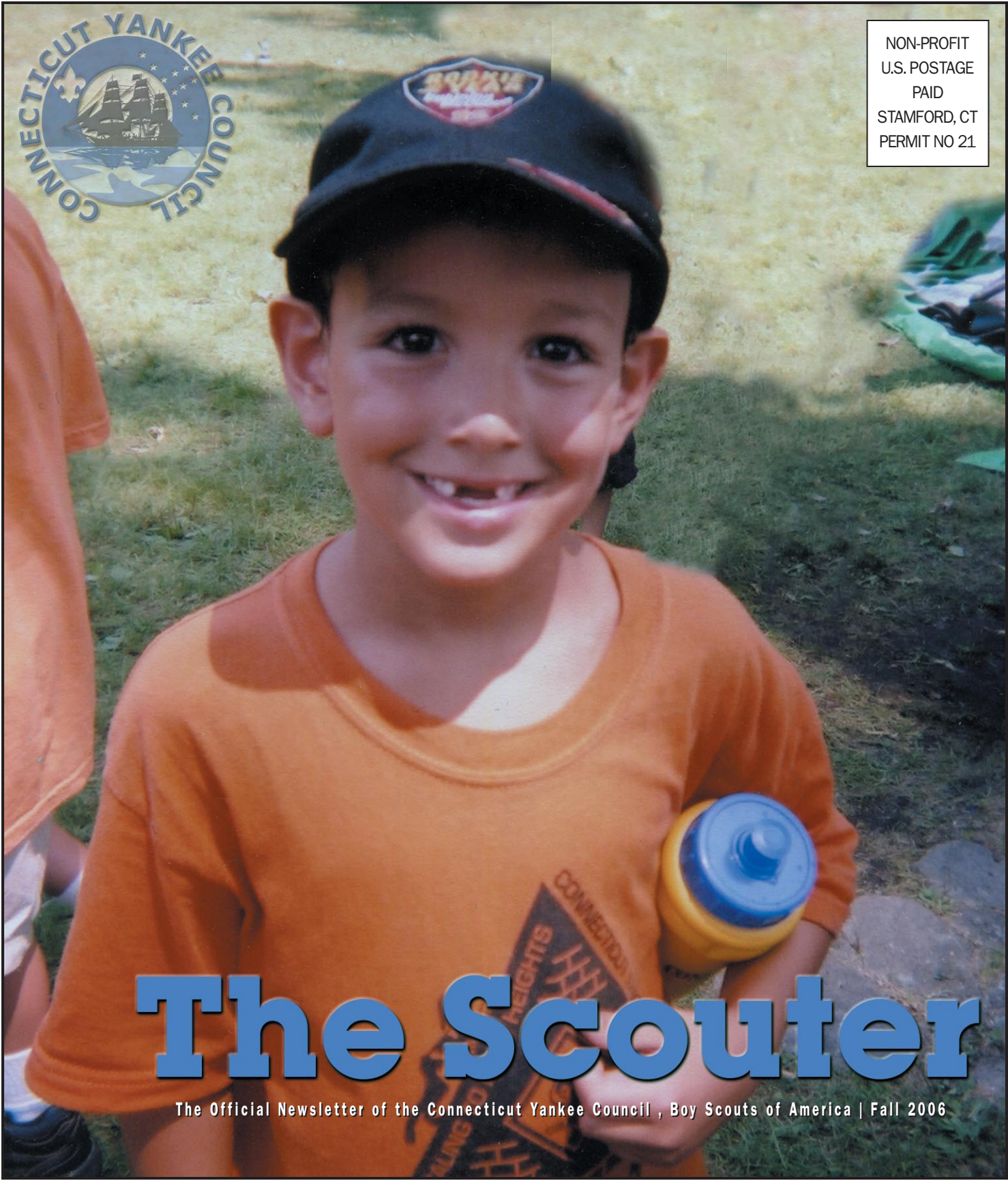


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Recruitment Season Off To A Great Start

Race to Join Cub Scouting

The Race to Join Cub Scouting has already begun and unit recruiting efforts have helped the Council recruit nearly 1,000 boys so far. But it's time to change tires and refuel to finish what we started.

More than 400 volunteers assisted in the Council's School Night to Join Scouting on Thursday, Sept. 15 and over 650 new boys were recruited. This is a great beginning but it's time to think creatively and follow up on all the families who haven't yet made the decision or been invited to join.

Here are some tips for entering the victory lane:

- ❖ Follow up and hold a second sign up night for those who

missed your first School Night.

- ❖ Follow up to make sure all of your new leaders are trained

- ❖ Turn in your applications and receive your recognitions (see other articles in this Scouter for recognitions)

- ❖ Invite leaders to Roundtable and Pow Wow, an incredible, motivating learning experience.

- ❖ Participate in Fall Activities such as Lime Rock and Cub Scout Fright Night.

Thank you for all your efforts toward making a difference in the lives of boys and their families this fall by recruiting them into Scouting. For more tips, please visit the Council website or contact your district membership chairman. More recruiting ideas are on page 5.

Recruiter Patches Available for Scouts

We know our best recruiters are the boys themselves talking to friends. To encourage this, recruiter patches are available to any Boy Scout, Cub Scout or Venturer who recruits a friend in the next three months. All recruiters will be recognized in the next edition of *The Scouter*. This recognition is available at no charge to your unit.



Please submit a list with your unit number, a list of recruiters and who they recruited to your district executive.

COUNCIL CHARGE

Lou Salute, Scout Executive

That's The Way I See It

The other day I was cleaning out my office and I ran across a book I hadn't seen in a while. It's called "On My Honor I Will," by Randy Pennington. The book has one simple premise, what if businesses in America followed the Scout Oath and Law. What I found interesting about the book is that it was written in 1993, long before Tyco and Enron and all those issues, but it still talked about leading with integrity in changing times.



It starts out as a story of two architects working with a large building corporation on an office building somewhere in the Midwest. The architects are meeting with the Vice President of the company and they are discussing changes the company wants to make to the plans. In the discussion, the Vice President says the costs for these changes will be absorbed by you as a part of the contract. The architects reminded him that when they talked to the President of the company, it was agreed that changes would be at the company's expense, not the architects. The architects suggest that the Vice President call the President to confirm this agreement. The President comes in and confirms the discussion. when he leaves, The two architects look at each other and say "boy, I'm glad he remembered that." The Vice President looks at them and says, "yeah, he's a real Boy Scout..." Hence, the book.

He used the term Boy Scout as if it were a bad thing. I realize we are not in Norman Rockwell's America today, but is it really so wrong for people to lead with integrity and honor – putting service above self – making the right choice, not necessarily the easiest choice – well, that's what Scouting is all about.

The book goes on to cite real-life companies that follow a code of ethics similar to that of the Boy Scouts. Companies like IBM and General Electric. Companies that care about their employees and their customers and most importantly, care about doing the right thing in business today.

We talk a lot about branding in business today. Corporations would pay billions of dollars to have a brand as recognizable as the Boy Scouts of America.

Granted, it's not always used in the most positive context. But when someone on television or in a movie, says "He's a real Boy Scout" or "He's no Boy Scout" you know exactly what it means. The Boy Scouts stand for something. The Boy Scouts stand for values, for ethics, for honor, for integrity. In an ever-changing world, it is great to be part of an organization that remains constant.

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Congratulations to the following Scouts who will Soar with Eagles

Paul Albanesi	Troop 22	Danbury	Austin Jones	Troop 926	Woodbridge
Matthew Amendola	Troop 24	Milford	Roy Judson	Troop 471	Guilford
Christopher Amendola	Troop 24	Milford	Jonathan Kaplan	Troop 610	Hamden
John Bartozzi	Troop 63	Woodbridge	Adam Karwoski	Troop 63	Monroe
Michael Begin	Troop 68	Trumbull	John Kramer	Troop 72	Stratford
Stephen Bosies	Troop 35	Darien	Sean Manson	Troop 701	Milford
Alexander Boston	Troop 70	New Canaan	Emmett Marsh	Troop 820	North Haven
Nathan Braccio	Troop 474	Guilford	Andrew Mayer	Troop 721	Milford
John Burns	Troop 270	Newtown	Sean McCabe	Troop 72	Stratford
David Busch	Troop 67	Trumbull	Andrew McClintock	Troop 610	Hamden
Nicholas Caiafa	Troop 810	North Haven	Jeffrey McGoldrick	Troop 28	Meriden
Alexander Cantor	Troop 610	Hamden	Nicholas McSherry	Troop 15	Redding
William Carroll	Troop 701	Milford	Sean Murphy	Troop 428	Branford
Joshua Cichon	Troop 13	Meriden	Lyle Olson	Troop 428	Branford
Forrest Clifton	Troop 490	Madison	Timothy Panza	Troop 610	Hamden
Christopher Dwan	Troop 63	Woodbridge	Thomas Pavia	Troop 9	Stamford
Christian Edwards Van Muijen	Troop 41	Newtown	John Primsky	Troop 10	Fairfield
William Fahy	Troop 810	North Haven	Stephen Roche	Troop 76	Ridgefield
David Faugno-Fusci	Troop 2	Rowayton	Christopher Schwartz	Troop 163	Monroe
Russell Freitag	Troop 5	Brookfield	Brian Stanley	Troop 810	North Haven
Timothy Gardell	Troop 116	Ridgefield	Daniel Steele	Troop 401	East Haven
Matthew Gordon	Troop 90	Fairfield	Matthew Szondy	Troop 199	Fairfield
Steven Guzinski	Troop 1	Stamford	Matthew Tomasko	Troop 177	Stratford
Sean Hickey	Troop 474	Guilford	Chasen VanLang	Troop 31	New Canaan
Alexander Holmes	Troop 54	Bethel	Thomas Watkins	Troop 199	Fairfield
Matthew Hyatt	Troop 408	East Haven	Brian Williams	Troop 604	Hamden
Charles Johnson	Troop 43	Meriden	Peter Zamachaj	Troop 75	Stratford



Baldwin, Lori and Shaughnessey Bridgeport 'Good Scout' Honorees

Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., First Selectman for the Town of Trumbull, The Most Reverend William E. Lori, S.T.D., Bishop of Bridgeport for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, and Sheryl A. Shaughnessey, Esq., Attorney in Fairfield, will receive the coveted "Good Scout" Award at a Luncheon on November 30 at The Holiday Inn Bridgeport. Wiley Mullins, President of Uncle Wiley's Specialty Foods, Inc., is General Chairman.

Paul S. Timpanelli, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, chairs the promotion committee for Ray Baldwin. Al Barber, President and Chief Operating Officer for Catholic

Charities, chairs the promotion committee for Bishop Lori. Jaquelyn C. Durrell, Esq., Former First Selectwoman of Fairfield, and Pamela Shaughnessey-Banks, Funeral Director, CFSF, of the Shaughnessey Funeral Home in Fairfield, chair the promotion committee for Sheryl Shaughnessey.

This Event benefits more than 12,000 youth in the Greater Bridgeport area which includes the communities of Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, and Westport. If you are interested in supporting this event, please call Dave Myers, at 203.876.6868, Ext. 259. Seats are \$125 each and all donors will be recognized at the Luncheon.

Barrasso and Marshall Construction 'Good Scout' Honorees

John A. Barrasso, Executive Vice President of Mechanical Contractors Association of Connecticut, Inc., and Glenn Marshall, President and Business Manager of New England Regional Council of Carpenters Local 210, will receive the coveted "Good Scout" Award at a luncheon on November 3 at The Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. Glenn Marshall is also a member of our Council's Executive Board. Benedict W. Cozzi, Business Manager and President of I.U.O.E. Local 478, and Donald J. Shubert, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Connecticut Construction Industry Association will be serving as

General Chairmen for this Event.

This new event is an opportunity for labor and management in the construction industry and related industries to come together with two purposes — to honor two deserving persons and to help support Scouting. Special thanks, to I.U.O.E., Local 478, Mechanical Contractors Association of CT, Inc. (MCAC), Connecticut Construction Industries Association, and New England Regional Council of Carpenters, Local 210 for agreeing to underwrite the cost of this year's Event.

Seats are \$125 each and all donors will be recognized at the luncheon.

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your generous gift to Friends of Scouting**

Thank you.

Scouting in their Sights 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Shoot

Calling all marksmen of the Council. Mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 20 for the second annual Connecticut Yankee Council Sporting Clays Shoot. This fun and exciting event is at the Wallingford Rod and Gun Club. Proceeds from the event will help fund the Council Scoutreach programs that are targeted at "at risk" youth in urban areas.

**No Experience Required
It's exciting & challenging!**

What is Sporting Clays?

This is a fun event, geared to individuals and corporate teams. Sporting clays is a sport that mimics the bird hunting experience. Each shooter will go to ten different "stations" in the woods where they will be presented with different "clay pigeons" to shoot. Each station is different as each clay pigeon is sent



from different profiles, angles and directions. Ear and eye protection, and ammunition will be provided at the event, as well as shotguns for individuals without their own.

