

THE POMPERAUG POST



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The official newsletter of Pomperaug District, Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America

Serving the Scouting Communities of Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston and Westport

From the Key 3

We are pleased to announce that our District Chairman Scott McCurdy has been promoted to the position of Council Vice President of District Operations. In this role Scott will use his eight years of experience as a district key three member to help improve all six districts within our council. We wish Scott the best in his new role and we know his time as a district leader will serve him well in his new role.

Succeeding Scott as the District Chairman will be Seth Strohecker. Seth has served most recently as the district commissioner and has also served as a member of the district committee and a unit commissioner.

The district nominating committee has begun the search for a new district commissioner and we hope to announce a new scouter for that position in the near future.

With this change in leadership, now is a great time to consider volunteering on the district level. Whether it is on the program, membership, finance or commissioner staff, we can find the perfect job to suit your interests and skill set. If you are interested in volunteering on the district level please contact Seth Strohecker at seth.strohecker@gmail.com.

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Scout Day at Lime Rock

A favorite annual event of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers, there is no better way to spend an early Fall weekend than camping out and enjoying a Saturday of racing at Lime Rock Park. For more information go to <http://www.ctyankee.org/program/limerock>.



Scout Day at Lime Rock: Build & Race Your Cubmobile

Are you looking for a great summer project for your Cub Scout Den or Pack??? Do you remember "soap box racers" or Cub Mobiles" from your youth? Do you think that the Cubs in your Den or Pack might get excited about the prospect of building their own Cub Mobiles and racing with their friends? Than what are you waiting for? Please sign up today (your Cubs will be happy you did!)? For more information go to www.ctyankee.org/program/limerock/cubmobile.

Pomperaug District Cub-O-Ree

The Pomperaug District Cub-O-Ree is September 23rd, 2018 at Old Mine Park in Trumbull from 11:15-5:15. Cost is \$10 per Cub Scout. A Cub-O-Ree is a one-day event for all Cub Scouts in the Connecticut Yankee Council that is hosted by the Pomperaug District. Cubs will participate in BB Guns, Archery, Sling Shots and games such as kickball led by the Pomperaug District Cub Scout Activity Committee, troops and crews. This event is designed to be a fun day and the focus is not on advancement. Cub Scouts will be able to earn Shooting Sports Award. The focus of the event is to provide an affordable single day event for the Cub and his family to enjoy a day outdoors and jumpstart their Cub Scouting activity year. This event is being held at Old Mine Park in Trumbull, CT. Parking is limited so please carpool. The pavilion adjacent to the large field will be Headquarters. Any Cub Scout participating must be registered with a pack. To register go to <http://www.ctyankee.org/webpay/event/new/?form=000535>.



Pomperaug District Webelos Overnight Woods



Greetings all Pomperaug District Webelos and Parents! The 2018 WOW will be at Hoyt Scout Reservation in West Redding, CT. October 13-14, 2018. This event is designed to offer instruction on Webelos Adventures such as Cast Iron Chef, First Responder, Outdoorsman, Castaway and Into the Woods.. They will also be able to shoot archery, BB Guns and slingshots. All meals and snacks are the responsibility of the Webelos and their parents. Registration and set up will begin at 10:00 A.M. and the program will begin at 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, and will finish after breakfast on Sunday. A Saturday night campfire is held so come with skits and songs. To register go to <http://www.ctyankee.org/webpay/event/new/?form=000565>.

High Adventure is coming to you....

Oct 12th-14th



Please join us at Hoyt Scout Reservation for a fun Camporee weekend at a High Adventure Outpost—with challenges inspired by all four High Adventure Bases.

From the aquatic adventures of Florida Sea Base to the canoeing of Northern Tier, from the backpacking expeditions at Philmont Scout Ranch to the adventure sports programs at The Summit Bechtel Reserve, this Camporee will have something for all Scouts. Come answer the call of the High Adventure Outpost!

Register today:

<http://www.ctyankee.org//webpay/event/new/?form=000535>

Camp Sikorsky

One of the coolest annual events that the council holds is just around the corner. Camp Sikorsky gives Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Girl Scouts the opportunity to spend the weekend on the campus of Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, CT.



Unfortunately, they are full and have a waiting list of 50 people. I've been promised that I will be on the mailing list next year so I can give you more advanced notice. Keep it in mind for next year though!



The Eagle Process

For Life Scouts and those who advise them

Thursday, October 25, 7:15 P.M.

