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



Pomperaug District is proud to announce this year's District Award of Merit Recipients

Brian Rapillo and Jeff Glans

Congratulations!

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Join Us



Pomperaug District Awards &

Recognition Ceremony

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2022



513 Broadbridge Rd, Bridgeport, CT 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$30 Per Person

Come and celebrate the achievements of Pomperaug Scouts and Scouters! We will celebrate the hard work of the Volunteers by recognizing their achievements. Awards to be given out include: Spark Plug Award, Veteran Award, Den Leader Award, Scouters Training Award, Scouters Key, Commissioner Awards, Unit Leader Award of Merit, and Key Three Award. Our awards will culminate by giving the District Award of Merit, the highest award the District can award.

Sign up by Thursday, June 9th: https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/905

For questions, please contact Gabe Zayas at fddesign@optonline.net

For more info: https://www.ctyankee.org/events/pomperaug-district-dinner-22/

Pomperaug District Award Nominees

Please have all nomination in by this Friday, June 3, 2022

We are preparing for our annual **Pomperaug District Recognition Dinner** where we will be celebrating the great work of our volunteers over the last year. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022. We need all of your help to make sure that all of the volunteers who have worked so hard, get properly recognized. We have several awards planned to be presented listed below, and would like you to encourage fellow volunteers to either fill out the application form or have someone in your unit nominate them for these awards. If you have any questions about applying for any of these please let me know. Completed award applications can be sent to Pomperaug District Chair Gabe Zayas at fddesign@optonline.net.

Spark Plug Award: Award given to one member of a unit who has been the spark that has driven your unit forward over the last year. To apply just send an email to fddesign@optonline.net with the nominees name and why they deserve the award.

Den Leader Training Award: This award is available to Tiger Den Leaders, Cub Scout Den Leaders, and Webelos Den Leaders who have completed at least one year of service and completed some additional requirements. The award application can be found at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-052 WB.pdf.

Scouters Training Award: These awards are available to all Boy Scout leaders, Cub Scout leaders, commissioners, district committee members, Sea Scout leaders, and Venturing leaders for completing 2 years of tenure and completing some basic unit tasks. Scouts BSA application: Scouter's Training Award for Boy Scouting Progress Record, Cub Scouts application: Scouter's Training Award for Sea Scouting Progress Record, Venturing Application: Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Progress Record, Venturing Application: Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Progress Record, Venturing Application: Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Progress Record, Venturing Application: Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Progress Record, Venturing Application: Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Progress Record, Venturing Application: Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Progress Record, Venturing Application: Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Progress Record, Venturing Application: Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Progress Record, Venturing Award for Venturing Award for

Scouters Key: These awards can be earned by Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Crew Advisors, district and assistant district commissioners, district committee members for three years of tenure and completing some basic unit tasks. Award application can be found at Cubmaster: Cubmaster Progress Record, Scoutmasters: Scoutmaster Progress Record, Venture Crew Advisors: Advisor Progress Record, Seas Scout Skippers: Skipper Progress Record.

Unit Leader Award of Merit: These awards can be awarded to Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Crew Advisors, and Sea Scout Skippers upon nomination from their unit's committee chair for outstanding service as a unit leader. Award application can be found at <u>Unit Leader Award of Merit</u>.

Veteran Awards: This award can be earned by all adults who have completed at least 5 years of service as a registered member of the BSA (time as a youth may be counted as well). This award can be awarded for every additional 5 years of service. Award application can be found at <u>Veterans Award</u>.

Once again, THANK YOU for all that you do to help make this program meaningful to our youth.

District Calendar

June	July	August
7th - District Committee	1st—BSA Summer Camp	1st-18th—BSA Summer
14th - District Dinner	Continues	Camp Continues
25th - Extreme Scouting (Camp Sequassen)	1st - Hoyt Adventure Day Camp for Cubs continues	7th-10th - Webelos Adventure Camp 2022
26th - BSA Summer Camp starts	22nd-24th - Cub Scout Family Camp Weekend	7th-13th - NYLT 19th-21st - Wood Badge
27th - Hoyt Adventure Day Camp for Cubs starts	25th—Race Brook Golf Tournament 29th-31st—TerrifiCon	



Pomperaug District Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 7:30 pm via Zoom All committee members should attend.

