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## Council-wide Extravaganza

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## Scouts Present Report to the State

Scouts and Explorers, representing all of Scouting's programs in Connecticut presented our 2005 achievements during the first annual Report to the State Breakfast at the State Capitol in Hartford on February 8. Accepting the report from the Scouts were Lieutenant Governor Kevin B. Sullivan and Speaker of the House James A. Amann. The breakfast, which celebrated Scouting's 96th Anniversary was held in the State Capitol prior to the opening of the 2006 Connecticut General Assembly.

The Report to the State delegation was led by Delegation Chairman, Christopher McLeod,

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Connecticut's Report to the State delegation – the four Scout Executives and Scout and Explorer representatives.



### Congratulations to the following Scouts who will **Soar with Eagles**

Daniel G. Agius Jr. Troop 70	Newtown	Ezekiel Hadley Troop 65	Trumbull
Joel Benjamin Altman Troop 7	Woodbridge	Theodore Marshall Helms Jr Troop 35	Darien
Matthew J Anania Troop 82	Fairfield	Carl Horton Troop 86	Darien
Michael P. Apuzzo Jr. Troop 925	Orange	Ronald James Houde Jr Troop 428	Branford
Nicholas Adam Arkells Troop 36	Fairfield	Paresh Jha Troop 2	Norwalk
Mark A. Arnold Troop 137	New Fairfield	Richard Marc Johnson Troop 39	Fairfield
Weston V. V. Bartosik Troop 65	Monroe	Kevin Craig Johnson Troop 76	Ridgefield
Michael Tadeusz Blau Troop 788	Weston	Brandon M. Kenyon Troop 52	Danbury
Shane G. Blomberg Troop 770	Newtown	Michael Forrest Kinney Troop 286	New Canaan
Brian Matteis Busby Troop 9	Stamford	Judson H. Knibbe Troop 41	New Fairfield
David Bybel Troop 811	North Haven	John Charters Lent Jr. Troop 48	Sherman
Matthew Normand Cabral Troop 11	Stamford	Eric M. McGowan Troop 76	Ridgefield
Daniel Anthony Calanca Troop 70	New Canaan	Joseph Bernard McLaughlin Troop 4	Wallingford
Ian Earle Card Troop 68	Trumbull	Aidan J. O. Migani Troop 907	Woodbridge
Christopher M Cerami Troop 925	Orange	Andrew J. O. Migani Troop 907	Woodbridge
Philip Gerard Chiaia Troop 2	Norwalk	Jeffrey S. Palmer Troop 137	New Fairfield
Christian Benedict Ciferri Troop 36	Westport	Eric Richard Pfann Troop 82	Fairfield
Michael Corley Troop 49	Ridgefield	Timothy J Roarty Troop 32	Plantsville
Nicholas C. Crocker Troop 202	West Haven	Chase K. R. Romney Troop 286	Wilton
Scott Curley Troop 31	New Canaan	John Zachary Saffa Troop 35	Darien
Cornelius F. Doran IV Troop 76	Ridgefield	Jason John Schinis Troop 63	Ansonia
Eric D. Dorsey Troop 42	New Fairfield	Thomas H. Schretzenmayer Troop 42	New Fairfield
Dwight Collins Ely Jr. Troop 68	Trumbull	Peter T. C. Stothart Troop 75	Stratford
Michael C Essman Troop 125	Wilton	Brian Strickrodt Troop 125	Wilton
Matthew Kingsbury Ferencz Troop 36	Westport	Andrew Chol Thomson Troop 286	New Canaan
Daniel M Flowers Troop 35	Darien	Brendan G Timmons Troop 39	Fairfield
Daniel Stephen Goldowsky Troop 199	Fairfield	Andrew J. Vuilleumier Troop 76	Ridgefield
		James Michael Weaver Troop 494	Madison

### COUNCIL CHARGE

Lou Salute, Scout Executive

## Re-Kindle the Spirit

In the year 2006, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 96th Anniversary. It is a time when all of us who grew up in Scouting should pause and remember the smell of a campfire's smoke.

It is a time when we should look back at the fun, adventure, and excitement felt by the 110 million youth and adults who traveled Scouting's trails from 1910 to 2006 and gained character from the experience.



It is a time when we should stand tall and take pride in our great heritage: The Eagle Scout who became President; another who was the first to walk on the moon; the thousands who have taken the reins of leadership throughout the nation. Just as important are the millions who gained a guide for living from the Scout

Oath and Law and who put both into practice as heads of households and participating citizens of our country.

Indeed, the year 2006 is the time to pause and remember the smell of the campfire's smoke. To think of our heritage – our leaders in Scouting, as well as leaders in our communities. People like Dr. Larry Pisani, a college professor, who attended summer camp and served as a mentor at Camp Sequassen for the past 76 years, or Eagle Scout, Chris Caruso, who not only continues to serve Scouting, but also the State of Connecticut as a State Representative.

It is the time to take great pride in our past, but not to get lost in it. It is a time to smell the campfire's smoke and from it accept the challenge of an even greater future. We must stay the course and equip the next generation with the strong values of Scouting that will enable them to be strong leaders of their families, communities, and nation.

Programs like Scouting will change to become relevant to the times, but their values will not. Youth will yearn for adventure, as they always have, and the Boy Scouts of America will meet that challenge with imagination and enthusiasm.

Happy 96th Birthday, Boy Scouts of America. On your journey into the next millennium, may your trails be truly toward duty to God and country and guided every step of the way by the Scout Law: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Good Scouting!

## Help Send a Boy to Camp

Every year the Connecticut Yankee Council provides Camp Scholarships to boys who would not be able to attend Summer Camp without assistance. In 2005, 159 boys received over \$21,000 in Campership Funds to attend summer camp at Camp Sequassen, Cub Scout Day Camp, and the BSA National Jamboree.

A week at summer camp can be a life experience for any boy. For the boys who attend camp on camperships, this experience is only made possible because of the generosity of individuals that have made a gift to the Campership Fund.

Campership gifts can be of any amount, but the cost for a week of camp is:

- ❑ **Boy Scout** Summer Camp at Camp Sequassen - \$270
- ❑ **Cub Scout** Resident Camp at Camp Sequassen - \$245
- ❑ **Webelos** Scout Resident Camp at Camp Sequassen - \$195
- ❑ **Cub Scout** Day Camp - \$165

To make a gift for the Campership Fund please contact Finance Director David Rennie at the Council Resource Center at 203.876.6868, Ext. 257 or rennie@ctyankee.org.

## Fund a Specific Item or Project

A wide variety of funding opportunities exist for individuals and local businesses to fund specific items/projects from the Connecticut Yankee Council Operating Budget.

Special Opportunity gifts can be a cash-gift that is directed for a specific Council need or a 'Gift in Kind' – a non-cash gift of an item that the Council would have to buy. Some of the specific areas that the Council is looking for funding include:

**Program Needs** - Council Program Kickoff, Youth & Adult Leadership Training, Scouting For Food, Scoutreach, Learning for

Life, Fall Round-up and School Night Recruitment, Volunteer Recognition, District Operations.

**Summer Camp Needs** - Program Supplies, Camp Staff Positions, Camp Brochures, Food, Kayaks and Row Boats.

**Camp Capital Improvements** - New Campsites, New Latrines, Flag Pole, COPE Course.

**Office & Technology Needs** - Copier Paper, Camcorder, TV/VCR, Digital Camera, Computer Projection Machine and Computers.

To find out more about a specific project, or if you or your business can help, please contact David Rennie in the Finance Dept.



## COMPUTER CAMP

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## What Will Your Legacy be to Scouting?

Scouting has affected the lives of millions of youth since 1910. Because of the great efforts by our pioneer Scouters, we are lucky to have wonderful camp facilities, strong leadership, and dedicated charter-partner organizations. Positive stories are everywhere. What will your legacy be? We hope that each Scouter, family in Scouting and other Friends of Scouting will consider making a legacy gift to the Connecticut Yankee Council.

What is a Legacy Gift? It's a current or deferred gift to our Council's endowment fund. The income from our endowment goes to help our youth in perpetuity.

A gift may be an outright gift (stock, real estate, cash or bonds); deferred gift (by will), or an income gift (pooled income fund, gift annuity). Yes, it's true. You can receive income by making a gift to the Council's Endowment Fund. Large or small, all gifts are important. Become a member of our Heritage Society by making a current or deferred gift of \$5,000 or more. Please consider making a



gift and adding your name to our Honor Roll of Donors.

For more information, please contact Mike Schmidt, Council Vice-President and Endowment Chairman, or Dave Myers, Advisor for the Endowment Committee at 800.333.7905, Ext. 259.

You may also want to consider an endowment gift in honor of your son (life insurance, James E. West Fellowship, outright) or perpetuate your annual gift so it continues on helping thousands of future youth.

Please consider leaving your Legacy and footsteps for future Scouts!



## 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 Isabelle Maxim

From Rose & Stewart Boehm

### In Memory Of Lendall Maxim

From  
Steward & Beth Hadden,  
Carl Floodquist, Robert Cairns,  
Carmen Corvino, JR & Barbara Currier,  
Lawrence Pisani, Dan & Janice Cooley,  
Bruce Jacobson, Rick & Linda Jacobson

### In Memory Of David & Patty Rogovin

From Sue L. Cohen

### In Memory Of Marien Pritchard

From Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Miles

### In Memory Of Wesley Johnson

From Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Hencir,  
Ruth Hassenmayer

Gifts to the Memorial Tribute Fund should be sent to  
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Memorial Tribute Fund  
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## Recycle With Us & Help the Environment

The Council is proud to take part in a cutting edge recycling program.

As stewards of the environment it's our responsibility to take care of the earth and do everything within our power to make the world a better place to live.

We are collecting empty InkJets, laser cartridges and old cell phones for recycling.

Before you consider donating, check the website to find out which specific items can be recycled. If your product isn't on the list, we can't recycle it.

Two drop-off boxes are available at the Council Resource Center during business hours. You can also bring them to Roundtables and give them to your DE's.

If you have any questions about this program please contact District Executive, Christopher Guarniere at 800.333.7905, Ext. 254 or at guarniere@ctyankee.org

## Merit Badge College a Huge Success

Over 400 Boy Scouts participated in the 2006 Merit Badge College held at Lyman Hall in Wallingford. Scouts participated in a variety of merit badges including many of the traditional Eagle required badges. They also had the opportunity to earn Art, Aviation, Chemistry, Crime Prevention, Drafting, Genealogy, Labor, Law, Nuclear Energy, Railroad, Traffic Safety, among others.

Adults were able to participate in some training seminars including a Life to Eagle course and an Advancement 101 course. Nearly 60 adults took advantage of these great opportunities.

Special thanks to Karen Andersen and Ernie Boehm for their leadership at the Merit Badge College, and for conducting this fabulous event. Also, thank you to all of the Merit Badge Counselors who donated their time and talents.

## Spring Recruiting Kicks Off 'Float into Cub Scouting', Troop & Crew Open Houses

It's never too late to start thinking about recruiting new boys and families into your unit. Springtime offers many opportunities to enjoy a great Scouting program.

Cub Scout packs are encouraged to help boys 'Float into Cub Scouting' by offering free Raingutter Regatta kits to any new boys who join this Spring. Packs can use all sorts of methods like visiting classrooms, mailing invitations to friends or simply passing a flyer around the school inviting the boys to a fun social activity.

Now is also a great time to begin focusing on recruiting the new Tiger Den for 2006/07. Any boys who join now will have the opportunity to attend one of our six great Day Camps and also gets a free ticket to the ever-popular Scout Night at the Bridgeport Bluefish on June 16.

Why recruit boys in the Spring? Here's two of the many reasons: 1.

The Council has many programs over the summer to energize these boys and their parents. 2. Summer is a great time to work on these new parents and get them enrolled before the high-pressure season in the fall.

Troops should plan on promoting and hosting an Open House this Spring to attract new boys who were never Cub Scouts into the troop. Plan on doing it in April so you have time to prepare these new boys for summer camp (hopefully Sequassen). Venturing Crews can also host Open Houses where they show off the high adventure activities they've done throughout the year.

Any unit recruiting now will most likely qualify for the Council's Winner Circle recognition. See inset for more.

Whatever your program, now is a great opportunity to invite new boys into Scouting!

## Join the Council Winner's Circle

Take the checkered flag and head to the Winner's Circle by completing these three goals:

Have one more registered youth in your unit compared to June 30, 2005.

Show an increase in FOS dollars raised over June 2005.

Conduct a Service Project and log the hour onto the Good Turn for America website.

Each qualifying unit earns:

Commemorative neckerchief for your leader

Streamer for your unit flag

Recognition on Winner's Circle Board at Resource Center

Recognition in *The Scouter*

Contact your District Executive for further details.

