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Race To Scouting This Fall Over 1,000 New Boys Recruited in One Night.

Over 1,000 new Cub Scouts were recruited in one night during the Connecticut Yankee Council's second annual School Night for Scouting. Volunteers signed boys up at more than 300 sites across the Council on Thursday, Sept. 15. This was the largest one-night mobilization of volunteers in recent history.

The School Night was backed up with a major marketing campaign from the Council. Over \$15,000 was spent on television ads, billboards, flyers, yard signs and other means of promoting Scouting. Over 300 30-second ads aired on television and a dozen billboards remain up throughout the Council.

The mega-recruitment on September 15 represents the beginning of annual fall sign-ups. Every pack has been instructed to host at least one follow-up meeting to invite new boys to join, and many are doing several. Statistics and history has shown that boys and their families need see the invitation message at least seven times

before they will attend and sign-up.

Many packs and troops have considered "alternative" recruiting methods for success this fall. In smaller towns or cities, units banded together to host town-wide campfires aimed at providing the "sizzle" of Scouting from the getgo. Others promoted Scouting through PTO-hosted Coffees or did actual walk-throughs of classes at elementary schools.

The Incentives

The Council produced several tools that units used as an incentive for their Scouts to recruit a friend. The new Cub Scout Wristbands and Boy Scout Recruiter patch are still available.

Also, Tiger Cub lunch boxes with a pinewood derby kit are available for the first 1,000 new Tiger Cubs recruited this fall.

And the new National websites, www.joincubscouting.org and www.thescoutzone.org, proved especially popular for parents searching on-line for programs for their sons.



Challenge: Add Two Dens To Your Pack

The continued success and growth of Cub Scouting relies on the constant influx of new boys and their parents who can be recruited as the next generation of leaders. Packs who don't concentrate on building up their Tiger Cub program are simply missing the boat.

The Council is challenging every Pack to recruit at least two full dens of new boys this fall. That means about 16 new boys and parents. District membership committees are standing by to assist in meeting this bar.

Stay tuned to the Council website for great recruiting tried and true tips to build up successful Tiger Dens. It's the lifeblood of Cub Scouting and the future of Boy Scouting.

COUNCIL CHARGE

Lou Salute, Scout Executive

Parent Volunteers

Once Upon a Time You Were New, Too!

At this time of the year, most of you are no longer brand new volunteer leaders. You may have decades of Scouting service under your belt, or have just completed your first year as a volunteer. It might feel like you're just getting started, but to the new parents signing up their sons for Scouting this fall, you're a seasoned veteran.

It is possible that the best year of Scouting for your son could be this year. What will make the difference? Volunteer leaders in your unit.

Part of our Council's mission is to offer outstanding youth development programs to every child in our community. To do this, we need to continually add new Scouts, and just as important (or even more so), add new volunteers.



People will find the time to volunteer for what they believe in and what they are comfortable doing.

The best Scouting experiences don't necessary happen in units with one or two people doing all of the work. The best Scouting experiences — that will last your son a lifetime — come from units that effectively involve many volunteers. The optimum time to ask people to volunteer is when they sign their son up as a Scout. No everyone has to take on a large responsibility such as Cubmaster, Committee Chair, or Den Leader. In fact, there are many volunteer positions new parents can fill that require little to no experience — and yet will make them feel helpful, useful, and needed. These "smaller" opportunities will increase their

knowledge and desire to continue to help as your unit grows.

People will find the time to volunteer for what they believe in and what they are comfortable doing. Often times when people say, "I have to work or I don't have the time," what they really mean is that they're intimidated by what appears to be an overwhelming job. Be careful with new volunteers. Take the time to show them the resources Scouting has to offer. Encourage them to attend trainings. Find a mentor to coach them through their first year. If you take these steps and spread the workload, you'll find not only will you sign up more parent volunteers, but you are likely to keep them volunteering for a longer period of time.

Remember our mission is to help develop character in the youth we serve. They're counting on us to provide the adventures Scouting has to offer. I am counting on you to help in our mission to continue to be the best youth serving organization in Connecticut.

Thank you all for what you do for Scouting by serving our community and developing Connecticut's leaders of tomorrow.



Congratulations to the following Scouts who will Soar with Eagles

William Amidon	Troop 68	Trumbull	Sagaar Kulkarni	Troop 76	Ridgefield
Justin Bisceglia	Troop 15	Redding	Andrew Link	Troop 217	West Haven
Daniel Burt	Troop 907	Woodbridge	Robert Lumas	Troop 724	Milford
Michael Camarco	Troop 5	Brookfield	Mohet Mathur	Troop 100	Westport
Justin Cheng	Troop 90	Fairfield	Juan Medina	Troop 33	Danbury
Daniel Clausen	Troop 82	Fairfield	Gregory Merten-Slodowski	Troop 137	New Fairfield
Michael Corbeil	Troop 270	Newtown	Justin Merten-Slodowski	Troop 137	New Fairfield
David D'Addio	Troop 820	North Haven	Shane O'Brien	Troop 428	Branford
Kyle Davis	Troop 286	New Canaan	Domenic Parillo	Troop 921	Orange
Edward DiGiori	Troop 63	Woodbridge	Andrew Polzella	Troop 17	Southington
Christopher Federici	Troop 474	Guilford	Keith Read	Troop 286	New Canaan
Drew Firmender	Troop 70	Newtown	Joseph Sacco	Troop 810	North Haven
Michael Giuliano	Troop 9	Stamford	Drew Sander	Troop 22	Danbury
William Harris	Troop 76	Ridgefield	Brian Sloat	Troop 68	Trumbull
Jacob Holzman	Troop 491	Madison	Christopher Staysniak	Troop 76	Ridgefield
Leonard Hottin	Troop 401	East Haven	Geoffrey Staysniak	Troop 76	Ridgefield
Joseph Kania	Troop 47	Wallingford	Cameron Tepfer	Troop 76	Ridgefield
Kevin Krusewski	Troop 701	Milford			

Council Awarded Grant From Perrin Family Foundation

MILFORD — The Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America was recently awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the Perrin Family Foundation based in Ridgefield, to help fund the Scoutreach Program in Fairfield County. The Scoutreach Program targets “at risk” youth in urban neighborhoods in Bridgeport, Danbury, New Haven and Stamford.

In announcing the grant, Sheila Perrin, President of the Perrin Family Foundation, said that the Foundation’s grant to Scouting was consistent with their mission of providing support to help initiate afterschool and evening programming for children and young adults to lead safe, productive and creative lives.

Connecticut Yankee Council serves as the administrative body for Scouting in 37 communities in Fairfield, New Haven and southern Hartford Counties. Annually over 25,000 young men and women participate and benefit from local Scouting programs through over 515 local Scouting Units. Over 5,400 adult volunteers serve as role models and mentors, meeting weekly with these youth to provide programs that teach citizenship, develop character and promote personal and mental fitness.

“Scoutreach gives special leadership and emphasis to urban Scouting programs. Providing quality Scouting programs cost twice as much in the inner city as opposed to suburban communities,” says Louis D. Salute, Scout Executive.

The grant from The Perrin Family Foundation will allow the Council to continue to expand this program in urban areas that have not had a strong Scouting tradition.



Amann and Meisenheimer Receive ‘Good Scout’ Award

State Representative and Speaker of the House James A. Amann and Richard C. Meisenheimer, Eagle Scout and President and CEO of Spectrum Associates, Inc. were recognized with the “Good Scout” award at the annual Milford/Orange luncheon on June 29. Over 135 persons were in attendance to recognize these gentlemen for their achievements.

The luncheon raised over \$59,000. Funds from the luncheon benefit the over 1,100 Scouts in the Milford/Orange area.

DeForest “Frosty” W. Smith (Eagle Scout), President of George J. Smith and Son Real Estate, served as Luncheon Chair. BDB Group of Merrill Lynch underwrote the costs of this year’s Luncheon. Mayor James L.

Richetelli, Jr. presented the “Good Scout” Award to Rep. Amann. Mark Driscoll, Spectrum Associates, Inc. and long time friend, presented the “Good Scout” Award to Meisenheimer.

The highlight of the afternoon was Cub Scout Speaker Andrew J. Jones, Webelos Scout from Meadowside Elementary School Pack 712.

The Milford Bank was a Luncheon Benefactor. Luncheon Sponsors included BDB Group of Merrill Lynch, Kingdom Life Christian Church, and Northeast Electronics Corp. At the Luncheon, Speaker Jim Amann made a surprise announcement of a pledge in the amount of \$20,000 for youth in this area from the House of Representatives.



‘The Mike Schmidt Family’ Joins Council Founder’s Circle

“The Mike Schmidt Family” has made a commitment by will as a Founder’s Circle Member for the Connecticut Yankee Council Endowment Fund. Diane and Mike became the 28th Member of the “Scouting Heritage Society.” Mike Schmidt is also a James E. West Fellow.

The income from this gift will benefit camps and camping programs including improvements. Schmidt has served as Vice

President of our Council Properties Committee for several years helping manage through this committee the property assets of our Council to best benefit our youth.

If you would like to help secure a future for Scouting in our Council, we hope that you will consider a gift to our Council’s “Scouting Heritage Society” Endowment Fund. Again thanks Diane and Mike for helping us secure a future for our youth!

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FUND

Words too often inadequately express the sentiment we feel at the death of a friend or the joy felt when a friend is honored with a special recognition. No finer tribute can be paid than to encourage some boy to live the life of a Scout and thus perpetuate the high principles you admire in your friend. A contribution to the Boy Scout Memorial Tribute Fund in any amount is the perfect tribute.

**In Memory Of
Elsie Gziadzowski**

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Hunger—each night more than 13 million children go to bed hungry and families on a limited income don't have well balanced diets. It's a way of life for too many in our nation. The Boy Scouts of America answers this call by collecting food and supporting community agencies that fight hunger. Join us in helping feed the nation.

Are you one who will make a difference? Get involved!

www.goodturnforamerica.org

Gary Chrislip Joins Staff as Director of Field Service

Scout Executive Louis D. Salute is pleased to announce that Gary Chrislip will take the helm of the Connecticut Yankee Council Field Staff as Director of Field Services (DFS) effective October 1.

In his capacity as DFS, Gary will oversee a staff of 10 field executives as well as the Council services staff.

Gary joined the Boy Scouts as a youth in Troop 150, Austintown, Ohio. He was the first scout in his Troop to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. An active arrowman as a youth, he earned the Vigil Honor in Neatoka Lodge, Order of the Arrow. Gary was an adult scout volunteer in Ohio, West Virginia and Arizona before entering the Scouting profession full time. As a volunteer he served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, District Committee, and Unit



Commissioner. He is a three bead Woodbadger.

Gary has worked as a Boy Scout Professional for the past 21 years, serving councils in Phoenix, Arizona and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. During his career he has served as Exploring Executive, District Executive, Senior District Executive, District Director, Exploring Director, and Field Director. Since January of 1999 he has served as Field Director in the West Valley Service Area of the Grand Canyon Council.

Gary has a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Youngstown State University (Ohio) and a Masters Degree in Human Services from Murray State University (Kentucky). He is married to Julie and they have an eight-year-old son Patrick.

BSA Responds to Hurricane Katrina

IRVING, TX — In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, members of the Boy Scouts of America throughout the country are demonstrating their commitment to help other people in numerous ways. The National Council, BSA has established a website at goodturnforamerica.org/katrina.

This site provides suggested activities and projects for Scouting units, a list of Councils significantly impacted by the storm, "good news" stories that profile the ways in which units are helping survivors, a link to the *Scouting Friends* site where individuals may make donations online, and links to local Councils.

The Connecticut Yankee Council is inviting all units to help out the victims of the Katrina disaster by supporting the Governor's efforts at relief collection. Several units have already stepped up to the plate by collecting supplies, money or even donating a portion of their popcorn sales.

Units can target monetary dona-



tions specifically at rebuilding Scouting in the affected communities by visiting scoutingfriends.org.

Let us know what your Pack or Troop is doing by e-mailing news@ctyankee.org. This is a great time to show our communities that the Boy Scouts of America is ready and prepared to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

Help Needed To Rebuild Scouting

Perhaps never before has our country experienced the tremendous loss of life, community and property as we have in Hurricane Katrina.

Thankfully, all BSA employees are accounted for and safe. However, six local Councils have been significantly impacted by the storm. Several Councils have had significant water and wind damage to offices, camps and staff homes.

The National Council has created a Katrina Recovery Task Force to identify the needs of BSA employees and help offset them with the BSA Employee Relief Fund, identify the needs for re-establishing Scouting in the local Councils affected by the storm, and identify the needs of youth and families and encourage Scouts and volunteers to provide service projects to meet those needs.