Interested in helping out or joining our committee? Contact Gabe Zayas @ fddesign@optonline.net



https://www.facebook.com/pomperaugdistrict/



https://www.instagram.com/pomperaug_district/

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New Pomperaug Merit Badge Counselor List Manager Maria Toro – mtoro78@live.com

To sign up as a NEW counselor. It does not matter if you are already a registered scouter, you must provide items listed below. <u>Do not</u> turn in the application to council or a Unit Leader.

There is no FEE to sign up as a counselor. Only your signature is needed.

- 1) BSA Adult Volunteer Application Disclosure Authorization page signed by you
- 2) BSA Adult Volunteer Application filled out and signed by you, no other signatures required. Position code is 42.
- 3) The Merit Badge Counselor Application filled out completely and any other information needed for the badge under general information special Qualifications or Certificates.
- 4) A copy of your Youth Protection Training certificate. (Need a new one EVERY Year)
- 5) A copy of your Merit Badge Counselor Training certificate

Citizenship in Society applicants contact Pat Day for approval at patriciaday@att.net.



AN ANNOUCEMENT FROM THE BSA:

UPDATE TO SCOUTS BSA YOUTH JOINING REQUIREMENTS

The BSA has been looking at the barriers to joining for today's families and we want to simplify this for any youth who wants to participate in our programs. The joining requirements for the Scouts BSA program currently state:

Youth can be Scouts if they have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, **OR** have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, **OR** are age 11 but have not reached age 18.

Beginning April 18, 2022, the Scouts BSA program joining requirements will be changed to the following:

YOUTH CAN BE SCOUTS IF THEY ARE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OLD, CURRENTLY IN THE FIFTH GRADE AND REGISTER ON OR AFTER MARCH 1ST; OR HAVE EARNED THE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD AND ARE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OLD, **OR** ARE AGE 11 BUT HAVE NOT REACHED AGE 18.



EXTREME Scouting!

New Member Recruitment Challenge:

A special by <u>invitation-only</u> event at Camp Sequassen, Saturday, June 25, 2022

EXTREME Scouting! Is a 1-day invitational event at Camp Sequassen open to qualifying Scouts, their parents, & their newly-registered friends.





How do you get your invitation?

From January until June 15, 2022
Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts,

Venturers and Explorers

- Recruit and REGISTER a friend in Scouting
- Webelos will get an invitation when they join a troop by June 15
- Returning Scouts who rejoin a unit by June 15
- NEW Scouts who join a unit by June 15

PLUS, for recruiting 2 or more friends, Scouts have a chance to win a \$500 Gift Card!





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Introducing the





SPRING FUNDRAISER

What can your unit get from participating in the sale?

- Additional income to help pay for Activities Camp **Parties** Travel
- Commissions are \$2.50/bottle for Hot Sauce and \$3.50/bottle for Maple Syrup (Retail price: \$10/bottle for Hot Sauce; \$12/bottle for Maple Syrup)

What do Scouts get from participation?

Learning all about

Salesmanship Public Speaking Planning Teamwork Earning their own way

What do Parents get from participation?

- A Confident Scout with new skills
- Help with the activity and camp fees
- A Scout who has learned the importance of teamwork



Scout's Own 100% PURE maple syrup is produced eacl year by tapping thousands of maple trees at Beaumont Scout Reservation in Northern Ohio where sap consistency ranks among the top maple-producing states in the country.

Connecticut Yankee Hot Sauce, a proprietary blend crafted by Rubin's Hot Sauce especially for Connecticut Yankee Council

Two varieties are available for sale through our Sweet and Spicy Spring Fundraiser, Original variety infused with Tropical Fruits, and our Bourbon infused variety.



Patrols, dens, or units can work together to create an epicurean delight using Connecticut Yankee Council Hot Sauce and/or Scout's Own Maple Syrup. The 5 chosen entries will be judged by our esteemed VIPs at ConnJam on May 14, 2022.

The winning recipe will be displayed on RubinsHotSauce.com and on ctyankee.org

Rules apply. Go to ctyankee.org/sweetnspicy for info. Submit a recipe at: sweetnspicy@ctyankee.org for more info.

