd from 1:30 to 4:30 PM at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church in McLean. The Seminar is offered by our District's Eagle Board members to help Life Scouts and their parents understand what it takes to become an Eagle Scout. The seminar also includes a break-out section for unit Eagle Advisers and Coaches. The Life to Eagle process continues to evolve, and this is an excellent opportunity to learn new procedures and time-

tested paths to success. The seminar is free, but please register at the District website www.boyscouts-ncac.org/OpenRosters/View_Homepage.aspx?orgkey=2015 to reserve your copy of the Seminar CD containing valuable information. Contact David Christensen (dychrist4-at-yahoo.com) for more information.

4) Chain Bridge District Dinner (from Dave Carlson)

Please save the date and note the change for the date of the District Dinner. Our Annual District Dinner will be Friday evening March 15, once again at Marymount University. Our purpose is to recognize all of our Eagle Scouts, 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 and will be live on-line in about a week. Here is the link to our district home page:

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/OpenRosters/View_Homepage.aspx?orgkey=2015

5) NCAC Orienteering Meet Opens

(from James Chaplin, Advisor-C1833)

The 8th Annual NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet, will be held on March 23 at a new location: Kings Landing Park in Calvert County in Maryland.

For more information and to register your troop or crew for this event:

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/Orienteering

6) In the News...

[Although I have seen no mention in reports that SSgt. Romesha was a Boy Scout, it appears to be a strong possibility, given his upbringing. We should know more soon from BSA, I hope. - ed.]

HERO OF FEROCIOUS AFGHANISTAN BATTLE RECEIVES MEDAL OF HONOR
(edited from Army record of citation, Feb. 11, 2013)

Earlier today, President Obama awarded the Medal of Honor to former Army Staff Sgt. Clint Romesha for his uncommon bravery in what is considered one of the worst ground attacks of the Afghanistan war. Romesha, age 31, became the fourth living person to receive the nation's highest military decoration for actions in Afghanistan or Iraq.

At 6 a.m. on October 3, 2009, Combat Outpost Keating in [the Hindu Kush mountain region of] Afghanistan, came under a complex attack by an enemy force estimated at 400 fighters. The fighters occupied the high ground on all four sides of the combat outpost and initiated the attack with concentrated fire.

Staff Sgt. Clinton L. Romesha displayed extraordinary heroism through a day-long engagement in which he killed multiple enemy fighters, recovered fallen Soldiers, and led multiple recovery, resupply, and

counterattack operations.

[Despite being wounded earlier in the battle,] Romesha assembled a five-man team and instructed them to load up on ammunition and weapons.

While they were preparing, he again moved out to check on [another soldier], and grabbed the only accessible sniper rifle and, despite having to expose himself to heavy enemy fire, neutralized additional enemy positions.

He then moved back to the link up with his team. While moving, he saw three Taliban fighters who had breached the combat outpost's outer perimeter. With a sense of calmness that inspired his soldiers, Romesha engaged and destroyed the three Taliban fighters, and then moved to the tactical operations center to give [an officer] a report confirming that enemy forces were indeed moving "inside the wire." Romesha then planned and led a mission to secure the ammunition supply point.

While an enemy fighter attempted to breach the wire near Romesha's location, a member of his team was shot in the arm. Romesha returned accurate fire and threw multiple hand grenades to destroy the enemy fighter. Romesha evacuated the wounded team member, and returned to improve his position. In doing so, Romesha engaged targets and suppressed enemy forces to allow the soldiers at other positions an opportunity to move back to friendly forces.

Romesha coordinated and led his men to clear the ammunition supply point and then set up positions to secure it. Once the ammunition supply point was secure, Romesha determined that the entry control point was the next obstacle that needed to be reinforced, because it was the only remaining enemy avenue of approach to the tactical operations center and aid station from the northwest.

Romesha informed the tactical operations center that the rounds were originating from the village of Urmul and the Afghan National Police checkpoint directly to the front of the [outpost's] entry control point. Calling grid coordinates to the enemy locations, Romesha enabled the critical 120mm mortars and air support to drop in those locations. Romesha's reporting and ability to direct air and indirect fire assets allowed friendly forces to gain and maintain this critical objective.

After receiving reports that there were still friendly forces [pinned down at a location inside the outpost], Romesha provided an overwhelming amount of covering fire to allow three soldiers, one of whom was seriously injured, to withdraw to comparative safety. Then, despite a lack of covering fire, Romesha and his team evacuated the bodies of two American soldiers who had died in the battle. This maneuver, at great risk to himself and his soldiers, prevented the enemy fighters from taking the American bodies off the combat outpost.

Throughout the day, Romesha understood the risks he was taking, and he knowingly put his life in danger to save the lives of his soldiers and to repel a numerically superior enemy force. Romesha recovered the bodies of his fallen comrades, and preserved the lives of several more. His heroic actions allowed B Troop to reconsolidate on the combat outpost and enabled him to lead the counterattack that secured Combat Outpost Keating.

[I have shortened the official citation considerably in the interest of space. It also omits one item found in press reports: that Romesha even disobeyed orders and pretended his radio was not working, in order to continue his successful effort to rescue fellow soldiers. Still other reporting reveals that the outpost was later determined to be hopelessly indefensible. The post was evacuated and then destroyed by US forces three days after the battle, to prevent its use as by enemy forces. - ed.]

(full citation narrative available at
www.army.mil/medalofhonor/romesha/narrative.html)

7) 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

8) 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 shakedown and other

preparations starting soon, we really need to fill these seats as soon as possible. Trip cost is estimated at \$2,150 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.

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.

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.

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 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@gmail.com or 301-371-4797 or Wes Haynes at Wes.Haynes@scouting.org or 301-943-8376.

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:

* 2/13 - Winter Camping Basics - 7:00 pm - REI, Rockville. For more information, call 301-230-7670 or see www.rei.com/event/35868/session/64756.

* 2/23 - University of Scouting - cost 40 (or 30 if preregistered by 2/17) 7:30 am - Hayfield Secondary School, Alexandria, VA. High Adventure Committee members will be on hand to answer questions and offer a course. Numerous other high adventure-related courses will also be offered. For more information, see www.boyscouts-ncac.org/event/1283803.

* 2/23-24 - 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.

* 2/23 - Introduction to Philmont - 11:00 am - REI, Columbia, MD.

For more information, call 410-872-1742 or see

www.rei.com/event/47370/session/63611,

* 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 - \$75/95 - Potomac Appalachian
Trail Club Headquarters and Shenandoah National Park. For more
information, see <http://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 - \$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.

7) E-mail Changes

DELETE David Jones (SM-1916)

ADD Susan Nolan (CC-1130) AT 2susan.nolan-at-gmail.com

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Problem e-mails - updates requested

[no new listings]

8) Quick Reminders

***** Scout Oratory Contest needs Scout speakers from all levels.

District judges will hear unit-level winners on February 20 and

March 6 at TBD. More info from carlsonbsa -at- verizon.net.

***** Chain Bridge District Life-to-Eagle Seminar is March 2 from

1 pm to 4:30 pm at Charles Wesley UMC (6817 Dean Drive McLean, VA 22101).

***** Chain Bridge District provisional Scout camp July 6-13,

at Camp Bowman, Contact ScoutmasterTroop164-at-gmail.com and

CommitteeChairTroop164-at-gmail.com.

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

Hope there was something there for you!

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

-Paul