Schedule for the event:

Breakfast/Registration: 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Warm-up/Practice Station Open: 9 - 10 a.m.

Shooting Begins: 10:15 a.m.

Luncheon and Awards: 1 p.m.

This is a fundraising event for the Council and participation is

open to adult Friends of Scouting and interested corporate teams. A variety of different sponsorship opportunities are available. Also open are corporate four-somes, regular four-somes, station sponsors or individual shooters. For more information contact Karen Caiati at caiati@ctyankee.org or 203.876.6868.

No matter the level of your shooting experience, the day promises to be fun, exciting and all for a terrific cause.

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Gift of Retirement Plans

Estate and income taxes can significantly diminish the value of a retirement account. IRA accounts, for example, can be subject to estate taxes as high as 47%.

Many donors have not considered the tax impact of retirement accounts on designated beneficiaries. For transfer purposes, most donors think of a retirement plan as an asset equivalent to any other estate assets and they neglect to factor in the cost of income and estate taxes.

Gifts of retirement plan assets to charity are popular because, if drafted properly, they allow the donor to transfer the retirement plan without being subject to either income or estate tax. The donor's advisor must take care in designating the charitable beneficiary, since the way in which the transfer is structured impacts the taxation of the plan assets.

There are many charitable options for retirement plan assets. One of the simplest ways a donor can maximize distributions from a retirement plan is to name our Council as beneficiary of all or

part of the qualified plan assets.

When a donor names our Council as a beneficiary, co-beneficiary or contingent beneficiary on an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), Keough Plan, 401(k), 403(b) or other qualified pension plan, his or her estate receives a charitable deduction for the full amount of the funds received from these accounts thereby avoiding estate and income taxes.

Since tax burdens on the estate may be reduced, beneficiaries can receive increased amounts from other assets directed to them.

For Example:

Mary Jones, a widow, has \$1 million in an IRA Account, with an entire estate of \$4 million. Mary wants to leave \$1 million to our Council and the balance of her estate to her daughter.

If the daughter was the beneficiary of the IRA Account, she would pay income tax on the \$1 million. If she is in the 30% income tax bracket, this would total \$165,000. The IRA account would also be subject to estate tax in Mary's estate of \$450,000.

The daughter would receive a net inheritance from the IRA account of \$385,000. Mary would better provide for her daughter by making a charitable gift to your Council of the IRA account and leaving her daughter her other assets.

Contributing an IRA account to a Charitable Gift Annuity is another way of earning interest on the full pre-tax amount. This can make a big difference to your donor's heirs. It can provide financial security to the heirs while supporting your Council as well.

Please contact Dave Myers, Director of Finance 800.333.7905, Ext. 259 if you have any questions or would like to discuss the use of qualified plan assets as gifts to help fund Scouting in perpetuity. Special thanks to Bob Pape, Endowment Council for the Northeast Region, BSA, for putting together this article and example.



Popcorn – Fund Your Unit's Annual Program

How can I alleviate the hassle and strain of writing a check for everything my son does in Scouting while also teaching him to be an assertive and considerate young man? SELL POPCORN.

It's not too late to join in on the biggest fundraiser across the nation. For more information contact your District Executive or Peter Nystrom at 203.876.6868 now.

And oh yeah, just because your Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship or Post may choose not to sell, does not mean your son cannot.



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 Honor of Mr. William B. Stevenson
ITT Advanced Engineering & Science
The family of Brad & Martha Stevenson
Jeanne & Clark Van Galder
Barbara & James Geiser
Susan Kreher
Nancy Kreher & John Sesney
Ivamarie Rideout

In honor of Mr. J Arthur Burrows
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Verna

Gifts to the Memorial Tribute Fund should be sent to
Connecticut Yankee Council /
Memorial Tribute Fund
60 Wellington Road,
Milford, CT. 06460



Recruiting Tools You Can Use



Tiger Cub Lunchbox

Every Tiger Cub recruited this fall qualifies to receive a free "Race to Cub Scouting" lunchbox with a replica of a Race to Cub Scouting NASCAR miniature vehicle. Simply turn in your completed Tiger Cub applications with payment to your district executive and receive the box. Or borrow one in advance to display at a Pack or den meeting and incentivize the boys.

Troop Open Houses

All Boy Scout leaders can qualify for a commemorative patch and segment by conduct-

ing a Troop Open House this fall. Just set a date and follow the information in the Troop Membership Tools CD you received in the mail. Inform your DE of your date and you will receive the patch set.

boyscoutsnews.com

Want a great way to publicize your Pack, Troop or Crew activities to the community? Consider writing a press release or submitting a photo of a recent activity to your local news media. Weekly newspapers in particular are just waiting for your local news.

Set up an account at our Council's own boyscoutsnews.com website. We've already prepared templates for you to edit and publish with your own information. All you need to do is log in.

SWITCHBACK UNIFORM PANTS FOR BOY SCOUTS

Look for the exciting new Switchback Uniform Pants at your Scout shop later this summer!

WHAT MAKES THESE NEW PANTS SO SPECIAL?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Synthetic Nylon Wrinkle resistant UVF sun protection Flareless Clear quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes Active Lifestyle Two-in-one styling Seamless for full range of motion Zip ankles for on-trail convenience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multifunctional Belt can be changed Can be used as a vest or beltless trousers
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elastic waist with adjustable nylon web with insignia belt Mesh pocket bags for quick H₂O release Zip off to shorts Marked legs for easy attachment Zip ankles for easy "on trail" removal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belt loops to accommodate our Leather Tooled Belt if desired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gadget loop, to keep handy gadgets close Rear secure pockets on back yoke, for best fit Large pockets for bulky storage Drain holes for quick H₂O release Reinforced seams for durability
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Milford Scout Shop

Mon - Fri 9 - 6 | Sat. 10-2
Starting Sept. 1 second Thursday until 8 p.m.
60 Wellington Road, Milford or online at scoutstuff.org.
Call 203.876.0013 | fax 203.876.0021

Scouting Salutes National Family Week

IRVING, TX – The Boy Scouts of America has a history of more than 93 years of helping to shape and mold the values and character of youth. We have identified the need for caring and nurturing relationships with parents, other adults, and peers as a critical element of healthy youth development.

National Family Week is November 19-25. This annual event is promoted by the Alliance for Children and Families, an organization of hundreds of nonprofit organizations dedicated to strengthening and serving children, families, and communities. This year's theme is "Connections Count."

The Boy Scouts of America continues to help strengthen youth,

families, and communities through comprehensive programs for our members. We encourage our more than 6 million adult and youth members and participants to take the time to honor families and thank the special people who help them every day.

This is a great opportunity for all members of the Scouting movement to honor the importance of families and to help connect youth to communities and families. Connections do count—connections among families, communities, and other service organizations.

Visit the website (www.nationalfamilyweek.org) for more information about becoming involved with this week long celebration.

Register Youth Before You Recharter!

Don't wait until your unit recharter to register new members. Remember, boys cannot earn any type of advancement and leaders cannot acquire tenure for training awards until they are properly registered.

It takes two months for Boy's Life and Scouting magazine subscriptions to start up. The longer you wait to register a new member, the longer it takes to receive these quality magazines. Most important however, the Scouts or leaders are not insured until they are registered.

GTFA Service Hours Logged Since 6/1/06

All Packs, Troops and Crews do community service projects throughout the year. Take the few minutes to share your Good Turns on the National Good Turn for America website at www.goodturnforamerica.org. Click on the Units link and then "Data Collection Help." Finally, click on "tell us about your unit service project."



Scouts and Scouters can earn a handsome patch for their uniform but more importantly, we can collect data and share it with the greater community and show them all the good works that Scouts do.

Hours logged sorted by district.

Powahay		
Pack 28	Food collection	24 hours
Troop 125	Other	958 hours
Scatacook		
Pack 2	Food collection	10 hours
Pomperaug		
Pack 99	Healthy living	40 hours
Lighthouse		
Pack 455	Litter cleanup	43 hours
Pack 455	Litter cleanup	28 hours
Wepawaug Valley		
Pack 722	Disaster Relief	100 hours
Pack 722	Military Support	30 hours
Sleeping Giant		
Troop 43	Conservation	42 hours
Troop 43	Conservation	30 hours

TOTAL
10 units, 1,285 service hours.



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SHALOM! The Jewish Committee on Scouting is planning an extensive calendar of events throughout the upcoming year.

Our annual Emblems workshop will again be available to help cubs, scouts, venturers and sea scouts earn the various religious emblems: Maccabee for Tigers and younger Cub Scouts, Aleph for older Cubs and Webelos, Ner Tamid for Boy Scouts, and Etz Chaim for older Boy Scouts, Venturers and Sea Scouts. This

year, the workshop will be held on Sunday, Jan. 7 at Congregation Or Shalom in Orange.

Scout Shabbat services will take place on Friday, Feb. 9, at Congregation B'nai Torah in Trumbull. As in the past, we are proud to have scouts leading the services. We also take this opportunity to recognize all Scouts and Scouters who have received their religious emblems during the past year. All Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend!

This year, the committee is also planning a Kinus (campout) for the weekend of April 27-29. A weekend of scouting and Judaism, designed to bring scouts together from troops all over the council (and hopefully, beyond!). We hope to give scouts the opportunity to learn about the Jewish Emblems available to them, combined with traditional scouting experiences. This event will be open to all, regardless of individual faith. We hope that by having various faiths represented, it will also be a learning opportunity for both Jewish and non-Jewish scouts and Scouters!

The committee is always looking for new members, to bring new ideas and perspectives to

what we hope to accomplish each year – please consider joining us. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Council office during the school year.

If you haven't been to the committee website recently, what are you waiting for! Seriously, we've added a lot of new content to the website, including information on upcoming events, and links to Jewish Scouting related websites, as well as Jewish Scouting Award information and applications.

Lastly, we would like to recognize Mark Zuckerman and Dr. Bob Kravecs who were awarded the Shofar emblem on Friday, August 18 by the Narragansett Council JCOS for their work in promoting Jewish Scouting at Camp Yawgoog in RI. For the past few years, Mark, Dr. Bob and Dave Elkodsi have provided an annual Jewish Scouting Award patch that's been given out by the staff Rabbi (Sol Goodman) to both Jewish and non-Jewish scouts who have attended Yawgoog, attended a number of Jewish and interfaith services, and performed a service project during the week. Each year, close to 100 of these very beautiful, desirable awards have been given out.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS SCOUTING COMMITTEE



Start of the Iron Man Finale where each team had to paddle to the middle of the lake in boats made from cardboard and tape. Notice the match sticks that had to be kept dry. Front to back: Billy Taylor, Trevor Taylor, David Mendoza, Will Guynn, Zach Hoopes.

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Becoming as Ammon – Adventure to Remember

Over sixty boys from the Yorktown Stake took part in a great High Adventure this summer up at Camp TriMount in the Adirondacks. In addition to a day at the Gunks – rock climbing and rappelling on some of the most challenging rock faces in the country – they also competed in a day of Iron Man Competition. This included a round of shotgun shooting, black powder rifle shooting, archery, and a 14 control orienteering course. Each team also took time to build a boat out of cardboard and tape to be used in the finale. The finale entailed keeping a match dry as each team paddled to the middle of the lake in the cardboard boat, handed off the match to another team member, who swam 100 yards to the dock, giving the match to a third boy who ran away around the lake to a fourth participant who ran back to the starting point with the match to the final leg where the final two team members had to use the match to light a fire and burn through a string.

The last day of high adventure was a day of water skiing and tubing at Camp Liahona. Several Duty to God requirements were completed for those who participated. In addition to a nighttime search and rescue for our "lost" Stake President, each night included a spiritual fireside where the boys learned about the prophet Ammon and the qualities that each of them should strive to have.

LDS Crew Goes to Philmont

Ten lucky young men from the YorkTown and Newburg Stakes traveled to New Mexico to experience the incredible Philmont adventure. The crew completed a course of close to 70 miles over 10 days climbing or descending an estimated 70,000 cumulative vertical feet! Each boy also completed 10 hours of service so each earned his 50 miler award.

Sebastian Ahumada, Matt Campbell, Caleb Earnshaw, Will Guynn, Luis Hayashida, Mike Kinney, Drew Merritt, Aaron Ricks, Tom Sorenson, and Christian Thalheim successfully completed the trek. Now there is talk of Sea Base Florida for 2007 – each boy now having his sights on the Triple Crown of High adventure camping.

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Region I Catholic Scouting Conference

On October 27-29, the Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Scouting Committees will host the annual Region I Conference for adults at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford.

The theme is Jesus, They Way, The Truth, The Life. (John 14:6) Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Motta will be the key note speaker. Choices of workshops will include: Catholic Social Teaching & Dr. Seuss; Instructor Shawnee Baldwin; If You Read It, The Truth Will Change You; Instructor Shawnee Baldwin; Juggling Your Time; Instructor Vicky Rispoli; Essentials of Planning; Instructor John Meakin Jr; I Live My Faith in This Over-Sexed World; Instructor Laurie Janecko.