To order Hot Sauce or Syrup go to: ctyankee.org/sweetnspicy

BOY SCOUT TROOP 103





SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2022 AT 6PM

PASTA, Homemade "HOPCO" Sauce, Treva's old-fashioned Meatballs,
Fresh Salad, bread/butter, dessert, &
bottled water to go, coffee for seated patrons.

Admission is \$15

Tickets available in advance & Evening of the Dinner unless sold out.

For Advanced tickets & reservations call: Mark Hopco (203)260-2139, or Wes Murphy (203) 892-9477, or Angela Arboleda (203) 543-3056



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BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY



We strive to provide the best possible program to our youth. Scouting grows and improves in the Connecticut Yankee Council, only with your support.

An investment in Scouting today is an investment in stronger, better prepared leaders of the future.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA' CONNECTICAL YANKES COLUMN

60 Wellington Road PO Box 32 Milford, CT 06460 CTYankee.org

For more information, contact: Joe Andreo joseph.andreo@scouting.org PHONE: 203-951-0518

Register online at: www.ctyankee.org/golftournament



Monday, July 25th, 2022 at Race Brook Country Club 246 Derby Ave, Orange, Connecticut Proceeds to benefit

The Connecticut Yankee Council, B.S.A.

The Connecticut Yankee Council carries out the mission of the Boy Scouts of America in Fairfield and New Haven counties and the town of Southington by providing leadership opportunities for all youth through high quality programs, mentoring from trained adult volunteers, on-going learning, and personal development.

Tournament schedule*

8:00 AM : Registration 8:30 AM : Breakfast

9:30 AM : Shotgun Start 4 Person Scramble

Awards Luncheon, and Auction to follow golf

Player Registration Fees

\$225 per player or \$900 for a foursome. Fees include Green Fees, Cart, Breakfast, Lunch, & Awards.

Awards Lunch Only: \$75

"Subject to change

Sponsorships

Event Sponsor: \$5,000

4 Foursomes - 1 Banner Sign, 1 Tee Sign-Recognition in lunch program and at the Awards Lunch.

Lunch Sponsor: \$2,500

2 Foursomes - 2 Tee Signs -Recognition in lunch program and at the Awards Lunch.

Golf Cart Sponsor: \$2,000

1 Foursome - 1 Tee Sign - Sign in each cart -Recognition in lunch program and at the Awards Lunch.

Breakfast Sponsor: \$1,500

1 Foursame - 1 Tee Sign - Recognition in lunch program and at the Awards Lunch.

Long Drive Sponsor: \$750

1 Tee Sign on the Long Drive Hole. Recognition in lunch program and at the Awards Lunch.

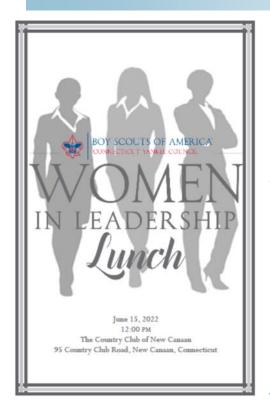
Closest to the Pin Sponsor: \$500

Tee Sign on the Closest to the Pin Hole.
 Recognition in lunch program and
 at the Awards Lunch.

Tee Sponsor: \$225

Sign with your company's name or logo.

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REGISTER FOR YOUR SEAT AT THE 2ND ANNUAL

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP LUNCH!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022 12:00PM THE COUNTRY CLUB OF NEW CANAAN 95 Country Club Rd, New Canaan

The "Women In Leadership Lunch" shines a bright light on the Connecticut Yankee Council-Boy Scouts of America's mission to bring our premiere youth development program to more girls and young women in our community. The Women In Leadership Award honors women who contribute their time, energy and talents for the betterment of our community, stand out as role models of exemplary leadership and citizenship, and who exemplify the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law.

