



Connecticut Yankee Council  
Boy Scouts of America

# 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## MISSION

It is the Mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

## SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my  
country and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

## SCOUT LAW

A Scout is  
Trustworthy  
Loyal  
Helpful  
Friendly  
Courteous  
Kind  
Obedient  
Cheerful  
Thrifty  
Brave  
Clean  
Reverent

## CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL MISSION

The Connecticut Yankee Council will carry out the mission of the Boy Scouts of America by building and cultivating partnerships with neighboring councils, communities, community organizations, businesses, foundations, and individuals. Our goal is to provide greater opportunities for youth to participate in Scouting, regardless of the neighborhood in which they live, their economic situation, their religion, their race or ethnic background, their physical stature or ability, or their family situation.

## VISION

The vision of the Connecticut Yankee Council is that:

- \* Every eligible youth has the opportunity to join a quality Scouting program.
- \* Every Scout advances in rank each year.
- \* Every Scout has a summer camp experience each year.
- \* Every Scout has a trained leader.

# Connecticut Yankee Council Boy Scouts of America



Dear Scouting Friends,

When Tradition Meets Tomorrow . . .

One hundred years ago, Robert Baden-Powell, a returning military hero from service in Africa, discovered that English boys were reading the manual on stalking and survival in the wilderness he had written for British soldiers. Gathering ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and others, he rewrote the manual as a nonmilitary nature skill book and called it Scouting for Boys. To test his ideas, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of Scouting - a game with a purpose. Thus, the imagination and inspiration of Baden-Powell, founded a character education program, called Scouting, serving millions of youth the world over.

Connecticut Yankee Council continues to keep Baden-Powell's 'game with a purpose' alive through over 526 local Scouting units, countless district and Council activities and excellent outdoor program at our four camping facilities; Camp Sequassen, Deer Lake Adventure Center, Hoyt Training Center and Camp Wah Wah Taysee. During 2007, Connecticut Yankee Council experienced significant growth in our camping programs and growth in our traditional membership and the character and career programs of Learning for Life.

The Executive Board of the Council published a Strategic Long Range Plan for the Council and approved a Capital Campaign that will help improve all of our outdoor facilities. The highlight of the campaign will be a new Cub Scout Resident Camp at the improved Deer Lake Outdoor Education Center.

Your continued support helps the Connecticut Yankee Council keep Baden-Powell's promise to provide the youth of our communities with a program that teaches citizenship, character development, and personal fitness for the 25,000 young men and women that participate in our Council Scouting programs today, and for the generations to follow.

Thank You,

Stephen L. Crews    Douglas Machin  
Council President    Council Commissioner

Louis D. Salute  
Scout Executive



## COUNCIL STRATEGY KEEPING PROGRAM AFFORDABLE

Connecticut Yankee Council will continue to offer programs and services to our membership at a discounted 50 percent rate to keep Scouting affordable for all. These fees are subsidized by contributions to Friends of Scouting and the sale of Scouting Popcorn by units annually.

# WHO WE ARE



The Connecticut Yankee Council is the administrative body for Scouting and Learning for Life in 37 communities in Fairfield, New Haven and Southern Hartford Counties in Connecticut. Our Council works in partnership with local community-based organizations - churches, schools, PTO's, businesses and fraternal/service clubs - to provide programs for youth that teach citizenship, develop character and promote personal and mental fitness. These organizations serve as Chartered Partners for local Scouting units. Annually, over



25,000 youth and 5,000 adult volunteer leaders participate in the programs of the Connecticut Yankee Council through 526 local Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and co-educational Venture Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Career Explorer Posts and In-School Learning for Life Groups.

We are especially grateful to the 5,000 adult volunteers and to the 526 community-based organizations with which we collaborate in delivering our programs, and to the thousands of individuals, corporations and charitable foundations that invested in our work with young men and women through charitable donations. Because of your help, the traditions of Scouting are reaching the leaders of tomorrow.

## COUNCIL PROGRAM FACILITIES

### CAMP SEQUASSEN

Camp Sequassen is a 540-acre camp located in New Hartford. Sequassen is used year round for weekend camping, Council training courses, district activities, and is the home of our Summer Boy Scout Resident Camp and Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Resident Camp. The Council operates six week-long sessions of Boy Scout Resident Camp and three sessions of Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Resident Camp.

### DEER LAKE ADVENTURE CENTER

Deer Lake Adventure Center is located in Killingworth and is situated on 253 acres of forestland and fields only 25 miles from New Haven. Deer Lake is used year round for weekend camping, Council training courses, district activities and is the home of the Council Fishing Derby and Summer Fun Fest. Deer Lake is also the home of the Council Venturing Adventure Center. Special Venturing programs available at Deer Lake include: COPE, rock climbing and rappelling, ice climbing, kayaking and cross-country skiing.

