

**ORION CONSORTIUM**

NEWSLETTER

"The tests we face in life's journey are not to reveal our weaknesses but to help us discover our inner strengths. We can only know how strong we are when we strive and thrive beyond the challenges we face." - Kemi Sogunle

Upcoming Events

June 17th - Maryland Food Bank volunteer opportunity

Timesheets

Please carefully track and log your reduced hours under the COVID-19 timesheet code, up to an average of 40/hrs/wk for full time employees and 20/hrs/wk for part time employees. Accurate timekeeping is more important than ever. Please be sure to submit your weekly timesheet by COB every Friday! Payroll timesheets must be submitted by COB on the 15th and last day of each month.

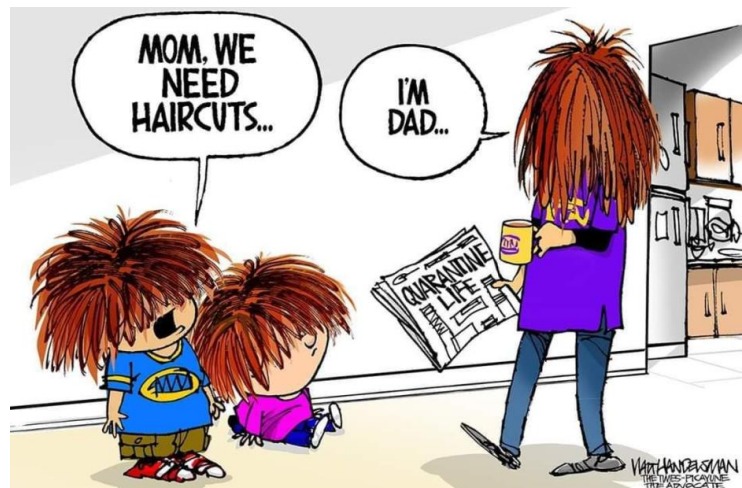
CWIP Compliance

The deadline for CWIP compliance was 5/31/2020 for the GES team. If you have not already done so, please forward a copy of your IAT I Certification to jstandiford@orionconsortium.com and jcastro@orionconsortium.com.

CWIP will apply to all contracts in the future, please do not wait until the last minute to get your certification. More information about the *Client's Cyberspace Workforce Improvement Program* can be found on page 3.

Orion Team,

Happy June! This month we begin a new normal. We are starting to see restrictions loosening and we are hopeful that all of our contacts will be back to full capacity soon. We want to commend you all for doing a tremendous job being flexible with schedule changes, complying with new safety protocols and continuing to do the work of keeping our country safe each day. We have not had any confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Orion, and that is a testament to the work you all are doing to stay safe, onsite and at home. We must continue to be vigilant: Maintain distance, wear masks, wash your hands — and take responsibility for your own health and that of those around you.



COVID-19 UPDATES: GETTING BACK TO WORK IN THE NEW NORMAL

Please continue following the below workplace guidance, which remains in effect:

- All individuals are required to wear a face covering at all times onsite (except when in your personal workspace)
- All personnel should continue self-monitoring and reporting potential COVID-19 exposure and symptoms, as follows:
 - Subcontractors MUST immediately report symptoms and exposure to their onsite manager and Orion Consortium.
- Daily at-home health checks should continue to be performed:
 - Take your temperature before reporting to work. If it reads 100.4 degrees or higher, do not report to work, notify your management, and contact your healthcare provider for further guidance
 - Assess your risk of exposure. In the past 14 days, have you been in close contact with someone who was diagnosed with or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19? If the answer is yes, contact your manager for guidance prior to reporting to work.
- Continue to protect yourselves and those around you by following CDC guidelines for staying healthy, including frequent handwashing and practicing social distancing.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

When: Wednesday, June 17, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Where: Maryland Food Bank is located at 2200 Halethorpe Farms Road, Baltimore, MD

Volunteers (**ages 13 - 60**) are needed at the [Maryland Food Bank](#) (MFB). The need is especially urgent during the COVID-19 situation, so we want to offer as much assistance as possible!

Volunteers will assist with sorting and packing food at the Maryland Food Bank's Baltimore location, the central hub for food distribution to Central Maryland. The Food Bank relies on its member organizations ([network partners](#)) to distribute food directly to those in need. With more than 1,250 distribution partners – ranging from pantries and shelters to senior centers and schools – the MFB is able to get food into the hands of hungry Marylanders statewide.

The COVID-19 protective measures that the Maryland Food Bank has in place are explained on their [Volunteer page](#) and on the event registration page.

Please sign up for this date as well as future dates by using the following link: <http://vhub.at/stephanies>

CWIP COMPLIANCE

CWIP is the Client's Cyberspace Workforce Improvement Program. Contracted support personnel assigned to perform cyberspace work roles must meet their established qualification standards.

Employees must obtain an A+, Network+, or Security+ (or higher level) certification.

The certification deadline for GES employees was 5/31/2020. Employees on other contracts should be aware that this government mandated compliance will eventually apply to all contracts and should begin preparing for certification.

Exam resources and instructions for registering for your exam can be found in the Education section of the online [Orion Employee Knowledge Center](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out for additional information on certification, request a study guide, or need assistance accessing the Employee Knowledge Center.

PUZZLE PERIODICAL

Problem:

The idea of a Connection is that you are given five questions to answer. **Once you answer those questions, you have to figure out the connection between those five answers.**

Questions:

Connection 1

1. What Peanuts character was always followed by a cloud of dust?
2. What name of a famous Italian Renaissance artist indicated the town in Tuscany where he was born?
3. What novel by the Japanese writer Shusaku Endo was made into a movie in 2016?
4. Who patented the telegraph in 1837?
5. What Babylonian king ruled from 1792 B.C. to 1750 B.C.?

Connection 2

1. What is someone who makes barrels called?
2. What was the profession of Joseph in the New Testament?
3. What was the first name of the band leader who died in an airplane accident over the English Channel in World War II?
4. What's the last name of the character played by William Petersen on the TV show CSI?
5. What's the last name of the American actor, writer, and director whose first name is Dax?

Connection 3

1. What famous singer was often referred to as "the man in black"?
2. What satirical singer/songwriter taught courses in musical theater and mathematics at the University of California, Santa Cruz?
3. What American talk show host learned his ability to counsel people while he was a Navy officer from 1980 to 1989?
4. What comedian appeared many times on TV shows like The New Adventures of Old Christine and Curb Your Enthusiasm and supplied the voices in movies like Over the Hedge and Barnyard?
5. What mathematician who founded a hedge fund called Renaissance Technologies is now the 49th richest person in the world?

PUZZLE PERIODICAL

Solution:

Connections Between Answers:

Connection 1

They are all kinds of codes.

Connection 2

They were all Mercury astronauts.

Connection 3

They all worked for NSA for several years (as a civilian, while in the military, or as a contractor).

Source: <https://www.nsa.gov/News-Features/News-Stories/Article-View/Article/1648176/april-2017-puzzle-periodical-what-is-the-connection/>