For more information:

https://www.ctyankee.org/events/women-in-leadership-lunch -2022/

2022 Scouts BSA Resident Camp

AT CAMP SEQUASSEN

For nearly 100 years, Scouts of all ages have come to Camp Sequassen for exciting summer adventures. Scouts will have fun individually and with their fellow Scouts at the waterfront, on the trails, at the ranges, and all across camp. Not only will they enjoy activities in the numerous program areas, but they can choose from more than 50 merit badges including traditional Scouting badges like swimming, archery, and rowing to STEM badges like automotive maintenance, engineering, and robotics to badges you may not expect at camp like moviemaking, digital technology, and game design.

SCOUTS BSA RESIDENT CAMP DATES

Week 1: June 26th - July 2nd Week 2: July 3rd - July 9th Week 3: July 10th - July 16th Week 4: July 17th - July 23rd Week 5: July 24th - July 30th Week 6: July 31st - August 6th Week 7: August 7th - August 13th

2022 Camp Sequassen ScoutsBSA Resident Camp Brochure

For more information: https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/scouts-bsa-resident-camp#1580664487283-



In celebration of Scouting's 112th year, please join in making a tax-deductible donation to Connecticut Yankee Council (CYC) as part of your annual charitable giving.

As part of a revamped Friends of Scouting strategy that is focused on fewer, larger events we are hoping to start the year on a positive note.

It costs CYC \$500 per Scout to deliver the Scouting program to over 7,000 Scouts, and only \$48 of annual dues paid to your unit goes to CYC. The rest must come from charitable contributions.

Please give online directly to CYC: Give Now

When making a donation, please indicate your unit number and town. If you are a member of the district committee, please consider making a contribution and indicate Pomperaug in the district field and "District Committee" in the notes field.

Please share this communication with unit leaders and parents. No tax deductible donation amount is too small. FOS donations support all aspects of our Council's Scouting program, including: Improve and maintain camps owned by CYC ** Invest in ScoutReach, which brings Scouting to underserved communities ** Continue growing participation by girls ** Expand Sea Scouts, Venturing and Explorers ** Increase the quantity and quality of CYC and district program offerings.

Thank you for your consideration and please give generously.

Camp Physicals

We are rapidly approaching the heavy camping season. In just a few months you and your unit will be going on many big camping trips. Whether it is a trip to one of the high adventure bases, summer camp or even just a week-long trip with your unit an annual physical will be required. Now is good time to schedule an appointment with your doctor to have your annual physical. An annual physical is required anytime you will be taking part in an event that is 72 hours or longer. The BSA has an approved medical form that you will need to provide your doctor to fill out for these events. The forms can be found at the BSA's Annual Health and Medical Record site at https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ ahmr/. Depending on where you end up going you may require additional medical related forms as well. If you are going to a national BSA location, this site will include these additional forms. If you are going to a local site, visit their website to ensure no additional paperwork is needed. Make sure that you get your appointment scheduled now, as summer approaches it can take over a month to get an appointment and if you can't have your physical completed before your event it will be unlikely that you will be able to participate. So, please plan ahead and call your doctor's office now to ensure that your physical will be completed before any event that will require a medical record this year.



conveniently located right down Route 7 with bussing and early/ late care available. Campers should bring their own snacks and meals.

Regular fee: \$350 | Early Bird (paid in full by April 30): \$325 | Add'l sibling or week: \$300 (each) | Early Drop off: \$55 | Late Pick up: \$30 | Transportation: \$75

For more info go to: https://www.ctyankee.org/events/hoyt-adventure-day-camp-2022/







JULY 22-24 | FRIDAY 5 P.M. TO SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

Come with your den, pack, or family to enjoy a fully inclusive weekend at Deer Lake with swimming, shooting sports, archery, games, slingshots, crafts, and other Scout fun! All meals and activities are included in this safe and family-friendly weekend in the outdoors.

\$175 for one Cub Scout & adult. Additional adult and child over 3 years old is \$85, children under 3 are free For more info go to: https://www.ctyankee.org/events/family-weekend-2022/



HEY WEBELOS!

EXPLORE CAMP SEQUASSEN

FOR MORE THAN THREE FULL DAYS!





1 P.M. AUGUST 7- 11 A.M. AUGUST 10

OPEN TO WEBELOS SCOUTS ENTERING 4TH AND 5TH GRADE

For more info go to: https://www.ctyankee.org/events/webelos-adventure-camp-2022/







Please pass this along to the families in your unit.......