## Setting the Pace in District FOS

The cars have pulled out from the starting line and are jockeying for the leaders position. In front at the *CT YANKEE 100 RACE TO GOAL* is Lighthouse who has completed 60% laps and raised \$18,002.

Pushing them from the 2nd position is Sleeping Giant at 56% laps with plenty of gas in their tank. Powahay has put the hammer down at 44% laps and has a good view of the front. Pomperaug, Scatacook, Wepawaug Valley, and Exploring/Learning for Life are burning rubber and moving fast. Let's all reach the *CT YANKEE 100 Finish Line* by June 30.

Help your district pass the checkered flag by having a Friends of Scouting presentation at a unit meeting. Everyone is a beneficiary of the Scouting program, whether you're a Scout, parent or leader, and we all share the costs of keeping it strong. The success of Scouting depends on those who support it. Providing a quality program to a growing number of Scouts becomes more expensive every year.

Your generous gift does more than simply cover our expenses. It serves as your personal promise to our Scouts today and our community tomorrow. Please help us leave the Council better than you found it and make your gift today.

Current Race Positions	% of Goal	Total Raised	Goal
Lighthouse	60%	\$18,002	\$30,000
Sleeping Giant	56%	\$25,236	\$45,000
Powahay	44%	\$45,684	\$105,000
Pomperaug	31%	\$20,345	\$63,000
Scatacook	28%	\$23,371	\$82,500
Wepawaug Valley	24%	\$10,616	\$45,000
Exploring/LFL	7%	\$850	\$12,500

- All data based on March 15, 2006.

## Friends of Scouting Benefits Your Unit

For the second year, we're offering value-added incentives for units that meet certain levels of giving. They're designed to encourage you to make sure that every family is asked to contribute and help. Recognition levels are measured against June 30, 2005 membership.

**SILVER LEVEL** - Avg. gift of \$43.75 per family.

Packs & Troops earn free badges of rank. Crews earn one-time 5% discount on store purchases.

**GOLD LEVEL** - Avg. gift of \$87.50 per family.

Earn Silver Level recognition plus Free Weekend Tent Camping at Council properties.

**PLATINUM LEVEL** - Avg. gift of \$131.25 per family.

Packs earn Silver, Gold and free handbooks on June 1.

Troops earn Silver, Gold and free Merit Badges.

Crews earn Silver, Gold and 25% off 1 Deer Lake High Adventure Weekend.

Be prepared for summer.

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## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Doug Machin, Council Commissioner

### The Annual Commissioner Service Plan

The annual commissioner service plan gives specific purposes for regular and supportive commissioner contact with units. It is more than just a time to reregister units. The underlying goal is to help units become and stay Quality Units. Specific steps happen during the year.

#### Service Plan Actions

##### • January, July – “Unit health” reviews.

The district executive meets with his/her commissioner staff to evaluate their units. Units meeting Quality Unit requirements normally receive a grade of “good.” For any unit not meeting the requirements, a plan is developed on how this unit can be brought back to Quality Unit status. This plan is reviewed regularly during the year to monitor progress and to help bring the unit to Quality Unit status.

##### • April—Unit leadership inventory.

Conducted by the commissioner and unit committee. Find out who will continue and who will drop. Visit inactive adults. Recruit new adults.

##### • May—Troop uniform inspection.

The commissioner helps the Scoutmaster and lends dignity to a high-morale event. Encourage uniform for summer camp. Develop unit pride.

##### • August—Unit program planning.

Unit commissioners visit with unit leaders to help where necessary with the planning process. With a new program year starting September 1, a unit annual plan should be completed by August 1. This will allow it to be shared with the existing members at your first unit meeting of the fall. It also allows

the unit to have it ready for their fall recruiting drive, usually held in August or early September for new members.

##### • Fall support.

Unit visits should be done each month to ensure the units get off to a great fall in programming. Support the unit’s fall roundup and recruitment drive. Help the training team to encourage that all adult volunteers get Fast Start training, Youth Protection training, and basic leader training in a timely manner. Follow up on the unit health plans to assist units in earning the Quality Unit Award.

##### • October—Uniform inspection.

The commissioner helps pack and troop leaders, and lends dignity to a high-morale event. Encourage uniform for all members. Develop pack and troop pride.

##### • November—Youth Protection visit.

The commissioner explains and promotes the latest BSA child abuse—prevention training booklets and videos at a fall meeting of unit adults. Make this a meaningful event in each unit.

#### Quality Unit Changes for 2006

The change in the unit award criteria

includes the addition of the following under objectives No. 6 (for troops and teams) and No. 7 (for packs and crews): “Service Project. We will conduct an annual service project, preferably for the chartering organization or the community. We will report our project on the [www.goodturnforamerica.org](http://www.goodturnforamerica.org) website.”

#### Commissioner Service for Sea Scouting

Did you know that we have nine ships under the flag of Commodore Robert Kral in the Connecticut Yankee Council? Each Skipper runs the Sea Scouting program to achieve the same high values of Scouting as any other Venturing Crew, but operates on the water. With the help of the Sea Scouting Wardroom, this very exciting program will be enhanced by a dedicated Commissioner Staff. Carlton Kline has assembled a staff of Unit Commissioners who are all trained in basic Sea Scouting. Many of them have been to Sea Badge training as well. I am excited about the focus we are giving our ships, and hope to see that program grow.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting!



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### Order of the Arrow Day at Sequassen

Owaneco Lodge will once again host its OA DAY program at Camp Sequassen for the 2006 Summer Camp Season. Every Tuesday during summer camp, proudly wear your OA sash during the entire day. Immediately following lunch, during siesta, arrowman are invited to attend encouraged to attend a service project, meeting on the Clark Field side porch.

As usual, Tuesday night will be a brotherhood ceremony. If you have been an active Ordeal member for at least 10 months, seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood journey.

After the brotherhood ceremony, all arrowman are invited to attend a night of fellowship in the dining hall as we indulge in ice cream. Again, there will be a limited edition “OA Day Patch.”

The proceeds will directly benefit Sequassen. Same as last year you might say? *Oh no!* Attend Sequassen this summer and see what else Owaneco has in store for you!

### Quinnipiac Dancers Accepting Bookings

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. Contact Chris at 203.234.8077 for more information. The Dancers are taking bookings for their '05-06 season. Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Committee Chairs - 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 OA Lodge, Owaneco 313.

Our dance season began January 1. We will take bookings on a first come, first serve basis.

Webelos to Boy Scouts?  
Now What?



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- Sleeping Bags & Accessories
- Scouting's 10 Essentials

We have a staff of experienced scouters to assist you.



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## Scout Shabbat 2006

Scouts and Scouters attended our annual Scout Shabbat Service held this year at Congregation B'nai Torah in Trumbull, on Friday, Feb. 10. The service was led by Scouts from Troops 15 of Stamford and 41 of Woodbridge. SPL Tal of Troop 15 and SPL Scott of Troop 41 coordinated the outstanding Scout participation.

Scouts who earned each of the four Jewish religious emblems in



**Council Jewish Committee on Scouting Chairman David Elkodsi, left, poses with the 2006 Shofar award recipients George Silver and Steven Elzholz.**

the last year were recognized for their achievements.

The Shofar Award of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting was bestowed on two Scouters for outstanding service to Jewish youth in Scouting: Steven Elzholz and George Silver.

## Extravaganza 2006

The Connecticut Yankee Council Jewish Committee on Scouting will be at Extravaganza on May 19-21 at the Bethany Airport. Be sure to visit the com-

mittee booth on the midway for information on upcoming events for Jewish Scouts, Jewish religious emblems and more. Also, be sure to enter into the 2006 Bazooka Bubblegum Contest.

## Council JCOS Meetings

The Connecticut Yankee Council Jewish Committee on Scouting meets on the fourth Monday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at the council resource center, 60 Wellington Road, Milford. All interested Scouters and parents are welcome.

## Hartford Archdiocese Recognition Sunday

All Scouts who have earned their Catholic Religious Award Emblems will be formally recognized at Boy Scout Recognition Sunday on May 7. The recognition event will take place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford at 2 p.m. Please arrive early as all Scouts will be organized for a procession into the event. Stay tuned to the Catholic Committees website for more details as they are made available by the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

## June Hartford Catholic Scout Weekend

The Hartford Catholic Committee on Scouting invites

See **CATHOLIC**, Page 22



## Training Committee

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## Wood Badge Course NE-II-163 Wants You!!!

Back to Gillwell.

Now is the time to sign up for Wood Badge. It will be held on the weekends of September 8-10 and October 6-8. The course will be held at the Council's Camp Sequassen. It will be staffed by the finest trainers that the Connecticut Yankee and Housatonic Councils can provide. These are Scouters and Scouts who are the best trainers and have a devoted commitment to the scouting movement.

I wish to challenge all Scouters with this. If your unit does not have two Wood Badge trained leaders, ask yourself "Why?"

Here is a training course that applies to ALL disciplines in Scouting. Think about it being a Cub Scout Leader and be ready to cross over to Boy Scouting with your son and be trained and be ready to give guidance and leadership to your unit right off the bat.

Think about it!

A registration form is available for download from the Council website.

Any questions please contact Scoutmaster Mark Clark at 860.982.1223.

— Mark Clark  
Scoutmaster NE II 163  
...and a good ole Owl too.



## Upcoming Leader Training Dates

- April 6 – **Webelos Leader Outdoor Training** (WLOT) Part I at Council Resource Center.
- April 8 – **Boy Scout Leader Training Part I** at Council Resource Center.
- April 22-23 – **WLOT Part II** at Hoyt Scout Camp.
- April 28-30 – **Boy Scout Leader Training Part II** at Camp Sequassen.
- June 24 – **Cub Scout Leader Training** at Council Resource Center.

Your district may also have trainings scheduled. Please check your district website to find one that fits your schedule. Youth Protection and other specialized courses are also offered at Camp Sequassen throughout the summer camp season.

## Cub Scout Pow Wow Returns This Fall

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 4 to come to the Cub Scout learning extravaganza we call Pow Wow. It's a fun and exciting one-day learning experience to help you deliver a better program to the boys.

Attendees can choose from more than 25 different courses to find the ones best suited to them. Some of the materials from Cub Scout leader training are treated with greater depth and some courses deal with specific skills like outdoor cooking or crafts.

In addition to the full day of fun and ideas, you'll leave with great resources for planning exciting den and pack meetings and get the opportunity to meet with other energetic Cub Scouters.

Questions, thoughts, motivational speeches, ideas, or monologues regarding the Pow Wow should be directed to Christopher Guarniere at the Scout Resource Center at 800.333.7905, Ext. 254.

## Training is OnLine

There are lots of training courses you can complete online include Youth Protection and Safe Swim Defense / Safety Afloat. Visit the Council website and click on the Training tab.



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## Bridgeport Diocese Award Emblems Deadline Approaching

The Bridgeport Catholic Committee on Scouting has set its deadline for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to turn in their Applications and Workbooks for Catholic Award

Emblems for 2006. The deadline for Award Emblem Counselors to receive the applications and workbooks is April 15.

Applications and workbooks need to be fully completed and submitted directly to a Religious Award Emblem Counselor. To find out where the nearest counselor is located, please call Father Balint, Council Chaplain, at 800.333.7905, Ext. 261.

Cub and Boy Scouts are reminded to fully complete the application and workbook before both are submitted to the Religious Award Emblem Counselor.

Counselors need to verify that the work has been completed by the scout applying for the religious award emblem. Boy Scouts, if all of the completed materials are turned in earlier a Board of Review for Boy Scouts can be scheduled earlier so make sure to plan ahead.

# Tools You Can Use

## Applications Explained A comprehensive guide to completing & submitting BSA forms

By **Kathy Znosko**

COUNCIL REGISTRAR

Questions always seem to arise over the registration applications for youth and adults. Please take a moment to review the following

✓ **Cover Sheet** – This is an informational piece, meant to be retained by the person filling out the application, usually the parent of a youth member or an adult applicant. (On the youth applications there are 2 pages.) It explains the program and spells out the agreement between BSA and the signer of the application. The youth applications also include temporary membership certificates to be used until official ones are issued by the Council.

✓ **Actual application** – Top of form – This is the statement of the program; Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer, or Adult, for which the application is being filled out. On all forms there is a box to indicate the unit (Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship) number. On adult applications there is a separate box to fill in if the application is for a Council- or district-level position. (Merit Badge Counselor is a district position.) Make sure this is completed so the applicant is registered in the right unit.

At this point the “Expire Date” for all units is December 31, 2006. The term is how many months from the date the application is filled out until the expire date. This determines the prorated fee for membership for the applicant. (See inset)

On the youth applications there are also boxes to check specifically applying to the level at which the youth is joining. On the Cub Scout application, Tiger Cub is a current first grader, etc.