The Vigil Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Henry Mansell. For more information, contact Shannon Perzan at the

Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Religious Education by phone at 860.243.9690 or email at sperzan@adh-ore.org

Boy Scout Adult Religious Emblems Ceremony

The Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Committee on Scouting will present the Bronze Pelican and St. George Religious Emblems to honored Scouters on Sunday, November 5, 2006 at Angelico's in New Britain.

The event will include all you can eat buffet, special guest speakers, raffle prizes and cash bar (5:30 p.m.). For more information, contact Shannon Perzan at the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Religious Education by phone at 860.243.9690 or email at sperzan@adh-ore.org

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COMMISSIONER CORNER

Doug Machin, Council Commissioner

Monthly Unit Visits

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

Commissioners should visit each unit at least monthly. Some units will need more frequent visits – new units or troubled units. The visit may be a unit meeting, or a unit committee

meeting, or a personal visit with the unit leader. Without unit visits, we can't know how to help a unit improve its program. Without visits, we only find out about problems after the unit fails or weakens, and the kids have 'voted with their feet' and left the unit.

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

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

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

As a Commissioner, you have lots of resources at your disposal. The program inserts in *Scouting Magazine* (you must be registered primarily as a unit commissioner to receive all of them), Unit Commissioner Program Notebook, Commissioner Worksheets, and Commissioner Helps.

Monthly Meetings

District Commissioners must provide a MONTHLY opportunity for unit commissioners to report on visits and decide on specific actions to improve the unit. This is done at ADC

breakout sessions as the key activity of district commissioner staff meetings. This is perhaps the most important 60 minutes each month in a Scout district! These tasks must occur in each breakout session:



A. Each unit commissioner shares important observations from recent visits and conversations

with unit people. What are the needs? How might each unit improve its program for kids?

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

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

D. ADCs check the progress on last month's assignments to be sure units are receiving the help they need. Again, this is the most important 60 minutes in the district every month. It's a must!!!

Commissioner Conference

The 2006 Commissioner Conference is Saturday, Nov. 4. This is the primary training opportunity for Commissioners this year. The conference includes Commissioner Basic Training, Elective Sessions, a hot meal, and rechartering training. There will also be a fireside chat with the Council Key Three Leadership.

Flyers for this event can be downloaded from the Council website or from your District Commissioner.

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Our Youth Need Trained Leaders. Are You One?

Over the course of the next few months Training is being offered for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venture and Sea Scout Leaders alike.

Additionally, did you know that Scouting offers extensive training for the Scouts themselves in the form of Den Chief and Youth Leader Trainings

For more information on how you can become the best leader for our youth, please refer to your Districts page here in the Scouter and online at our Council Training tab at www.ctyankee.org.

Does your Pack have a Pack Trainer?

Under the direction of the pack committee or the cubmaster, the pack trainer helps leaders and parents understand purposes, policies and procedures of the Cub Scouting program.

The pack trainer facilitates the training of leaders and parents in the pack. The pack trainer promotes training to help leaders learn to plan and conduct pack and den meetings and activities. The pack trainer orients parents and leaders, and gives guidance to pack leaders to perform his or her specific position.

The pack trainer helps the district and/or council in its Cub Scout training program. This position counts as a member of your Pack committee.

Leave No Trace

August was an extraordinary time for the Council. Scouters Thomas Naples from Bridgeport and Richard Spaar from Branford both registered and participated in a Leave No Trace (LNT) Master's



Course, conducted in the White Mountains of New Hampshire by the Appalachian Mountain Club. They spent the week of August 7-11 backpacking and camping in a class consisting of 8 students and 2 instructors in the Pemigewasset Wilderness Area.

During the week each member had to take a turn at instructing the others in the seven LNT Principles of outdoor ethics. LNT is a nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics awareness program to reduce our impact on the environment and on the experiences of other visitors.

The LNT Principles are:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare.
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces.
3. Dispose of Waste Properly.
4. Leave What You Find.
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts.
6. Respect Wildlife.
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors.

Both are LNT Master Educators and can conduct Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops for any unit. After attaining certification in Standard First Aid and CPR, both Tom and Rich plan on conducting LNT Trainer courses for registered adult leaders with help from Scouter Blaine Boxwell, who is both a LNT Trainer and Connecticut's LNT State Advocate. How is that for utilizing the Council's resources!

Discussions are going on now with the council for offering to schedule a unit LNT Awareness Workshop during the yearend Rechartering period.

Congratulations to Tom and Rich. The Council looks forward to having them teach the ethics and principles of Leave No Trace to all of our youth and adult members.

Coming to a Planet Near You - Pow Wow '06**Leaders for the Next Generation**

During a recent week, a Cub Scout collected can goods at his church for a donation to a food pantry, took part in a color guard at his school and went on a campout with his pack. His parents were so proud of him. They said to him "Akela has taught you well." This Cub Scout will be a leader for his generation. How was he given an opportunity to do all this? His Cub Scout leaders came to POW WOW. They are helping to shape the leaders of the next generation.

Pow Wow is Saturday, Nov. 4 tentatively at Jonathan Law High School in Milford. Come by car or have Scotty beam you down.

This is a forum for all Cub Scout leaders and parents to gather, exchange ideas and learn some new ones. It doesn't matter if you have been in the program for longer than you care to admit or are brand new. POW WOW has something to offer everyone! Join us and together we can make the galaxy a better place. Our kids are the next "greatest generation" and it is up to us to give them the tools to become this.

POW WOW is your opportunity to learn what a monthly theme is and how to make that craft you always wanted to with the boys. Discover what is the Webelos to Scout transition or the Centennial Quality Awards Program. Building a birdhouse is fun but how is it done. Why is the Pinewood Derby so important? I would love my son to leave no trace at home and in the woods. What is a repeat after me song? Yoda may not know the answers but the POW WOW staff does.

Think of POW WOW as a live action version of the Cub Scout How-To Book. Instead of turning pages, you will have a hands on experience that will make even Capt. Kirk jealous. Another leader has gone through what you are experiencing now. You are not alone in this Cub Scouting universe and POW WOW is your beacon of light. Join the fun and fellowship.



Venturing & Sea Scouting

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SEAL Training

Two Sea Scouts from the Council's Ship 110 participated in Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training (SEAL) this summer. Connor Rieve and Andrew Jones both graduated from the program and were awarded the SEAL Training Award, the coveted silver dolphins pin. Connor participated in the SEAL cruise out of Galveston, Texas while Andy was on the Long Island Sound cruise.

SEAL Training is a petty officer (youth) leadership training course offered by the National Sea Scouting Committee. This is a 7-10 day, hard core leadership course that is conducted at sea. Participants who successfully complete the course you will be awarded the SEAL Training Award pin to be worn on the uniform.

SEAL is a leadership course, not a seamanship course. Topics covered include preparing, goal setting, organizing, supervising, commanding, communicating, training, motivating, and other skills that will help the participant in functioning as a leader in your Ship and in life.

To attend a SEAL class a participant must be registered Sea Scout and have earned Ordinary rank prior to the course. He/she must have a thorough, working knowledge of chapter four of the Sea Scout Manual.

SEAL classes for summer 2007 are being scheduled in various parts of the country. Course information and applications will be available in October on the Sea Scouting page of the council website. For additional information contact Jonathan Glassman.

Venturing Leader & Sea Scout Officer Training

New Leader Essentials, Venturing Leader Specific and Sea Scout Officers' Specialized Trainings will be offered on Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 27, 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 covers 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 Glassman.

Venturing Leadership Award

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



2006 SEAL graduates Andy Jones (left) and Connor Rieve (right) with Ship 110 Skipper Tom Morrisson.

be presented annually (three to youth and three to adults). To be considered for the Venturing Leadership Award, nominees must meet the following qualifications: Be registered and involved in Venturing or Sea Scouting as a youth or adult for at least one year; Hold a leadership position or office on the unit, district, or council level; Show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and Sea Scouting.

The 2007 Venturing Leadership Awards will be given at the Council Recognition Dinner on January 25. Nominations must be received by Jonathan Pleva at the council resource center by 5 p.m. on November 15 to be considered for the 2007 awards. All nominations are confidential. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise the nominee of the action taken on his or her behalf. Nomination forms are available at the Council Resource Center and on the Council website.

Council Venturing Roundtables

The Council's Venturing Roundtable is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, September - June, at the Council Resource Center. The roundtable program is designed to give Venturing and Sea Scout leaders program ideas and to share best practices from around the council. It is also an opportunity to find out about council wide Venturing and Sea

cuss council Sea Scouting operations and upcoming activities. The wardroom is made up of all council members and Ship skippers, officers and committee members. All others interested in the Sea Scouting program are welcome. For more information contact Commodore Bob Kral.

Venturing/Sea Scouting Email Group

A group email server has been established by the council Venturing committee to better enable communications within our Venturing/Sea Scouting community and to promote activities, trainings and other programs. This list has been set-up on Yahoo! Groups.

All messages posted to the group will be automatically distributed to all members. Any abuse or improper postings will result in revocation of group membership. For youth protection reasons, this group is meant only for adult leaders. The information can be shared with youth members but they should not be enrolled in the group.

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

Sea Scout Wardroom

The Council Sea Scouting Wardroom will meet on the second Monday of the month, September - June, at the Trinity Episcopal Church Library, 651 Pequot Avenue in Southport to dis-



Quinnipiac Dancers Start 33rd Season

The Quinnipiac Dancers will be taking bookings for their 2006-2007 season starting September 1.

Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Committee Chair: do you have a special event in the upcoming Scouting year that needs unique entertainment? The Quinnipiac Dancers can help you with their performances tailored to your group's needs.

- ▶ Authentic Native American Dance Interpretations.
- ▶ Live Indian music.
- ▶ Audience participation.
- ▶ Handmade outfits depicting

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

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

Our dance season starts January 1, 2007. Bookings are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Nancy Olson at 203.281.5419 to reserve your show.

For more Order of the Arrow related news, please visit <http://www.owaneco.org> or contact your Chapter Chief.

2007 Merit Badge College

The 2007 Connecticut Yankee Council Merit Badge College returns to Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford for four Saturdays in February (snow date on March 3rd). The course is expected to cost between \$15 and \$20 per Scout and includes merit badge pamphlets and a patch.

Merit Badge College provides Scouts with an opportunity to receive instruction and earn merit badges in subjects where a counselor may not be readily available to individual units. Attendance does not guarantee earning the badge. Scouts must complete all requirements to earn the badge, otherwise partial credit will be issued.

Some badges such as Family Life and Citizenship in the Community cannot be completed in the one month time frame of Merit Badge College. Scouts will be limited to two Eagle Merit Badges. Space is limited in all classes. To be sure that your Scout is assigned three Merit Badges you must give us eight choices to pick from. Scouts who do not make the required eight choices may not be able to get into three classes.

Merit Badge College is open to Scouts First Class and above only. Registrations should be completed by the Scoutmaster or Troop Advancement Chairman. Scouts may not register on their own.

Reminder — No walk-in registrations will be accepted. Units ignoring the rules may be deemed ineligible to attend the following year. All Scouts and Scouters are required to wear the official Boy Scout uniform shirt at all times. Each unit attending Merit Badge College is required to send one adult to assist with Hall monitoring and supervision. Hall Monitors may attend adult training sessions.

Training opportunities such as Youth Protection, Eagle Coordinator and Advancement Basics will be available for troop leaders.

Check your mailboxes in November for a complete registration packet including registration forms, deadlines, fees and refund policy. For more information, please contact Karen Andersen at home 203.264.2408 or work 203.205.8684, or e-mail karen.andersen@cartus.com or keandersen@aol.com.

Instructors Needed

Instructors are needed for the 2007 Merit Badge College. Volunteer instructors can sign up for up to three merit badges and must be available for all four sessions or make arrangements for substitutes.

The College is held over the

four Saturdays in February: 3, 10, 17 and 24 with a snow date of March 3. All are from 9 a.m. to noon.

Instructors are needed for the following merit badges: American Cultures, Electricity, Oceanography, American Heritage, Electronics, Personal Management, Architecture, Energy, Pets, Art, Family Life, Photography, Astronomy, Fingerprinting, Public Health, Aviation, Fire Safety, Public Speaking, Citizenship in the Community, Genealogy, Radio, Citizenship in the Nation, Indian Lore, Railroad, Citizenship in the World, Journalism, Safety, Coin Collecting, Landscape Architecture, Salesmanship, Communications, Law, Space Exploration, Crime Prevention, Model Design & Building, Stamp Collecting, Dog Care, Nuclear Energy, Traffic Safety, Drafting, Weather.