Couldn't be at the Jamboree?

You can still own official 2005 National Scout Jamboree merchandise!

A limited number of official jamboree items have been shipped to your Scout shop directly from the event. Stop by today to check out this special shipment and get your own piece of the Jamboree!



Milford Scout Shop

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60 Wellington Road, Milford or online at scoutstuff.org.
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Rave Reviews for Cub Scout Day Camp

Over 380 Cub Scouts from all over the Council enjoyed the Pirate-themed day camp at six different locations. At various parks in Wallingford, Milford, Trumbull, Danbury, Redding, and Greenwich, cubs participated in a wide range of fun activities.

Some of the activities included archery, fishing, crafts, pirate (Scout) skills, nature, and sports. Mixed in with the various activities scouts also were able to qualify for various advancement requirements.

Special thanks, and a job well done, to Jane Chick the camp director and Dan Marazita the program director. Both Jane and Dan, along with the superb volunteer staff all did a great job providing a quality camping experience to the scouts of our Council!

We're looking forward to an even better program with more boys involved next year. For more information, please visit our website at daycamp.ctyankee.org.

Baden Who? Eagle Candidates Should Know Scouting's Founders

At a recent Eagle Board of Review, the candidate was asked, "Who founded Boy Scouting?" There was quiet, almost deafening silence, in the room. The candidate mumbles, "I was told you might ask that question." More silence and then the obviously embarrassed Scout answers, "I do not know." At a Life Board of Review the same question was asked and, again, the scout did not know the answer. At another Eagle Board of Review, the question is once again asked. This time the scout smiles and says, "Powell, Colin Powell." It's hard to fathom how a boy could go through both Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting not knowing who founded Scouting.

We constantly hear or join in on discussions about the scout program especially the conversations about how we can get the boys to show and demonstrate pride in being a Boy Scout. As adult leaders we would like to see the friends of the Scout outside of

Scouting know that they are a Boy Scout and proud to be a Boy Scout. A legitimate concern but the unanswered query is: "How?"

To offer one small suggestion that would hopefully aid boys to be proud to be a Boy Scout is teaching them some history of Scouting. Maybe an additional requirement for the rank of Tenderfoot should be to know some of the history of Scouting. Boy Scouts have a wealth of history and traditions. You may ask what should the boy learn. We can start by informing him that Lord Robert Baden-Powell is the founder of the Scouting movement.

"You can only get discipline in the mass by discipline in the individual."

"The uniform makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country."

— Lord Robert Baden-Powell

A Primer To The Charter Renewal Process

It's October, the beginning of the annual Charter Renewal process. *Charter Renewal* can be dirty words to some, but the process is straightforward and can be accomplished painlessly if you follow directions. Kathy Znosko, the Council Registrar, has written out notes for unit leaders to make the process as smooth as possible.

All units keep records (or should) of youth members and of leaders and parent volunteers. Council maintains these records, too, for every unit. The main purpose of the Charter Renewal procedure is to make sure that Council's records match your unit's records.

The first step of the process is to obtain your Charter Renewal packet. These packets are given to the district executives during the first weeks of October. Most will distribute as many as they can at the monthly Roundtables. If you don't pick yours up at a Roundtable, contact your district executive to obtain it.

Then, find the most detail-oriented adult in your unit and work with him or her to complete the paperwork. Take the Charter Renewal roster and review it carefully. Make all necessary corrections. Pay special attention to:

- The name and address of your Chartered Organization
- The name and address of the Executive Officer

○ Complete information for all adults in the unit (position, name, address, phone, birthdate, *Boys' Life* subscription. Complete all information for all youth (name, address, phone, birthdate, grade and *Boys' Life* subscription.)

Make a single line through the name and information for anyone on the roster who is no longer in your unit. Do not make the line so dark that we cannot see the name of the person through it. If you are submitting Packmaster or Troopmaster printouts for your Charter Renewal, please include our printout with this step completed. We need to know whom to delete from your roster.

Advancement

Don't worry about rank, especially for Cub Scouts! The rank that appears is the last rank earned, but ScoutNet sees Cub Scouting as three separate programs, Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts (Wolf & Bear), and Webelos and it will not show rank earned in a previous program, except for Bobcat. So, fourth graders who earned their Bear Rank last year will now be listed in the Webelos Program and it won't show that they have earned their Bear Rank. Besides that, we cannot update rank during the Charter Renewal process. But, do pay attention to what program the Cubs are listed under. If a boy is listed under Cub Scouts and is really a Tiger Cub or a Webelos Scout, indicate this.

Updating Training

Training can be updated during the Charter Renewal process. We are happy to do that if you provide the title of the course and the approximate date it was completed. We cannot enter training without a date and we must enter the correct version of the training course for the date it was taken. Realize though that an "N" for training is position specific. You may be Woodbadge trained, but if you are the Charter Representative and haven't taken Charter Representative training, you are not considered trained for your position.

New Youth

If new youth and adults have joined your unit and do not appear on the Charter

Renewal roster, attach copies of their applications to the roster. This is very important, as it is where most mistakes with Charter Renewals occur. These rosters are printed on or near October 1st. All applications that are turned in to Council by September 30th will be entered into ScoutNet before the rosters are printed, so those individuals will appear on the Charter Renewal rosters. Any applications received by you after September 30th should be turned into Council as soon as possible after you receive them. They will be entered

into ScoutNet, but if you do not include copies of these applications with your Charter Renewal you risk having these new applicants removed from your charter when we process the renewal. You see, if they are not listed on the Charter Renewal roster and you haven't attached copies of their applications, then we don't know that you intend to keep them in the unit.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Doug Machin, Council Commissioner

Unit Visits

A plan for Commissioner Accountability

Commissioners will do a variety of things to help units succeed, but the most basic task is the unit visit.

1. Commissioners visit each unit at least monthly. Some units will need more frequent visits – new units or troubled units. The visit may be a unit meeting, or a unit committee meeting, or a personal visit with the unit leader. Without unit visits, we can't know how to help a unit improve its program. Without visits, we only find out about problems after the unit fails or weakens, and the kids have 'voted with their feet' and left the unit.

If you are truly concerned about a unit's health, you must know its condition at all times:

- Is the unit program fun and challenging for boys? (youth for Venturing)
- Do the leaders find it rewarding?
- Is there a membership growth plan?
- Will the unit register on time?

The purpose of commissioner-friendly visits is far more than looking for problems to report. Visits should strengthen the capability of unit leaders, not glorify the commissioner. The commissioner is a coach and counselor for the adults in the unit.

Resources:

- Program inserts in Scouting magazine. You MUST have your primary registration as a unit commissioner. If not, you are not receiving program inserts for all program areas in your Scouting magazine.
- Unit Commissioner Program Notebook
- Commissioner Worksheets

- Commissioner Helps

2. District Commissioners must provide a MONTHLY opportunity for unit commissioners to report on visits and decide on specific actions to improve the unit. This is done at ADC breakout sessions as the key activity of district commissioner staff meetings. This is perhaps the most important 60 minutes each month in a Scout district!

These tasks must occur in each breakout session:

A. Each unit commissioner shares important observations from recent visits and conversations with unit people. What are the needs? How might each unit improve its program for kids?

B. They identify specific ways to help each unit upgrade its program or improve its operation.

C. They determine who will provide specific help during the coming month. Usually this is the assigned unit commissioner, but more challenging situations may require assistance from the ADC, a district committee member specialist, or even the district commissioner.

D. ADCs check the progress on last month's assignments to be sure units are receiving the help they need.

Again, this is the most important 60 minutes in the district every month. It's a must!!!

Lets all use our skill with unit visits to guarantee successful units for every Scout.

Commissioner Conference

The 2005 Commissioner Conference will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5. It's the primary educational opportunity for Commissioners this year. A registration flyer can be found on the Council website.



roster anyone who is being paid for by another unit. You don't have to pay for them. Take the Charter Payment form, provided in the Charter Renewal packet and fill in the numbers. It will help you calculate what you owe. If your Charter Representative is also holding another position in your unit (Committee Chair or

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Scout Shop News

The only forms accepted in the store are Unit Advancement Forms. All other forms such as registration forms, Tour Permits and Money Earning Applications should be processed through the reception desk or faxes to 203.876.6884.

Unit Accounts

Unit accounts must have a tax certificate on file with the Milford Scout Shop in order to be tax free. This tax certificate is obtained from your Chartering Organization. In order to obtain an EIN number required by banks, go to www.irs.gov, and search for Form SS-4. Once you've printed the instructions and form, you can call the number listed to get your EIN number.

Payment

The only form of payment for a unit account transaction is a charge to your unit account if money is available or a unit check only. No cash.



New Unit Organizer Knot Available

Be the first in the Council to earn the New Unit Organizer Knot. The new William D. Boyce New-Unit Award recognizes volunteers who organize one or more new traditional units. Contact your district executive or membership chair to begin the new unit organizational process.

Recycle With Us

The Boy Scouts of America have long set the standard as good stewards of the environment. Our Council is participating in a cutting-edge recycling program. We are collecting empty InkJets, Laser Cartridges and Old Cell Phones for Recycling. For more information, please visit the Council website.

Sleepover at Mystic Aquarium

Have you ever had the opportunity to sleep among fish and other aquatic wildlife? In conjunction with the Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration, we're pleased to provide a unique experience to Cub Scouts and their families.

Mystic Aquarium is a living museum and your Cubs will learn about the world under the ocean from trained marine educators. The 2006 Mystic Aquarium Overnight is Friday, April 21. Cost is \$50 per participant and covers Friday snack, hands on educational activities, overnight lodging, Saturday morning breakfast and a

commemorative patch.

On Saturday, when the overnight experience has concluded, participants will be allowed to spend the day in the Aquarium as part of the package.

Note: The Mystic Overnight sold out within three weeks of its announcement last year. Don't delay in registering for this great event. Please download your registration form from the Council website. All registrations must be submitted by or before March 1, 2006. Contact Christopher Guarniere at 203.876.6868, Ext. 254 or guarniere@ctyankee.org for more information.

Cub Scout Memories Made at Battleship Cove

BY MARIEFI O'MALLEY
Pack 6, Wallingford

On July 10-11, 2003, Cub Scout Pack 6 of E.C. Stevens Elementary School in Wallingford, Sleeping Giant District, participated in the "Nautical Nights" sleepover program where ten Cub Scouts and their families were able to sleep aboard the USS Massachusetts and experience what it was to be a sailor while underway during World War II. With her guns trained fore and aft, the battleship USS Massachusetts, nicknamed "Big Mamie" by past crews, is posed in the nautical sign for peace.

The USS Massachusetts stays docked with other naval landmarks such as the fleet submarine, USS Lionfish, a destroyer, USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., a Russian-built missile corvette called the Hiddensee and PT boats Higgins and Elco. After a lengthy car ride from Connecticut, the Pack 6 crew tiredly walked to the registration booth with backpacks, sleeping bags and pillows in hand.

The mood changed as we followed our orientation leader towards the battleship. This nautical landmark's 35,000 ton façade and what the entire collection of naval landmarks represents both humbled and inspired the Scouts. As we ascended the gangplank, the metal grates seemed to resonate the hundreds of footsteps that had preceded us just 60 years ago. The aura of sailors who were involved



in the Pacific theater of World War II was felt throughout the wood and steel below our feet. Suddenly we were transported to another era.

After stowing our gear in our bunks, we were able to explore to the majority of the Battleship Cove on our own. Whether climbing the different ladders and gangways, squeezing into armored turrets, ducking through close quarters in the submarine, cranking the hand-wheels of the various guns or leaning every-so-carefully along the chain-linked railing to count the jellyfish floating beside the ship, there was never a corner uninhabited by curious and awe-struck Scouts!

The Wardroom was where food was served "Navy chow-style". Between meals and occasional opportunities to grab snacks from the snack bar, were engaging activities such as knot-tying class with Chief Tony Perry, who linked humor with every twist and turn. Joyce Pinsonnault, resident storyteller, provided the mystical ghost stories in "campfire style," spinning tales of suspense and evoking nervous laughter from her listeners. Other evening activities included a Mores code class, living historic reenactments as well

Good Turn for America

Over the past 16 months, Scouts across the country have recorded more than a million hours in community service projects at the Good Turn for America website. GTFA gives Scouts the opportunity to raise awareness of community service and increase our positive perception.

The Council, as a partner in the National Good Turn initiative, has provided all units with an access code and account to record your own service hours on the site. Any type of service, such as Eagle projects, town cleanups, food col-

lections, etc. qualifies. To learn more, please visit the website at <http://www.goodturnforamerica.org>.