On the Boy Scout application; “New Boy Scout” is brand new, never belonged to any Scouting program before; “Former Boy Scout” is returning to Scouting after an absence or could be transferring from another unit; “Former Webelos Scout” most often is just bridging from a Pack into a Troop



and he may or may not have earned his “Arrow of Light.”

At present we have no Lone Scout program in our Council.

Venturer Application; “New Venturer” is new to Scouting; “Former Boy Scout” was once and maybe still is a member of a Boy Scout Troop; “Former Venturer” is returning to the Venturing program or is maybe joining a second Crew.

✓ **Transfer box** – If a youth or adult is currently registered in one unit and wishes to leave that unit and register with another he or she should check this box and indicate which unit he/she is leaving. Our Council number is 072. The Unit Number is the number of the Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship the

individual is leaving. There is a \$1 fee to transfer. An 18-year-old Boy Scout who wishes to transfer his membership from youth to adult should also check this box and pay the \$1 transfer fee. *However, if he has an Eagle application being processed at Council, he should wait until that process is complete to submit his adult application.* An adult who wishes to register with an additional unit while still retaining membership with his first unit should not check this box and should indicate on the application that this application is for a multiple unit. There is no fee to add a multiple unit registration.

✓ **The applicant's name** – This should be the full, formal, first

and last name of the applicant. Middle initials and names are extremely helpful in differentiating one “John Smith” from another. It’s especially important that adult applications have formal names, as nicknames and initials might result in inaccurate results from the Criminal Background Check process. Suffixes are those terms that might follow a person’s formal name, such as Sr., Jr. M.D., Esq., or PhD. While Dr., Rev., Mr., and Mrs. are not suffixes; they are titles. Unfortunately there is no box for title on the BSA application and, though titles can be entered into ScoutNet, they do not print out on Membership Cards or rosters.

✓ **Social Security Numbers** are mandatory for all adult applicants with the BSA. Social Security Numbers are not required for youth applicants or Tiger Partners. *If you have youth applications that ask for Social Security numbers throw them out and get new ones from Council.*

✓ **Address** – Country is USA. The mailing address should be as complete as possible. Addresses that do not include house numbers could result in mailings from Council and National, such as *Boys’ Life Magazine*, not being delivered.

✓ **Phone Numbers** – Please include area code. This information is entered into our ScoutNet database and not all phone numbers within our Council have the same area code.

✓ **Date of Birth** (and Grade for youth) – This is mandatory for all applicants, including Tiger Partners. Many of BSA’s registra-

tion requirements are based on age and accurate birth dates are important for the Criminal Background Check process.

✓ **Sex** – This is required information for all adult and Venturing applicants.

✓ **Other Demographic Information** such as Ethnic Background, School/Occupation & Employer, Business Address, and Driver’s license, and Eagle Scout information are all important to help us to accurately identify an individual.

✓ **Email Addresses** are vital in today’s society to facilitate good communication.

✓ **Parent Information** is requested on all youth applications. It’s valuable to both the unit and the Council. It’s mandatory on the applications for Tiger Cubs if the parent is also the Tiger’s Adult Partner. *If the Adult Partner is not a parent or is a parent who does not have the same address as the Tiger Cub she must fill out a separate Adult Application.* If the Adult Partner is the parent living at the same address as the Tiger Cub a separate adult application should not be submitted.

✓ The bottom half of an Adult Application is necessary background information. *The Chartering Organization has the first responsibility for checking references for all unit applicants before the Committee Chair and Chartered Organization Head or Representative sign approval.* (In the case of Merit Badge Counselors, commissioners, and district committee members unit approval is not necessary. The references should instead be checked and approval signed by the appropriate district people.)

✓ **Required Signatures** – First the parent of a Cub Scout or Boy Scout must sign the youth’s application. Venturers and Adult applicants must sign their own applications. *No one else may sign the application for an adult applicant. In signing the Adult*

Pro-rated Registration Fees		
Month	Registration	Boys Life
January	\$10	\$12
February	\$9.35	\$11
March	\$8.50	\$10
April	\$7.65	\$9
May	\$6.80	\$8
June	\$5.95	\$7
July	\$5.10	\$6
August	\$4.25	\$5
September	\$3.40	\$4
October	\$2.55	\$3
November	\$1.70	\$2
December	\$0.85	-
Insurance Fees		
January - December 2006		\$5
June - December 2006		\$2.50

See **REGISTRATION**, Page 23

## The Four Councils of Connecticut

Connecticut is served by four independent Boy Scout Councils. These Councils serve as the administrative bodies for Scouting and Learning for Life in the state. Each Council operates independently with its own Charter and Bylaws, and Board of Directors. These Councils are chartered by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, to provide programs that teach citizenship, develop character and promote physical and mental fitness in youth.



Connecticut Rivers Council, headquartered in East Hartford, serves 127 cities and towns.



Connecticut Yankee Council, based in Milford, serves 37 communities in Fairfield, New Haven and southern Hartford counties.



Greenwich Council serves the town of Greenwich.



Housatonic Council, with offices in Derby, serves five towns in the Naugatuck Valley – Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, Shelton and Oxford.



## Report

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an Eagle Scout, and the President and CEO of 454 Life Sciences Corporation in Branford. The youth delegates include: Cub Scout RaQuan Murrelle from East Hartford; Eagle Scout Charles McBride from Westport; Venturer Christine McEwan of Shelton; Explorers Brian Anderson and James Hogan from Greenwich.

In addition to presenting the

official report at the Connecticut Capitol, the delegation also took part in the opening sessions of the State Senate and House of Representatives.

Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell and Lieutenant Governor Kevin Sullivan both made official proclamations naming February 8, 2006 as Connecticut Scouting Day. To view the Official Statements, please visit the Council website.

A complete Report to the State will be mailed to all donors.



## Community Collaborations

Scouting and Learning for Life programs are delivered through a strong partnership between the Boy Scouts of America and local community-based organizations. These organizations include schools, parent associations, churches, civic groups, community groups, government agencies and local businesses. These organizations contribute significantly to the quality of life in their communities by serving youth and families with the values of the Scouting. In Connecticut local community organizations partner with the four Boy Scout Councils to sponsor 1,306 Scouting Units: Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and co-educational Venture Crews, Explorer Posts and In-School Learning for Life Groups.



## Community Service

From barn raisings to soup kitchens, ordinary Americans have always made an extraordinary difference in the lives of their neighbors and in their communities by lending a helping hand. Today, America needs the service of its citizens more than ever. The Boy Scouts of America was founded because of the 'good turn' that an unknown Scout provided a traveler and that spirit of helping others continues to this day. In 2005, over 750,000 hours of community service was completed by Scouting youth and adults in their communities in Connecticut. These projects included Eagle Scout Service Projects, Unit Service Projects and the National Good Turn for America initiative.



## Scoutreach

Scoutreach allows the programs of Scouting to reach families in urban "at risk" neighborhoods that have traditionally been underserved. Scoutreach provides additional resources, funding, staffing and program support to urban chartering organizations to help provide quality Scouting programs in areas without a history of Scouting. The Scoutreach Program is conducted in Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury, East Hartford, Hartford, Manchester, Middletown, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Stamford, Waterbury, and Willimantic.

## By The Numbers

**1 State** - Connecticut.

**4 Boy Scout Councils** - Connecticut Rivers Council / Connecticut Yankee Council / Greenwich Council / Housatonic Council.

**10 Outdoor Camping Facilities** - Over 4,100 acres that are used year round for week-end camping and extensive summer Cub Scout, Webelos & Boy Scout Resident Camp and Day Camp.

**627 New Eagle Scouts** - In 2005, 627 young men the rank of Eagle Scout.



**1,306 Scouting Units** - Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Co-Educational Venture Crews, Explorer Posts and Learning for Life Groups.

**8,708 Campers** - 8,708 youth attended Scout Camp in Connecticut last summer.

**15,227 Volunteers** - Adults that volunteer their time every week to serve as role models and mentors to youth involved in weekly Scouting meetings and activities.

**61,704 Total Youth** - In 2005, 61,704 young men and women participated in Scouting programs in Connecticut.

**750,000 Service Hours** - In 2005, over 750,000 hours of community service were completed by Scouting youth and adults in their communities in CT.





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### April

19 – Venturing Committee Meeting  
25 – Venturing Roundtable  
25 – Venturing Officers Association Meeting

### May

6-7 – Powder Horn Training Part I  
13 – Venturing Leader Specific & Sea Scout Officers Specialized Training Part I  
15 – VLS & SSOS Training Part II  
17 – Venturing Committee Meeting  
23 – Venturing Roundtable  
23 – Venturing Officers Association Meeting

### June

3-4 – Powder Horn Training Part II  
17-18 – Powder Horn Training Part III  
21 – Venturing Committee Meeting  
27 – Venturing Roundtable  
27 – Venturing Officers Association Meeting

### Venture Challenge 2006

Venture Challenge 2006 will be held on August 25-26 at Deer Lake Scout Reservation. The challenge is an adventure race for teams of four Venturers/Sea Scouts which will include biking, canoeing, rappelling and more. No prior experience is needed. Teams of all skill levels are welcome. The event information and registration packet is available on the Venturing and Sea Scouting pages of the council website. For additional information contact Andrea Ulery at 203.876.6868, Ext. 280 or [ulery@ctyankee.org](mailto:ulery@ctyankee.org).

### Sea Scout Week At Camp Sequassen

Sea Scout week at Camp Sequassen will be held on July 30-August 5. Sea Scouts will have the opportunity to complete Ordinary (Swimming, Rowing and Safety Afloat), Able (Lifesaving, Fire Safety and Cooking), and Quartermaster (Citizenship and BSA Lifeguard) Rank requirements. Scouts will also have the opportunity to earn the Scuba BSA and Snorkeling BSA Awards, go sailing, canoeing, and participate in all of the other camp activities such as archery, rifle and shotgun shooting, crafts, mountain biking, climbing and repelling, and much more. Learn To Swim lessons are available.

If paid by May 1 the camp fee is \$250 (\$270 if paid after May 1). Scholarships are available.

Sea Scout week at Camp Sequassen is being sponsored by Sea Scout Ship 2. For additional information or to sign-up contact Skipper Kevin Markey at 203.597.0410 or [ship2@snet.net](mailto:ship2@snet.net).

### Venturing Leader & Sea Scout Officer Training

New Leader Essentials, Venturing Leader Specific and Sea Scout Officers' Specialized Trainings will be offered on Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Monday, May 15, 6:30 - 10 p.m. at the Council Resource Center. Venturing Crew leaders are required to attend only the first session. Sea Scouting leaders must attend both sessions. This course

will cover leadership and organization, Crew/Ship structure, advancement and awards, Advisor's/Skipper's responsibilities, resources and program planning, and much more.

Venturing Leader Specific Training and Sea Scout Officers' Specialized Training are geared toward Crew Advisors and Sea Scouters, but Council and district volunteers who support the Venturing or Sea Scouting programs will find this information useful as well.

Completion of these courses fulfills requirements for the Venturing Leader's and Sea Scouter's Training Awards and is a prerequisite for Seabadge and Wood Badge Trainings. 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. Bring a bag lunch.

Registration forms are available on the Council website. For more information contact Jonathan Pleva.

### Seabadge NE-XVI

Seabadge NE-XVI will be held on October 6-8 at the Mercy Center at Madison, CT. Seabadge is an advanced leadership training experience for Sea Scout Officers (adult leaders and committee members) at the Ship and council levels. It is a course in leadership, team building, motivation, monitoring, and management skills. Seabadge is not a program skills (knots, sailing, etc.) course but is designed to enable the participant to offer the best quality Sea Scouting program while expanding the program to reach more of America's youth.

Seabadge is a participatory experience which requires intensive individual involvement of both participants and staff in seminars, workshops, presentations, crew projects, and discussion. Upon successful completion of the Seabadge course, graduates will be awarded the Seabadge Trident Pin, patch, and certificate. To qualify for participation Seabadge participants must:

1. Be approved by the local BSA council.
2. Be currently registered in an



Richard Alesevich, Advisor of Crew 68, and Jonathan Glassman, Skipper of Ship 1 and Vice Commodore of the Council Sea Scout Squadron, received the Venturing Leadership Award at the Council Recognition Dinner on January 26. L-R — Council President John Andres, Jessica & Jonathan Glassman, Richard Alesevich, and Council Venturing Chairman Mark Carpenter.

adult Sea Scouting position for a minimum of one continuous year.

3. Have completed Venturing Leader Specific Training, and Sea Scout Officers' Specialized Training.

4. Be willing to apply the skills and knowledge obtained through the Seabadge course to strengthen Sea Scouting at the local Ship/council levels.