### HOYT TRAINING CENTER

Hoyt Training Center is a 174-acre camp located in West Redding. Hoyt is used year round for weekend camping, Council training courses, district activities, and is used in the summer for one session of Cub Scout Day Camp.

### CAMP WAH WAH TAYSEE

Camp Wah Wah Taysee is located in North Haven and is 16 acres. Wah Wah Taysee is used year round for weekend camping and is ideally located for day hikes into the Sleeping Giant State Park, which has over 1,400 acres and 30 miles of hiking trails.

### COUNCIL RESOURCE CENTER

The Council Resource Center is centrally located in Milford and is easily accessible to our 5,000 volunteer leaders and 25,000 Scouting families from both I-95 and the Merrit Parkway/Wilbur Cross Parkway. The Resource Center is the headquarters for our program, support and development staffs and plays host to numerous Council meetings, volunteer leadership development courses, and other meetings and gatherings. The Council Resource Center is also the home for the Milford Scout Shop, operated by the Boy Scouts of America.



*A new entrance way was installed at Camp Sequassen.*

# COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

**YEAR-END MEMBERSHIP:** Connecticut Yankee Council ended 2007 with 24,799 total youth members, participating in 526 local Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and co-educational Venture Crews, Explorer Posts and In-School Learning for Life Groups.

**RACE TO CUB SCOUTING:** On September 11, 2007, the Council held its fourth annual Coordinated School Night to Join Scouting Recruitment Drive. The School Night recruitment was the kickoff to the fall Race to Cub Scouting that recruited 2,918 new youth into Scouting during the fall of 2007.

**LEARNING FOR LIFE GROWTH:** The Council Learning for Life Division grew to 10,596 youth participating in 90 different career Explorer Posts and In-School Groups.



## TRADITIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Tiger Cubs	1,079
Cub Scouts	3,505
Webelos	3,730

**Total Cub Scouting 8,314**

**Total Boy Scouting 4,422**

Venturers	1,354
Sea Scouts	113

**Total Venturing 1,467**

## LEARNING FOR LIFE

Elementary	6,380
Junior/Senior High	2,390
Special Needs	598
Explorers	1,228

**Total Learning for Life 10,596**

## TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Total Cub Scouting	8,314
Total Boy Scouting	4,422
Total Venturing	1,467
Total Learning for Life	10,596

**Total Youth Membership 24,799**

## REGISTERED ADULTS

Cub Scouting	1,930
Boy Scouting	2,409
Venturing	220
Learning for Life	398
Council Scouters	96

**Total Adults 5,053**

## UNITS

Cub Scout Packs	214
Boy Scout Troops	165
Venture Crews	48
Sea Scout Ships	9
LFL School Groups	53
Explorer Posts	37

**Total Units 526**



Cub Scouts work on leatherworking at Camp Sequassen.



Cub Scouts wait to race their cars at the District Pinewood Derby.

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ✿ Achieved year-end membership growth in traditional Scouting membership, Learning for Life and growth in units.
- ✿ The Council earned the 2007 National Distinguished Learning for Life Council Award. The Exploring and Learning for Life Districts were also recognized as National Distinguished Learning for Life Districts.
- ✿ Five of the six traditional Scouting districts and both Learning for Life divisions earned the National Centennial Quality District Award - Powahay, Pomperaug, Wepawaug Valley, Lighthouse and Sleeping Giant.
- ✿ The Exploring Division experienced a 2 percent growth in Explorers.
- ✿ 216 boys earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- ✿ During 2007, donors made new outright and planned gifts to the Council Endowment Fund that totaled over \$900,000
- ✿ Council Special Events raised a combined total of \$450,301 in 2007. The Greater Danbury Good Scout Award Luncheon and the Greater Bridgeport Good Scout Award Luncheon both raised over \$100,000, and the Greater Stamford Area Tribute Dinner was the first Council special event to raise over \$200,000



- ✿ The Scouting Popcorn Sale grew by 10 percent in 2007 to \$718,600 - over 70 percent of the sale is returned to Scouting to fund local Scouting programs.
- ✿ For the second year the Council and Trails End Popcorn partnered to send over \$34,500 in popcorn to U.S. service men and women in combat locations throughout the world.
- ✿ Camp Sequassen celebrated its 80th Anniversary in 2007 by setting a record for summer camp attendance with 1,997 boys attending summer camp. New programs at camp included the aqua trampoline & launcher, and an older Scout program that took boys off site for a vertical rock climbing experience.
- ✿ A new Learning for Life Day Camp was conducted at Deer Lake Adventure Center. Seven weeks of Day Camp were held with 589 boys and girls from kindergarten through eighth grade participating.