If you have not yet received a code, please contact your district executive or district Good Turn chairman. A downloadable powerpoint guide to walk you

through the site is available on our Council website.

All units who enter data qualify to earn the Good Turn for America patch and year segments which are available for purchase through the National Scout Shop in Milford.

The immense ships, destroyer, submarine, airplanes and helicopters that make up the fleet of historical vessels at Battleship Cove are part of our American history and a reminder of all those who have fought to defend our freedom.

as the 1950's feature film, "The Incredible Mr. Limpet". To help recreate the traditional movie settings, sans CG technology, IMAX imaging or stadium seating, were the tight rows of metal folding chairs with limited leg room.

Viewers made the best of their time sitting on pillows sharing popcorn. Other sites to visit outside of the shipyard were the free admission Maritime Museum, located a few blocks from Battleship Cove, with its collection of Titanic and Carpathia artifacts, and the vintage Carousel, easily located on the waterfront.

A full day of hands-on activities and exploration was followed by "lights-out" at 11pm. Pack 6 tried to get a good night's rest on stretched canvas bunks tightened on metal frames. It was tough getting comfortable unless you had the "saltiness" of a seasoned sailor. There were 4 bunks suspended from top to bottom of the deck, about 4 rows deep.

Just envisioning hundreds of sailors underway during WWII in a very limited space like that made you truly appreciate their efforts in the military. Reveille was at

6:30am, and after two hours of "solid" sleep (the creaks and hull noise was distracting) we reported to the Wardroom for breakfast. With new memories and full bellies, we packed up and headed home.

The immense ships, destroyer, submarine, airplanes and helicopters that make up the fleet of historical vessels at Battleship Cove are part of our American history and a reminder of all those who have fought to defend our freedom. This National Historic Landmark boasts majesty in all its gray steel hardware, commanding 16" turrets and methodically mounted 40MM guns.

However, their legacy not only lies in their physical attributes, but ultimately in the team of individuals who operate, maintain and preserve these vessels everyday and who believe in the importance of these ships and exhibits that reside here. The layout of Battleship Cove along with the numerous educational programs offered aboard made it easy for self-guided tours for young and old. The hands-on approach and welcoming atmosphere made for a very memorable time for all of us at Pack 6.



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Venturing Leader & Sea Scout Officer Training

Venturing Leader Specific and Sea Scout Officers' Specialized Trainings is offered on Saturday, Oct. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Council Resource Center in Milford. This course covers leadership and organization, Crew/

Ship structure, advancement and awards, advisor/skipper's responsibilities, resources and program planning and more.

VLST and SSOST are geared toward crew advisors and sea scouts, but Council and district volunteers who support Venturing or Sea Scouting are invited.

Completion of these courses fulfills requirements for the leader training awards and is a prerequisite for Seabadge Training. Also, having your top leader trained is a requirement for the Quality Unit Award. This course includes Venturing Youth Protection. A \$5 fee includes training materials and coffee. Please bring a bag lunch.

Registration forms are available on the Council website. Please contact Jonathan Glassman at 203.795.9715 or jglassman@gmail.com for more information.

Venturing Leadership Award

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented to Venturers, Sea Scouts, and adults who have made exceptional contributions to the program and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath. Up

to six awards may be presented annually (three to youth and three to adults). To be considered for the Award, nominees must be registered and involved in Venturing or Sea Scouting as a youth or adult for at least one year; hold a leadership position or office on the unit, district, or Council level; show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and Sea Scouting.

The 2006 Venturing Leadership Awards will be presented at the Council Recognition Dinner on January 26. Nominations must be received by Jonathan Pleva by November 18. All nominations are confidential. To avoid possible dis-appointment, please do not advise the nominee of the action taken on his or her behalf. Nomination forms are available at the Council Resource Center and on the Council website.

Council Venturing Roundtables

The Venturing Roundtable is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, September – June, at the Council Resource Center. The roundtable program is designed to

give leaders program ideas and to share best practices. It's also an opportunity to find out about council wide Venturing and Sea Scouting opportunities for your unit. Every month there will be a guest presenter to speak on a topic of interest to all Venturers and Sea Scouts. Every Crew and Ship should have at least one representative at the monthly roundtable. Please contact Venturing Roundtable commissioner Blaine Boxwell at 203.877.7009 for more information.

Council Sea Scout Wardroom

The Sea Scouting Wardroom meets on the second Monday at the Trinity Episcopal Church Library, 651 Pequot Avenue in Southport. The wardroom is composed of Council members and ship skippers, officers and committee members.

All others interested in the Sea Scouting program are welcome. Contact Council Commodore Bob Kral at 203.255.5169 for more information.

Venturing/Sea Scouting Email Group

A group email server has been established by the Council Venturing committee to better enable communications within our Venturing/Sea Scouting community and to promote activities, trainings and other programs.

This list has been set-up on Yahoo! Groups.

All messages posted to the group will be automatically distributed to all members. Any abuse or improper postings will result in revocation of group membership.

For youth protection reasons, this group is meant only for adult leaders. The information can be shared with youth members but they should not be enrolled in the group.

To receive an invitation to join the group, go to groups.yahoo.com/group/CTYankeeVenturing and click on "Join This Group!" or email the group owner, Bill Amidon, at wamidon@snet.net. In your request include your name, position in Scouting and reason for wanting to join the group.



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Quinnipiac Dancers Start New Season

The Quinnipiac Dancers season has already begun. All lodge members are invited to have fun while giving service to the Lodge by joining the Quinnipiac Dancers. Please contact Chris for more information at 203.234.8077.

32nd Season Begins

The Quinnipiac Dancers are taking bookings for their '05-'06 season. Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Committee Chair: do you have a special event in the upcoming scouting year that needs unique entertainment? The Quinnipiac Dancers can help you with their performances tailored to your group's needs:

- Authentic Native American Dance Interpretations.
- Live Indian music.
- Audience participation.



■ Handmade outfits depicting modern Indian pow wow dancers. Feathers, bells and beads on flashy colorful outfits.

■ All dancers are youth members of our Order of the Arrow Lodge, Owaneco 313.

Our dance season starts January 1, 2006. We will take bookings on a first come first serve basis. Contact Nancy Olson at 281.5419 to make your booking or for more information.



BOYS' LIFE READING CONTEST



Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the Boys' Life 2005 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.

The book can be fiction or nonfiction. But the report has to be in your own words—500 words tops. Enter in one of these three age categories:

- 8 years old and younger,
- 9 and 10 years old,
- 11 years and older.

First-place winners in each age category will receive a \$100 gift certificate good for any product in the Boy Scouts Official Retail Catalog. Second-place winners will receive a \$75 gift certificate, and third-place winners a \$50 certificate.

Everyone who enters will get a free patch like the green one above. (And, yes, the patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform shirt, on the right pocket. Proudly display it there or anywhere!) In coming years, you'll have the opportunity to earn the other patches.

The contest is open to all Boys' Life readers. Be sure to include your name, address, age and grade in school on the entry. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2005. Send your report, along with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to:

Boys' Life Reading Contest, S306 | P.O. Box 152079 | Irving, TX 75015-2079



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A complete listing of all upcoming Council and district trainings is available online at www.ctyankee.org/training/calendar.php

Course Directors

Mark Clark of Wallingford has been appointed as Scoutmaster of the 2006 Woodbadge Course scheduled for the fall of 2006. Mark has been an active member of the Training Committee for a number of years, having served on staffs of various Woodbadge, JLTC, and Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster courses offered by the Training Committee. Mark was also a long time Scoutmaster and most recently was the OA Lodge Advisor.

Michael Abrahamson of Trumbull has been appointed as Scoutmaster of the Youth Leader Training Conference being run this coming January. This course will be held over 2 weekends in January and is patterned after the adult Woodbadge training. This course will replace the Junior Leader Training Conference that has run in the summer. Mike is scoutmaster of Troop 68 in Trumbull and has served on various training courses.

The annual Connecticut Yankee Council Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow returns to Jonathan Law High School on Saturday, Dec. 3. The Pow Wow is supplemental training to Cub Scout leaders through a fun and exciting one day training experience, where by our leaders can provide a high quality program to our youth members.

What's a Pow Wow?

Simply put, it's a learning extravaganza. It's an annual get-together, a hands-on workshop, an idea conference, and a convention. It's a day to increase knowledge, improve your skills, and to add to your already enthusiastic attitudes about Cub Scouting. Pow Wow is designed to be a day of learning, while having fun. Simply stated, it is the finest one-day supplemental training offered in the BSA - guaranteed to give you confidence and skills necessary for an exciting program. This training offers a variety of courses designed to give

additional information on specific areas of Cub Scouting.

Some of the methods touched upon in basic training are treated in greater depth in Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow. There are no prerequisites as this training is intended to enrich your program experience.

Who Attends Pow Wow?

Anyone who wants to know more about Cub Scouting! New leaders, experienced leaders, potential leaders. . . ANY ADULT who wants to have fun while they learn! Everyone is invited to the Pow Wow!

What Will I Get?

In addition to a day full of fun and ideas, you'll receive great resources for planning exciting den and pack meetings. You will meet other energetic Cub Scouters from around the council. You will be able to share experiences and learn about the best methods of

Cub Scouting. Remember, your attendance at Pow Wow satisfies some of the training requirements for all Cub Scout Leader Awards. Most of all you will remember that Cub Scouting is fun, even for adults!

What if I've already been?

You can always come again as a participant or offer your knowledge and skill as an instructor for a session. We are currently looking for energetic people to join the Pow Wow Staff! Pow Wow is for everyone, from first year tiger leaders to eighty year Cubmasters, there is always something new at Pow Wow!

Questions, thoughts, motivational speeches, ideas, or monologues regarding the Pow Wow should be directed to staff adviser Christopher Guarniere at the Council Resource Center at 800.333.7905, Ext. 254 or guarniere@ctyankee.org.



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This past summer has been an active one for The Jewish Committee. At Camp Sequassen we hosted a visit by the Tzofim Israel Scout Caravan on Thursday, August 4. That evening, 9 Israeli Scouts, male and female alike, performed a show which entertained campers, scouters, and many visitors from around the Council.

It was a great opportunity for our Scouts to learn about the state of Israel and the scouting program there. Before the show, the Israeli Scouts received a tour of Camp Sequassen, and had a chance to get their feet wet and cool off on the hot summer day. They met and talked with scouts and staff, sharing their experiences, as well as learning about the Scouting program here in the USA.

Shortly before sunset, the Sequassen Amphitheater was filled to capacity, as the Tzofim performed their traveling show, bringing a little bit of Israel to the northwest corner of Connecticut. After the show, they spent time mingling and talking with more scouts, and were welcomed to a cracker barrel by their overnight hosts, Troop 41 of Woodbridge.



Photo courtesy of Dr. Bruce Backer.

We hope to have the Tzofim become annual visitors to Sequassen.

The committee is pleased to state that we were well represented by both Scouts and Scouters at the religious services and programs run by the National JCOS at the 2005 Jamboree. We would like to thank Michael Abrahamson and Bruce Backer for developing and conducting services for the Jewish members of our Council contingent during the shakedown weekend and the pre-jamboree tour. We would also like to congratulate those Scouts who earned the jamboree religious award of the

National Jewish Committee.

Our Jewish Committee was also proud to sponsor a bench at the Maxim All Faith Chapel at Camp Sequassen this year. Following the twelfth point of the Scout Law, A Scout is Reverent, the Committee is very pleased to help promote reverence, regardless of faith.

For the upcoming year, the JCOS is actively working on a strong, dynamic program, including planning a possible outdoor Scout Shabbat experience to coincide with Scout Sabbath observances nationwide. In addition, we will hold our annual Cub Scout

Religious Emblems workshop in January, helping Tigers, Cubs and Webelos earn the Maccabee or Aleph Award. As always we encourage Boy Scouts and Venturers as well, to work towards earning their specific Jewish religious awards, the Ner Tamid and Eitz Chaim Awards. Please contact any member of the committee if you're interested in more information on these awards.

If you know of a Jewish Scouter who should be recognized for their contribution to Jewish Scouting, please consider nominating them for the Shofar Award. More information on the Shofar Award can be found on the National website or the National Jewish Committee on Scouting, www.jewishscouting.org. Shofar applications are due by December 31.

Finally, we would like to invite anyone interested to join the Jewish Committee. Meetings are held regularly, on the fourth Monday each month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Resource Center in Milford. For more information, please contact David Elkodsi, Committee Chairman, Dr. Bruce Backer, Vice-Chairman, drbruce@troop41bsa.com or Peter Nystrom.