The Seabadge NE-XVI Fact Sheet and Application are available on the Sea Scouting page of the council website. Inquiries may be directed to Jonathan Glassman, Seabadge NE-XVI Skipper/Course Director.

### Powder Horn Training

Powder Horn training will be offered on May 6-7, June 3-4, and June 17-18 at Deer Lake Scout Reservation. Powder Horn is a training opportunity designed as an action-packed, hand-on outdoor course to expose Venturing and Sea Scouting leaders to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Ranger Award program. Powder Horn is also open to Boy Scout leaders who are looking to enhance their high adventure programs.

Powder Horn helps leaders safely conduct fun and challenging outdoor activities, provide an introduction to the resources necessary to lead young people in a high adventure program, familiarize leaders with the Ranger Award program so that he/she can help Venturers/Sea Scouts in meeting

the requirements for the award, and expose leaders to the outdoor/high adventure activities core to the Ranger Award.

The Powder Horn training fee is \$250 per participant. A registration form are available on the council website. For additional information contact Course Director Michael Golrick at 203.334.2042 or [michael.golrick.75@alumni.brown.edu](mailto:michael.golrick.75@alumni.brown.edu).

### Council Venturing Roundtables

The Venturing Roundtable is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Council Resource Center. It gives Venturing and sea Scout leaders program ideas and the opportunity to share best practices. Find out great opportunities for your Crew and hear guest presenters by attending the Roundtable. For more information contact Roundtable Commissioner Blaine Boxwell at 203.877.7009 or [bboxwell@aol.com](mailto:bboxwell@aol.com).

### Council Sea Scout Wardroom

The Council Sea Scouting Wardroom meets the second Monday at the Trinity Episcopal Church Library, 651 Pequot Avenue in Southport. The wardroom is made up of all council members and Ship skippers, officers and committee members. For information, contact Commodore Bob Kral at 203.255.5169 or [lark-sj@yahoo.com](mailto:lark-sj@yahoo.com).



## You've saved the date ... now it's time to register for **2006 EXTRAVAGANZA**

*An all-day program of demonstrations, fun things to do, challenges, feats of skill, live entertainment, and a celebration of your accomplishments – under the theme of **FITNESS – It's Essential to Meet Your Potential***

3-sided climbing tower – Belay on!  
 Ham Radio connects you with the world  
 A blacksmith will teach you to shape iron and shoe a horse  
 Hot iron branding...bring your boots  
 Air rifles, BB guns and paintball - BULLSEYE  
 Quinnipiac Indian Village and Dancers –  
 The way it was  
 Trading Post for special deals  
 Magnificent machinery:  
 Honda Hybrid/Race cars  
 Our own Explorers demonstrate their specialties  
 Police work, Firefighting, emergency rescue drills, SCUBA tank  
 Info booths with challenges and freebees  
 Religious Committees  
 Risk Management  
 Venturing Display

Sequassen Alumni Association  
 2007 World Jamboree  
 All day "Battle of the Bands" competition  
 Scientist John Henderson will fascinate you with amazing potions and knowledge.  
 Rainforest Reptile Show  
 Patch trading alley  
 Rocketry demonstrations  
 USCG Auxiliary  
 Power Squadron  
 Ely Whitney Museum demonstrating things that fly and fast derby cars  
 Author Doug Haddock and his thoughts on fitness  
 Greater New Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Places to visit and things to see and do minutes from here  
 Beardley Zoo – Bones and Feathers

Major attractions sponsored by our six Scouting Districts  
 HIV/AIDS Prevention Program  
 Write a letter to a soldier in Iraq  
 Cub World – It'll never get bigger than this (crafts, storytelling, scavenger hunt for prizes, games).  
 Military Service recruiters – with challenges and freebees  
 Connecticut State Police  
 Saturday Religious Services  
 Live entertainment on stage after dark

This is the place to be on Saturday, May 20th. Be There! You don't want to wake on the 21st and have to deal with the bone crushing realization that you just missed the Council's best O'ree since 2004.  
*How dumb is that?*

### Battle of the Bands at Extravaganza

Do you want to feature your band at the Scouting Extravaganza in our famous "Battle of the Bands." You will get a 25 minute slot to play at the gazebo on the midway during the day, and then six bands will be selected to play in the main arena show on Saturday night.

We are looking for Scouts who want to showcase their musical talents. All you need to participate is to have one member of the band be an active Scout.

We will provide professional sound, lighting and staging and a video recording of your performance. Sign up early and send us a demo. We have a maximum of ten bands we can accommodate.

To participate, please contact Jack Berry at [berryj@us.ibm.com](mailto:berryj@us.ibm.com).

### 2006 EXTRAVAGANZA REGISTRATION FORM

This is a  Unit Registration:  
 This is an  Individual Registration

Type/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No. Scouts/Venturers/Explorer/leaders \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17 (before May 9) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Fee is \$20 after May 9th)  
 No. Cub Scouts/parents \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 (before May 9) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Fee is \$15 after May 9th)  
 No. Guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Guest fee does not include lunch. Lunches will be available for \$7 each.

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ or Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be camping on site? YES NO If Yes, which nights? FRIDAY SATURDAY BOTH  
 (Please circle)  
 Are you planning to put on a presentation in the midway? YES NO (If Yes, complete Midway Event Sponsor Form available online.)

**Important – Each unit leader must have a medical form and permission slip for every youth attendee at the Extravaganza.**

COMPLETE & MAIL TO: CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL, ATTN: EXTRAVAGANZA  
 60 WELLINGTON ROAD, MILFORD, CT. 06460 OR FAX TO 203.876.6884.  
**EVENT HAPPENS RAIN OR SHINE – NO REFUNDS.**

Account No. 6801-086-20



## Cub Scout Fun Fest

**July 22, 2006 @ Deer Lake Scout Camp**

Do you know what Tyrannosaurus Rex means? It means "tyrant lizard king." Or how about what Triceratops means? Learn all about dinosaurs that lived in your backyard, what they ate, the different types of dinosaurs, the special characteristics of the different dinosaurs and how they survived. If you want to be an expert on dinosaurs, then you need to be at the 2006 Cub Scout Fun Fest. This is one event for the entire family to enjoy.

**Participant Fee:**

Scouts / Adults	\$12
Cubs & Siblings	\$4

The fee includes program, patch and lunch. Registration closes on July 14. No refunds after June 15. Fun activities include: swimming, fishing, nature hike, brainteasers, crafts, games, boating and more. Directions to Deer Lake are available on our website.



## Cub Scout BB Gun Derby

**August 12, 2006 @ Hoyt Scout Camp**

Learn gun safety, shooting basics and marksmanship from certified NRA instructors. Other fun activities will be included in the days' program which will entertain and inform. This is intended to be a day activity which can be easily expanded into a weekend campout. Participants can attend with their unit or as individual family members. The important thing is to be there, be square and have fun. This activity is recommended for Bears and Webelos.

**Participant Fee:**

Scouts / Adults	\$12
Cubs & Siblings	\$6

The fee includes a beautiful, fully embroidered patch, BB gun safety and shooting program, Friday night camping, Saturday lunch, closing ceremony and prizes. Maximum registration = 300 Cub Scouts / Webelos. No refunds after July 1, 2006. Directions can be found on the website.



## Scout Day at Lime Rock

**October 20-21, 2006**

A perfect event event for easy camping. Drive up to your campsite, unload and set up. Fix your Saturday meals or purchase them at the snack bar. It doesn't get any easier. Camp on the infield Friday night and enjoy the races on Saturday. Open to all registered Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, leaders and their families. Tickets and directions may be either picked up at the council office or mailed to you prior to the event. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**Participant Fee:**

Scouts / Adults	\$14
Cubs & Siblings	\$7

The fee includes an event patch, unit ribbon, Friday night camping, Saturday races, adult leader's Friday night social and a really good time. Event goes rain or shine.

### 2006 Cub Scout Fun Fest, July 22 Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Completed form and payment to:

**Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA**  
2006 Cub Scout Fun Fest  
PO Box 32  
Milford, CT. 06460

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE – July 14, 2006**

No. Scouts / Siblings \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Adult partners \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 800.333.7905, Ext. 273

Fax 203.876.6884

PICK UP PATCHES AND UNIT RIBBONS AT EVENT.

I would like to pay by:  Check  Credit Card

VISA / MC / AMEX No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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2006 Scout Day at Limerock  
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## 2006 World of Fantasy Camp for Cubs & Webelos at Sequassen

Imagine yourself as a real live person hiking a dark, foggy trail in Sherlock Forest and ZOUZERS! You walk right into the middle of Robin Hood's hideout. What you do next will determine whether you wear jeans or leotards for the rest of your life. Lucky for you, your partner is there to get you safely back to reality. Now that's what it's like at Camp Sequassen summer camp.

Pick your fantasy – Peter Pan, Robin Hood, Wizard of Oz, Lord

of the Rings, whatever – and you can live it at summer camp.

When not in the middle of your fantasy you can swim, shoot archery, work on a craft, shoot BB guns, row a boat or paddle a canoe, climb the tower, play games, go to a campfire, work on badges or just have fun in the 600 acres of trees, trails and trolls.

Visit our Council website for more information on Cub Camp and Webelos Camp, 2006.

## Plan Ahead: Be a Camp Sequassen CIT

15-year-old Scouts who want to work on the 2007 camp staff should enroll in the 2006 CIT program at Camp Sequassen. CIT's will attend two weeks of summer camp – the first week is for fun and instruction; the second week is for on-the-job training in your favorite program area(s).

CIT graduates will be given preferential consideration for camp staff positions in 2007 and beyond.

Start your 2007 job search now. Get prepared for a summer job as a Camp Sequassen staff member.

It's good advise. You can thank me later.



Visit our Council website to download the 2006 Adventure Guide for Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts at SEQ.

## What's New at SEQ?

Over the winter the Camping Committee has been hard at work to make the 2006 summer camp experience even more enjoyable and exciting. Following are just some of the changes you will see at Sequassen:

- Bulletin Boards in all camp-sites
- A 21' Hunter Sail Boat
- A nine hole Frisbee golf course
- Many new cots/mattresses
- An Automatic External Defibrillator
- Refurbished Cohen latrine
- 18 new picnic tables
- New roof on Loomis Lodge
- Tent frames in Nathan Hale
- Two new Gruman canoes
- Brick walkway between Trading Post and the bridge
- And a very long list of infrastructure changes which help the camp run smoothly.

You're going to like what you see when you come to SEQ!



### Spring Work Day

You are invited to be part of the development process – join the Maintenance Committee work party for a day of toil on June 3.

And we need your help! In fact anyone 18 years or older is welcome. There's something for everyone so spread the word, mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday June 3rd. or join us for the weekend, meals provided Saturday 7:30 a.m. - Sunday breakfast, please RSVP thomas.young@att.net or call 203.288.9898

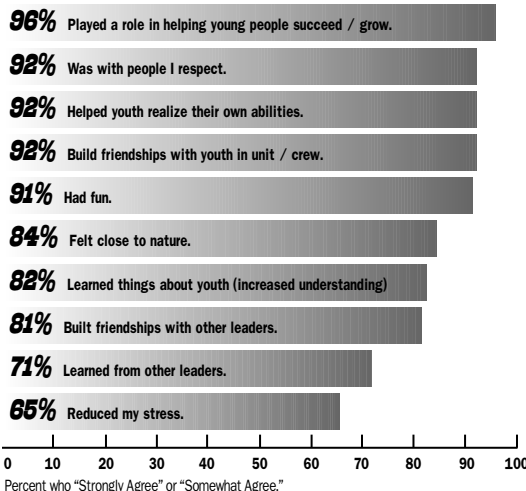
Thank You! For helping us to make your camp the best camp it can be – for the boys!

— The Camp Sequassen Maintenance Committee

## Benefits of Camp Experience for Leaders

Personal growth benefits for leaders are another outcome of Scout summer camp. The majority of adult leaders agree that they were with people they respect (92 percent), they had fun (91 percent), they felt close to nature (84 percent), they built friendships with other leaders (81 percent), they learned from other leaders (71 percent), and they reduced their stress (65 percent). More data on the benefits of summer camp for Scouts, parents and leaders can be found in the BSA "Summer Camp Outcomes Survey" available for download at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

To what extent do you agree or disagree that each of the following happened to you at the summer camp you attended this year?



## Campership Assistance Available

No Scout will miss a week at summer camp because of lack of funds. That is the Council's commitment to all Scouts.

A Campership is financial assistance awarded to a Cub Scout or Boy Scout to allow him to attend a summer camp program (residential camp or day camp). Camperships are need-based and are awarded to youth who are unable to afford the full summer camp fee.