Scout Volunteers needed! TERRIFICON is this summer at the Mohegan Sun Expo Center, in Uncasville CT, on July 29-July 31, 2022. The event coordinators have allowed the Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Yankee Council to set up a booth and a display for the weekend. In return, we would be providing 10-12 volunteers each day to be runners. These would be older Scouts, Eagles, OA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, etc.

They would basically be telling people where to go in the Expo Center, and help the people at the booths if they need a quick break and need someone to watch the booth, be at our display, get a bottle of water for the artists, pass out flyers, escort celebrities and special guests, bathroom break, get supplies, etc. They would also be assisting in other events, and the kid's parade. The Scouters would be in full class A uniform for the entire event.

Lunch is scheduled to be provided by TERRIFICON. Volunteers get in for FREE. It's a great opportunity to help volunteer, showcase and promote Scouting in Connecticut to our youth. People come from all over CT for this event. Here is the link to the event: www.terrificon.com

Please pass this information on to the Scouters in your units. Gabe Zayas will be keeping a roster of volunteers for the weekend and will be coordinating the schedule. If you would be available to volunteer, yes Adults too, please contact him (cell: (203) 414-5196 or email: fddesign@optonline.net) as soon as possible with your available date or dates attending. You would be required to be there an hour earlier and stay about an hour after.

Volunteer Schedule: (includes 1hour before and after)

Friday July 29: set up shift: 10am to 12:30pm, event shift: 12:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday July 30: event shift 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Sunday July 31: event shift 9:00 am to 6:00 pm



NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING AUGUST 7 - 13 | CAMP POMPERAUG



NYLT - LEADERSHIP THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

NYLT is an exciting week-long advanced leadership course designed to teach Scouts the tools, techniques, and skills they need to be better leaders – not only in their Scout units but everywhere in their daily lives. Scouts will take home skills, games, songs, and practices that will make their unit even better.

This unique weekend is led by Scouts, for Scouts. Participants will learn to communicate effectively, resolve conflicts, and work towards a vision. They'll work in a patrol to practice Scouting skills and grow together as a team. NYLT teaches

Scouts about themselves along with diverse skills so they return ready to lead in their individual units.

For more info to to: https://www.ctyankee.org/events/national-youth-leadership-training-22/

WHAT IS WOOD BADGE?



Simply stated, Wood Badge is advanced leadership training for adult scout leaders.

Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures. The first Wood Badge training was held in 1919 at Gilwell Park, near London. Since then, Wood Badge has continued to evolve to meet Scouting's needs. Wood Badge focuses on preparing adult leaders to deliver the mission of Scouting.

By attending this Wood Badge training program, you will:

- •Learn contemporary leadership concepts and discover how these apply to our value-based program
- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated programs providing age appropriate activities for youth
- •Revitalize your commitment to Scouting, sharing in an inspirational experience

COURSE DIRECTOR: JEFF JORGENSEN

AUGUST 19-21 AND SEPTEMBER 17-18 AT CAMP SEQUASSEN

For more information: https://www.ctyankee.org/events/wood-badge-2022/

POWDER HORN HIGH ADVENTURE TRAINING 2022



"Life is an adventure that is best lived boldly" -Bear Grylls

Providing a vibrant outdoor program for your unit isn't easy.

Experience the solution at Powder Horn where we help you deliver on the promise of Scouting: Adventure!

At Powder Horn, you "learn by doing" as you try each activity first-hand so you know how much fun your unitcan have. You'll have fun outside learning from experts on how to arrange equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and other aspects of outdoor fun for your unit.

Powder Horn is for Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scout, Cub Scout, Leaders and older youth leaders!

Powder Horn is open to all registered adult and youth leaders. Youth must be 14 or older and have completed NYLT.