Summer Camp Scout Leader Appreciation

The following letter was mailed to the summer camp coordinator for units which camped at Camp Sequassen in 2005. We recognize the process for a unit to attend summer camp is a collective effort for the entire troop leadership. Therefore, the letter is being repeated for those whose efforts helped make their unit's stay at Sequassen possible.

Dear Scoutmaster:

By the time you receive this letter Camp Sequassen will be vacant, devoid of the equipment with which to have fun and serene. Quite a change from when you left it just a few weeks ago. With a little imagination, however, one can easily bring to mind the sights, sounds and magic moments that made the summer camp experience so special.

It was another great year at Camp Sequassen. Over 1350 Boy Scouts camped with us this year. They brought with them copious energy and spirit which helped keep the staff focused and enthused.

On behalf of the staff, I thank you and your Scouts for selecting Camp Sequassen as your summer camp and welcome you to camp with us again in 2006. In the meantime, we hope you visit Camp Sequassen often and enjoy its great beauty and find strength in your convictions from its motto: Give Friendship to All and Cherish the Wide Earth.

Thank you again for making 2005 the best year ever at Camp Sequassen. Truly, it's the place good Scouts belong.

Yours in Scouting,
Daniel B. Cooley
Camp Director

Connecticut Yankee Council 2006 Recognition Dinner

Hosted by Scatacook District

Thursday, January 26, 2006

Snow date: Thursday, February 2, 2006 (Groundhog Day)

6:00 to 6:45 PM - Gather the Clan
6:45 to 9:30 PM - Dinner, Annual Business Meeting, and Program

Highlight of the Evening: Award of the Silver Beaver

Please join us for this special event, combining good fellowship, superb food, and an Awards Ceremony, recognizing Scouts and Scouters who have rendered outstanding service to Scouting and our Communities. We will also conduct the Annual Business Meeting (including election of Council Officers). Topping off the evening will be the presentation of the prestigious Silver Beaver Award.

And...join Scatacook District in our traditional Service Project - Shh!!!
Help Scatacook Help the Hungry (Shh!!!)

Please bring a can of soup or a box of pasta with you to dinner; we'll collect your donations and contribute them to a local food bank.

With your help, maybe we can make a difference

The Perfect Location: Amber Room Colonnade, 1 Stacey Road, Danbury
The Perfect Price: \$35.00 per person

Please, please, please RSVP by January 12, 2006 (Sorry - No Walk-ins)
Call Karen at 1-800-333-7905 x 223 with your reservation or with questions

Due to the time of the year (winter), please check the Council Web Site at www.ctyankee.org or the Scatacook District Web Site at www.scatacook.org for any last minute schedule changes or postponement due to bad weather

Please return the bottom portion of this form for your reservation

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Unit & Number _____ District _____

Number Attending _____ at \$35.00 = Total \$ _____ Check # _____

Credit Card - Visa / MasterCard / AMEX - Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

Make your check payable to: Connecticut Yankee Council
Mail to: Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA
60 Wellington Road, Post Office Box 32, Milford, Connecticut 06460-0032

'06 Activity Calendar

Mark your calendars and start your plans. Registration forms and more information are available on the Council website.

January

26 – Council Recognition Dinner

February

5-11 – Scout Week Celebration

April

1&8 – Fishing Derby

22 – Earth Day

29 – Good Turn for America

May

19-21 – Extravaganza

July

July 2-August 12 – Boy Scout Summer Camp

July 21-August 4 – Philmont

17-27 – CS Summer Fest

August

12 – BB Gun Derby

15 – Council Program Kickoff

17-27 – CS Resident Camp

September

29-30 – Lime Rock (tentative)

October

TBD – Camp Sikorsky

28 – Cub Scout Fright Night

21st World Jamboree

The 21st World Scout Jamboree will be hosted in the United Kingdom from July 27 to August 8, 2007. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff for 12 days.

2007 celebrates the centennial founding of the Scouting Movement, the Jamboree theme will be "One World One Promise."

More information can be found at www.scouting.org/international.

126 Days To Scouting Anniversary Week

Scout Week 2006 is scheduled from February 5 thru February 11. Unit Scouts and their leaders are encouraged to celebrate the founding of the Scouting organization in 1907. Each unit is free to celebrate in its own way, but the more public exposure the better it is for Scouting. Let's make a splash in 2006. Celebrate!

Another Great Summer & Staff at Camp Sequassen

It's the same old story. Another great year of summer resident camp, great program, great facility, best staff ever and record number of delighted campers, Ho-hum. Doing better each year is pretty much a tradition for the camp Sequassen staff and isn't going to change for a long while.

Even so, 2005 was a fantastic year despite a National Jamboree and two contingents to high adventure bases (Sea Base/Philmont), 1,375 Boy Scouts and 360 Cub Scouts turned out for a great camp season. Feedback from the Scouts and their leaders and parents indicates the staff did a superb job of delivering the promise to everyone. You can be proud of your camp, it's the place good Scouts go to grow and have fun.

Not shown in the numbers however is the fact that the 2005 45-member camp staff was awesome. They liked their job and did their best to make every Scout feel appreciated and important. Program Directors Andrea Ulery

(Boy Scout Camp) and Thomas Gordon (Cub Scout Camp) worked hard before and during the season to ensure the Scouts were treated to the best Scouting experience the staff was capable of providing. And the staff responded with a dedication and enthusiasm seldom seen. Their effort paid off in many satisfied customers -- leaders, Scouts and parents who made Camp Sequassen their camp of choice in 2005.

The camp's appearance has undergone much improvement and change over the past eight years. But this year, helped by the copious rain, ensured the camp was decked out in lush greenery, while Ranger Dave Boyajian and his assistants, Pat Maxim and Alex Erickson, kept everything neat, tidy and functional.

Navin Brothers food service provided over 44,000 meals of the best camp food anywhere. The single most important difference between Camp Sequassen and those other camps is the food. It's true. Ask any Scout. Luke, our

chef, served every meal as though a Scout's day depended on it. Many Scouts who chose anonymity (wisely) have sworn that Luke is a better cook than their mother. This adulation doesn't spoil Luke, however, he has been the camp's chef for 14 years and plans to be there forever.

Part of Camp Sequassen's greatness is the ample supply of program materials and tools. Everywhere you look, Scout have new or high quality resources in the six program areas. Rowboats, Sailboats, canoes, kayaks, bows, bikes, balls, paintball guns, mountain boards, beds, bunk and you name it. Our campers are enjoying the fruits of a successful camp and they love it.

Paintball was introduced as a senior Scout activity along with PADI Scuba certification and a Tri-pak program which enabled the Scouts to earn the

Super Troops for 2005

Week 1	Troop 608	Sleeping Giant District
Week 2	Troop 811	Sleeping Giant District
Week 3	Troop 43	Sleeping Giant District
Week 4	Troop 463	Lighthouse District
Week 5	Troop 52	Suffolk County, New York
Week 6	Troop 13	Sleeping Giant

Cinematography, Graphic Arts and Photography Merit Badges.

Junior Scouts could choose from over thirty merit badges and spend much of their time doing their favorite thing during afternoon open program. Of course, ultimate Frisbee remains the camp's choice of sports activity and the campers don't stop playing until the big lights go off.

Unfortunately, the 2005 camp season ended on August 24th and all satisfaction indexes were reset to zero. Next year's staff (yet to be formed) is obligated to outperform the last and they will have to work hard to do it. But they always have and they will do it again. Hope to see you soon.

Executive Board Approves Camp Fee Increase

The Executive Board approved a \$15 increase in the resident summer camp fee for 2006. Five dollars of this increase will cover increases in food, fuel and staffing costs. The remaining \$10 will be held in a capital improvement fund and used to make major improvements to the camp facility.

Many improvement projects are on hold due to lack of funds. With campers making a direct contribution to the capital fund, some of these projects will become a reality. The first such project will likely be a deck with seats, clothing

storage bins and an observation platform at the Camp Sequassen Waterfront. The plan is to make the waterfront area one of the nicest facilities on West Hill Pond.

According to Bill Hall, Council V.P. for Camping, even with the \$15 increase, camp costs remain one of the best bargains in the Northeast. Camp Sequassen offers top-notch camp programs for new and senior Scouts at a price well below surrounding camps.

As Bill says, if you can find a better deal, go for it. If not, see you at Camp Sequassen in 2006.

National Policy on Merit Badge Partial

From time to time circumstances cause a Scout to complete a merit badge with a merit badge counselor other than the one he started with. This situation is sometimes called "having a partial".

When a Scout presents a "partial" to the merit badge counselor the work previously completed may or may not be accepted. Most merit badge counselors will discuss with the Scout any work that was previously completed. This discussion will continue until the counselor is satisfied what the

Scout did in fact complete the requirements indicated on the "partial".

The question then arises: How long is a partial good? The answer is quite simple. As long as the Scout is not yet 18 years old and can satisfy the counselor he is knowledgeable about the subject.

After a Scout has completed all the requirements for a merit badge, the merit badge counselor signs the merit badge card. The counselor's signature attests to the Scoutmaster that the requirements have been fully met.

Announcing 2006 Sequassen Boy Scout 'Gopher Gold' Program

Troops bringing more than 75% of their registered Scouts (as of June 30, 2006) to Camp Sequassen qualify for gold treatment during their week at camp. Gold treatment includes:

Everyone attending camp will receive a special edition of the camp patch identifying their unit as having met the BSA National

Council's highest standard.

Each troop will receive a distinctive banner for its flag staff.

Each day at camp, a special centerpiece will adorn your dining table letting everyone know you "got it done".

Up to four adult leaders may attend camp free regardless of the

number of Scouts attending camp.

And, adults camping the entire week with their Scouts will receive a special limited edition hat pin.

Gopher Gold is worth more than money, it's proof of a troop's wise leadership, motivated Scouts, and greatness. Everybody wins gold when Scouts go to camp.

2006 Sequassen Summer Camp Reservation Chart

2006	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Aquila 32	Scatacook Troop 17	Pomperaug Troop 788 16 & 3	Pomperaug Troop 52 25 & 3	St. Giant Troop 47 Pomperaug Troop 78		Scatacook Troop 431 20 & 3
Baldwin Forest 52	St. Giant Troop 410 30 & 5	Powahay Troop 53 33 & 7	Lighthouse Troop 428 47 & 3	Scatacook Troop 76 30 & 6	Lighthouse Troop 437	Scatacook Troop 136 20 & 3
Firearm 36	Powahay Troop 15 25 & 5	Powahay Troop 20 15 & 4	W. Valley Troop 907	Powahay Troop 125 30 & 3	Scatacook Troop 52 30 & 4 St. Giant Troop 614 18 & 3	Lighthouse Troop 427
Ledge 28	St. Giant Troop 4 30 & 4	St. Giant Troop 47 18 & 4	W. Valley Troop 202 18 & 4	Lighthouse Troop 483 15 & 4	Scatacook Troop 779 16 & 4	Scatacook Troop 270 19 & 3
Trail 24	St. Giant Troop 45 15 & 2	St. Giant Troop 1 20 & 3	Lighthouse Troop 491 24 & 4	W. Valley Troop 12 20 & 4	St. Giant Troop 604	Powahay Troop 19 9 & 4
Loyalty 24		Pomperaug Troop 90 30 & 4	Pomperaug Troop 67	W. Valley Troop 623		
Hillside 24	Pomperaug Troop 82 20 & 6	Pomperaug Troop 10 10 & 3	Pomperaug Troop 202 10 & 3	Powahay Troop 15 15 & 4	Provisional 10 & 3	St. Giant Troop 11 15 & 4
Jerome 24	Pomperaug Troop 81 20 & 6	Pomperaug Troop 62 30 & 6	St. Giant Troop 52 16 & 4	Scatacook Troop 3	St. Giant Troop 11 15 & 4	Powahay Troop 66
Northrup 36	W. Valley Troop 63 18 & 4	St. Giant Troop 811 15 & 5	Scatacook Troop 15			
International 36	St. Giant Troop 608	Scatacook Troop 13	Pomperaug Troop 67 32 & 6	W. Valley Troop 196 34 & 6	Lighthouse Troop 477 18 & 4	W. Valley Troop 41 12 & 2
Royalwood 44		W. Valley Troop 721 15 & 5				Lighthouse Troop 408 Lighthouse Troop 82 W. Valley Troop 817
Elk Whiskey 24		Pomperaug Troop 24		W. Valley Troop 59		
Edge Sherman 48						
Nathan Hale 32			Scatacook Troop 115 15 & 2 Scatacook Troop 24 14 & 7		St. Giant Troop 12	
Orde 34	Hudson Valley COC Troop 2021 23 & 6	W. Valley Troop 24 20 & 4	St. Giant Troop 43 30 & 4	St. Giant Troop 17 30 & 4	Buffalo County COC Troop 52 28 & 7	St. Giant Troop 810 30 & 5
Totals	179/38	233/45	237/35	171/33	103/26	101/24

Blank - Paid Deposits
 Grey - Open Area
 Bold - Not confirmed

If you have not yet reserved your site for 2006 Camp Sequassen, do so soon. Sites fill up quickly.