- ✿ Cub Scout Day Camp attendance grew to 747 Cub Scouts, an increase of 180 boys! The Cub Scout Day Camp will also be featured in a 2008 edition of *Boys' Life Magazine*.
- ✿ Owaneco Lodge, Order of the Arrow earned the National Quality Lodge Award. Lodge members completed over 4,150 hours of service at our Council camps, as well as undertaking an \$18,000 renovation of the training cabin at the Hoyt Scout Reservation.
- ✿ Explorers from four different Police Department Explorer posts attended the week-long Law Enforcement Academy at Eastern Connecticut State University.
- ✿ Over 300,000 hours of service were completed by Scouts and leaders in their communities.
- ✿ Thirty-six Scouting units collected redeemable bottles and cans to raise over \$5,700 that was donated to the Housatonic affiliate of Habitat for Humanity to help build a house in Danbury. This effort - "Scouts Can" - was adopted by the Council Executive Board as our Council Good Turn with a goal of raising the money to building three houses over the next three years.
- ✿ Shawn Doolan, an Explorer in Hunters Ambulance Post 181 in Meriden and a Boy Scout in Troop 45, Southington, used the CPR skills he learned as an Explorer to save a life.
- ✿ The Council organized a variety of program events for youth and families in 2007. These events included: Merit Badge College; Fishing Derby at Deer Lake Adventure Center; Boston Museum of Science Camp-ins; Scout Nights with the Bridgeport Bluefish and Sound Tigers; Council Day at Six Flags; Mystic Aquarium Camp-in; Camp Sikorsky; Scout Day at Limerock; and the Fright Night at Camp Sequassen.



# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## LEARNING FOR LIFE



Learning for Life is a nationally recognized curriculum focused on character and career building and currently serves over 10,500 boys and girls in our Council. Research studies conducted by the Syndics Research Corporation and Boston University determined that Learning for Life helps all students:

- Improve behavior
- Become more confident and capable
- Develop and foster social and life skills
- Form positive personal values
- Make ethical decisions that will allow them to reach their full potential

Learning for Life is engaged in kindergarten through high school classrooms and after school programs employing grade-specific and age-appropriate materials. The Learning for Life In-School Program is conducted in partnership with schools in Bridgeport, Hamden, New Haven, Norwalk and Stratford.

## SCOUTREACH



The Scoutreach mission is to recruit strong leaders to develop solid relationships with chartered organizations in urban communities to ensure that culturally diverse youth have opportunities to fully participate in Scouting. Scoutreach gives special leadership and emphasis to urban Scouting programs. Scoutreach expands Scouting programs to all youth and clearly portrays that Scouting is for *everyone*-including disadvantaged and minority youth across America. The Scoutreach Program provides financial assistance, quality program and leadership stability to over 1,900 youth in urban units in Bridgeport, New Haven, Norwalk and Stamford.



One of many Scoutreach units from Bridgeport and New Haven attending summer camp at Camp Sequassen.



# FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

The Council Officers and Executive Board Members have worked diligently to establish fiscal responsibility and have demonstrated sound investment strategies.

Connecticut Yankee Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, is an educational, charitable organization under 501 (c) (3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are fully deductible under the law. Accounts are audited annually by O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP.

## SUPPORT & REVENUES

United Way Allocations - 1%	\$ 26,998
United Way Donor Designations - 2%	\$ 69,235
Friends of Scouting - 18%	\$ 594,514
Special Events - 14%	\$ 450,301
Project Sales - 2%	\$ 57,730
Foundations & Trusts - 2%	\$ 57,777
Bequests - 0%	\$ 2,050
Camping - 31%	\$ 1,029,797
Activities - 9%	\$ 277,623
Product Sales - 7%	\$ 242,862
Investment Income - 8%	\$ 273,263
Other Income / Revenue 6%	\$ 207,565
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,289,715</b>



## EXPENSES

Program / Service to Units - 85%	\$ 2,958,301
Administration - 4%	\$ 139,214
Fundraising - 10%	\$ 348,035
National Service Fee - 1%	\$ 34,804
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,480,354</b>
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (190,638)

2007 General Operating Fund - January 1 - December 31, 2007 (unaudited)



Members of the United States Marine Corps help Scouts conduct a flag retirement ceremony at a District Campfire.



Venturers on the COPE Course at the Deer Lake Adventure Center.

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