Learning Objectives:

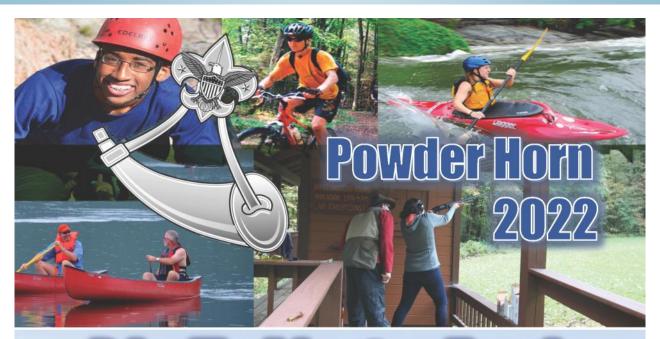
- Provide a robust outdoor program using a variety of resources.
- Identify local resources and consultants for high-adventure activities.
- Apply the health and safety requirements of the BSA to outdoor programs.
- Apply the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs.

Important Program Notes:

- The course runs three full days from Friday, September 30,2022 Sunday, October 2, 2022
- Powder Horn is "challenge by choice"; this means no one has to participate in any activity which they may feel uncomfortable doing.
- In order to earn the Powder Horn medal, the participant must complete at least 10 course sessions.

Participant activities are subject to change based on weather conditions, and availability of qualified consultants.

For more info and to Register, visit: https://www.ctyankee.org/events/powder-horn-high-adventure
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Bring The Adventure Home!

Hosted by Connecticut Yankee Council Camp Sequassen - New Hartford, CT September 30th - October 2nd, 2022







A resource course for adults and older Scouts* interested in learning how to deliver a first-rate, high-adventure program for their unit. Participants will have the opportunity to experience and learn about a variety of outdoor/high-adventure activities.

*Scouts must be 14 years of age or older, and have completed NYLT Training.

Registration Link: https://mycouncil.ctvankee.org/Event/901
For more information please contact Course Director, JC Cinelli jcinelli@gmail.com

Get excited for the NOAC 2022!



National Order of the Arrow Conference July 25-30, 2022 Local contingent dates, July 23 – 31, include tour and activities. 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) (noac2022.org)

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is a week-long fellowship event at University of Tennessee, Knoxville featuring many engaging activities such as ultimate frisbee and stadium shows and Arrowmen from across the country! We'll depart on July 23 and return on July 31. Along the way we'll stop at Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the National Zoo, D.C.! The trip will cost \$1,300; a non-refundable deposit is required to register.

Register today!



Units, if you have not scheduled your OA presentation, please email info@owaneco.org



Recruiting new Scouts and Parents

When to do Recruiting

Recruiting is <u>year-round</u>...but most commonly the two main times are in the spring (May) and the fall (September). Units throughout the District have started planning successful recruiting events and activities leading up to this exciting time!

Cub Scouts Spring Recruitment

Don't forget, preschoolers can join the Pack as Lions at the end of the school year. So, by having a sign-up in May, you can concentrate your efforts on the preschool and kindergarten classes. Benefits to having families sign up in May/June include:

- Giving the new families a chance to get acquainted with the Pack casually over the summer.
- New Scouts can get a head start, especially if they go to Day Camp.
- New Lion, Tiger, and all other den leaders can be recruited and trained in the summer, making September go much more smoothly.
- The new Lion and Tiger Dens can start selling popcorn early with the rest of the Pack.

Note: spring recruiting should be used as a supplement to fall recruiting not a replacement. Also, when your Pack recruits in the spring, make sure the new scouts have several activities over the summer, you can earn the national Summertime Pack Award!

Scouts BSA Troop Open House

The Scout Troop open house allows a troop to swing open its doors and roll out the red carpet to welcome guests. It provides a forum to show off Scouting activities and the troop's accomplishments. It is an effective tool to reach youth who have never tried Scouting. Hosting a troop open house is a five-step process that has been tried and proven in Troops throughout the nation. Each of the following five steps is vital to the event's success:

- 1. Present a school rally to fifth- and sixth-graders. Give them something they can go home with.
- 2. Mail the parents of interested youth a personal invitation to the Troop open house, and an invite though social media.
- 3. Follow the invitation with a telephone call, or email to the parents. Host the open house for youth AND their parents.
- 4. Organize a Troop or district activity to involve new Scouts right away. Youth join Scouting for the fun and outdoor adventure.
- 5. Parents want them to join for completely different reasons—character building and leadership training.