24 Troops Qualify for Gopher Gold in '05

Troops camping at Sequassen with 67.5% of their June 30th membership participating in a resident camp program qualified for Gopher Gold. Qualifying units were recognized with a special gold-bordered patch and sundry other perks including specially made hatpins and streamers.

Qualifying troops are as follows:

Troop	District	Week	Troop	District	Week	Troop	District	Week
52	Scatacook	1	43	Sleeping Giant	3	53	Lighthouse	5
471	Lighthouse	1	125	Powahay	4	208	Wepawaug Valley	5
811	Sleeping Giant	2	12	Wepawaug Valley	4	614	Sleeping Giant	5
62	Pomperaug	2	5	Scatacook	4	770	Scatacook	5
428	Lighthouse	3	202	Pomperaug	4	931	Wepawaug Valley	6
202	Wepawaug Valley	3	76	Pomperaug	4	2	Sleeping Giant	6
491	Lighthouse	3	15	Powahay	4	810	Sleeping Giant	6
721	Wepawaug Valley	3	32	Sleeping Giant	5	421	Lighthouse	6

Battle of the Bands at Extravaganza

Come feature your band at our Extravaganza "Battle of the Bands" May 19-21, 2006. Bands get a 25-minute slot to play on the midway during the day, and six bands will be selected to play in the main arena show on Saturday night. We're looking for Scouts to showcase their musical talents. All that's needed to participate is to have at least one band member be an active Scout.

Professional sound, lighting, staging and video recording is provided. Sign up early and send us a demo. A maximum of ten bands can be accommodated. Please contact Jack Berry at berryj@us.ibm.com if you're interested.

2006 Council Trek To Philmont

Test your boots on the trails around Philmont's 137,493 acres of wilderness. Backpack to program areas for amazing activities, spend your nights under bright stars surrounded by cool desert air and the sounds of your wild hosts.

A Philmont trek is sure to be the culminating experience of your Scouting career. Don't miss it. The 2006 contingent is limited to 80 spaces. Register early or you will be too late. More information is available on our Council website.

Stolen Items or Lost & Found

At the end of each week of summer camp there is an astonishing array of lost and found items. One wonders how the parents react when their Scout return home without that which they came. No doubt most of these items are presumed to have been stolen.

Anyone missing such items may check with Anna at the Scout office to see if the lost item was turned in.

Lesson learned: Put your name on everything you take to camp and check the Lost and Found before going home.



National Jamboree Wrap-Up



A National Jamboree is always a once in a lifetime Scouting experience and this year's Jamboree even more so. It met and exceeded everyone's expectations. The three key words for this trip were Fun, Fun and more Fun, but certainly followed by Hot, Hot and very Hot. But as in every Scouting adventure each Scout adapted and proceeded to have a great time.

The fun started with movies on the buses to Ft Eustis where air-conditioned dorms awaited us with a grand cafeteria to sate our hunger. The day at Busch Gardens amusement park with multiple rides on roller coasters made up an enjoyable day for all. The visit to historical Colonial Williamsburg was an eye opener for getting a glimpse of the past.

As we entered Fort AP Hill the excitement of the Jamboree took over and the adventure began with campsite and gateway setup. After settling in, the Scouts were able to enjoy all activities the Jamboree had to offer, from numerous action cen-

ter's to merit badge midway, to patch trading. The opportunities for exciting things to do and merit badges to earn made it seem like a humungous Council Extravaganza and Sequassen summer camp all wrapped into one. In addition to fun things to do there Scouts from all over the world who were in the mood to celebrate and that added to the fun. Patch trading was a big event and it did bring Scouts in contact with lots of other Scouts. Each Scout will remember a special moment of Jamboree enjoyment.

This year's National Jamboree had its moments of sorrow which each of us learned from and taught each one of us to enjoy and appreciate each day as it comes.

A National Jamboree is indeed a special event not to be missed. The next one is scheduled for summer 2010, plenty of time for Scouts to save their money for a really good time.

Photographs courtesy of Ray Moncevicus, Scoutmaster T442





Scout Day at Lime Rock

October 21-22, 2005

A perfect event for easy camping. Drive up to your campsite, unload and set up. Fix your meals or buy them at the snack bar. It doesn't get any easier than this. Camp on the infield Friday night and enjoy the races on Saturday. Open to Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and their families. Tickets and directions may be either picked up or mailed to you prior to the event. No tickets will be sold at the door. Registration deadline is October 14, 2005.

Participation Fee:

Scouts/Adults	\$12
Cubs & siblings under 10	\$7

The fee includes an event patch, unit ribbon, Friday night camping, Saturday races, adult leader's social and a really good time. Event goes rain or shine. No refunds after October 20, 2005.



Cub Scout Fright Night

October 29, 4-7 p.m. @ Camp Sequassen

Join us for the 3rd annual Halloween event to get the entire family ready for the spooky season. Great, fun activities, sponsored by area Troops — start with an opening costume parade, house of horrors, apparitions in dark places, feats of skill, spook games, blood curdling contests and more, ending with a snack. Moments of Fright, Flight & Screams! Could you eat a bat?! Limit 250 Scouts. Registration deadline is October 21. Event goes on rain, shine, daylight or dark.

Participation Fee (includes snack, patch, program and prizes):

Scouts or siblings	\$12
Adults	\$4

No refunds after October 20, 2005.



Cub Scout Pow Wow

Saturday, Dec. 3, 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Jonathan Law High School, Milford

Pow Wow is a hands on training day for all Cub Scout leaders. This is a fun day that guarantees you will go home with many new ideas for your den or pack. There will be over 30 topics to choose from that will help you in your leadership role. There is a bigger and better Midway full of groups offering information to help your Pack or share a great activity for your Scouts. A complete packet of information will be available in October.

Participation Fee (includes patch & program):

Registration before Nov. 30	\$30
Walk-in Registration	\$35
Pow Wow CD-Rom	\$5

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.ctyankee.org/dynamic.php?id=0117>

**2005 Scout Day at Lime Rock
Registration Form**

Mail to
Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA
2005 Scout Day at Lime Rock
P.O. Box 32
Milford, CT 06460-0032

Name: _____ Unit: _____ District: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE — October 14, 2005

No. Scout/Adult passes _____ @ \$12 each	\$ _____	Phone 203.876.6868, Ext. 273 Fax 203.876.6884 PICK UP PATCHES AND UNIT RIBBONS AT THE EVENT CRACKER BARREL.
No. Cubs/Sibling passes _____ @ \$7 each	\$ _____	
Total Amount Enclosed _____	\$ _____	

I would like to pay by credit card
VISA/MC/AMEX: _____
Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

**2005 Cub Scout Fright Night
Registration Form**

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Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE — October 21, 2005

No. Cub / sibling tickets _____ @ \$12 each	\$ _____	Phone 203.876.6868, Ext. 273 Fax 203.876.6884 DIRECTIONS TO SEQUASSEN CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE http://www.ctyankee.org
No. Adult tickets _____ @ \$4 each	\$ _____	
Total Amount Enclosed _____	\$ _____	

I would like to pay by credit card
VISA/MC/AMEX: _____
Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Milford, CT 06460-0032

Name: _____ Unit: _____ District: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____
Leadership Position in Pack: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE — November 30, 2005

Leader Registration _____ @ \$30 each	\$ _____	Phone 203.876.6868, Ext. 273 Fax 203.876.6884
CD-Rom _____ @ \$5 each	\$ _____	
Total Amount Enclosed _____	\$ _____	

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Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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October

- 5 – District Meeting
- 5 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 8 – Basic Leader Training Part I (morning)
- 8 – Cub Scout Leader Training Part II (afternoon)
- 12 – Roundtable & OA Chapter Mtg.
- 12 – Charter Renewal Packets Out
- 14-16 – Fall Camporee
- 15 – Cub Scout Field Day
- 19 – Basic Leader Training Part I
- 26 – Cub Scout Leader Training Part II

November

- 2 – District Meeting
- 2 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 9 – Roundtable & OA Chapter Mtg.

December

- 3 – Charter Renewal Paperwork Due
- 7 – District Meeting
- 7 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 14 – Roundtable & OA Chapter Mtg.

January

- 4 – District Meeting
- 4 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 11 – Roundtable & OA Chapter Mtg.
- 27-29 – Klondike Derby

Unless otherwise noted, all Powahay meetings and trainings are held at the

Andrew Shaw Memorial Scout Cabin at 140 West Avenue in Darien.

We thank the Trust for their continued support.



Cub Scout leaders and Sequassen staff helped lead Cub Scouts in songs at the Norwalk Town-wide Campfire on Saturday, Sept. 17. Our district hosted three such campfires in Wilton, Norwalk and Stamford.

Welcome New Families

Lots of new families will be joining our ranks this fall. If you're one of them, welcome! You're joining a great Scouting community here in Powahay District. As someone who has personally been involved in Scouting since he was six (Tiger Cub) and advanced all the way to Eagle Scout, I can attest that Scouting is the right program for boys. We are proud of the Packs and Troops in our district. We have some fine activities to participate in, great trainings, a wealth of resources, and most importantly, *dedicated and committed leaders.*

Get involved. Volunteer to help in your unit. Come to a roundtable. Accompany your son on a campout or activity. A lifetime of memories and positive character traits is in store for your son. If there's anything I, or any member of Powahay District can do to make your Scouting experience better, please don't hesitate to ask.

— Tony Vogl
Sr. District Executive

District Info Center

Our district maintains an accurate and up to date website available 24/7. It's a central clearinghouse for all district information, activities, trainings, forms, etc. Be sure to bookmark the page and check back often for updates. All registration forms are available for download.

We also publish a weekly e-mail newsletter that brings the website contents and more to your inbox. To subscribe, e-mail Tony Vogl at vogl@ctyankee.org.

Powahay Fall Activities

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will once again be joining forces at Hoyt Scout Reservation in Redding for the annual Cub Scout Field Day and Boy Scout Fall Camporee on the weekend of October 14-16. Field Day activities begin on Saturday, Oct. 15 with the option of camping overnight. All activities are based on a Pirate theme. This is a great first activity for new boys who have joined your unit.

Service To Community

It's often said that Scouting is the greatest underground movement, yet no one knows about us. We do good things for our community, but we tend to keep them to ourselves. If your unit is doing a community service project of any kind, please let us know what you're doing and let your community know too. Each unit should have someone responsible for logging in your projects at the Good Turn for America website. Please contact Kenneth Korin at 853.2022 if you need any help.

Fall Recruitment

The energy and enthusiasm from our volunteer leaders helped make this fall's recruitment one of the best on record. Thank you to John Hanks for his true leadership and dedication to our plan.

We can pat ourselves on the back, but there is still work to do. Powahay has organized the first ever district-wide Join Boy Scouting Week. We also need your

See POWAHAY, page 23

Merit Badge Counselor Procedural Update

24 to 221 ... looks like a lopsided score but it's actually the number of Powahay merit badge counselors that can be found on ScoutNet at Council compared with the merit badge list maintained by the Powahay Advancement Committee. Why is there a large difference between Council list (24) and the Powahay list (221)? In the past, ScoutNet would drop off a counselor after one year unless a new adult application was processed. So the counselor was dropped off the system list but still remained on the manual list maintained by the advancement committee. It should be noted that the manual list was the controlling list at all times.

Now ScoutNet has been upgraded. The system will now maintain the approved merit badge counselor and related badges once recorded into the system. The Powahay Advancement Committee will remove the name if requested by the counselor or if the counselor does not respond to the yearly update request. Once in the system, the system will automatically request a background check of the newly registered counselors.

In the past, if an adult application was filled out for any position other than merit badge counselor, the practice was not to request another application if the adult wanted to be a merit badge counselor as well. Now an adult application must be completed for the volunteer position and another to be a merit badge counselor. For example, if an adult volunteers to be a Scoutmaster or a member of the troop committee, that person would fill out an adult application. If the same person wants to be a merit badge counselor as well, that person will have to fill out another adult application. There is no fee required to register as a merit badge counselor. The adult form requires that the person provide their social security number. This is because ScoutNet will perform a criminal background check for each newly registered position and the applicants signature on the application gives Council the permission to conduct this check.