Additional badges may be considered if there are instructors available and if the badge lends itself to the group instruction format. We do not offer those badges that are camping / outdoors oriented.

If you're interested, please contact Karen Andersen. We need to know what badges you can instruct, how many classes per Saturday session and your contact information.



Boys' Life

<http://www.boyslife.org>

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Webelos Woody: What's the difference between a comedian and a surgeon?

Jake: What?

Webelos Woody: One keep you in stitches, the other stitches you for keeps.

What's so funny? Let us know.

Boys' Life is offering a limited number of the collector patches below to readers whose jokes we publish in Think & Grin. (Only 500 of each will be produced, the one with the red border first.) Plus you get your choice of \$2 (\$10 for Pedro's Pick), a "Boy Scout Handbook" or a "Fieldbook."

Send the joke via this link or on a postcard with your complete address to Think & Grin, *Boys' Life*, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. Let us know which prize you prefer.



19th Annual Reading Contest

Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the Boys' Life 2006 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest. The book can be fiction or nonfiction.

But the report has to be in your own words—500 words tops. Enter in one of these three age categories (8 and younger; 9 & 10 years old; and 11 and up).

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

Everyone who enters will get a free patch (which can be worn on the right pocket of the BSA uniform shirt). The contest is open to all *Boys' Life* readers. Be sure to include your name, address, age and grade in school on the entry.

Send your report, along with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to *Boys' Life* Reading Contest, S306, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 29, 2006.

Can Scouts Participate in Political Events?

Question — Can a Scout participate in a Political Event?

Answer — The question of Scouts at a political event comes up every time there are campaigns. It is okay for Scouts to perform patriotic duties (like a flag ceremony) at a political campaign, but they cannot be seen endorsing a candidate or handing out political flyers.

Scouts are often seen with candidates of all political parties performing flag ceremonies. They should not be seen cheering on the candidate.

Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, Art. IX, cl. 2 and 6:

clause 2.

"The officers and leaders of the Boy Scouts of America shall, when practicable, cooperate in connection with civic or other public gatherings of a nonpartisan and nonpolitical character which gives Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers [Ventures] an opportunity to render service in harmony with their training instead of merely taking part in parades or making a show of themselves in their uniforms."

clause 6.

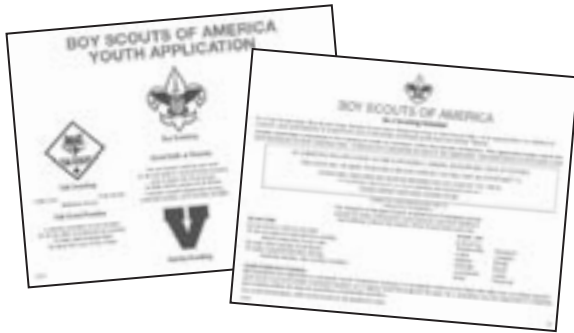
"The Boy Scouts of America shall not, through its governing body or through any of its officers, its chartered Councils, or mem-

bers, involve the Scouting movement in any question of a political character. However, this shall not be interpreted to prevent the teaching of patriotism and good citizenship as required to fulfill the Corporation's purpose. This policy shall also not limit the freedom of thought or action of any official or member as an individual."

Cub Scout Leader's Manual:

Chapter 7: Uniform Rules and Regulations

"The uniform may not be worn by either Cub Scouts or adult leaders when: Involved in any distinctly political endeavor."



New Applications & Charter Renewal

By Kathy Znosko

COUNCIL REGISTRAR

Autumn is a time of change and this autumn brings a major change to the registration forms for new youth and adults. The new adult applications are the same size as the old ones, but they are now oriented on the horizontal rather than the vertical. The blue background has been removed and information has been shifted around.

The biggest change, however, is to the youth applications. There are no longer different forms for Packs, Troops, Crews/Ships, and Teams. All youth will now use the same application. Boxes on the application will have to be marked indicating what type of unit the youth is joining. The youth application is now the same size and orientation as the new adult application. There are still some of the old applications available and they may be used until we run out of them, but new ones are already being distributed. At this point, you may use either the old applications or the new ones. These new forms are scannable, but we will not have the scanning equipment until after the beginning of the new year. By that time we should have used up all the old forms.

Autumn is also the time for Unit

Charter Renewal. Last year, many more units took advantage of the Internet Charter Renewal program. The process worked so well that this year, we are encouraging all units to renew their charters online. If this happens, it will enable Council to return completed charters in record time.

Charter Renewal packages, again this year, will be in the hands of the District Executives by the beginning of October. Most will be distributed at the October Roundtables. If you cannot attend Roundtable, contact your District Executive to obtain your package. We anticipate some changes will be made in the contents of these packages, so please read everything carefully and check the Council website often for notices of upcoming changes.

Another change that we would like to see all units make is to take advantage of the new Internet Advancement program that we introduced in June. Several units have already tried it and the feedback is very favorable. It is easy and it gives each unit control over what advancements are recorded for each of its youth members.

As always, feel free to call me at 800.333.7905, Ext. 262 with any questions or problems.

WANTED

Volunteers are needed for a daytime (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) project at the Council Resource Center in Milford. Must be detail oriented and have a passion for organization. Hours are flexible, during the workday. Call Kathy Znosko at Ext. 262 if interested.



2007 Connecticut Yankee Council N.R.A. Instructor Classes Rifle • Shotgun • Muzzleloading Rifle



The Connecticut Yankee Council will be conducting NRA Certified Instructor classes to train interested scouters to be shooting instructors for merit badges and Camp Sequassen support staff. The following information is complete as of 5/30/06 and is subject to change.

Who – The NRA classes are open to all Connecticut Yankee Council Scouters and interested volunteers. It is expected that CT. Yankee Council scouts will be given training toward their Rifle and Shotgun merit badges. Also help will be needed with Camp Sequassen's summer camp program.

Where – The classes will be held at the Wallingford Rod & Gun Club, 411 North Branford Road, Wallingford CT. 06492. The club phone number is (203) 269-9444. For directions, go to www.wallingfordrodandgunclub.org.

Your Instructors – Steve Szypulski and John Robinson are National Rifle Association, Appointed Training Counselors. Steve and John have been NRA Certified Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloading Rifle and Pistol Instructors from 6 to 10 years each.

When – The classes will be held over 4 weekends. You can sign up for one, two or all three disciplines. The NRA Basic Instructor Training on February 3rd must be attended by all disciplines. The following dates are scheduled.

Basic Instructor Training	Saturday, Feb. 3	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Shotgun	Friday, March 2	6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
	Saturday, March 3	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Muzzleloading Rifle	Friday, March 16	5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
	Saturday, March 17	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Rifle	Friday, March 30	5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
	Saturday, March 31	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Cancellation Makeup	Friday, April 13	6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
	Saturday, April 14	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost – The cost for all 3 certifications is \$195.00. The Shotgun and Rifle certifications are \$75.00 each and the Muzzleloading certification cost is \$85.00, which includes all training material, shooting supplies, NRA materiel, books etc.... Brown bag lunch is on your own. There is a small fee payable to the NRA for your NRA Instructor fee, this is an annual fee. Cost varies depending on certifications acquired, typically \$10 to \$35 per year.

Further Information – Please refer to our website: www.ctyankee.org or contact Steve Szypulski, your instructor at 203.440.0288, e-mail szysteve@cox.net or by fax 203.440.0289.

Registration – The class is strictly limited to 12 students per discipline. Your payment in full reserves your space in this limited class. Insure your catalogues will be here on time and register today. Payments should be made to **Connecticut Yankee Council** and mailed to Connecticut Yankee Council, P.O. Box 32, 60 Wellington Road, Milford, CT 06460-0032, Attn: Dan Cooley.

YES!! Sign me up!

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Cost – If not affiliated with the Connecticut Yankee Council, add \$20 per discipline or \$60 for all three.

Discipline	Connecticut Yankee Council	Non-Affiliated
Muzzleloading Rifle	\$85	\$105
Shotgun	\$75	\$95
Rifle	\$75	\$95
All 3 Disciplines	\$185	\$255

All of the above fees include the **Basic Instructor Training** on February 3rd.

The above fees should be paid in full to Connecticut Yankee Council by 12/15/06 to ensure your space in class! A \$25 per student fee will be assessed after this date.

Silver Beaver Honor Deadline Nov. 17

The deadline for nominating our hardest working most productive volunteers for the Silver Beaver award is November 17. Nominations will be considered in December and awards will be presented at the Council's annual Recognition Diner in January 2007.

The Council may award as many as ten Silver Beavers to deserving volunteers. The Selection Committee composed of two volunteers from each district and two Council Executive Board members makes their selection based upon the nomination packets.

Nomination packets are available on the Council website, at the Council Resource Center or from your district executive.

Troops find Gold at Camp Sequassen

Units attending Camp Sequassen with at least 75% of their registered Scouts qualify for Gopher Gold recognition.

Twelve units qualified for gold awards this year. Scouts in qualifying units are awarded a special gold bordered, limited edition camp patch, and the leaders attending camp with their Scouts earn the gold-bordered camp patch and a gold hatpin.

The following units earned Gopher Gold in 2006:

- Week 1**
- Troop 21 Out of Council
- Week 2**
- Troop 62 Pomperaug
- Week 4**
- Troop 12 Wepawaug Valley
- Troop 15 Scatacook
- Troop 335 Out of Council
- Troop 614 Sleeping Giant
- Troop 463 Lighthouse
- Troop 42 Scatacook
- Week 5**
- Troop 770 Scatacook
- Troop 604 Sleeping Giant
- Week 6**
- Troop 421 Lighthouse
- Troop 33 Scatacook



The 2006 Camp Staff concluded the season with high praise for friendliness, dedication to the program and for having fun working with the Scouts. This year's staff was like no other – they were terrific and made the whole year special. Above is the Boy Scout Resident Camp staff. Below is the staff for Cub Scout Resident Camp.



Camp Sequassen continues to cater to Scouts needs by offering great programs like Action Archery (left), water sports (above), Water Skimming — *New This Year* (below), and climbing / rappelling (far right).



Camp Sequassen

It's The Place Good Scouts Belong

Program year 2006 at Camp Sequassen was another gargantuan, unmitigated success. Besides being the best year ever in terms of programs offered and delivered, it was the best year (or at least since the merger in 1998) in terms of camper attendance. Total attendance was 1801 Scouts, one (1) more than previous record set in 2004. *Seriously, one Scout more!* A record number (1441) Boy Scouts attended camp surpassing the 2004 record by 13 Scouts.

Numbers and records are important, but most important was the quality Scouting which took place at camp. All season long, our Scouts were steeped in good Scouting program, good Scouting fun and an environment for growth, skill, development and experiential learning. Based upon what the Scouts reported to the camp counselors, they had a fun, productive year at camp and were eager to return.

Every day at camp is special, but some things are more special than others. Following are a few highlights to help you appreciate our camp.

✘ Dr. Larry Pisani completed his **72nd consecutive year** as a camper/staff member at Camp Sequassen.

✘ **Two Aqua Skippers** were added to the camp's program inventory (pictured elsewhere in this issue).

✘ **Camp patch segments** to surround the camp patch were **introduced** this year. Most Scouts qualified for at least one segment — some as many as four.

✘ A **nine-hole Frisbee golf course** was opened for play. A special gift from Pomperaug Troop 788.

✘ **Ultimate Frisbee** remains the favorite camp sport.

✘ **Super troop** status was awarded to:

- Week 1 – Troop 608
- Week 2 – Troop 721
- Week 3 – Troop 43
- Week 4 – Troop 463
- Week 5 – Troop 604

Week 6 – Troops 233/810

✘ Special **high volume juice dispensers** were installed in the dining hall which resulted in a faster, less messy means of serving beverages.

✘ **Luke Murphy**, Navin Brothers Food Service, completed 16 years service at camp as our Chef of Choice.

✘ **Action Archery** was introduced as a Webelos activity which great success.

✘ **Tie-dyeing** was offered at handicrafts where twice as many hands got colored than shirts...but the Scouts loved it.

✘ Everyone loved the **new walkway and covered bridge**. Some improvements really do make a difference.



Camp Wants & Needs

Ranger Dave at Camp Sequassen is in dire need of a pick up truck to replace one which is on its last, shaky leg. Sad but true, the Fleet Chevy is about to go wheels-up after more than 10 years of faithful service.

The perfect pick up for camp would have an automatic transmission, be serviceable (starts, runs, stops) and not too "clapped out" to run another ten years.

If you have a pick up truck to donate to Camp Sequassen call Ranger Dave at 860.379.2009. He's waiting to hear from you.



Photos from Top Left:
Cubs met 'Atka' from the Wolf Conservation Center.
Working on some Egyptian snakes. Always popular tug of war. Showing off their Egyptian garb and masks. I'm ready for 2007's Cub Scout Investigators theme. A firehose is always welcome on a hot day. Archery once again proved to be the most popular activity.