Church of Latter Day Saints, Downstairs

30 Bonnie View Drive, Trumbull

Space is limited so make your

required reservation to patriciaday@att.net

Fall Recruitment

Fall is our biggest recruitment time of the year. Your unit should start planning its recruitment efforts now so that everything is set before school starts in the fall. Top on your priority list should be working with the school or organization that you recruit from to schedule your recruitment night or nights. Schools fill up quickly with organizations holding practices and other events, so schedule it now to ensure you can get your preferred night. In addition, summer is often a time when adult leaders transition into new roles. You should make sure that your unit's profile is up to date on beascout.org to ensure anyone looking for a unit will be able to get in touch with you. You can update your profile through your my.scouting.org account. Remember that a recruitment night is often the first experience with scouting, so we need to ensure that we have a great program planned that will keep the children wanting to come back. Make sure whatever activities you plan will be appropriate for the entire age range of those you are trying to recruit. Also, involve the siblings as well. One day they might also want to be involved in scouting and it is important to give them a good experience as well. This also shows the parents that scouting is not just for the children but for the whole family. While the kids are busy having fun, take the parents aside to talk about the administrative side of scouting such as costs, when and where meetings are held, the activities your unit does throughout the year and any other important information you think needs to be communicated to them. Also remember that while the main focus of the event is recruiting new youth, you cannot to forget to recruit adult leaders as well. Without qualified adult leaders the unit will suffer, so be sure to ask the parents of the those who sign up if they would like to take on a leadership role in the unit as well. There are several great resources available across the web to give you ideas on what to include in your recruitment event and the best ways to get kids to show up for your recruitment night. A quick Google search will give you plenty of help. One of the best is the recruitment page on the national website which is found here: <http://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/unit-recruiting/>. It offers many great items such as recruitment tool kits, videos and training to help make your units recruitment efforts a great success. You can also check out this article from Scouting magazine that offers great tips for your recruitment effort, <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/06/04/5-new-cub-scout-recruiting-tools-will-help-grow-pack/>.

Online Membership Applications



The traditional paper registration method is not the only way to join Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America are now offering online registration as a BETA program to meet the demand for completing the entire registration process for members.

This is a giant leap forward in allowing prospective members to register in a way that's convenient for them, and it creates a more efficient and user-friendly registration experience for units.

Online applications are currently limited to only youth members, adult volunteers will still need to use the traditional paper applications. Units can have perspective members fill out an application for your unit by having them go to <https://beascout.scouting.org/> and they can fill out the application by picking out your unit pin on the map. Applicants will be able to pay the national fees online, but fees assessed by your unit and the council will still need to be collected manually.

Once a person has filled out an application it must be reviewed and approved by your unit. To do this a member of your unit's key three or your membership chair will need to log into their <https://my.Scouting.org> account and go to the application manager. If the application is not a right fit for your unit you can direct the application to the district level to find a unit who will be more appropriate for the application.

Learn more about this new project go to the online registration training page at <http://www.scouting.org/onlineregistration.aspx>.

Online Recruitment Opportunities

With the addition of online membership applications, the BeAScout website is more important than ever, since potential new members cannot only request more information from your unit on this site but can now also apply for membership. Now is a great time to make sure your BeAScout marker is up-to-date so those valuable information requests and membership applications will go where they need to go.

BeAScout is a powerful tool to help parents and youth in your area find your unit, but it only works if they can get the right information about your unit. Remember, first impressions are everything so it is important to keep your BeAScout pin up-to date!

Any member of your unit's Key Three can update the information on the BeAScout page. To make updates to your BeAScout page you will need to log into your my.Scouting.org account. You will then need to open the menu in the upper left corner and find the legacy web tools pulldown. Within this pulldown should be the be a scout application that you can click on. This will take you the BeAScout Unit Pin Management Pin page where you can update your unit's information such as website, meeting times and locations, and primary contact. Ensure everything is up to date to make sure that your unit will not miss out on the opportunity for more members. A great tutorial on how to use this online tool can be found at <https://www.nfcscouting.org/files/8722/BeAScout-UnitPin-Management>. The leads generated from the be a scout website will show up on the invitation manager in your account on my.Scouting.org. From here you will be able to track and manage all these leads.

Grand Re-Opening

10am-2pm

Saturday

September 15, 2018



BRAND NEW ROOM!