Beginning in the fall 2005, any adult 21 or older that wants to volunteer to work with boys as a merit badge counselor must complete an adult application as well as the merit badge data worksheet. Both the adult application and merit badge listing or merit badge data worksheet must be sent to Chester Wickett the Powahay Advancement Chairperson. The chairperson will sign-off or approve the adult application and record the information, including the merit badges, in the district system. The original adult application will be forwarded to Council for processing and background check. A copy of the merit badge worksheet will be attached to the adult application sent to Council.

During September and October 2005, the Powahay Advancement Committee will be updating the merit badge list. Letters will be sent to the counselors currently listed requesting them to update the personal data as well as to add or subtract badges listed. The 24 individuals currently on the ScoutNet system will not be receiving an adult application. However, all other counselors that receive the update letter will have an adult form that must be completed (no fee required). Any counselor that does not respond or refuses to provide the required social security number will be dropped. The counselor can request to be removed from the list.

The goal is to have the same merit badge listing for Council and District.

— Chester Wickett, Powahay Advancement Chairman

Scatacook District

Serving the communities of Sherman, New Fairfield, Danbury, Ridgefield, Redding, Bethel, Brookfield and Newtown.

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October

5 – District Committee Meeting
8-9 – WOW
19 – OA Chapter Meeting

November

2 – District Committee Meeting
4-6 – Fall Camporee
9 - Roundtable
9 - OA Chapter Meeting

December

7 – District Committee Meeting
14 – Roundtable

January

4 – District Committee Meeting
11 – Roundtable
11 – OA Chapter Meeting

Fall Roundup

I would like to thank everybody who participated in the fall roundup. It has been one of the best fall recruitments in recent year. Cub Scout packs from all over the district and council teamed up to ensure that every child had the opportunity to be part of the Scouting Program. Let's keep the momentum going into the New Year. If you have not scheduled a second round up and you would like materials or just some more information to not hesitate to ask.

Save the Date Notice

Please note, the following district activity dates have been changed:

- October Roundtable will be held on the 19 in observance of Yom Kippur

- Fall Camporee is November 4-6 at Tarrywile Park in Danbury

- Klondike Derby February 3,4 (snow date 5) at Hoyt Scout Reservation.

Fall Camporee

The Scatacook District Fall Camporee is on November 4-6 at Tarrywile Park in Danbury. The focus is on orienteering and wilderness survival. Scouts should look forward to a fun weekend and camaraderie amongst other Scouts from the Scatacook district. We're also offering a special program for Webelos. Any dens interested should sign up today.

Klondike

It may be warm outside, but it's never too soon to think about the Klondike Derby, February 3-4 (snowdate Feb. 5), 2006. Once again, Webelos are invited to participate; however they will not be allowed to spend the night. The Klondike Derby will be hosted by the troops of Bethel and Redding at Hoyt Scout Reservation in Redding.

Rechartering

Recharter packets will be going out the first couple of weeks of the month so please keep your eyes open for them. Please begin work on them early to prevent a last minute rush and allow time to fix any errors. All charters are expected to be turned in no later than December 15.

SHH!!!!

Scatacook Helping the Hungry (SHH) is a program that was started over a year and half ago. So far Scatacook Packs, Troops, and Crews have donated or collected almost three tons of food. Lets work together to make "helping the hungry" part of our District's culture. The goal is to reach 15 tons by Thanksgiving.

How can we do this you may ask? We can do it by collecting food at all district events as well as at unit events.

Don't forget to report your results to Jay Lubin.

How Can I Help?

Dear Scouting Families,

When is the last time you asked your Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor this question: How can I help? The success of our Packs, Troops and Crews rests on the backs of many, many volunteers, both uniformed and "civilian". And 90% of the time, the FAILURE of a unit can be directly attributed to a lack of volunteers. I like to say that if a Unit has 30 Scouts, then there are 30 positions of the volunteer job chart; 50 Scouts translate into 50 volunteer positions; you get the idea.

So, let me ask the question a little differently. At your next Unit meeting, can you please ask your Unit Leader the following question: How can I help? And if you don't get an immediate answer (Unit Leaders tend to get pretty busy at meetings), please wait a day or so, and call a Unit Leader at home, and repeat the question. And don't take "no" for an answer. If the Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor says "no, thanks", then repeat the question to the Committee Chair or the Chartered Organization Representative. Ask until you get a "yes".

At the Troop level, anecdotal evidence points to a greater percentage of Scouts reaching the Eagle rank when one or parent is involved in the Troop. So please get involved, for your child's sake.

Dear Unit Leader,

"If you can keep your head when all about you Are losing theirs and blaming it on you..." then you still need help in running the Unit. Probably the hardest job in leading a Unit is asking parents to help. But it shouldn't be. At the next parent meeting, pass around a job chart that has lots of blank positions. Remember, jobs can include driver, shift leader at the Unit fundraiser, Unit Committee Member, Uniformed leader. But to be honest, the best way of getting a parent to volunteer is eyeball to eyeball: ASK. And don't take "no" for an answer. Be prepared to offer a fallback position. A person who turns down Advancement Chair may make an ideal Trip Planner.

I remember interviewing a parent a few years ago for the position of Assistant Scoutmaster. He seemed very enthusiastic about taking on the job until we discussed the need to plan a camping trip or two during the year. "Camping??? I hate camping". Well, I'm glad we both found out about that BEFORE he took the job. Incidentally, he made a very fine Troop Committee Member.

Ask for help. Most parents will say "yes" - but you have to ask.

Aren't interesting in a job at the Unit level? Let me know. We can always use help at the District level, on various committees and as Unit Commissioners.

Thank you for being volunteers in the Scouting program, the best youth development program in the United States today. Your Scouts appreciate it, and so does your Community.

— Jay Lubin, District Chairman

Roy Williams Named as Top 50 Non-Profit Leaders

In its eighth annual poll, The Nonprofit Times, a leading business publication covering the field of nonprofit management, has named Roy L. Williams, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, as one of the nation's top 50 outstanding leaders of nonprofit organizations for 2005.

"Williams is the model of standing up for mission when some in the community think that mission should be modified," the magazine stated in its August 1, 2005 issue. "The Boy Scouts are who they are and millions of Scouts past and

present form an advocacy community and backbone of tradition in community service."

"The 2005 NPT Power & Influence Top 50" includes leaders of a diverse range of organizations, such as the Salvation Army, the Ford Foundation, the United Way of America, YMCA of the USA, National Urban League, the Internal Revenue Service, and the State of California.

The 50 top leaders were honored on September 15 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.



National Scouting Museum

The National Scouting Museum is a tribute to the rich history of the Boy Scouts of America. The size of a football field, this massive state-of-the-art facility features a Norman Rockwell art gallery, virtual reality adventures, hands-on learning experiences, and a historical collection that traces the Scouting movement from its beginnings. Visit it on-line at <http://www.bsamuseum.org>.

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October

- 1 – Cub Scout Basic Leader Training I & II
- 4 – District Committee Meetings
- 8-9 – Webelos Outdoors Woods
- 11 – Roundtable
- 11 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 18 – Cub Scout Basic Leader Training I
- 21-23 – Fall Camporee
- 25 – Cub Scout Basic Leader Training II

November

- 1 – District Committee Meeting
- 8 – Roundtable
- 8 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 19 – Recharter Day 1

December

- 3 – Recharter Day 2
- 6 – District Committee Meeting
- 13 – Roundtable
- 13 – OA Chapter Meeting

January

- 3 – District Committee Meeting
- 10 – Roundtable
- 10 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 20-22 – Klondike
- 21 – Cub Scout Basic Leader Training I & II

Popcorn Sales

Popcorn sales are in full swing. Pomperaug District did an amazing job selling last year and we hope to have a continued success this year. Thank you to our District Kernel, Brian Diamond who has been working very hard to coordinate the popcorn fundraiser in our district. Good luck selling and remember to be safe.

Fall Camporee

Pomperaug District's Fall Camporee is taking place at Camp Strang on Oct 21-23. We hope that all troops are able to attend. More information will be available at October Roundtable. Check the district website for updates.

Rechartering

Recharter paperwork will be made available at October Roundtable. Please be sure that your unit has a representative present at Roundtable to pick up the packet. We have two opportunities to return your paperwork: November 19 and December 3. Packs — please keep in mind that December 3 is also the date of Pow Wow. All recharter paperwork is due **NO LATER** than December 15th.

School Night For Scouting – Sept. 15

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make our fall roundup possible. Your help is greatly appreciated! Remember to get your applications in to Council as you get them!

Friends of Scouting

We did it. For the first time, Pomperaug District has met and exceeded its \$60,000 Friends of Scouting goal by June 30. The generosity of the families this year has been incredible. Hats off to all the volunteers who helped raise the funds needed to make Scouting happen in our Council. Thank you for your dedication to Scouting and creating opportunities for our youth.

Webelos Outdoor Woods

This year WOW is scheduled for October 8th and 9th. There will be two tracks; one for boys in Webelos I and one for boys in Webelos II. From feedback in the past, this is truly a great event that should not be missed. More information and registration forms can be found on the Pomperaug District website.



On Friday, August 26, Scouts from Troop 65 in Trumbull packed up their gear and headed across town to the Kennedy Center where they gave a presentation on camping skills and their experiences at this summer's National Jamboree. Both the Scouts present and the members of the Kennedy Center had a great time.



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October

- 13 – Cub Scout Leader Basic Training
- 14-16 – Fall Camporee
- 20 – Cub Scout Leader Basic Training
- 19 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 26 – District Committee Meeting

November

- 13 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 23 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 30 – District Committee Meeting

December

- 3 – District Recharter Day
- 6 – 2006 Friends of Scouting kick-off
- 6 – District Annual Meeting
- 10 – District Holiday Campfire
- 13 – Roundtable
- 13 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 – District Key Four Meeting

New District Executive

Our new district executive is Ken Mard. If you haven't already met him please feel free to swing by the council headquarters and say hi, or give him a call.

Ken grew up in Sherman and was a member of Boy Scout Troop 48. Ken had a great time with Troop 48 through junior high and high school, earning merit badges, ranks and earned my Eagle rank in 1998. Ken attended Marietta College in Marietta Ohio where he earned a B.A. in 2003 and majored in Film Production. After college Ken spent 2 years in various positions in the entertainment industry.

When he heard that the BSA was hiring Ken was very eager to take the opportunity and is very happy working at the Council. Ken is looking forward to a great scouting year.

Popcorn is a-Popin!

It is popcorn season again! So far Packs have been successful with their Show and sell and it is time to shift gears to taking orders. This year we have some great new prizes and Trails-end is doing a scholarship program along with their traditional prizes.

Talk to your Pack or Troop Leader about qualifying for the Trail's End Scholarship Program. It's open to any Scout who sells popcorn and who meets the qualifying criteria. A Scout can earn 6% of his popcorn sale total each year and let it earn interest until he is ready to use it for his post-high school education. And as usual there are great patches for everyone who participates. So go out and sell that popcorn!

School Night for Scouting

Welcome to all the new Scouts and families who joined Wepawaug Valley District this fall during our School Night for Scouting. Our recruitment was successful because of the hard-work of everyone involved, especially our district membership chairman, David Hirx.

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Serving the youth and families of Fairfield and New Haven counties with in-school character development programs.

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New Executive for Learning for Life

Robert Wargo has been appointed Learning for Life Executive for the Connecticut Yankee Council. His area of focus is to help provide service and support to the Council's partnerships with public and private schools throughout Fairfield and New Haven Counties, specifically in the elementary, middle school, and special needs programs within Learning for Life.

Introduction from Bob — I am a graduate of the University of Connecticut with both bachelors and masters degrees in Education. It was during this time where I developed my knowledge of current educational practices as well as social, political, economic affects on the current state of education in Connecticut.

I have taught Social Studies elective courses at both Bunnell and Stratford High Schools within the Stratford school system. I was previously District Executive of the Wepawaug Valley District. It's through these varied experiences that I believe has uniquely qualified me for this current role in which I am ready to serve.

One of the concepts that drew me into this position is character education. Development of character skills of children today is crucial to their future success as individuals in an ever changing society.

I am proud to continue the partnerships with the schools utilizing the Learning for Life program and enthused to spread the message of character development to potential educational

partners. Especially, how this character education program can be modified to compliment and supplement the current character education goals for children; develop and strengthen connections between children, their families and their communities; reinforce team-building skills; and improve students ability to make ethical decisions over the course of their lifetime.

National Learning for Life Conference 2006

The purpose of the national conference is to help Learning for Life participating organizations, volunteers, and our executives to learn more about models and concrete examples of quality Learning for Life programs. Experts in character education and child development will be on hand to share the latest information and trends.