Cub Scout D

Fun and games, skills, sports, crafts and cooking ... all were par for the course at this year's Connecticut Yankee Council Cub Scout Day Camp. More than 570 boys (nearly 200 more than 2005) attended our six locations throughout the summer.

With an Egyptian theme, it proved to be a great program. Boys did arts and crafts, cooking, Scout skills, SOGO (a combination of soccer and golf), and Broom Ball (a game that resembles field hockey and was played in ancient Egypt), and of course the most popular activity, archery.

At Albertus Magnus and Camp Seton the boys were able to cool off at each site's pool, while at PNA and Old Mine Parks and Hoyt Scout Reservation visitors from the local fire departments hosed the boys down, a refreshing break from this summer's heat.

A representative from the Milford Animal Control Department came and spoke to the boys at Eisenhower Park about his work with lost, abandoned and abused animals — the camp collected close to 200 pounds of animal food for the shelter as a camp wide service project. The boys at Hoyt met "Atka", the Wolf Ambassador for the non-profit group Wolf Conservation Center.

Special thanks to ...

Beth Donlon for arranging the visits from the fire and police departments for PNA and for the use of an extra pop-up tent at Albertus Magnus.

Jenn Zinck for all of her help running errands, taking pictures, and completing paperwork at Albertus.

Gene Waring for volunteering as a den leader at Eisenhower and expertly demonstrating Scout Skills at Old Mine Park.

Alex Robinson for arranging for the fire department to come out to Old Mine Park not once but twice. It was a much needed respite from the heat that week.

Michelle Wendt for volunteering at Old Mine Park, then coming out to Hoyt Scout Reservation and filling in wherever we needed her.

Craig Voytek for running an outstanding cooking program at Old Mine Park. He made it fun and exciting for all of the boys and did it with a great sense of humor.

Pam Robinson for leading the Sports program at Old Mine and bringing with her at least six Boy Scouts to help out.

Liz Rose for lining up the police and fire departments' visits, a visit from

Thank you to all our volunteers!!!

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Julie Crislip, Becky Purcell, Christine Yankura, Stacey
Christine Riggs, Johnette Lopiano, Carmela Kaufman, Amar
— Mike Dorrico, Peter Stumpf, David Knaus, Cesar Vertiz, M
Jeannette Stoneman, Becky Fowler, Stephanie Mirza, Becky Hew
Marra, Meg Povroznik, Lisa Soerensen, Tess Whaley, Sue Gottlieb, E
Scout Reservation — Dawn Auslander, Ruth Hard, Jessica Carls
Saalborn, Jill Cherry, Patricia Herlihy, Antoinette Moore, Carol Santiago,
McIntyre, Kathy Calsetta, Linda Kin

Day Camp '06

MS (Eastern Mountain Sports), and of course the visit from Atka, the Wolf mbassador. Thanks also for running out many times to get supplies, develop otos, and other items we so desperately needed to keep camp running.

Ken Korin for coming back as a den leader even though his son James is w a Boy Scout.

Scott Savo for towing the camp trailer for two weeks for us.

Thanks must also go to a number of people who worked at camp for three eks or more and provided invaluable service to the boys ... Lori Pistey as other Nature; Willy Gonzalez as Archery Director; Trisha Erff as Arts & afts Specialist; James Hopper as Scout Skills ; Billy Erff as Scout Skills; ristina Myers as Songstress, Den Leader, and any other area where we ded her; Judy Wade as Medical Officer; Sarah Chick as Business Manager Archery Director; Dan Marazita as Program Director

Day Camp also has to thank and is deeply indebted to a group of youth who ve up a good part of their summer to help us where we needed it. Whether y were asked to be den leaders, assistant den leaders, program aides, or run gram areas they never complained and did an outstanding job. They were re first thing in the morning to help set up camp and were some of the last eave. Without their willingness to help where needed, our camps would ave run as well. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to Lauren Hopper, ea Marazita, Victoria Chick, and Joe Hopper.

Be a Volunteer for 2007

It takes a lot of people to make Day Camp run effectively. Consider volun- ring with your Cub Scout for Day Camp 2007. We've got a place for you on staff, whatever your strength. Taking the opportunity to work directly with boys can give you a great sense of satisfaction and enjoyment and it gives u a chance to see just how much fun Cub Scouts can be. Not only that you are setting a tremendous example of service for not just the boys with whom you work, but your children as well. The boys whose family members have been volunteers beam with pride and can't wait to let the others know that their mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, is a volunteer.

Volunteers for the whole week receive a free week of camp and two camp shirts. If you cannot be at camp for the whole week consider volunteering for a day or a half a day – even that short period of time will be special for both you and your son.

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Cub Scout Day Camp Returns in 2007

CUB SCOUT INVESTIGATORS

Get out your magnifying glasses and keep on the lookout for ...

C.S.I. Cub Scout Investigators!

That's right — Day Camp 2007 features Cub Scouts exploring the world of science and investigating mysteries of all kinds.

Brochures with more information will be coming in November, so keep on the look out.





Lots of FUN at FUN FEST 2006

On July 22nd our Council hosted The Prehistoric Cub Scout Fun Fest at Deer Lake. Despite a little rain, the Cubs had a great time swimming, boating, making arts and crafts, and playing games including the "Dinosaur Egg Roll." This game featured an 8 foot "Dinosaur Egg" that had to be rolled in a prehistoric relay race. Special thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in to make this the best Cub Scout event of the summer.

Philmont / Sea Base Contingents '07

On July 14, 2007, 24 Scouts and adults will depart Connecticut for a two week trek in the New Mexico backcountry at Philmont Scout Reservation. You could be one of this crew.

The Council is coordinating two 12-member crews (2 adults, 10 Scouts each) and co-ed participation is available only with a female adult leader. The Crews will plan and prepare together and then travel to Philmont for the time of their lives. The estimated cost is \$1,475 which includes everything but spending money. Visit the Council website today to download a complete information packet.

Also departing in 2007 is a 20-member crew to attend Florida Sea Base from July 15-22. The crew will travel the high seas aboard a 70-foot tall ship visiting ports and fishing holes between Miami and Key West, Fl. Voyages will fish, snorkel, crew the ship, relax in the sun and sail among the Florida Keys. If you're a wannabe swabbie with a yen for adventure, this trip is for you.

The fee of \$1,050 covers all expenses except spending money. An application is available from the Council website. Please visit <http://www.bsaseabase.org> for more information on this National base.



Cub Scout Fright Night

October 28, 2006

Join us for our fourth annual Halloween event to get the entire family ready for the season. Many fun activities sponsored by area Boy Scout troops – starting with a hot brew from our camp cauldron to warm you up before your chilling, guided journey begins. Tours depart every 20 minutes starting at 5:30 p.m. If you're into ghost stories, pumpkin decorating, house of horrors, feats of skill, blood curdling echoes and more, this is for you.

Participant Fee:

Scouts / Siblings \$12
Adults \$4

Price includes hot dog, chips & juice, make-your own favorites, a commemorative patch, moments of fright, flight and screams for both children and adult partners. Limit 250 Scouts.

2006 Cub Scout Fright Night, October 28 Registration Form

Name _____ Unit _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Mail Completed form and payment to:

Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA
2006 Cub Scout Fright Night
PO Box 32
Milford, CT. 06460

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Oct. 20, 2006

No. Scouts / Siblings _____ @ \$12 each \$ _____
No. Adults _____ @ \$4 each \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Phone 800.333.7905, Ext. 273

Fax 203.876.6884

NO REFUNDS AFTER OCT. 1, 2006

I would like to pay by: Check Credit Card

VISA / MC / AMEX No. _____
Exp. Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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 Scout Day at Lime Rock, October 20-21 Registration Form

Name _____ Unit _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Mail Completed form and payment to:

Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA
2006 Scout Day at Lime Rock
PO Box 32
Milford, CT. 06460

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Oct. 13, 2006

No. Scouts / Adult passes _____ @ \$14 each \$ _____
No. Cubs / Siblings passes _____ @ \$7 each \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Phone 800.333.7905, Ext. 273

Fax 203.876.6884

PICK UP PATCHES AND UNIT RIBBONS AT EVENT CRACKERBARRELL.

I would like to pay by: Check Credit Card

VISA / MC / AMEX No. _____
Exp. Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

The Day Fades Away

— Edward W. Abbazia Jr.
Troop 12 Milford

Sometime before morn
The monster comes calling
With ratcheting hands
Clanging and banging
Bang, clang, clang, bang
BANG ... then silence
And banging no more.

Rise and shine, rub your eyes
Time for sun and fun
Gather together and raise our flag
The day has just begun

Gather together at Clark field
Troops align the pegs
Make a bee line for the mess hall
Pancakes, sausage and eggs

Merit badge classes carry us along
Teaching life skills to stand tall
Shooting, swimming, metal crafts
No time to complete them all

The winds pick up
The clouds accumulate
Throughout the camp
The thunder resonates
Rainfall will cover the hills
Lets all bug out to Buffalo Bills

Split the logs and pile the tinder
Time for a fire now I figure
Use leftover coals
From the days that passed
Hurry now the fire burns fast

Round the fire tales of old
Songs of mermaids yet untold
Gather MEN

Enjoy the noise and play
As the fire dies slowly
And the day fades away.



Boy Scout Troop 12, Troop 196 and Cub Scout Pack 722 came to the aid of Troop NOLA 23 in Metairie, La who took a direct hit from Hurricane Katrina. Camping gear, cooking supplies, and Scout bucks gift cards were donated between Sept 2005 and July 2006.



New Canaan Troop 70 Scouts and leaders had a two week adventure in the mountains of Switzerland. Pictured left to right, David Walbert, Eric Bihl, Jon Papaharis, Sam Freedgood, Julian Schott, Nick Murphy, Tom Brown, Nick Valauri, Kristian Schott, and Joe Sindelar. All Life Scouts except Eric and Jon are Eagles.



Wilton Troop 125 took a nearly two week trek out west to Wyoming with 18 Scouts and ten adult leaders. This was a hike in the mountains. We came across the bones of a dead horse that had been bleached in the sun. Front row L-R: JD Co-Reyes, Christian Whitmer and Tim Liptrot. Back row: Colin Kennedy, Josh Griep, Jake Rau, Sebastian VanEck and Carl Rhode.



A 'Grand' Adventure for Wallingford Troop 5

After two years of planning and training, Scouts and adults from Wallingford Troop 5 flew out to visit the Grand Canyon. All Scouts had already earned their First Aid Merit Badge and because of the extensive training and the trip itself, they had the opportunity to earn the Hiking, Backpacking and Personal Fitness Merit Badges.

The hike began with an eight mile, acclimation trek along the Rim Trail on the South Rim, a fairly easy trail with drop-offs in excess of 3,000 feet.

Three separate teams backpacked into the Grand Canyon, two from the South Rim and one from the North Rim, all emerging 4 days later on the Rim opposite from where they started. It is nearly a mile in elevation change from the rim to the floor of the Canyon, on switchback trails ranging in length from 7 to 9 miles. Following the South Kaibab,

North Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails, they crossed the Colorado River on suspension bridges and backpacked through Bright Angel Canyon in temperatures that averaged 108 degrees. In all each team backpacked and hiked about 40 miles, before finishing their trek from Rim to Rim.

The teams spend three nights in the Canyon. They saw snakes, lizards, scorpions, deer, elk, ring tailed cats, ravens, condors and countless other wildlife while taking in some of the most breathtaking sites in one of the 7 Wonders of the World. Downtime was spent attending Park programs, day hikes to scenic overlooks and keeping cool in the creeks and waterfalls. The Scouts event spent July 4th in the Canyon.

To round off their trip, on July 8 they traveled from the Grand Canyon to Phoenix, Arizona and had a pizza party while cooling off in a hotel pool then caught a movie before flying home on July 9th.



Fight for Freedom

Lt. Col. John McGonagle U.S.M.C. presents Pack 721 Cubmaster Elizabeth Keefe with an American Flag flown during missions over Iraq by HMM-774 Helicopter squadron at the Pack's Blue & Gold Dinner in February. Lt. Col. McGonagle provided an excellent presentation to the Cubs and families about his helicopter squadron's role in the Fight for Freedom.

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October

4 – District Meeting
7 – Basic Leader Training Part 1
7 – C.S. Leader Training Part 2
11 – Roundtable
11 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
11 – OA Chapter Meeting
13-15 – Fall Camporee at Seton
14-15 – C.S. Field Day at Seton
18 – Basic Leader Training Part 1
25 – C.S. Leader Training Part 2

November

1 – District Meeting
8 – Roundtable
8 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
8 – OA Chapter Meeting
29 – 2007 FOS Kickoff

December

2 – District Renewal Day
6 – District Annual Meeting
13 – Roundtable
13 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
13 – OA Chapter Meeting
15 – Membership Victory Party

Fall Recruiting Is Well Under Way

It looks like our Join Scouting Week, the Commerce Bank “Welcome to Scouting Event” and the Wilton Campfire could bring in over 145 new boys and we’re still counting!