Camperships are approved for Connecticut Yankee Council camps only.

Campership requests must be submitted to the camp registrar by May 31. Forms are available at the Scout Service Center and/or from unit leaders. Camperships requests must be filled out completely and signed by the parent/guardian or unit leader.

If you would be interested in helping a boy attend summer camp, please contact your district executive or call 800.333.7905. Gifts large and small all help.

## The Trails Invite You Still

As it is related in Sam Bogan's book the terrain making up Camp Sequassen was formed over a period of one half billion years. Through the slow changes the rugged landscape became varied and beautiful. Early pioneers tried to farm the land, as told by the remnants of many rock walls. But the soil while rich was found to be shallow.

For its natural beauty alone we are fortunate that our predecessors chose this area for our camp. The networks of blazed trails that help us bring the wonder of these areas to the boys. Trails which are constantly affected by the changes time brings.

The trouble is Mother Nature (as always) has not stopped making changes. Add to this our influ-

ence, including the clearing of camp sites and cutting of trails across the land, which have welcomed many footfalls and you get a condition of accelerated erosion.

Sequassen is in need of individuals interested in preserving and bringing the natural beauty of our camp to the boys. This group would be the Conservation Committee.

The "Sequassen Conservation Committee", would be a subcommittee of the Camping Committee whose efforts would be coordinated with the Camp Rangers and the Sequassen Maintenance Committee.

For more information contact: VP Camping Bill Hall online at [kbseptic@aol.com](mailto:kbseptic@aol.com) or phone Ranger Dave Boyajian at 860.379.2009.

**There's still time to sign up your Pack or Troop for Sequassen. Call Anna at 800.333.7905, Ext. 273 today.**

## Good Turn for America Progress Report

Since its inception in 2004, units have been able to report their service hours into a BSA National data collection system (aka: The Beast). This is the BSA's first attempt to quantify the volunteer service hours after more than 90 years of incredible service.

See the chart below for a summary of service provided by our Council units since January 1, 2004

While the numbers of units reporting is significant, it's only the "tip of the iceberg" in service actually provided. Unfortunately, the majority of our units do not report their service.

Units will soon receive a special Good Turn For America card with

their recharter certificates. This card will provide them with their exclusive access code to the BSA system and instruction on how to enter service hours, type of service and number of participants.

Let's resolve to "feed The Beast" with all or service hours from here on. Our Scouts deserve to get full credit for their efforts along with the Good Turn For America patch and segment

A Good Turn For America patch and/or segment is available in the Scout Shop for units which report a service project. When service data is entered, a certificate will be provided authorizing purchase of the patch in the Scout Shop.

## 2006 Food Drive Kicks off April 29

All units are encouraged to participate to make our food drive one of the biggest collection efforts ever in the Fairfield and New Haven county area. Last year over eleven thousand pounds of food was collected and distributed to area food banks.

Join the April 29th food drive to prevent hunger in your neighborhood. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Contact your District Good Turn Coordinator for specific details in your area.

## 2007 World Jamboree Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting

The 21st World Scout Jamboree will be held from July 27-August 8, 2007 at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, The United Kingdom.

This Jamboree celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Scouting Movement and is expected to be a sell-out. The Northeast Region will be sending only 612 youth and 60 leaders in 17 troops.

There is a three day tour of the London area prior to the start of the Jamboree. More information on the tour is contained in the BSA World Jamboree brochure and on their website: [www.scouting.org/international](http://www.scouting.org/international)

General information on the World Jamboree can be found on the National website and at [www.scouting2007.org](http://www.scouting2007.org). Please contact Kirk Engstrom, Council Jamboree Coordinator, at [kirk.engstrom@comcast.net](mailto:kirk.engstrom@comcast.net) or Dan Cooley, Program Director, at [dcooley@bsaemail.org](mailto:dcooley@bsaemail.org) if you're interested.

In order to go, you must:

- ✓ Be a registered Boy Scout (or Venturers) at least 14 years of age. Be of First Class rank (Boy Scout only) by July 27, 2007. That is



specifically those born between July 28, 1989 and July 27, 1993, may take part in the World Jamboree.

- ✓ Participate in the pre-jamboree training experience.
- ✓ File a Personal Health and Medical Form before the jamboree training.
- ✓ Be active in a troop (or Venture Crew) for at least six months prior to July 23, 2007.
- ✓ Venturers need to have camping experience (it is assumed for Boy Scouts).
- ✓ Be approved by the Scoutmaster (or Crew Advisor).
- ✓ Be approved by your local Council
- ✓ Be approved by the Region.

### Service Hours Reported at GoodTurnforAmerica.org

District	Units/Groups	No. Participants	Total Projects	Total Service Hours
Powahay	16	1,016	37	1,842
Scatacook	3	213	8	605
Pomperaug	8	586	22	1,302
Exploring	1	26	1	40
Lighthouse	7	434	30	1,721
Wepawaug Valley	6	624	15	4,354
Sleeping Giant	22	2,110	130	13,382
<b>Council Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4,909</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>23,246</b>

— All data as of February 28, 2006



## 5 Easy Steps to Logging In Your Unit Service Hours

All units do community service projects. National BSA has developed a website to help us collect the data and share it with the public. Every unit leader has been mailed (at least twice) a post card with your unit's access number. Please contact your district executive if you haven't received it.

**1** Log onto <http://www.goodturnforamerica.org>. Click on "Tell Us About Your Project." Follow the link to log in.

**2** If you've never logged in before, you'll need to set up an account. That's what "New Users Click Here" is for. Click your way through and make sure you have your unit access number handy. Your unit number needs four digits, so if you're Pack 12, enter it as Pack 0012. Troop 125, enter as Troop 0125, etc. Remember the username and password you create.



**3** Once you've established an account and logged in, you can view past projects, log in a new one, or log in hours on an Eagle project. Click the appropriate option and then view the next screen.

**4** Select the appropriate category that fits your project.

**5** Complete all boxes and then click "Submit Project."

You're done. That's it. It wasn't so hard after all.

The next screen will display a certificate which you can print and bring to the Scout Store to purchase recognition patches and ribbons.

Please make sure that someone in your unit is responsible for logging in your service hours on a regular basis.

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**CUBS 'STORM' MASCOT** – Cub Scouts went nuts as the Sound Tigers Mascot entered the stands on March 4. Over 300 Cub Scouts and families participated in the Council's annual sleepover at the Sound Tigers.

## Troop 52's Encampment at Valley Forge A Step Back in Time for a Thrill of a Lifetime

By Kevin Moore

Each year, on George Washington's birthday weekend, Boy Scouts from across the United States and around the world are invited to attend a weekend-long "pilgrimage and encampment" at Pennsylvania's Valley Forge to learn about the fledgling American army's six month encampment during 1777-78.

This year marks the 93rd consecutive annual event and is Scouting's oldest continuously running activity in the world. Seven Scouts and four adult leaders from Danbury's Troop 52, made the journey. The Scouts learned about the conditions Washington's army overcame during a long and bitter winter, the role the encampment played in creating a hardened, more disciplined army that would later win American independence from England, and celebrated the spirit and perseverance of those who served and endured.

Sponsored by Pennsylvania's Cradle of Liberty Boy Scout Council, in cooperation with the National Park Service, the annual February event is the sole time of the year that camping is allowed in the Valley Forge National Park. It is open to members of the BSA and their leaders, including male and female Venture Scouts, above the age of eighteen.

Scouts from Troop 52 joined troops from around the country that had already arrived, building an encampment that, by Saturday morning would number some 1,500 Scouts and leaders, covering roughly an acre or more of ground. With an additional 2,000 Scouts and leaders who would come solely for Saturday's daytime activities, this year's pilgrimage and encampment totaled between 3,000 and 4,000 by the end of the weekend.

On Saturday, the Scouts attended the opening day Encampment and Pilgrimage ceremony held at an outdoor hillside amphitheater, originally built to host the



Scouts and leaders from Danbury Troop 52 pose at Valley Forge, PA.

**'Should you be forgotten before you're dead and rotten, either write things worth the reading or do things worth the writing.'**

— Benjamin Franklin

National Boy Scout Jamboree.

The ceremony began with a flag raising and Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a selection of patriotic songs sung by a group of local area a cappella singers. In a poignant moment of silence, U. S. Air Force Sergeant Michael Addis presented an American flag once flown at New York's Ground Zero to the Valley Forge hosts, represented by Michael Caldwell, Valley Forge Superintendent. Caldwell welcomed the Scouts, by now several thousand strong gathered on the hillside. He acknowledged the role Valley Forge played in developing the character of a then, young nation and, referring to the Scouts in attendance, called it a place "where the past and the present come together."

With dismissal at the ceremony's end, the Scouts broke into groups to explore the site. Stations were set up throughout the Park with Revolutionary War period re-enactors dressed appropriate to their individual roles. Keeping to

their characters, the re-enactors described, often in painstaking detail, the duties they would have filled in Washington's army during the encampment.

During the second half of the day the Scouts visited General Washington's headquarters and shelter. General Washington's headquarters was a relatively small house on the grounds which, for the duration of his encampment at Valley Forge, he had rented from the occupants for one hundred pounds Pennsylvania currency. It was from this house that he penned often emotional letters to the Continental Congress imploring immediate aid of food and clothing for his troops during the winter months. It was here that he was visited by other notable patriots who would play significant roles in a later American victory over the English and help establish and sustain a fragile American Republic.

Each year throughout the weekend-long encampment, the sponsors highlight one of the Founding Fathers and weave in stories all weekend long about this individual's role in America's fight for independence.

This year, Ben Franklin was the chosen patriot, in honor of his 300th birthday. Scouts learned much more than they ever knew about this extraordinary American, from his role as patriot and diplomat

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## This Page is YOUR Page

Has your Troop taken an interesting trek lately? Got something you're really proud of? Submit an article and photo to be published on this page of The Scouter.

E-mail your stories (in Word format) and photos (high res .jpg please) to Tony Vogl at [vogl@ctyankee.org](mailto:vogl@ctyankee.org).

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### April

5 – District Committee Meeting  
5 – Commissioner Staff Meeting  
12 – Roundtable  
12 – OA Chapter Meeting  
15-30 – Good Turn for America  
Food Collection

### May

4 – *Volunteer Recognition Dinner*  
6 – District Pinewood Derby  
Championships  
10 – Roundtable  
10 – OA Chapter Meeting  
19-21 – Extravaganza

### June

7 – District Committee Meeting  
7 – Commissioner Staff Meeting  
14 – Council-wide Program Kickoff  
16 – Scout Night at Bluefish

### July

No meetings.

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.

## Powahay's Spring Recruitment Plans

We have set an aggressive goal of recruiting 222 new boys into our ranks this Spring. A seemingly random number, but it will allow our district to turn the corner in June and begin to grow in membership again by the end of the year. When we turn that corner, our district joins the Council's Winner Circle and more importantly, can proudly earn Quality District distinction at the end of the year.

Plans and materials have already been distributed. By the time you receive this, Troops will be hosting open houses and Packs will be inviting current kindergartners to be a part of Tiger Cubs. Remember that all new Cubs recruited this spring receive a free raingutter regatta kit and can sail it at the *Extravaganza*. New Boy Scouts get the opportunity to be energized and get a kick-start at Sequassen or summer camp.

If you need any help, or have other ideas on bringing new boys and their families into Scouting, please contact John Hanks.

## Powahay's Program at Council Extravaganza

Each district has been asked to prepare a gateway and program for the Council Extravaganza. This our chance to showcase the incredible talent and creativity in our district. If you have an idea as to what we could do, revolving around the theme of Physical Fitness, please contact Malcolm Dickinson at malcolm@malcolm.cc.

## Welcome New Units to Our District

Please extend a welcome handshake to our newest programs: Venturing Crew 808 chartered to the Wilton Presbyterian Church and Stamford Pack 8. Crew 808, Dawn Cole - Adviser, is an older Girl Scout troop who saw the benefits and opportunities of partnering with the Boy Scouts of America's co-ed Venturing program. They're planning a trip to Philmont in 2007. Pack 8, Denis Fahey - Cubmaster, draws boys primarily from Stark School. Welcome to both, and more.

## Volunteer Recognition Dinner May 4

The annual Powahay District Volunteer Recognition Dinner is Thursday, May 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Stamford. The highlight of the evening is the presentation of the District Award of Merit, the highest award a district can present. All volunteers and their spouses are invited to attend this dinner in *your* honor. If you haven't received an invitation in the mail, please download one from our district website and send it in by April 20.