There is a pre-conference workshop and over 50 workshops to choose from. There will be inspirational keynote speakers, the William H. Spurgeon III Wards presentation, the Russell C. Hill Awards presentation, the Harold "Spike" Yoh Awards presentation, the Learning for Life Marketing Awards, and the 2005 Distinguished Councils will be recognized.

Those who should be in attendance include teachers, school administrators, curricula specialists, staff developers, school board members, Learning for Life executives, Learning for Life committee members, and community groups.

For more information regarding the 2006 National Learning for Life Conference go to the public web site www.learningforlife.org and click on the Conference logo for details.

New DVD's Featured

Navigator Book One will now include a youth protection DVD, "Personal Safety Awareness" beginning January 2006.

The eighth grade Builders Program will now include a youth protection DVD, "It Happened to Me", beginning in the fall of 2006.

New Fall Publications Available October 1

Learning for Life is excited to announce workbooks for Builders programs will be available October 1.

A printed version of the Catholic School Companion will also be available the first of October. The book will be divided into three sections which will include grades K-8th in section one in English, section two in Spanish, and the last section will be High School.

2004 Learning for Life Annual Report

The 2004 Annual Report is now available for viewing on the Learning for Life website. It highlights:

- Highlights of National Learning for Life Activities
- Program Statistics
- Learning for Life Works
- National Learning for Life Committees
- National Harold "Spike" Yoh Awards
- Cedar Manor Intermediate Center, St. Louis Park, Minnesota
- Main School Administrative District 42 Fort Street Elementary School, Mars Hill, Maine
- William S. Maxey Elementary School, Winter Garden, Florida
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, Long Beach, California
- Law Explorer Post 893, Baker & Daniels, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Engineering Explorer Post 1010, Lockheed Martin, Gaithersburg, Maryland
- Law Enforcement Explorer post 152 Georgetown Police Department, Georgetown Texas
- Fire Service Explorer Post 1661 Orange County Fire Authority, Buena Park, California



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Roundtables

Come to our monthly Roundtable Meeting to receive up to date information on all scouting activities. Lighthouse Roundtables are held the second Tuesday of every month at North Branford Intermediate School. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Eric Smith at 203.484.4300 or ericsmithbsa@comcast.net or John Rochette.

School Night for Scouting Success

As usual, Lighthouse's annual fall roundup was a great success. This is due to the great organizational efforts of Debbie Parfitt and Jennifer Zinck. We urge the packs and troops to follow up with their recruitment efforts. It is our responsibility to reach out to all the boys in our community and provide them with the best program we have to offer.

Friends of Scouting

Our annual Friend of Scouting Campaign is upon us, and this year Lighthouse District plans to reach out to the community as well. We will be targeting busi-

nesses and individuals our community to donate money to our scouts. We are also looking for volunteers to present this information to the public. For more information contact Russ Amato at 203.488.7475 or rbrefrig@sbc-global.net.

Popcorn Sales

Lighthouse popcorn sales are in full swing, but it's not too late for your pack or troop to participate. Popcorn sales bring in funds for your pack or troop and your Council. Everyone wins with popcorn sales. For more information you can contact your Popcorn Kernel Scott Caraway at 203.457.9348 or scott.caraway@comcast.net.

Introducing: DE John Rochette

John Rochette has been a life-long scout, starting his career at age 6 in Pack 902 in Woodbridge Connecticut. He crossed the bridge into Boy Scouts and joined Troop 963, also in Woodbridge. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1996. After that he started his academic life graduating from the University of Connecticut in 2003

with a Bachelors of Science in Economics. He then went on to Southern Connecticut State University and Graduated with a Master degree in Business Administration in 2005. John is also an avid outdoorsman. He lives his life according to the Scout Oath and Law, and looks forward to promoting and instilling these values on today's youth.

Scout Salute!

After years of dedicated service Lighthouse's District Vice Chairman of Program, Dave Chick will be stepping down from his position, but by no means out of Scouts. He still remains highly involved in every aspect of Scouting, and is an inspiration to Scouters everywhere.

Thank You, Dave.

Court of Honor Invites

Our district Key Three leadership would like to visit your unit's Court of Honor award ceremonies. If you have a recognition event coming up, be sure to include the members of the district leadership on your invitation list.

District Calendar

October

- 6- District Committee Meeting
- 6- Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 7-9- Fall Camporee
- 7-9- Cub Familoree/Daytrek
- 8- Webelos to Scout transition meeting
- 8- Eagle Advisor Meeting
- 11- Roundtable (Recharter Training)
- 11- OA Chapter Meeting
- 25- District Key Four Meeting

November

- 1- District Committee Meeting
- 1- Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 8- Roundtable
- 8- OA Chapter Meeting
- 29- District Key Four Meeting

December

- 3- District Recharter Day
- 6- 2006 Friends of Scouting Kickoff
- 6- Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 6- District Annual Meeting
- 10- District Holiday Campfire
- 13- Roundtable
- 13- OA Chapter Meeting
- 14- District Key Four Meeting

January

- 3- District Committee Meeting
- 3- Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 4- Unit Friends of Scouting Coordinator Meeting
- 7- District Strategic Planning Day
- 10- Roundtable
- 10- OA Chapter Meeting
- 21- Webelos Transition Coordinator Meeting
- 22- Friends of Scouting Telethon
- 25- District Key Four Meeting
- 27-29 Klondike Derby/Winter Camping

Roundtables

Sleeping Giant Roundtables are the second Monday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Maloney High School in Meriden. Due to a conflict with a school holiday, the October Roundtable is on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Roundtables is for all Pack leaders, Troop leaders and Crew leaders. Parents are also encouraged to attend. Roundtable is a chance to get specific training, learn about upcoming announcements and learn from and help out your peers. Please refrain from bringing children as the night is long and no activities are planned.

Sleeping Giant

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Readyman (Webelos selecting Readyman can only take one other) or Arrow of Light Req. 2. Preregistration is required. For more information on any trainings, please contact co-chairs Lisa or Mike Gagne at 265-4118 or MagicGagne@aol.com.

Fall Roundup

The Council's Marketing Plan for September 15's School Night for Scouting is really coming together! Just like last year, every Pack and Troop will host a second sign-up night. This could be your next unit meeting following the 15th, a separate date, or even a date prior to the 15th. If you have not yet scheduled a second recruiting date, please contact Membership Chairman Dave Lyons.

Nominating Committee

The District Nominating Committee, which identifies and selects the next slate of district officers, is now forming. Election of district committee members takes place at the December District Committee Meeting. For more information and details please contact Christopher Guarniere.

Summertime Award

If your pack participated in an activity during each of the summer months, it qualifies for the National Summertime Pack Award. Qualifying packs receive pins for the Scouts and dens with more than 50% of their Scouts participating can be awarded a ribbon for their flag. Applications for the National Summertime Pack Award are available on the district website. Please complete and turn them in right away.



Members of Thomas Hooker PTG of Meriden Pack 10 at the Old-New Gate Prison and Copper Mine in East Granby, CT.

SLEEPING GIANT DISTRICT

Serving the communities of Southington, Meriden, Wallingford, North Haven and Hamden.

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August

- 5 – District Committee Meeting
- 11 – Roundtable
- 25 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 27 – Commissioner Staff Meeting

September

- 16-18 – Webelos Woods, Deer Lake

October

- 21-23 – Fall Camporee, Deer Lake
- 22 – OA Scout Day Trek, Deer Lake

November

- 5 - Cub Scout Day Hike, Sleeping Giant State Park.



Scouts and family from Troop 45 at St. Paul's Church, Southington went on a 5-day, 50-mile canoe adventure down the Delaware River in July. The group planned for this trip by practicing on many weekends at Crescent Lake and the Farmington River.

District Re-charter Day FOS Campaign Update

Recharter kits will be distributed to committee chairs at the October Roundtable. The Chairman is responsible for ensuring the charter paperwork is completed and turned in on time. A special break-out session will be held to showcase on-line rechartering and any new information about the process. The charters are due back on Sunday, Dec. 4. Heads up! We'll be collecting the following information in addition to the packets: OA Troop Representative, representative to district committee, FOS date, e-mails for all unit leaders and training registrations for untrained leaders.

Register Youth Before You Recharter!

Don't wait until your unit recharter to register new members. Registrations received early enough will appear on the charter renewal application, saving you time and effort making photo copies of applications. Boys cannot earn any type of advancement and leaders cannot acquire tenure for training awards until they are properly registered. It takes two months for Boy's Life and Scouting magazine subscriptions to start up.

The longer you wait to register a new member, the longer it takes to receive these quality magazines. Most important, the insurance coverage that the Boy Scouts of America provides does not apply until a Scout or leader is properly registered.

Volunteers from our district have worked hard toward meeting our \$44,000 Friends of Scouting commitment to the Council. To date, we have raised nearly \$39,000. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so. We'll also be contacting units to schedule their 2006 presentation dates during the month of September. The 2006 campaign lasts December thru March.

Leadership Training

Leadership training for Boy Scouts, and Cub Scout leaders is offered on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Holy Trinity Parish Center on the corner of North Whittlesey and Center streets in Wallingford. Detailed information with fees and a registration form will be available at the September Roundtable. Den Chief Training for Scouts who will be assisting a den or pack is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Youth Protection and New Leaders Essentials is open to all leaders (Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing) from 9 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m. Cub Scout break-outs begin at 1:30 p.m.

Webelos Opportunity Workshop

Boy Scouts will be teaching Webelos Activity Pins at the WOW workshop on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Webelos can choose from Citizen, Forester, Geologist, Showman, Traveler,

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District Chairman's Column

Summer's warmth is quickly being replaced by cooler breezes, while students and Scout Leaders prepare for an annual ritual, school and School Night For Scouting!

Membership is the lifeblood of every organization and the Scouting movement is no exception. The Membership Committee, headed by Dave Lyons and supported by the Commissioner Staff, is working tirelessly to ensure we have the best opportunity to recruit as many youth who wish to join. I am very grateful to these volunteers who work extra hard as the Scouting program kicks off.

I also want to thank the numerous adults who dedicated parts of their summer vacation to ensure proper leadership at Summer Camp, the National Jamboree and other High Adventure trips. The sacrifice to your families is enormously appreciated by the District Committee and we, as always, thank your family for sharing you with us. I ask all of you to remember the value and importance of leaving a legacy for our youth.

We have planned a number of new and dynamic program and training events for the Fall and Winter. I hope that all of you have the opportunity to support these various events. I'll see you all at the Roundtable!

— John Davenport, District Chairman

How Many Crossovers Did Your Troop Get?

I frequently hear that only a few troops get "all the crossovers and we don't get any." My advice to these troops is almost always the same and the key lies within the troop.

1. Take an honest look at your troop. Separate yourself from your feelings about the troop and look with a judgmental eye. What does our troop program look like and is it well communicated? Are our troop's policies fair and easily understood? Are we seen often by the Cub Scout community? Stand outside one night and watch the troop in action through a window or door – what does it look like?
2. Discuss with your youth leadership the importance of recruiting crossover Webelos and get them involved in the efforts. Instill in them the sense of leadership's responsibilities to the next generation of scouts.
3. Discuss with the Troop Committee a game plan for when Webelos visit your troop. Be organized, be sure the boys and parents receive plenty of handouts regarding the troop, and that they leave with a good feeling. Organization, Activities, Reassuring Demeanor are all factors when trying to make a good impression.
4. Invite Webelos frequently to troop meetings, outings and campouts (when appropriate).
5. Participate in the Packs' events, meetings, outings and campouts (when appropriate).
6. Be personally active and helpful during District and Council meetings and events. Build a reputation and face recognition as a friendly, knowledgeable leader.
7. The Troop should be active and helpful during District and Council meetings and events. Build a presence of Scouting Spirit. Remember that the decision of what troop to crossover to should be made by the boys themselves – however, it should not be overlooked that the parents have a lot of influence into their decisions. These are the key factors that those successful troops all have in common.

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EXPLORING DISTRICT

Serving the youth and families of Fairfield and New Haven counties with career-development programs.

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October

18 - District Advisor and EOA Meeting
23 - Fire Muster at CT Fire Academy

November

15 - District Advisor and EOA Meeting

December

13 - District Advisor and EOA Meeting
16 - All Post Recharter Due.

Law Enforcement Academies

Law Enforcement Academies were conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, US Marshals in Washington D.C., and the US Army Military Police School at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Explorers were chosen from a nationwide selection process, which included resumes on leadership and community service. One hundred and twenty Explorers were selected to attend this year's national academies. There they received hands-on instruction from each of these agencies. A wonderful experience was had by all Explorers thanks to the thousands of hours of preparation it takes to prepare the quality program that each present. Pictured (in the top right corner) is Katie Koeppel. She is a member of Danbury Police Explorer Post 33.