Congratulations POWAHAY!

This is a great start towards our goal of 404 new boys for the fall. Many thanks to all of our 100 plus volunteers who made this happen.

Lori LeMay, our Cub Scout Recruiting Chair, is working with our Packs in conducting a second sign up night, following up on “referrals” from the School Night (those families that signed the attendance sheet but have not completed an application) and helping all of our packs fill up their dens. Each pack having a Tiger Ten Den is our ultimate goal.

Mike Kraus, our Boy Scouting Recruiting Chair, is working with Troops to recruit new boys, host a Webelos fall visitation night and build stronger relationships with our Cub Packs.

Our Venturing Crews and Ships are encouraged to host an Open House for new members. A Venturing Recruiting Booklet can be downloaded off of the Powahay Website. Powahay’s website has recruiting resources for Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships.

Once again, Thank you Powahay for a great start in bringing in more new boys to Scouting.

— John W. Hanks

Be Well Rounded – Attend Roundtables

A monthly Roundtable program is offered on the second Wednesday for all Powahay leaders. It’s an opportunity to come together, learn new skills, network with other leaders and enhance your strengths as a leader. Roundtable also offers trainings throughout the year and is an opportunity to learn the latest scoop on activities, promotions, etc. Roundtables are held at the LDS Church on South Avenue in New Canaan and last from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. All leaders are always welcome and encouraged to attend. Make sure your unit is represented each month to get the

valuable information. A draft schedule of programs is available on our district website.

— Norm Merritt
Roundtable Commissioner
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Powahay Popcorn Sale Off to Great Start!

We’re off to a great start in the annual fall popcorn sale. Powahay units average a total profit of over \$40,000 from popcorn sales each year. With a great kickoff and aggressive selling, our units are expected to blow that past history out of the water this year. Every piece of product sold means more money in your unit’s account to offer a better program to the boys. Please also send a note out to your friends and family around the country and make use of the order-popcorn.com website. Contact Nathan Newhall for some great tips to success.

New Leader Training

All new leaders are expected to take training. How else can you deliver a quality program to the boys? The first step for any new leader is to take Fast Start and Youth Protection trainings, both of which are available online. Visit our Council website, click on the “Training” tab and then “Online Learning Center.” Once you’ve completed these, it’s time to sign-up for one of the Saturday or week-night trainings for your position.

You can view a complete listing of all available trainings on the website by again clicking the “Training” tab and then “Event Calendar.” If you have any questions at all about the courses you need to take, please contact Gwen Lupinek at glupinek@yahoo.com.

Fall Activities

Boy Scouts are invited to test their emergency preparedness skills at a ‘Bloody’ First Aid Camporee hosted by Stamford’s Troop 11. The camporee is October 13-15 at Camp Seton in Greenwich. Injuries ranging from minor problems to broken bones and bloody wounds will need to be treated, so plan on bringing clothes you won’t mind getting dirty. A registration form

Chairman's Corner

It’s hard to believe how quickly summer went by and that we’re well into fall. During the summer, your Council and district leadership were busy planning for the upcoming school year.

John Hanks and his membership team have done an incredible job in developing a recruiting program for our boys that kicked off Sept. 14. I am anxious to see the great results.

The rest of our district team has likewise been active in ensuring that we have the right programs and activities that meet the needs of boys and leaders. As you probably know, we have changed the format of our monthly Roundtables to bring both Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders at the same meeting/same location which is already yielding benefits, and are revising the Roundtable programs to make sure we focus on what is important to you as leaders and committee chairpersons. Our main objective is to make it a valuable use of your time.

As part of an annual process we go through, we will be seeking volunteers to participate on a Nomination Committee to identify individuals to fill key positions within the district and I am confident that with the great pool of talented and connected leaders we have, will have no problem forming this committee.

I am excited about the new Scout year and believe the plans and programs we have in place for the District will make this our best year ever. We will continue to seek feedback from you as we move forward on our 3 year Strategic Plan (available online on our website) and please do not hesitate to contact me directly on any matter that.

— Robert Eason

and packet is available on our district website and more information will be distributed at district Roundtables. Contact Scoutmaster Dave Welton at 203.322.6028 with any specific questions.

Cub Scouts and their families are invited to our annual **Cub Scout ‘Boat Builder’ Field Day** on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Camp Seton. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the round-robin style activities last from 1 to 5 p.m. All families will receive a commemorative patch, a Cub Scout dinner and are invited to participate in the evening campfire and overnight campout. A registration packet is available on our website. Volunteers are needed to run the activity stations.

Online Advancement

All Powahay Packs, Troops and Crews should adopt the new Internet Advancement system for updating and maintaining Scout advancement records. Online Internet Advancement allows leaders to enter youth advancements, awards, merit badges as well as performing the following actions:

– selecting members from your

existing roster;

– review and update, or add ranks, merit badges and/or other awards;

– Access an online Review Unit Roster feature and Unit Advancement Summary;

– Print out an advancement report with a summary for purchasing.

An orientation and training will be conducted at a future Roundtable for any leaders interested. Otherwise, please contact Advancement Chairman Chester Wickett at cwickett@optonline.net. Visit the Council website, click on Resources tab to access the site.

Powahay Newsletter

Are you receiving timely and informative announcements of Powahay activities? Know when the next training is? Be sure to subscribe to the Powahay newsletter today. Contact Tony Vogl to register.

See more **POWAHAY**, Page 18

Scatacook District

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

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October

4 – District Committee Meeting
11 – Roundtable
11 – OA Chapter Meeting
20-22 – Fall Camporee

November

1 – District Committee Meeting
8 – Roundtable
8 – OA Chapter Meeting

December

6 – District Committee Meeting
13 – Roundtable
13 – OA Chapter Meeting

Welcome

Scatacook welcomes another year of Scouting. We also welcome all the new Scouts and Scouters to the Scouting program. Scatacook District and the Scouting program offers many opportunities for all scouts to get involved. Some of the opportunities that are available include camping, advancement, and service just to name a few. I would encourage all Scouts to take advantage of as many opportunities that they can. There are also chances for parents and adults to get involved. This is your chance to make a difference in the life of a child. I would encourage every parent to get involved at some level and help to make a difference.

— Dominic Galtieri

that the date of the mission will be January 19 and 20 (snow date Jan 21) The mission will no doubt be challenging and require you to all use all your skills you have acquired. The location of the mission is still to be determined. The remaining details will be given to you on a need to know bases.

Fall Recruitment

Scatacook once again had a successful fall recruitment. Many thanks to all who participated in the school night for scouting program. Many new youth form all over the district, and council now are getting benefits of the scouting program. Let's keep the momentum going as we progress in to the fall and the new year.

SHH

Scatacook Helping the Hungry (SHH) is an initiative to work together and help the hungry families in our district. Our goal is to collect 15 tons of food by Thanksgiving. How can we do this you may ask? We can do it by collecting food at all district events as well as unit events and meetings. Don't forget to report your results to Jay Lubin at jaylubin@scatacook.org

Rechartering

Recharting packets will be going out the first couple of weeks of the month so please keep your eyes open for them. Please begin work

Popcorn

The annual popcorn sale has official begun, but if your unit is not selling popcorn it is not too late to start. Although you are too late to participate in the Show and Sell program there is still plenty of time to take advantage of the Take Order program. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our District Popcorn Kernel Theresa Eames at 203.364.1521 or Dominic Galtieri.

Klondike 007; License to Skill

Troops 42, 48, and 137 have issued a mission to all Scouters. At this time recon has informed us

Thoughts from your District Chairman

Summer is over, school is underway and our Scout Units are in full swing. Many of our Scouts & Scouters have been to summer camps and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Owaneco Lodge, Order of the Arrow traveled to Michigan for NOAC and to West Point for the NE-2C Conclave. Many memories and lifetime friendships have been established during the past few months. Leadership skills have been strengthened and much fun has been experienced. It is always an exciting time when autumn arrives and Connecticut Yankee Council's Units begin their Scouting programs for the ensuing year.

Congratulations to Scatacook District as we recently qualified for "Winner's Circle" status. This means that we are in good position to earn the Quality District Award this year. In order to do this, we need to focus on creating several new Scout Units and achieve our Friends of Scouting financial contribution goal. Our District Committee is very focused and working hard to achieve the Quality District Award. If you wish to participate in an upcoming Phone-a-thon seeking FOS contributions, please call me. We welcome your participation.

Your District Committee has great volunteers working on key committees and welcomes your participation 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, 95 Greenwood Ave. in Bethel (across from the Bethel Food Market) and always have great things to share that will contribute to the quality of your Scout Unit. Hope to see you there!

— Tom Maxwell

on the early to prevent a last minute rush and allow time to fix any errors as well as secure all signatures. All charters are expected to be turned in no later than December 15.

Roundtables

All are welcome to our monthly roundtable. Roundtable is a

monthly meeting for adults. The meeting includes announcements and updates on events Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing. Breakouts include meeting ideas, answers to frequently asked questions, and networking opportunities just to name a few. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at St. Thomas Church in Bethel.

LDS

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LDS Council Committee Just Formed

A little known fact out here in the east is that the LDS Church has been a sponsor of the Boy Scouts of America since 1913 and it is currently the largest single donor to the Boy Scout organization. Yet here in the Connecticut Yankee Council, the LDS units have not banded together to form an LDS Council Committee... until now. Starting in the fall, the new LDS Council Committee will

meet (telephonically) once a quarter to discuss various issues, like:

- ▲ Holding LDS-centric training including Duty to God integration
- ▲ Sponsoring LDS-friendly training, including Wood Badge (no Sabbath day requirements)
- ▲ Organizing LDS-specific events.

We encourage each ward to designate a participant. Please e-mail committee chairman, Norm Merritt at normanmerritt@gmail.com with name and ward. Our first meeting will be held October 15 at 9 p.m. Please dial in toll free 888-384-9090 Passcode: 75 77 84#. Also, please submit articles for the Scouter.

Boy Scouts of America

is adding new resources to its website all the time.

Stay informed and current on all National services.

<http://www.scouting.org>

POMPERAUG DISTRICT

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

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Trip To Mars

This December Pomperaug District and the Discovery Museum of Bridgeport are hosting two Trips to Mars. All Webelos in the Pomperaug District are invited to register for this event. Space is limited. Registration forms can be found on our District's website. You can sign up for either December 2nd or December 9th.

Friends of Scouting

As we move into the winter months, please keep in mind Friends of Scouting. If your Ship, Crew, Troop, or Pack has not scheduled a presentation, please schedule one as soon as possible. Thank you!

Recharter

Recharter Paperwork will be available for all units at the October 10th Roundtable. Please keep in mind that Recharter are due by December 15th. If you have any questions regarding Recharter, do not hesitate to contact us.

Popcorn

It is not too late to earn some extra money for your unit this year. You can still participate in The Take Order Sale.

Fall Camporee & Webelos Woods

These two events are being run in conjunction with each other this year. They will be taking place on the weekend of October 14th at Veteran's Park in Bridgeport. Troop 34 of Bridgeport is running this year's Camporee.

GTFA Service Hours

Pomperaug District salutes those Units who have reported their service hours this Spring: Troop 065 Trumbull, Pack 177 Stratford, Troop 062 Monroe, Troop 088 Fairfield, Pack 088 Fairfield, Pack 075 Weston, Troop 788 Weston, Pack 162 Monroe, Troop 076 Stratford, Troop 090 Fairfield, Pack 099 Fairfield

Log onto www.goodturn-foramerica.org today and log in your unit's service hours.

October

3 – District Committee Meeting
3 – District Commissioner Staff Meeting
4 – New Leader Essentials Training
7 – New Leader Essentials & Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
10 – District Roundtable
10 – OA Chapter Meeting
11 – Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
13 – 15 - Fall Camporee
14 – 15 - Webelos Outdoor Woods
21 – Den Chief Training
21 - New Leader Essentials & Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (In Spanish)
26 – Life to Eagle Seminar

November

7 - District Committee Meeting
7 – District Commissioner Staff Meeting
14 – Roundtable
14 – OA Chapter Meeting

December

2 – Trip to Mars at the Discovery Museum (Webelos)
5 – District Committee Meeting/Annual Meeting
5 – District Commissioner Staff Meeting
9 – Trip to Mars at the Discovery Museum (Webelos)
12 – District Roundtable
12 – OA Chapter Meeting
15 – All Recharter Due

January

2 - District Committee Meeting
2 – District Commissioner Staff Meeting
9 - District Roundtable
9 – OA Chapter Meeting
20 – New Leader Essentials & Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
19 – 21 – District Klondike

Powahay

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Powahay District Annual Meeting

The Powahay District Annual Business Meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Andrew Shaw Memorial Cabin, 140 West Avenue in Darien. The slate of the 2007 district committee along with the recommendation for District Commissioner will be presented at this meeting. All charter organization representatives, all registered members-at-large, and all registered Council members-at-large residing in the district are eligible to vote.