## Good Turn for America April Food Drive

All Packs, Troops and Crews are expected to participate in the Council's annual Scouting for Food drive in April. This is a great opportunity for us all to work together and fill the shelves of our local food banks at a time when they're typically low. Please contact Kris Burbank, [kkburbank@yahoo.com](mailto:kkburbank@yahoo.com) for ideas on how your unit can help. *Make sure to log all your service hours and food collection amounts onto the Good Turn for America website. It's a Quality Unit requirement for 2007.*

## Thank You For Your Generosity to FOS

As of the printing of this edition, our district has raised nearly \$75,000 toward our overall Friends of Scouting (FOS) goal of \$105,000. A very sincere Thank You to all the families who have contributed so generously to this year's campaign. FOS helps fund much needed Council programs and services, as well as provides an opportunity to inform families of the "bigger picture" of Scouting outside their unit. If you have not yet made your pledge, please don't pass up this opportunity.

## Roundtables Are For YOU! Where are you?

Every month on the second Wednesday, we host an information-overload session to help you provide a better program to the boys. The problem is, *you're not*

## District Chairman's Charge

I have "officially" been on the job as Powahay District Chairman for a little over two months. In this short time I have developed an appreciation for the energy, spirit, commitment and dedication of the many fine volunteers who are part of the Powahay District team.

As many of you know, we had our first Annual District Retreat in early February at the Darien Shaw cabin with all unit and committee leaders and other Scouters invited to attend. We had a great turnout and used the opportunity to share our vision for the District, explain how the District works and reinforce the fundamental purpose of the District – that is to assist the units in every way we can to ensure their continued growth and development. We also received good feedback from many participants which will help shape future District efforts, and had a number of people volunteer to take on important roles in the Program, Membership and Finance areas of our group.

We are off to a great start in 2006 and together we will provide an even more exciting Scouting program to all Scouts and Scouters in Powahay District.

— Bob Eason, District Chairman

coming. Cub Scout Roundtables introduce leaders to the upcoming month's theme and programs and gives a 40+ page packet of tips and tricks to make your meetings and activities shine. Boy Scout Roundtables feature presenters to introduce you to community resources and programs you may not have thought of. There's never a bad time to start coming to Roundtables. They're the second Wednesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. *Don't be square. Be well-rounded. Come to Roundtable.*

## Trick Patch Question ...

What is the purple patch just above the left pocket of your shirt? This question has been asked at many boards for the rank of Star to Eagle. The most popular response is "I don't know." All Scouts and Leaders to signify membership of our program in the World Scouting Movement wear the World Crest patch. This patch shows our brotherhood with millions of Scouts around the world.

## District E-News

Stay current and in the know. Our district publishes a weekly e-mail newsletter every Monday with what's happening. To subscribe, e-mail [vogl@ctyankee.org](mailto:vogl@ctyankee.org).

## Advancement Notes

*"Making sure boys get leadership experiences is one of the most valuable things a Scoutmaster does. The more ways he uses to plant leadership opportunities, the better the chance the seeds will grow ... Leadership development, remember, is not only for the Scouts who are leaders but for the Scouts who aren't."* (Scoutmaster Handbook)

A Boy Scout troop offers a wide range of leadership positions for Scouts. But recently, Life Scout answers regarding the question of "serving actively" in a position of responsibility, have been revealing about these leadership roles. Whether a boy is selected for, or elected to a position, does he fully know what his responsibilities are in that position? And is he being given the training and responsibilities to carry it out?

Unfortunately, in many instances, boys answers to the challenges, rewards or personal gains of leadership positions are often unclear or void of any substance. Is the Board to assume that the Scout was unaware of the responsibilities of the position and held it just to satisfy Eagle requirement 4? Did he serve "actively" in the position? Does a Troop Scribe serve "actively" if he only takes attendance at weekly meetings he

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### May

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14 – Council Program Kick Off  
17-18 – Me and My Shadow

### Commissioner Corner

Unit Leaders and Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to a fellow Scouter, your Unit Commissioner.

Your Unit Commissioner is selected by your District Commissioner, to work with your Unit: Pack, Troop, and Crew. The task of your Unit Commissioner is many fold, just some of the tasks are as follows:

- To help each Unit earn the Quality Unit Award.
- To listen to what Leaders and parents have to say.
- To maintain GOOD Unit relationship.
- To keep you up-to-date on events and trainings.
- To visit with your unit committee when it appears necessary, offering suggestions and help work on solutions to solve problems.

These are just some of the duties of your Unit Commissioner.

Get to know them. They are there to help you and your sons have a quality program.

— Richard H. Barton, District Commissioner

### 'Walk Like an Egyptian'

No not the hit song but Cub Scout Day Camp. This summer your son can hunt for King Tut's treasure, learn to shoot archery, and make new friends. Cub Scout Day Camp will be held in Scatacook District at Hoyt Scout Reservation in Redding. Camp will run from August 7-11. If you sign up before may 1st you qualify for the early bird discount of \$150, and if your son signs up for a second week it will only cost \$85! If you are interested in volunteering attends for free. For more information, please visit the Council website.

### Klondike Derby

Scouts started arriving at Hoyt Scout Reservation on Friday February 3rd with no snow in sight. But not even the lack of snow could dampen the spirits of all the Scouts and Scouters in attendance, for the scouts knew that they were there to prove that Scouts were "Always Prepared." After a Scout's Own Service and a campfire hosted by the Order of the Arrow the scouts settled in to bed before the competition began on Saturday. In the morning the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts started on the course. The days events started with a uniform drive where 20 uniform parts and a food drive

where 242 pounds of food was collected.

Among the Boy Scouts the Panther Patrol from Troop 370 took 1st place, the Duct Tape patrol from Troop 70 took 2nd place, and Rock 33 from Troop 33 took 3rd place with only 2 points separating the first place team and the third place team. Among the Webelos Den 1 from Pack 70 took first place, the Cobras from Pack 5 took 2nd place and Den 2 from Pack 5 took 3rd place.

Thank you again Troops 15, 40, 54, 71 for hosting the Klondike Derby.

### Friends of Scouting

We are now in four months into our annual FOS fundraising campaign and we are making vast strides towards reaching our goal of \$82,500. If your Pack, Troop or Crew has not had a presentation already and would like to sign up for a presentation date contact Bill Calderara or Dominic Gualtieri.

### Order of the Arrow Chapter Meetings

Chapter Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at St. Thomas Church in Bethel. The meetings start at 7:30. All Brothers are invited to attend.

### Thoughts from your District Chairman

Since our last publication, Scatacook District has been quite busy. On January 26, 2006 we hosted the Connecticut Yankee Council 2006 Recognition Dinner at the Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury, and honored CYC's new Silver Beaver recipients. We are especially proud of our own Wade Anderson and Bob O'Neil who were honored with this award. Again, we extend hearty CONGRATULATIONS to these two noteworthy Scatacook leaders. We also express our appreciation to Jay Lubin, Past District Chairman, who chaired this event and his committee. We were just shy of 200 people in attendance and were especially pleased that the weather cooperated with this big event. Thank you, Jay for being such an outstanding master of ceremonies and to all who assisted in making this event such a memorable evening. Jay is also our new Council Vice-President and we wish him well in his new leadership position.

Scatacook District held it's 2006 Klondike on February 3rd and 4th at Hoyt Scout Reservation in Redding and we wish to thank Scouter, Paul Degener and his committee for coordinating such an outstanding event. Despite the lack of snow, everyone enjoyed a wonderful day of fun and good competition. CONGRATULATIONS to Troop 370 of Newtown that won First Place and to everyone else that earned recognition. Also special thanks to Scatacook Chapter, Order of the Arrow who hosted Friday evening's campfire and the OA Breakfast the following morning at 6:30 AM. Colin O'Brien, Chapter Officer built the campfire and did a splendid job overseeing this activity. Scatacook District is most grateful to everyone that contributed their labor and cheerful service to our successful 2006 Klondike.

Recently, Troop 15 of Redding received a \$1,427.00 check from Ridgefield Bank's Georgetown office. CONGRATULATIONS to Unit Commissioner, Paul Degener, District Vice-Chairman of Finance, Bill Calderara and their Scouts. Scouts that assisted with the bank's Charity Coin Drive to benefit local Boy Scout programs include Evan Tiefenthaler, Mark Dorenbosch, John Brunner, Glen Ullman. Good work, Scouts!

Scatacook District is especially proud of Scouter George Silver who was honored on Friday, February 10th at Congregation B'nai Torah in Trumbull. George was presented with the coveted Shofar Award that gives recognition for outstanding service to Jewish youth in Scouting. George is also Wood Badge trained and is an adult leader of Troop 370 in Newtown. CONGRATULATIONS, George, for receiving this noteworthy and well deserved recognition!

Our next big event is the EXTRAVAGANZA that is scheduled on May 19th, 20th and 21st. We are in the early planning stages for this colossal event and invite you to visit CYC's website for details. Your District Committee has great volunteers working on key committees that will Deliver the Promise of Scouting to our leaders of tomorrow ..... our sons and daughters.

Please attend our Roundtable meetings that are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We meet at 7:30 P.M. at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church on Main Street and always have great things to share that will contribute to the quality of your Scout Unit. Hope to see you there!

— Tom Maxwell, District Chairman

## POMPERAUG DISTRICT

*Serving the communities of Stratford, Bridgeport, Fairfield, Westport, Weston, Easton, Trumbull and Monroe.*

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### April

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

### May

2 – District Committee Meeting  
9 – Roundtable  
9 – OA Chapter Meeting

### June

6 – District Committee Meeting  
13 – District Steak Roast

### Okpik A Success!

The annual Pomperaug Klondike was held at Hoyt Scout Reservation on January 20-22. While there wasn't a single snowflake, the event was a success. Thanks to Troop 38 for their planning and enthusiasm for the Okpik. It was a day filled with exciting games of skill, initiative and good clean fun.

In place of a Spring Camporee this year, the Council is hosting an Extravaganza. Your troop is encouraged to register to camp with units from all across the council and participate in some really cool activities. The Extravaganza is May 19-21 at the Bethany Airport.

### Pomperaug Recognizes Some Super Volunteers!

Several volunteers were recognized for their contributions to Scouting at the Pomperaug District Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 16.

The **Spark Plug Award**, given to a Scouter who has been the "spark" for a district-wide activity was presented to Michelle Wendt, Meg Jones and Steve Jepson.

The **Key Three Award**, which recognizes "key" volunteers selected by the Key Three District Leaders (district executive, district commissioner and district chairman), was presented to Doug Heim, Bill Amidon and Pamela Robinson.

The **First Class Scouter Award**, which recognizes Scouters who have done an exceptional job in the district in the past year was presented to Dan Marazita, Luis Rodriguez, David Mestre, and Sharon Richardson.

The highest award the district can present is the **District Award of Merit**, which went to John Neary, Ira Goldman, and Pamela Robinson.

### Scout Sunday at Our Lady of the Assumption

Sunday, Feb. 19 was Scout Sunday at Our Lady of Assumption Church. This family Mass was attended by several units including Pack 92, Pack 95, Troop 82 and Troop 90. Our Cub and Boy Scouts played an active role in

the service as well as answering questions about Scouting at a social following the service. Thank you to all the Scouts who attended and Al Kelly for his organization of this event to help bring Scouting to the community.

### Spring Recruiting

It's Tiger Mania time! May is the month where we encourage boys finishing kindergarten to join Tiger Scouts. Boys who join Tiger Scouts receive a Raingutter Regatta kit that they can make in preparation for a race at the Extravaganza on May 20th.

All Cub Scouts who join this April and May are also eligible for a Raingutter Regatta boat.

If you are currently a Scout and would like your friends to join, we have something for you! Scouts who recruit another boy into their pack, troop or crew will receive the Recruiter patch. This patch is only for Scouts who have recruited another Scout, so you will be one of only a few who have it.

### Does Your Webelo Need A Troop To Join?

Is your Webelo without a troop? If your Webelo is finishing the fifth grade and needs a troop, let us help. We have over 25 troops in our district and there is one that will fit your style. By contacting us for troop information, we can ensure that your son continues along his Scouting path, including spending his first summer as a Scout at a week long resident camp. This is a crucial time for your Webelos. If he does not find a troop shortly after leaving his pack, his odds of returning to Scouting and the program that instills values, citizenship and character are, small. Help your son stay in Scouting — call us today!

### Cub Training a Huge Success!

Congratulations to the 22 adult leaders who completed Cub Scout Leader Basic Training on January 21st in Monroe. These dedicated adults will make a huge difference in the lives of Scouts by becoming trained leaders and bringing a great program to their Cub Scouts!