Background Checks Now Required for Posts

Effective September, 2005 Learning for Life requires criminal background checks for all new adults involved with our Exploring program. However, local, state, or federal governmental agencies, which require background checks as a condition of employment, will meet the requirements by using Exploring form #28-573. This form certifies that a background check has been completed for the individuals on the Exploring Adult Participants Roster. The cost for criminal background checks for Exploring adults will be the responsibility of the national Learning for Life office.

2006 Law Enforcement Exploring Conference

It will be held at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff July 10-15, 2006. More details are available on the Law Enforcement web site page. The conference guidebook must be downloaded from the national public web site.

Danbury PD Explorer Program News

Having just completed another extremely hot and grueling week at the Explorer Police Academy in Willimantic, the Danbury Police Department's Law Enforcement Exploring Post has once again set the standards by which other programs throughout CT, NY, MA and RI measure themselves. There were over 350 Explorers in attendance, assisted by approximately 100 adult advisors and law enforcement trainers. This was one of the largest academy turnouts in years since leaving the Westover Airbase facility. Again, this year the academy was held on the Eastern Connecticut State University campus.

On Saturday, during the graduation ceremonies, several of our explorers received honors and awards for they're past week's performance.

Explorer Paul Murphy, who was the squad leader for Squad #4, lead his Phase I squad to a First Place finish in the Close Order Drill Competition. It should be noted that of the four squads in Phase I, three of them were lead

by Danbury explorers. Explorer Alvaro Matias and Explorer Robert Didato were the leaders of squads #1 and #3 respectively. Being named a squad leader in charge of approximately 30 youth per squad is an accomplishment on it's own.

Explorer Meighan McNally received the Highest Academic Average Award for Phase II. This award is given to the explorer who shows the highest academic average during the weeks' training. Phase II is the Advanced Academics/Practicum Phase and this is a competitive Phase. Each Phase Director has only one award to make for this. This is the first time that a Danbury Explorer has taken this Phase II award home in the 15 years that our Post has attended the academy.

Also in Phase II, Explorer Lacey Wildman was awarded the First Place for Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation for the Phase. This is awarded to the explorer for their skills in the

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Danbury Police Explorers Take Top State Award at Station's Day

On Saturday, Aug. 13, members of the Danbury Police Explorers attended the Regional Station's Day competition held at the Connecticut Police Academy. This competition is by invitation only and is awarded to the top three posts from each state (CT, MA, RI, NH, VT, & NY) as determined by the individual station's day competitions held each Spring in each state. Our explorers attended the Spring competition in May and there the post finished 3rd Best Post overall (for the third year in a row!) out of over 30 participating posts.

Competitions are long, grueling days for the police explorers as they are observed and judged by staff from various police agencies starting at arrival, through the competitions, until the end of the work day. An average competition day starts at 0700 for travel, with various competitions held throughout the day until approximately

1700 or later. Explorers are expected to grab a lunch between competitions based on their individual schedule of events for the day. Competitions are varied and always include a pistol shooting range, emergency vehicle operations/pursuit driving, a career development session, police mountain bike competition, shoot/don't shoot scenarios in a FATS mode, Domestic Violence response, High Stress response, Felony Motor Vehicle Stop, Suspicious Persons and Athletic Obstacle Courses for males and females. There is often a multi-person team leadership drill too, as was the case on Saturday.

This Saturday, the police explorers did a fantastic job at the competition, winning the Overall Best Post Award, out of all the posts from the various states, and by doing so, in average with the other posts from CT competing, secured the Best State Award for Connecticut.

Teens' Summer Spent Learning as Fire Cadets

Most teenagers, look forward to a relaxing summer, hanging out with friends and staying cool. That may sound like fun for some, but not to three West Haven teens. The 17-year olds are members of the West Haven Fire Department's North End Co.3 Explorer Post 213.

The boys were given the opportunity to live at the Connecticut State Fire Academy from July 6 to 10th, becoming members of the Cadet Class 18, giving up all luxuries of home and living in a dorm-style setting. As they were now known as cadets, they would learn proper etiquette of the academy, curfews, dress codes, standing at attention and military-style marching.

Over the next three days, they were trained as any adult recruit trainees. They would learn techniques to properly roll back and pack hose, drag hoses into buildings, raise and lower ladders, search-and-rescue operations, forcible entry and fire attack. Most of the training was done out in the sun and heat while wearing full turnout gear.

They also completed a search-and-rescue training exercise, traversing a maze while blind folded. This gave them the opportunity to experience what firefighters deal with when visibility is hindered. In addition, the cadets were also responsible for keeping the academy grounds and apparatus clean.

Cadet Class 18 was made up of 31 males and 7 females, ages 15 to 18 from across the state.

On July 10th all of the cadets successfully graduated from the program. During the proceedings, the cadets displayed marching, discipline, teamwork as well as an actual fire suppression techniques.

Explorer Post 213 member Tom Chirico, said "the entire experience is difficult, but definitely rewarding."

Charter

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Committee Member) remember to circle one of his/her positions on the roster so you don't pay for him/her twice. By the way, did you know that the Charter Representative is the only person who may hold more than one registered position in your unit? Other adult volunteers may do more than one job in your unit, but each can only be registered for one position per unit. The Charter Payment form also asks for adults and youth on new applications. These lines

apply only to applications you haven't turned in yet and are just submitting for the first time with the Charter Renewal paperwork.

There are other forms you will want to fill out, such as the Quality Unit form (your Commissioner or District Executive can help you with this form on the day you turn in your Charter Renewal), the authorization form for the unit account here at Council, the FOS presentation scheduling form, the Charter Update form, etc. Then, put all the paperwork back in the envelope and take it and a blank unit check to your District's Recharter Day, where a

Commissioner will review all the paperwork with you and tell you what figure to write on the check.

Last year some of you tried the new Internet Charter Renewal. This year it should be even better and I would encourage more of you to try it. There are instructions and information about a training session in your Charter Renewal packet.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I also expect to visit Roundtables for each district in the next month or two to answer questions about Charter Renewal. Together we can correct ScoutNet's records for your unit.

Powahay

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help to identify potential sites of new opportunities for Scouting. Any volunteers who help organize a new unit will qualify for the New Unit Organizer knot. Our role as Powahay District is to make sure that Scouting is available to every boy in the towns we serve. Thank you for your commitment to making that happen.

Training Available

The key to a successful program is planning and training. Two trainings are scheduled for new (and experienced) Cub Scout leaders on Saturday, Oct. 8 or two Wednesdays, Oct. 19 and 26. Completion of the training prepares to lead a den, plan a pack meeting, and most importantly, do it safely.

Roundtables, Scouting's Continuing Education

On the second Wednesday of every month, volunteers are invited to gather for an informational training and fellowship meeting called Roundtable. Cub Scout volunteers meet at the Scout Cabin at 7:30 p.m. For more information on Cub Scout Roundtable, contact Val Trowbridge at valbearie@aol.com. Boy Scout volunteers meet at the New Canaan LDS Chapel on South Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

For more information on Boy Scout Roundtable, contact Norm Merritt at normanmerritt@optonline.net.

Junior Leader Training

The Scoutmaster staff of Troops 35 & 53 have once again volunteered to offer training for youth leaders of Troops on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Scout Cabin.

Charter Renewal

The Boy Scouts of America is very much like a franchise. As a Council, we "franchise" or charter the program of the Boy Scouts of America to local institutions such as churches, PTO's and American Legions to sponsor Scouting in their town. This "franchise" is renewed every year in a process we call Charter Renewal.

The process allows us to renew the agreement, audit our membership rosters and set goals for the future. Charter renewal packets for all Powahay units will be distributed at the October Roundtable on Wednesday, Oct. 12. All committee chairs are strongly urged to attend and be trained.

The packets are due back at our district Charter Renewal day on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Andrew Shaw Memorial Cabin in Darien.

If you need someone to help walk you through the process, please contact District Commissioner Lou Pataki.

Merit Badge Counselors

The Powahay District is always looking for new volunteers to serve as Merit Badge Counselors. To help share your vocation or avocation with a Scout, please contact Chester Wickett at cwickett@optonline.net.

Exploring

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motor vehicle accident investigation competition.

In Phase II, the Explorer Academy Pistol Range conducts a shooting competition. Phase II Explorers Alex Cardella, John Rigby and Steven Mota were award recipients too. Explorer Cardella received the Second Place award for Individual High Shooter on the pistol range. His efforts along with a fourth place finish by Explorer Rigby and a solid effort by Explorer Mota, lead the Danbury Post to take the First Place High Shooting Team award.

In Phase III, the academy's mock police department level, Explorer Catherine Koeppel, who recently returned from completing a week of intense leadership and management studies at the Law Enforcement Explorer Leadership

Academy conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in Washington D.C., took a series of promotional tests and was appointed the Chief of Police for the Explorer Academy Police Department for the week.

This is a high honor and is a testament to the hard work and training that the members of the Danbury program receive weekly throughout the year. Explorer Koeppel gave the academy graduation speech and was awarded a congratulatory plaque by the Explorer Police Academy for her tremendous effort throughout the week.

All of the Danbury explorers in attendance completed and graduated from their respective training phases with high marks and honor. All of the explorers performed admirably and were a very positive reflection on City of Danbury, the Danbury Police Department and the training/education that they have received.

Commissioner

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It takes a lot of work and commitment to meet all seven key points on a continual basis but I can assure you that attention to these details works – and works dramatically! There are enough Webelos each year that every single troop can receive at least one patrol of new scouts. But you have to be honest with yourselves and make the troop (not just act like it) the kind of role model troop that boys and parents are attracted to.

It's never to early or too late to make an impression on those Webelos – don't miss an opportunity. Contact me if I can help. I welcome the opportunity to come to your Committee Meetings or Troop Meetings to discuss these or any other Scouting issues.

— Janet Berry,
District Commissioner

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2005 JAMBOREE EQUIPMENT SALE



The Connecticut Yankee Council is offering equipment used at the National Jamboree for sale at **Discounted Prices**. This equipment was used at the training weekend and at the National Jamboree. It will be guaranteed to be serviceable. Payment is due at the time you place your order. This equipment is being sold below the purchase price and its sale supports the Council Jamboree effort. *Tents sell quickly, so get your order in early.*

Item	Price	Item	Price
Timberline TL-6 Outfitter Tent	\$200	Troop Mess Set	\$55
Farm Cart	\$150	12 9" plates	12 15-oz. Bowls
Stoves		12 3-piece flatware	1 64 oz. Pitcher
Coleman self igniter with stand and hose	\$80	3 Dish pans	1 2.5 gallon water can
		1 18-gallon tote	1 Plastic bucket
		12 9 oz. tumblers	1 Steam pan
		1 Griddle	
2 Coleman electronic self igniter two burner stove with 2 stands 2 5-ft. hoses and a T	\$150	Utensil Sets	\$16
		1 Spatula	2 Long handles spoons
2.5 Gallon Water Can	\$4	1 Knife	1 Long handled fork
3 Gallon Water Cooler	\$10	1 Tong	1 Rubber Scraper
Roughneck 3 gallon bucket	\$3	1 Peeler	1 Can opener
Dish pans (set of 3)	\$6	1 Carry all box	
LED Lanterns	\$12	Rain Fly	\$125
Set Cook Pots (3)	\$10	(10' x 16" with poles)	
		Shelter	\$100
		(10' x 20" with anchors)	
		Griddle	\$10



2005 JAMBOREE EQUIPMENT SALE ORDER FORM

Name _____ Telephone _____ E-Mail _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

___ 6-man TL6 Tents @ \$200	\$ _____	___ Troop Mess Set @ \$55	\$ _____
___ Coleman Stove @ \$75	\$ _____	___ Utensil Sets @ \$16	\$ _____
___ Farm Cart @ \$150	\$ _____	___ Rain fly @ \$125	\$ _____
___ Coleman Stove with Stand @ \$80	\$ _____	___ 2.5 gallon water can @ \$4	\$ _____
___ Two Coleman Stoves with stand, hoses, and T adapter @ \$180	\$ _____	___ 3 gallon water cooler @ \$10	\$ _____
___ Shelter @ \$100	\$ _____	___ Roughneck bucket @ \$3	\$ _____
___ Griddle @ \$10	\$ _____	___ Set Cook Pots (3) @ \$10	\$ _____

Items are available for pickup at the Connecticut Yankee Council Resource Center after August 19. Make checks payable to Connecticut Yankee Council Jamboree Equipment Sales PO Box 32 Milford, CT. 06460-0032.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ **Credit Card (VISA / MC / AMEX) #** _____ **Exp. Date** _____
Check No. _____ **Signature** _____ **Name on Card** _____