Positive Publicity For Scouting in Powahay

We've got a great and powerful story to tell but we need your help. Make sure that you are submitting photos and articles of your activities to your local weekly newspapers.

Weeklies love pictures with local names and faces and it pays off in enrollment and support of Scouting. You can also send your photos to Tony Vogl for publication in our online district photo album.

Unit Commissioners Are Here to Help You

Powahay District has a corps of Scouting volunteers whose sole purpose is to help you be successful and ensure a quality program for our boys. They are Unit Commissioners. These are generally experienced Scouting leaders who want to help you. Please find out who your unit commissioner is by visiting our website and reaching out to them for help and guidance. Contact Lou Pataki to find out who your commissioner is.

Charter Renewal Day

As our ranks are filled with new boys and families, it's time to take the annual membership audit and

renew our charters for the coming year. Packets will be distributed to unit leaders at the October Roundtable and are due back no later than Saturday, Dec. 3. Commissioner staff will be on hand to assist from 10 a.m. to noon at the Andrew Shaw Memorial Cabin in Darien.

Leave Scouting Better Than You Found It

We've all heard the expression to "leave the campsite better than you found it." What will Scouting be like when you move on and your son graduates? Your contribution of time, energy and Friends of Scouting donations help us to deliver a program to your sons today but a gift to the Council's Endowment fund will ensure that we can continue our high-quality program here in Connecticut in the days ahead. Please consider adding Scouting to your will.

Wood Badge Reunion Dinner



"Let us all get together to renew old friendships."

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006
Grassy Hill Lodge
Derby, CT

Please visit the Council website to download a registration form or call Nick Cianciola at 203.372.5243 eldereagle@optonline.net

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Serving the communities of New Haven, East Haven, Branford, Guilford, North Branford, and Madison.

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October

- 1 – Tiger Rally
- 3 – District Committee Meeting
- 3 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 6-8 – Cub Scout Familoree
- 10 – Roundtable
- 10 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 13-15 – Fall Camporee

November

- 7 – District Committee Meeting
- 7 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 14 – Roundtable
- 14 – OA Chapter Meeting

December

- 2 – Recharter Day
- 5 – District Committee Meeting
- 5 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 5 – District Annual Business Meeting
- 9 – Holiday Campfire
- 12 – Roundtable
- 12 – OA Chapter Meeting

January

- 2 – District Committee Meeting
- 2 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 9 – Roundtable
- 9 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 26-28 – Klondike Derby

Knights of the Roundtable

Come join our Roundtable Knights to receive up to date information on all Scouting activities as well as a revamped program, which now includes training. Lighthouse Roundtables are held on the second Tuesday of every month at North Branford Intermediate School. Anyone is welcome to attend. Our October theme will focus on Internet Advance, so come for an informative good time! For more information contact Eric Smith at 203.484.4300 or ericsmithbsa@comcast.net or John Rochette

A Great School Night

As usual, Lighthouse's annual fall roundup was a great success. Special thanks to our fearless Membership Chair Debbie Parfitt and her Zone Coordinators to all the hard work and effort they put forth. Remember to follow up with your recruitment efforts, as recruitment is a yearlong project. It is our responsibility to reach out to all the boys in the community and provide them with the best program we have to offer.

Popcorn Sales

Our Popcorn Sale is in full swing, but it is not too late for you Unit to participate. Popcorn sales not only bring funds for your unit but it gives the boys their first, or one of their first sales experiences, which is an excellent lesson to learn early. Remember everyone wins with popcorn, and don't forget popcorn makes a great gift, so stock up for those hard to shop for friends and family in the upcoming holiday season.

Webelos Woods

Brought back by popular demand The Lighthouse District Webelos Woods was a huge success! This event was held at Lake Quonnipaug on September 22-24th. The Webelos completed numerous Webelos and Arrow of Light Requirements as well as prepared for their first steps into Boy Scouts. The Scouts cooked all their own food and had a great time! Special thanks to Mike Howe and Loyd Zinck for all their effort in organizing this great event!

Tiger Rally

This event is the latest and greatest from Lighthouse's Cub Activities Committee. It was held at Deer Lake on October 1. All the new Tiger Cubs had a blast, while the parents gained some further insight into the Scouting program. A special thanks to Jennifer Zinck for planning and organizing this awesome event.

"Cookin' In The Wild"

The Lighthouse Fall Camporee will be held October 13-15 at Deer Lake with the theme of "Cookin' In The Wild." There will be hands on demonstrations, cooking competitions, menu planning, entrees, desserts, advancement opportunities, and a ton of fun. Bring you appetite! For more information and registration check our district website or contact Kevin "The Swedish Chef" Brundrett at Kevin.brundrett@shore.com or John Rochette.

New Unit Organizers

Congratulations to Troy Parker and Jennifer Zinck for earning the William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award! The Award recognizes volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units. This award is worn on the adult Scout uniform and is a square knot placed over the three colors representing the three phases of our program. Congratulations Troy and Jennifer!

Holiday Campfire

As you may or may not know, every December Lighthouse hosts a District Holiday Campfire. This year it will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at Deer Lake. Come for the hot chocolate and stay for some of the best skits and songs you will ever see. For more information contact our Holiday M.C. Eric Smith at 203.484.4300 or ericsmithbsa@comcast.net

Klondike Ho!

Our Klondike Derby is January 26-28. Implement your outdoor skills in the competition for the most gold nuggets. A grueling event that is a ton of fun for everyone.



Lighthouse Webelos cool off at Webelos camp.

District Announce List

Lighthouse District operates an e-mail announce list for all our activities and important news

updates. If you are not receiving these e-mails and would like to please send an e-mail to John Rochette.

Executive

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The on-line Merriam-Webster dictionary has one match for the words Boy Scout and it lists two meanings . . . The first is: a member of an organization of boys having as its purpose the development of character and self-reliance. The second is: someone who lives by a code of ethics and values. Wow, Those are pretty powerful statements.

William Boyce recognized it as he brought Scouting to America. Congress recognized it as they chartered the Boy Scouts of America as an educational organization in 1917. Over 200 million American parents recognized it as they enrolled 110 million of their sons in this great program. And even our critics recognize it as they attack and condemn Scouting for the character and values we continue to

instill in youth.

As we get ready to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2010, we look with pride at 115 million alumni of the Boy Scouts of America and realize that we've done something right. Now, will we be here a 100 years from now to celebrate our 200th anniversary? I don't know, but the Scout oath and law are still relevant today. Duty to god . . . country . . . community . . . still means something. Words of the Scout Law: Trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent are rules that Scouts have lived by since 1910. These are rules that Scouts are living by in 2006 . . . and hopefully, these are rules that Scouts will be living by in 2110 . . . 100 years from now.

I'm proud to be a part of an organization that is branded as a force for good in the community.

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October

- 4 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 4 – District Committee Meeting
- 7 – Scoutmaster/Assistant SM Specific Training Part 1
- 8 – Cub Scout Day Hike
- 9 – Boy Scout Roundtable
- 12 – Cub Scout Roundtable
- 12 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 17 & 19 – CS Leader Training
- 18 – Basic Leader Training Part 1
- 20-22 – Fall Camporee
- 21 – Scoutmaster/Assistant SM Specific Training Part 2
- 25 – Cub Leader Specific Training
- 25 – Show & Sell Popcorn Return Deadline

November

- 1 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 1 – District Committee Meeting
- 1 – Take Order Popcorn Orders Due
- 4 – Pow Wow
- 6 – Boy Scout Roundtable
- 6 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 – Cub Scout Roundtable
- 17 – Silver Beaver Nomination Deadline
- 18 – Take Order Popcorn Pick Up

December

- 6 – District Annual Business Meeting
- 9 – District Recharter Day
- 11 – Boy Scout Roundtable
- 11 – OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 – Cub Scout Roundtable
- 15 – Charter Renewal Deadline

District Executive's Minute

As many of you know by now, I am filling in as the Wepawaug Valley's District Executive until a full time Executive is hired.

I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you over the past few weeks. I look forward to meeting with even more of you as time goes on. I will be working with the District Committee to continue to build Wepawaug Valley into a strong, viable district. There are many great, hard working volunteers in the District. I know with everyone's help, we as a team can build a Quality District!

My door is open to your suggestions and concerns. Please feel free to drop by and introduce yourself. I look forward to seeing all of you around the District!

— Jon Pleva

Roundtables Are Essential For Success

Cub Scout Roundtables are on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Resource Center in Milford. The Boy Scout Roundtables are on the 2nd Monday of the month, same time and place.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn new things as well as network with fellow leaders from the Wepawaug Valley. Have pressing questions as to how to make your program better? This is the place to go. You'll receive all of the latest news on activities, policy changes, and upcoming events in the Council and district.

Unit Rechartering

Charter Renewal kids will be distributed in October to all units. This is the time of year to take an inventory of your current rosters. You will be making sure all of your active youth and adults are officially registered with the Council, and also will be deleting youth and adults no longer active in the Scouting program.

One service available at no cost to you is the opportunity to conduct this charter renewal on-line through the Council's website. A user name and password is required to access your unit's records. If you do not have your user name and password, contact Jon Pleva or Kathy Znosko at 203.876.6868. One important thing to keep in mind is that when you finish the recharter process online, you need to print a final report and you still need to have it

verified and signed by the Charter Organization and the Unit Leader.

The District will host a special Charter Renewal Day on Saturday Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. – noon at the Council Resource Center. Take this opportunity to have one of the Unit Commissioners or District Committee Members review your charter for accuracy and answer any questions you might have. The final deadline for submitting charters is Friday, Dec. 15.

Wepawaug Valley Annual Meeting

The Wepawaug Valley Annual Business Meeting will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Resource Center. The slate of the 2007 district committee along with the recommendation for District Commissioner will be presented at this meeting. All charter organization representatives, all registered members-at-large, and all registered Council members-at-large residing in the district are eligible to vote.

Have You Scheduled Your FOS Presentation?

Does your pack or troop enjoy Camp Sequassen or Deer Lake? Have your Scouts attend any of our summer camp experiences? Have you or any of your Scout leaders participate in any of our training opportunities? Have you or someone from your unit received assistance from your District Executive or anyone else from the Council staff? All of these items and services are all provided by the Council and need need to be paid for some-

Commissioner Corner

It's a new Scouting year. Time does fly. It's a time to set goals for ourselves and our units. Two of my goals this year are to get you and your units on the road to success. Only you can help me.

GOAL ONE:

Have every unit send a representative to Roundtable each month.

All Roundtables meet at the Council Resource Center. Boy Scout Roundtable meets second Monday of the month. Cub Scout Roundtable meets the second Thursday of the month.

Having a unit representative attend Roundtable is one of the most important things your unit can do to serve your Scouts. Try it, you'll like it. I hope to see you there. Roundtable is where you: Exchange ideas with your peers, make yourself heard by your District representatives, are informed of Council and District activities, learn new Scout skills, enjoy great guest lecturers, and have fun.

GOAL TWO:

Have every adult leader complete Fast Start and Youth Protection Training by November 1st, 2006. These are available on-line.

Parents expect to have their boys led by quality-trained leaders. To achieve this objective, the Boy Scouts of America have designed all new training sessions. Every Scouter needs to be trained.

Fast Start orientation is the first step to assisting leaders. It is designed to immediately orient leaders to the Scouting role before their first meeting with youth. Next is Basic Leader Training, a two step process. Part I is designed for all volunteers and provides the basics of the Scouting programs, the age appropriateness of those programs and our values and methods. Part II is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific leadership position such as den leader, Scoutmaster, etc. Youth Protection Training is a requirement of ALL adult leaders every two years.

More information on training is available from the Council website and the 2006-07 Program Calendar. Please help me, help you by meeting my goals. Thanks for all your hard work in the service of boys.

— Donald Kaletsky

how. Friends of Scouting is a critical component in funding these. Your participation in Friends of Scouting helps make all of this possible.

During the month of January through April, representatives from the district will be visiting all of units in Wepawaug Valley to solicit your help.

Please take a moment to meet with them and be a generous as you can. Over the next few months we will be scheduling visits with all of the units in the district. If you already know the time, date, and location of your units presentation, please contact Jon Pleva.

Eisenhower Cub Day Camp a Great Success!!

Almost 100 Cub Scouts from the greater Milford area enjoyed a fun week of camp this summer at Eisenhower Park in Milford. Special thanks to the Camp Director Jane Chick, the Program Director Dan Marazita, and to District Day Camp Coordinator Deanna McLenithan, for their tireless efforts to provide a quality camping experience to the boys of our District.

We hope to see all of you the week of July 23 – 27, 2007, back at Eisenhower Park, for CSI (Cub Scout Investigators) Day Camp!