ALL NEW EXHIBITS

ONE OF A KIND ITEMS

**PATCHES, NECKERCHIEFS, BOOKS,
UNIFORMS, PINEWOOD DERBY CARS & MORE!**

Located at the Connecticut Yankee Council Service Center, near the Scout Shop
60 Wellington Rd
Milford, CT 06461

Connecticut Yankee Council Current Training Policy

Position Specific training courses must be completed by all registered leaders.

New leaders, including those changing positions, must complete Position Specific Training Courses within 120 days of their registration or their position change.

Positions requiring Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training, e.g., Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, must complete IOLS within 180 days of registration or position change.

Leaders who fail to comply with this training requirement at the time of recharter will not be permitted to reregister for the following year.

All Registered Adults will be required to have and maintain (keep up to date) training for all positions they hold at Unit, District and Council levels.

All Position Specific Training Courses (except for IOLS) may be completed ONLINE at my.scouting.org. This includes training for Merit Badge Counselors, Chartered Organization Representatives and all Commissioner positions.

Enforcement of the Connecticut Yankee Council Training Policy:

New Adult Leaders

Effective immediately, adults 18 years of age and older that wish to become a leader in Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America must complete the Position Specific Training for the leadership role(s) they intend to fulfill **BEFORE** their membership application will be processed by the Connecticut Yankee Council office. All adult leadership roles require Position Specific training.

Note: Position Specific Training can be completed without a membership number. When the application is processed the membership number that is issued by my.Scouting will be associated with the new leader's profile by the Council Registration Specialist.

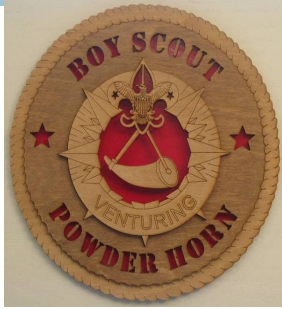
Currently Registered Adult Leaders

Effective immediately, all currently registered adult leaders seeking to add (multiple) or change a volunteer leadership role must complete the Position Specific Training for the new role(s) prior to submitting a new BSA adult membership application to Connecticut Yankee Council. There is no registration or insurance fee for multiple roles as long as you have fully paid for your primary volunteer position.

Processing Membership Applications

Unit Leaders are asked to hold completed membership applications for two weeks or until the required position specific training modules have been completed by the applicant. The applicant should be asked to present to the unit leader an electronic or paper copy of the completion certificate issued when a training module is completed. Once the required position-specific training is complete please submit the membership application, along with a copy of the training certificate(s) and Youth Protection Certificate, to Connecticut Yankee Council (see address below). If the applicant has not presented the training certificate to the unit leader within two weeks the applicant should be contacted by the unit leader and his or her willingness and desire to become a leader should be discussed. If the applicant is unwilling to complete the required training the application should be discarded.

Exception: Adults wishing to become a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster (SM/ASM) have 180 days from the date they submit their membership application or change their leadership position to complete the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training course. However, the SM/ASM training modules that are available online must be completed prior to submitting their member application.



Powder Horn 2018

High Adventure Resource Management Training
Camp Sequassen

8:30 AM Friday, September 28 to 5:00 PM Sunday, September 30

- Open to adult leaders and youth members 14 years of age and older
- Provides an introduction to resources necessary to for a successful high adventure program for Boy Scouts & Venturers
- Helps leaders to safely conduct fun and challenging outdoor activities
- Learn about the health and safety requirements, rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs
- Learn the skills and resources necessary to operate an outdoor program

For more information go to: www.ctyankee.org/program/training/ph2018.

District Calendar		
September	October	November
4th - District Committee (Trumbull LDS Church, 30 Bonnie View Dr.)	2nd - District Committee (Trumbull LDS Church, 30 Bonnie View Dr.)	6th - District Committee (Trumbull LDS Church, 30 Bonnie View Dr.)
7th - OA Ordeal (Camp Pomperaug)	5th - OA Fellowship (Camp Sequassen)	13th - Roundtable (Trumbull LDS Church)
11th - Roundtable (LDS Church, Trumbull)	9th - Roundtable (Trumbull LDS Church)	
21-23rd - Wood Badge 2018 (Hoyt)	12-14th - Fall Camporee (Hoyt)	
21-23rd - Camp Sikorsky	13-14th - District WOW (Hoyt)	
23rd - District Cub-O-Ree (Old Mine Park, Trumbull)	25th - The Eagle Process (LDS Church)	
28-30th - Powder Horn 2018 (Camp Sequassen)	27th - Fright Night at Deer Lake	
28-29th - Scout Day at Lime Rock		
29th - Cub Car Race (Lime Rock)		