**TOP** – There was a fierce competition in the Two Man Saw event at the Pomperaug District Okpik.



**LEFT** – Troop 34 stokes the fire in the water boiling competition.

**BELOW** – Who needs snow for sleds?



The following completed training: Christie Benet, Eddie Jensen, Tracy Bowling and Lani Siciliani from Pack 262; Jim Folhcick and Karen Marlin from Pack 261; Colleen Cariero, Al Fabrizi, Mark Smith and Dawn Barbierri from Pack 63; Vivian Philbrick, Kathleen Didio, Richard Bauer,

Sonia Wells, Jennifer Kalotai from Pack 162; Brian Stanton and Wayne Rodriguez from Pack 88; Jacques Benoit from Pack 196; Tina Lee, Lisa Bernardo and Randy Pine from Pack 80; Bill Parcel from Pack 902.

# SCOUT NIGHT @

# CUTTERS OR BLUEFISH

The Connecticut Yankee Council is pleased to offer two great opportunities to catch a great game of baseball, enjoy a movie, fireworks and a fun campout. Last year, over 1,400 Cubs and families participated in these two great games. You can be a part of it too.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**— Join the New Haven County Cutters for a great game of baseball and a unique camping experience in the outfield at historic Yale Field. The night includes an exclusive autograph session with Cutters players and Tripper after the game; late night snacks and breakfast in the morning; Monster kickball game; movie on the field and a Patch. Only \$10.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16** — See the Bridgeport Bluefish knock the ball out of the park, march in a parade around the field prior to the game, watch fireworks, toss a ball in the outfield, catch a flick on the jumbotron and enjoy a great campout. There's no better way to celebrate Father's Day weekend than a game with dad.

Visit [www.ctyankee.org](http://www.ctyankee.org) to download flyers for both games. Be sure to send your registrations in early as the games do sell out.

## WEPAWAUG VALLEY DISTRICT

*Serving the communities of Bethany, Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge.*

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## Friends Of Scouting

We are off to a good start this year with FOS. However many Packs and Troops have not signed up for a presentation date. Friends of Friends provides for liability insurance, training events, four top-rated camps, and outreach programs. Friends of Scouting is vital and urgent to ensure the continued benefits of Scouting to the youth in our area. FOS goes directly back into helping your pack or troop, so schedule your presentation today!

## Famoree

Wepawaug Valley Cub Scouts are busy planning their adventure at Tooney Town Famoree 2006! Be sure your Pack is ready to join the fun, and sign up today! For more information about the famoree visit our district website.

## District Dinner

The annual District Recognition Dinner is Wednesday, May 10, 6 to 9 p.m. at Costa-Azzurra Restaurant in Milford. Come help us celebrate our accomplishments and recognize those Scouters who go above and beyond.

Please contact Dee McLenithan with any questions. A flyer is available on the district website.

## It's Scouting's Fault

As I put pen to paper, this has not been a very auspicious week for the state of Connecticut. Our disgraced governor, John Rowland, is getting out of the federal penitentiary for bribery and corruption charges. At about the same time, a state senator, Ernest Newton, will be starting his five-year sentence for the same thing. The ex-mayor of Bridgeport, Joe Ganim, has about another seven and a half years to go on his term for bribery and corruption.

And this shocking lack of integrity is not limited only to Connecticut nor, for that matter, to government. The Enron trials are beginning in the Southern District of New York and, if proven, will be the largest stock fraud in the history of the world.

This lack of character and integrity in our society is shocking. I blame this on Scouting. For almost one hundred years we have held ourselves out as the premier youth training organization. Character and integrity have always been the basic building blocks of this training. After all, it is no accident that the Scout Law begins with "trustworthy," and the oath begins with "on my honor." Certainly we have done an excellent job with many youth. In my opinion, Neil Armstrong would not have walked on the moon but for his scout training, and I know that this lawyer would not have practiced law for 25 years "helping others" without his scout training as a youth. We simply are not reaching enough boys.

Since the 1970's our ranks have decreased by almost one third. We have been the victims of some bad publicity, be it a few "bad apples" or our stance on some moral issues, and it has caused us to turn inward, away from the community. We run Camp-o-rees and Klondike Derbies for our youth members, which is wonderful, but we no longer reach out to the community with Scout-a-ramas, emergency preparedness demonstrations, and other activities which bring the general public into our world. In the 1930's Boy Scouts ushered at all sporting events held at Yale Bowl, according to Sam Bogen in his wonderful book, *No Larger Fields, the History of a Boy Scout Council 1910-1963*. We need to reach that level of community involvement again.

I call upon all of you to reach out to your fellow members of the community; let them know that you're part of the scouting movement. Let's all plan and support activities that reach out to the general public more, so we can spotlight our organization and draw more boys into this excellent program.

As society becomes more technologically complex and its wealth increases, the opportunities for an individual without character and integrity to do great damage are increased tremendously. Only we can instill the values in our boys which will keep our society functioning into this century.

— Tom Young, District Chairman

### April

- 4 – Boy Scout Roundtable
- 7 – Cub Scout Roundtable
- 9 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 26 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 26 – District Committee Meeting
- 28-30 – Fam-O-Ree

### May

- 2 – Boy Scout Roundtable
- 5 – Cub Scout Roundtable
- 10 – District Recognition Dinner
- 14 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 25 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 25 – District Committee Meeting

### June

- 5 – Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leader Picnic
- 28 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 28 – District Committee Meeting

### July

- 26 – District Committee Meeting
- 26 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 27 – Fall Round-Up Planning Meeting

## LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

*Serving the communities of  
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### April

- 4 – District Committee Meeting
- 4 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 8 – District Pinewood Derby
- 11 – Roundtable
- 11 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 25 – Key 3 Meeting

### May

- 2 – District Committee Meeting
- 2 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 9 – Roundtable
- 9 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 30 – Key Four Meeting

### June

- 2-4 – Webelos Woods
- 4 – Membership Inventory Day
- 6 – District Committee Meeting
- 6 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 13 – District Recognition Dinner
- 27 – Key 3 Meeting

### District Annual Dinner

Join us Tuesday, June 13 at the Tabor Lutheran Church in Branford as we salute the volunteers of Lighthouse District. You won't want to miss the presentation of the District Award of Merit, Unit Shining Star Awards and more. The evening begins with a reception at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the program beginning at 7:45 p.m. Registrations at the door are strongly discouraged. Please be considerate and pre-register. Donna Parker, 203.488.4341, coordinates this event.

### Shining Star Award

Without quality volunteers, the Packs, Troops and Crews of Lighthouse would not be able to function. Once again Lighthouse has the privilege of supporting our units in the recognition of their valued adult volunteers. Each Pack, Troop or Crew from the district may nominate up to three individuals to receive this honor. Please submit a separate form for each volunteer nominated.

These awards will be presented at the upcoming District Dinner. A

profile of the accomplishments and contributions of your "Shining Star" will be part of the ceremony. A committee of leaders from your Unit should determine who should be recognized this year as a Shining Star. Please be sure to arrange for your recipient to be present at the dinner. Please download the recognition form from the Lighthouse Website at return it before June 1. Awards received after June 1 will not be accepted.

### District Award of Merit

Each Year Lighthouse awards two deserving volunteers with the highest award the District can present. The District Award of Merit is awarded to volunteers who support the units of the District through tireless support of District initiative.

Although the recommendation form is only one page, a successful recommendation will be much longer, highlighting the Scouting experience of the volunteer. Please give the volunteer the credit they deserve, detailed recommendations are valued more than short recommendations. These are also due by June 1.

### Friends of Scouting Campaign Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our FOS campaign. So far we're off to a great start toward our \$30,000 goal. Please help Scouting in your community by pledging at your Unit's presentation. For more information contact our FOS Chairman, Russ Amato at 203.488.7475 or rbrfrig@sbcglobal.net.

### Save the Date for Webelos Woods

The Lighthouse Annual Webelos Woods will take place at Lake Quanaog in Guilford on June 2-4. This event is for Scouts who will be in Webelos I or II this fall. We are also looking for a Boy Scout Troop or Troops to assist the Cubs in the activities. For more information, please contact John Rochette.

### Scout Welcome

Lighthouse is proud to introduce Kirk Engstrom as our new District Commissioner. Kirk is an Eagle

Scout, who has served in numerous Scouting positions, his most current being the Scoutmaster for Troop 463. We look forward to his service in our District.

### 2006 Klondike Derby

The Lighthouse District Klondike Derby was held at Deer Lake Scout Reservation on January 28. In spite of the spring like weather and a lack of snow, the seven units who attended had an enjoyable weekend camping and participating in various Scout related activities for a reward of gold nuggets. The overall winners of the Derby were Troop 463 Northford followed by Troop 421 Branford in second place, and Troop 515 New Haven in third. The sled race was won by one of two patrols from Troop 428 Branford.

The Scouts from Troop 428 hosted an excellent campfire program on Saturday evening as part of their Communications Merit Badge. A special thanks to Andrew Parfitt for all of his hard work and effort in coordinating the event. Fun was had by all!

# SAVE THE DATE

## Connecticut Yankee Council 2006 Program Kickoff Wednesday, June 16

*Information overload on Council programs, activities and opportunities  
to better prepare you to run a high-quality unit program.*

**STAY TUNED FOR SPECIFICS ON TIME & LOCATION.**

## SLEEPING GIANT DISTRICT

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

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### April

- 4 – District Committee Meeting
- 25 – Roundtable
- 25 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 29 – Pinewood Derby
- 30 – OA Chapter Meeting

### May

- 2 – District Committee Meeting
- 8 – Roundtable
- 23 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 30 – OA Chapter Meeting

### June

- 7 – District Committee Meeting
- 11 – District Recognition Dinner
- 26 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 27 – Commissioner Staff Meeting

### July

- 5 – District Committee Meeting
- 30 – OA Chapter Meeting

## Popcorn Sale!

Make money for your unit, have fun and earn prizes while you do it. The annual Trail's End popcorn sale is nearly upon us. This fall your unit can earn thousands of dollars through just one fund raiser, simply by selling gourmet popcorn. Spend more time in the outdoors doing fun activities and less time earning money for your troop. The Show & Sell Program is an easy way to earn money for your unit. Order your popcorn, setup in front of a popular store in town, and sell your product; no delivery required! Make this fundraiser your number one and only money earning project of the year! Each unit is asked to elect a Popcorn Chairperson to be the contact for this project. If your unit has not sold popcorn in the past, a member of the popcorn committee will set up an appointment to speak with the unit committee about the sale. Contact Peter Greenbacker at 203.627.2357 or petergrnbkr@sbcglobal.net for more information.

## Friends of Scouting Campaign Update

The Sleeping Giant Friends of Scouting campaign is well on its way toward reaching our \$45,000 goal by April 1. We have been leading the pack in fundraising this year, raising over 57% of our goal by Feb. 28. Thank you to everyone who has helped to sustain Scouting programs in our communities.

For more information about FOS please contact Finance Chairman, Caroline Griffin at 203.710.8119 or twinsand@snet.net.

## District Annual Dinner

Please join us Monday, June 12 as we salute the volunteers of our district at our annual District Dinner. Any and all volunteers, parents or leaders are invited.

Registration at the door are strongly discouraged as food and seating is planned prior to the evening. Please be considerate and register on time. This event is being coordinated by Roger Poggio at 203.639.5845 or rogerpoggio-sgdc@yahoo.com.

## Good Turn for America

On April 16th, our district will be participating in a Council-wide Scouting for Food program. Many food banks have asked us to change our focus from the fall to the spring. The Council, through a volunteer-led effort, is making food collection in the spring our project to support our communities.

Each unit will be asked to man either a collection center, help the gain public awareness for this project and report their progress to the district Scouting for food Chairman and report to the Good Turn for America website. Please mark the date of April 16th on your calendar and join the rest of the Council on this massive one day service project.

## National Earth Day

Join us as we clean up our planet on National Earth Day on April 22. All across America, millions of Scouts will be participating in Earth Day. It's a special time for everyone to get involved in an environmental service project to improve upon their country, block to block, neighborhood by neighborhood. Sleeping Giant units participating in a service project on April 23 should contact Civic Service Chairman, Dave Lyons at 203.634.7730 or back2mountains@yahoo.com. A list of Earth Day Service Projects can be compiled and forwarded on to the local media for coverage. The list will be compiled on April 15.

## Veteran Award Applications

If you have served actively in Scouting for 5 years or more, you are eligible to receive the Veteran Award. Tenure of service is important to the Sleeping Giant District and the National Organization of the Boy Scouts of America. This is a self nominated form, however others may nominate their peers if they know the number of years of service. These awards will be presented at the District Recognition Dinner in June. Applications should be sent to Christopher

See **SLEEPING GIANT**, Page 23

## Webelos to Scout Transition

Spring is a time of change in Nature. And so it is in Scouting. From early February through June our units see an annual cycle of renewal as Webelos leave their Packs and cross over into Scout Troops. On the surface it seems so easy – our boys “cross over”. But “cross over” means “change.” Webster defines “change” as “to make different.” And the Boy Scout program is different than Cub Scouting.