Following this plan for conducting a Troop open house will help you address the wants and needs of both youth and their parents.

We need the help of every leader assisting their own unit or possibly another one nearby. It's a complete team effort! The question is: Will your unit grow significantly? Steady growth is the best indicator of a healthy unit. Will positive, helpful, and new parents be recruited to fill every volunteer role? The spring is a great time to recruit new leaders! They can begin their adventure as registered leader in a more relaxed setting with school out and fewer activities going on.

Please contact your Vice Chairman for Membership with any questions you may have, or for any assistance with your recruiting efforts. If your unit is planning on holding a spring recruiting event, and you would like some recruiting materials put together, please let us know. We can help coordinate materials, lawn signs, flyers, base camp canopy, peer to peer cards, etc. Happy recruiting!

Pomperaug District Contact Sheet

(as of 5/1/22)

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Connecticut Yankee Council COVID-19 Guidelines Updated 03/01/2022

BASED UPON THE LATEST GUIDANCE FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL IS ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2022.

COVID-19 VACCINES CURRENTLY APPROVED OR AUTHORIZED BY FDA ARE EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING SERIOUS OUTCOMES OF COVID-19, INCLUDING SEVERE DISEASE, HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH. A COVID-19 VACCINATION IS CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED FOR EVERYONE FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PREVENTION OF COVID-19.

General Guidance

- The Council is lifting its policy that face masks be worn during indoor activities. The use of face masks by individuals is optional.
 Proper social distancing should be maintained in all circumstances. Face masks should not be worn in or near water, while eating, or while sleeping.
- Each member should Be Prepared and have clean and dry face masks available to wear, as circumstances dictate. Examples where wearing of masks may be appropriate include places where social distancing is not possible, or first aid stations (where individuals may be ill).
- Units and members must follow any additional guidelines imposed by local municipalities or health departments, building operators, or chartered organizations.
- The BSA "Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist" has been updated, effective January 1, 2022. The Council recommends use of this checklist prior to beginning each activity.

https://www.ctyankee.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Covid-19-Pre-Event-Checklist-1.1.22.pdf

- Unit leaders must report, within 12 hours, confirmed or strongly suspected cases of any communicable disease infection, including COVID-19, occurring during or within 48 hours after a unit meeting or activity, to camping@ctyankee.org. Unit leaders are also required to promptly notify adult leaders and parents of all scouts who participated in the activity, as well as the unit's Chartered Organization Representative.
- Unit leaders are obligated to work closely with their parents and youth members to ensure that no stigma is attached to ANYONE who chooses to wear a mask. Bullying, harassment, or similar forms of abuse related to masks, violate the Scout Oath and Law and are unacceptable.

Overnight Camping

- Cabins are available for program use by units, 24/7.
- Group (congregate) sleeping inside cabins or other indoor locations is permitted.
- While it is a best practice to sleep one person per tent, unit leaders may determine whether to permit additional number of individuals to share a tent.
- Parental permission should be obtained by the unit leader for each youth member sleeping in a cabin with others or sharing a tent.
- When sharing a cabin, tent or lean-to, individuals sleeping next to one another or in bunk beds should be arranged head-to-toe.
- Any member using a CPAP machine <u>must not</u> share a cabin, tent, or lean-to with other members.

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COVID-19 Guidelines for Carpooling Recommended Best Practices March 1, 2022

Connecticut Yankee Council recommends youth members be transported to and from an activity only by their own family member (parent or guardian).

Parental permission should be obtained by the unit leader for each youth member traveling in a vehicle with anyone other than a family member.

Unit leaders must maintain a list of passengers in each vehicle for 48 hours after completion of a trip, to facilitate contact tracing.

Should a unit decide to use carpooling to and from Scouting activities, the following best practices are recommended:

- Driver and passengers wear a clean and dry face mask while inside the vehicle.
- Open windows or use the vehicle's vent system to increase air circulation.
- Passengers stay in the same vehicle for all portions of the trip, including the return trip.
- Leave open seats between passengers, especially for longer trips (over one hour).



Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist (Rev 01/01/2022)

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