Critical to making our boys' cross over a success is helping them and their parents to understand this difference.

Transitioning from an environment where activities and goals are adult-led/adult-initiated to one where the boy is the leader is a big step. Clearly understanding the goal of the Boy Scout program (boy-led/boy-initiated) and how that affects him will help a new Scout start his journey from boy to man and parents to complete their journey from Akela to coach. Communicating this message and the new expectations should start with Cub leadership in the Webelos program and continue with Boy Scout leadership through a boy's first year in his Troop.

Marketing wisdom says that people need to hear a message a minimum of 5-10 times before they can understand and fully accept it. Make sure you help our boys and their parents get the message they need to make their cross over to Scouting a success. Make transition talks a regular part of your program.

Congratulations to all our new Boy Scouts and their families.

— *Lynn Crisci, Vice-Chairman for Membership*



## What a Blast!

This year's Cub Scout Blizzard Blast was a huge success. The ground was coated with snow just in time, the temperature was just right and the air was filled with an energized Scouting Sprit.

Over 280 registered Scouts and Scouters enjoyed outdoor stations such as snowball relay, ski race, Klondike sled race, fastest campfire, snow shoe hike, sled dog team of Joanne Tom & Aleto, and Tom Harwood and the Civil War reenactment group. Thank you for being part of this winter event.

— *Ray Moncevicus, Blizzard Blast Co-Chairman*

## LEARNING for LIFE & EXPLORING

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

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**April**  
18 – Exploring District Advisors & Youth Officers Meeting

**May**  
13 – Stations Day (Police Explorers)  
16 – Exploring District Advisors & Youth Officers Meeting  
16 – Exploring Advisor Leader Training  
18 – Learning for Life Picnic

**June**  
20 – Exploring District Advisors & Youth Officers Meeting

**July**  
23-30 – Law Academy

### Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program

The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program is currently seeking award-winning U.S. public school principal or assistant principals of middle and high schools interested in traveling to Brazil to learn more about the Brazilian educational system and to share best practices in school leadership, teacher development, and community involvement. The program is also seeking suitable hosts for the inbound Brazilian Principals in December 2006. Application Deadline – April 7, 2006. For more specific information about hosting Brazilians and/or applying to the Brazil Principal Seminar, please visit the website under the OTHER OPPORTUNITIES page: <http://www.fulbrightexchanges.org/View/ViewOtherOpps.asp>

### "NASA Corner"

Two educator guides about living and working in space are available on NASA's Web site. Spacewalking is suited for Grades 5-12, focusing on the technology behind spacesuits. Briefly discussed are the space environment, the history of spacewalking, NASA's current spacesuits and the work that astronauts do during spacewalks. Classroom activities, a glossary, NASA resources and a glossary are included in the guide.

Space Food and Nutrition, for grades K-8, emphasizes hand-on and cooperative involvement of students as they explore the unique problems of keeping astronauts healthy in space. The educator guides are available at the following locations:

Suited for Spacewalking:  
[http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/topnav/materials/listbytype/Suited\\_for\\_Spacewalking\\_Educator\\_Guide.html](http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/topnav/materials/listbytype/Suited_for_Spacewalking_Educator_Guide.html)

Space Food and Nutrition:  
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### Exploring Law Enforcement Post 1639 Celebrates & Names Officers

Reprinted with permission from the Guilford Courier, January 9, 2006.

A growing group of young adults have making their mark at the Guilford Police Department as members of its new Police Explorers program. On January 9, Explorer Post 1639 was recognized for nearly a year's worth of accomplishments, culminating with the announcements of four explorers promoted to officers.

At the event, Chief of Police Thomas A Terrible explained to the Explorers and their parents that while Guilford has not had a post since the 1980's, the program was something the department had "...tried hard to re-establish."

The opportunity arose after Officer Angela Moreno, a former Fairfield Police Explorer, joined the department. Terrible asked Moreno to help build a new Explorer Post in Guilford as soon as she was ready.

Becoming an Explorer helped Moreno decide on a career in law enforcement, Moreno told the group. "That's how I knew what I wanted to do. I'm proud and excited that I was a part of this and glad to help others," she said.

In addition to Moreno, Guilford Police Officers Tim Bernier and Dane Lawrence signed on as Post Advisors. Guilford's Police Explorer Post 1639 was established in February 2005, and began meeting in March.

***'That's how I knew what I wanted to do. I'm proud and excited that I was a part of this and glad to help others.'***

– Officer Angela Moreno, a former Fairfield Police explorer

"It's gone from a few kids to 18. It's a great program and they're doing great stuff with the kids," said Chief Terrible.

Police Commission Chairman Tom Cole was also on hand at the Jan. 9th event, where he thanked those who participated, including the "...three fine officers who sponsor and run it."

The Guilford Police Explorers presently include 14 Guilford residents and 4 Madison residents. Explorers must be between the ages of 14 (having completed the 8th grade) and 21. The group currently has one female member, Megan Robinson, 14. She said she signed up for several reasons. "Since my dad is a police officer, I thought it would be fun to try. I'm also interested in forensic science," she said. Her months with the Explorers have already proved to Robinson something about what her father, Guilford Police Lt. Robert Robinson, does for a living. "It's more hard work than I think it is," she said.

Explorers train in many programs related to law enforcement, from officer safety to communication codes, traffic stops to prisoner control. Members of the Guilford Fire Dept. train Guilford Police Explorers in First Aid and CPR. Explorers also learn skills from attending training events with other posts. The posts compete at an annual New England Stations compete in May.

Last year, Post 1639 was among 550 state Explorers from 45 police departments at the May event, testing skills such as crime scene evidence processing, building-clearing, and an agility test. Although still a relatively new group, Post 1639 took home an award, thanks to members Scott Pierce and Kyle Teahan, who took second in the Active Shooter Training exercise.

In addition to last year's training and competition participation, the Guilford Explorers volunteered for community service by providing Kid Care Kits at the Guilford Fair, Durham Fair, Community Nursery School's Little Folks Fair and a public health and safety event at the Yale-New Haven Shoreline Medical Center. Post 1639 will be led by its new officers, selected by the Post Advisors and announced for the first time on Jan.9th.

The new officers are: Erik Lethenstrom, Captain; Brandon Cheeseman, Sergeant; Justin MacArthur, Sergeant; and Tom Juncadella, Corporal.

### Catholic



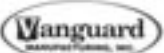

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Scouts to its annual "Follow in His Footsteps" Retreat Weekend. This fun and reflective weekend is happening June 2-4 at Camp Mattatuck located in Plymouth. The weekend is great opportunity for Packs, Troops, and Crews to enjoy, reflect, and engage in spiritual development.

For a copy of the flyer and registration information ask your local District Executive at your monthly Roundtable or look for it on the web under "Catholic Committees" on the Council website.

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## Powahay

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attends and doesn't know what happens to the attendance sheet after he gives it to the Scoutmaster? Does a Quartermaster serve "actively" if his only role is to make sure equipment is cleaned after an outing?

Scoutmasters are at the top of the troop organizational chart. The Scoutmaster needs to make sure that each boy holding a leadership position fully understands what must be done. Job descriptions for each role are in the Scoutmaster's Handbook and are readily available. An organizational chart showing where each role fits in is also helpful. The Scout should also be given a goal to reach or achieve. They should be given periodic evaluations and supervision.

Just as important is that the boy is part of a team of other youth leaders (Shared Leadership) who work together to make sure the troop delivers a fun, challenging and exciting learning experience. If the boy is supervised by a senior Scout, he should review how the boy is handling the position. It's also good to remember that these boys are looking for adults who are willing to be good listeners and role models. The Scoutmaster provides the troop with understanding, guidance, and encouragement during some of the most important periods of their youth.

No boy should state that he only held one position while a Scout, or did not learn anything new, or was not challenged by a position of responsibility that he held. When every position is filled and working effectively, the Troop is assured to satisfy the three aims of Scouting: to build character, to foster citizenship, and to develop fitness.

"Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile." —Vince Lombardi

## Registration

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*Application the applicant is agreeing to the Criminal Background Check.*

Next, the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Skipper must sign the youth's application. Adult applications must be signed and approved by the designated unit or district Scouters as explained above. The final signature on adult applications is that of the District (or Council) Executive.

✓ **Local Council Copy** – the only copy of any application that should be submitted to

Council. We will not mail other copies back to the unit.

✓ **Unit's Must Retain** the Unit Copies of all applications and have parents fill out the medical information on the backs of the youth applications. These are important for unit records.

✓ **Chartered Organization Copy** of Adult Applications should be retained by the Chartered Organization for their records. They are the ones who approved the applicants.

If there are any questions about applications or any paperwork, please feel free to call Kathy Znosko, Council Registrar at extension 262.

## Sleeping Giant

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Guarniere prior to April 23 to ensure they're processed in time for the dinner. An application is available for download from the Sleeping Giant district website.

### District Award of Merit

Each year the Sleeping Giant District awards two deserving volunteers with the highest award that a district can present. The District Award of Merit is awarded to volunteers who support the units of the district through tireless support of district initiatives.

It should be noted, while the recommendation form is only one page, a successful recommendation will be much longer, highlighting the scouting experience of the volunteer being recommended. Please give the volunteer that you recommend the credit they deserve, detailed recommendations are valued more than short recommendations. All Award of Merit recommendations are due by Friday, May 13 in order to be considered.

## Valley Forge

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to his love of science and invention, his role as public benefactor to his seldom recognized military leadership skills he earned as a younger man in service to Great Britain.

## Tiger Mania 2006

Tiger Mania begins on May 15. Packs that run a summertime program should begin recruiting the current kindergarten class of boys. Get your Scouts signed up early before sports and other activities can draw them away. Our Vice Chairman for Members, Lynn Crisci, 203.288.9029 or lcc0202@sbcglobal.net, has lots of ideas to help.

### Advancement in the Unit

Once a board of review has certified a boy's advancement, he deserves to receive recognition as soon as possible. This should take place no later than at a ceremony at the next troop meeting. The certificate for his new rank may be presented later at a formal Court of Honor. This policy should be adhered to awarding merit badges.

A boy will gain confidence as he advances and instant recognition will increase his self-confidence, peer-confidence and confidence in his leaders. Presently we find all too often that units are not submitting

As we departed Valley Forge, I asked Mr. Franklin what advice he would offer our Scouts.

He replied by quoting a favorite line penned from his Poor Richard's Almanac: "Should you be forgotten before you're dead and rotten, either write things worth the reading or do things



Venturers from across the Council participated in the first annual Okemo Ski Trip this past January. Find out other great opportunities for your older Scouts and girls at the Venturing Roundtables.

advancement reports in timely fashion and in many instance, recognition is not forthcoming in a timely fashion. We ask that your unit adopt a policy of instant recognition so that boys realize their achievements as soon as possible. For more information or questions about your units advancement, please contact the Advancement Chairman, Clark Doehr at 203.634.7712.

### Sleeping Giant Health & Safety Page

We are pleased to announce the release of our very own Health and Safety Website. Information about tour permits, medical forms, the guide to safe scouting, age appropriate activities and the west Nile virus are available on this website. If your unit has a question about what are appropriate activities, are wondering what medical form to fill out for summer camp, or need a copy of the medical form for camp...this website is for you.

To access this website visit our district website and follow the "Health & Safety" link on the left hand side of the webpage.

worth the writing. In other words," he said in the direction of the Scouts, "Tell them to always strive to make something of themselves." These young men are well on their way.

### Wanted!

Wanted — a few good volunteers for the Sleeping Giant District! The district's function is to support our units and to administer the Scouting program in the six towns that we serve. This important task cannot be achieved without the great volunteers on the district committee and commissioner staff. No matter your interest, unit service, activities, training, health & safety, communications, public relations, advancement, fundraising, membership recruitment, or something else, we have a place for you.

### Court of Honor Invites

Our District Leadership team would like to visit with your unit at special ceremonies like Courts of Honor, Blue & Golds or Webelos to Scout Crossovers and like events. If your unit is having a recognition event the members of the District Key Four will make every effort to attend this special event. Contact information for your district leadership can be found on our district website.

# tell *your* story @ boyscoutsnews.com



The Connecticut Yankee Council Marketing Committee has developed a state-of-the-art web resource to help you spread a positive message about Scouting to your community. This website was developed to make it easy for you to create and send a press release to all the media in your town/area with just the click of a button.

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*Use this website to share the good word.*

Visit [www.boyscoutsnews.com](http://www.boyscoutsnews.com) today. Follow the link for "New User," and contact your District Executive for the authorization code. Then you're ready to go.

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