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Upcoming Dates

October

3 - District Committee Meeting
10 - Recharter Paperwork Out
13 - Commissioner Updates
17 - Key Three Meeting
20-22 - Fall Camporee
21 - Eagle Advisor Update
23 - Achewon OA Chapter Meeting
29 - Membership Inventory
Deadline

November

4 - Food Drive - Bags out
4 - James E. West Fellowship
Dinner
3 - Hike the Giant Cub Day Hike
7 - District Committee Meeting
10 - Commissioner Updates
11 - Food Drive - Bags pickup
13 - District Roundtable
14 - Save-a-Scout Telethon
15 - FOS Presenter Orientation
27 - Achewon OA Chapter Meeting

December

3 - Unit Recharter Day
5 - 2007 FOS Campaign Kickoff
5 - District Annual Meeting
8 - Commissioner Updates
11 - District Roundtable
15 - Unit Recharter Deadline
19 - Achewon OA Chapter Meeting
19 - Key Three Meeting
30 - Polar Bear Swim

Chairman's Corner

Extravaganza, Cub Resident Camp, Cub Day Camp, Philmont and good ole' Sequassen, no matter how or where you spent the summer camping, we had a great summer of fun and excitement!

The summer was a time for encouraging signs of stability and growth as we added a number of boys and units while maintaining an excellent retention rate of youth in the program. This is mostly due to the hard work of Membership Vice-Chairperson Lynn Crisci and her team of town coordinators who recruited almost non-stop from January to June.

There have been some changes however, as Cub leaders have become Boy Scout leaders and some Packs have new Cubmaster and Troops a new Scoutmaster. To those who served with distinction, we thank you. We also thank those leaders who have taken on the new challenges their new positions present them with. There will be numerous Training opportunities in the next few months as we seek to guarantee every youth a properly trained leader.

I look with great optimism to the fantastic program for the Fall and Winter seasons. I also want everyone to be aware that Sleeping Giant District will be hosting the Council's Annual Meeting and Silver Beaver Recognition Dinner in January 2007. You will be hearing a lot about this event in the coming weeks, and don't forget the James E. West Award Dinner in November 2006.

On behalf of the entire District Committee, we hope this Scouting year will be a "Quality" year!

— John Davenport

More youth & adults – The Membership Factor

Where are your 5th grade Webelos? We still have over 50 Webelos without a troop yet. If your Webelos have crossed over, please let me know so I can follow up on their progress. I would like to see every boy who wants to join a troop, find one he can call home.

Troops – please send your new Boy Scout (transfer) applications to Council as soon as possible OR bring them to the October Roundtable. We will be following up with each Webelos who has not crossed over and families tend to be upset when they find out their son was not registered yet. Please help us keep everyone happy and turn your applications in!

Fall Recruitment is also well underway. Let us know if there is anything you need to create the most effective recruitment event: posters, flyers, yard signs, Boy's Life mini mags, stickers, just let us know! Once you have decided your recruiting night, please be sure to tell me so we can help you prepare.

— Lynn Crisci

Wanted!

Wanted: a few good volunteers for the Lighthouse 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 that serve on the district committee and commissioner staff. No matter what your interest, unit service, activities, training, health & safety, communications, public relations, advancement, fundraising, membership recruitment, or something else, we have a place for you. For more information or to volunteer, please contact District Executive Christopher Guarniere.

Nominating Committee

The District Nominating Committee is now forming. The nominating committee's role is to secure the best volunteers to lead the district committee. For more information and details please contact Christopher Guarniere.

How Many Crossovers Did Your Troop Get?

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

1. Take an honest look at your troop. Separate yourself from your feelings about the troop and look with a judgmental eye. What does our troop program look like and is it well communicated? Are our troop's policies fair and easily understood? Are we seen often by the Cub Scout community? Stand outside one night and watch the troop in action through a window or door – what does it look like?

2. Discuss with your youth leadership the importance of recruiting crossover Webelos and get them involved in the efforts. Instill in them the sense of leadership's responsibilities to the next generation of scouts.

3. Discuss with the Troop Committee a game plan for when Webelos visit your troop. Be organized, be sure the boys and parents receive plenty of handouts regarding the troop, and that they leave with a good feeling. Organization, Activities, Reassuring Demeanor are all factors when trying to make a good impression.

4. Invite Webelos frequently to troop meetings, outings and campouts (when appropriate).

5. Participate in the Packs' events, meetings, outings and campouts (when appropriate).

6. Be personally active and helpful during District and Council meetings and events. Build a reputation and face recognition as a friendly, knowledgeable leader.

7. The Troop should be active and helpful during District and Council meetings and events. Build a presence of Scouting Spirit.

Remember that the decision of what troop to crossover to should be made by the boys themselves – however, it should not be overlooked that the parents have a lot of influence into their decisions.

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

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

— Janet Berry

Popcorn Sale 2006

Make money for your unit, have fun and earn prizes while you do it. The annual popcorn sale has begun and there is still time for your unit to be a part of it. Make this fundraiser your number one money earning project of the year! Contact Peter Greenbacker, Popcorn Chairman at 203.627.2357 or petergmbkr@sbcglobal.net for more information.

District Re-charter Day

Unit charter packets distributed at the October Roundtable are due on Saturday, Dec. 3. A special break-out session at the October Roundtable will demonstrate an overview of the new online rechartering system and answer any questions you have. Please mark your calendar now to attend this roundtable. In addition to the actual charter, your unit must provide the

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Upcoming Dates

October

- 17 – Exploring District Advisors & Youth Officers Meeting
- 17 – Explorer Advisor Training
- 22 – Firemuster at Connecticut State Fire Academy

New Drug Awareness Program for Builders

In cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America, the drug abuse prevention program, Drugs: A Deadly Game! will be made available this fall to schools utilizing the Builders Program (7th & 8th Grades). The new 18-page youth booklet, Choose to Refuse, features five drug-free teens who speak to today's youth about many of the drug-related issues they may possibly face. The theme of Choose to Refuse is "working together we can be a powerful force against drugs."

Program material includes: Pre-and Post-testing, Pre-test available online www.scouting.org/drugquiz (soon to be on www.learningforlife.org), The N.I.C.E. way to say "No.", and Choose to Refuse Family Pledge.

For more information or to order materials, please contact Learning for Life Executive Robert Wargo.



Hunter's EMS Explorer Post 181 serves free nachos & cheese and hands out brochures about safety and Exploring at the National Night Out in Meriden.



Post 181 conducted a Readyman Webelos program for Pack 73 Middletown. This is typical of the type of activities that Post 181 does day in and day out for their at large area.

Danbury Police Explorer's Trip to Arizona

By Meighan McNally

Thirteen members of the Danbury Police Explorer Program Post 33 attended the National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference in July at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Post 33 attended after being ranked the #1 Explorer Post in the Regional Stations Day, a day full of competitions made up by real-life police scenarios in which the Explorers perform to the best of their abilities. Post advisors, Sergeant Matt McNally and Officer David Antedomenico agreed that it was a perfect opportunity to compete against different posts, while still learning crucial police information.

The post competed in 4 competitions. They also competed in a drill competition, where they got to show off their fancy footwork and synchronized timing in front of a retired marine. Along with the



Chillin' in the sun at the National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference in Arizona.

competitions, Post 33 also took advantage of the seminars being offered during this week. Federal agents who work in the field of degree that was being taught taught the seminars.

Danbury Post #33 was commended for their hard work all week and with all their hard work on the competitions, they earned a 6th place finish in the Domestic Violence Response scenario. The Post also was tied for a 6th place finish in the Shoot/Don't Shoot scenario. Other competitions included Hostage Negotiations and First Aid.



Explorers from Danbury Police Post 33 attended the Regional Explorer Academy at Eastern Connecticut State University in July.

Regional Explorer Academy

By Meighan McNally

Trumbull Post 659 Report from Academy

By Officer Tim Fedor

TRUMBULL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Danbury Police Explorer Post 33 attended the Regional Explorer Academy Eastern Connecticut State University on July 23-29. Seventeen Explorers attended, making it the largest group at the Academy.

At the academy, the post was broken up into phases. The number of years you have previously been to the academy decides what phase each person will be in. This year, Post #33 had 7 explorers in Phase 1, 1 Explorer in both Phase 2 and 4, and 8 explorers in Phase 3.

Phase 1 is the learning phase. Explorers in this phase are broken up into squads and each squad learns how to march. At the end of the week, Phase 1 has a marching competition between the other squads. Phase 1 also has teaches the explorers basics on police work like report writing and gun safety. Phase 1 is also goes to the shooting range, so it is usually the first time anyone in that phase has ever shot. This year, the winner of the marching competition was Squad 3, and Danbury Police Explorer Bryan Jiminez was part of this squad.

Phase 2 is the competition phase of the academy. Here, explorers spend most of their time in a classroom learning more in-depth basics of police work. At the end of the week, explorers are partnered up and compete in competitions against each other based on the classes they were taught over the course of the week. In

The Trumbull Police Explorer Post 659 attended the Eastern Connecticut State University Explorer Academy with eleven (11) members this year. In phase one, six members (6) members took part in the first year program that introduces the explorer to law enforcement academy life. It has a para-military emphasis teaching organization and discipline to these young police explorers. Through out the week these explorers attend classes on various law enforcement topics. Such as crime and traffic accident scene investigation, communication procedures, fingerprinting, etc. These classes prepare them for the second, third, and fourth year phase programs. The week ends with a physical fitness challenge and drill competition between the different squads.

Two (2) members attended phase two, which is a second year program involving competition of various law enforcement topics, learned the first year. We had three (3) members participate in phase three, which is the third year participant's program. During this program, explorers operate an actual working police department responding to calls for police service 24/7. The on duty police explorers face a variety of scenarios that are typically faced day in day by police officers.

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following information on December 3: OA Troop Representative (for troops only); Troop Representative to the district committee; FOS presentation date, e-mail addresses of unit leaders, and training registrations for untrained leaders.

Hike The Giant

Pack a bag lunch and bring your family to the annual "Hike the Giant" Cub hike on Saturday, Nov. 4 at Sleeping Giant State Park in Hamden. The hike goes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Rick Walker at 203.639.1015.

James E. West Dinner

The 6th Annual James E. West Fellowship Dinner is on Saturday Nov. 4 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. This annual dinner is an evening for adult Scouters to socialize at a non-uniform event, have a few drinks, a few laughs and present a few distinguished volunteers with the prestigious James E. West Award. Tickets will be available starting at September Roundtable.

Trumbull

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They are observed and evaluated by the advisors on duty. Nightlife consisted of many fun activities such as sport competitions, talent shows, social gatherings and movies. It appeared as if there was never a dull moment.

I am also pleased to announce that Trumbull Police Explorer - Captain Thomas Gorton was awarded the phase three directors award for outstanding dedication and devotion through out the week. Trumbull Police Explorer Samantha Nantel was also recognized and received an award for talent displayed at the academy. The Annual Police Explorer Academy was attended by 83 young men and women from Police Explorer Posts in Danbury, Easton, Fairfield, Guilford, Meriden, Monroe, Southington, and Trumbull.

Whether you come for the fellowship, the presentations or the food, you can come have fun with your spouse, friends or maybe your unit for a Holiday gathering. Come join us for some fun. Questions about the dinner should be directed to John Davenport.

Friends of Scouting Campaign Update

Sleeping Giant volunteers have worked hard to raise more than \$45,000 from Scouting families in support of the annual Friends of Scouting campaign. If you have already given, thank you for your support. Our 2007 campaign kicks off in December. Please schedule your presentation before March 2007 so we can end our campaign early and concentrate on program.

Every Leader Trained

Sleeping Giant District has set a goal of having all leaders trained for their positions. We are working hard to schedule trainings to accommodate all leader needs. Please contact Christopher Guarniere or visit the Council website to find a training convenient to you. Every boy deserves a trained leader. Are you?

Danbury

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this phase, the shooting is also a competition, which is judged both on a single shooter and a post overall shooting average. This year, Danbury only had one explorer, Robert Didato, participate in this phase.

Phase 3 is a 2-year phase. They run the Academy police department. The first year attendees to this phase are the patrol officers. They work 6-hour shifts, which rotate every day. They deal with calls from cats stuck in trees to carjacking's to active shooter drills. When a squad is off duty, they had the opportunity to role play for other squads' scenarios. The second year attendees to this phase all took tests for ranking officers in the department. The rank included a chief, 3 lieutenants, 6 sergeants, a detective

SG Fall Camporee

Test your skills in competitions such as fire starting, knots, orienteering & other skills at the annual Fall Camporee, Oct. 20-22 at Mountain Mist YMCA Camp in Meriden. Some of these games may be the same but with an old twist! We are also doing team building by having some friendly team sporting competitions in the afternoon. A registration form is available on the district website.

Scouting for food

Sleeping Giant is conducting its annual food drive in early November. Collection bags are being distributed to our communities on November 4 and are being picked up on November 11. Food bags and materials will be distributed at the October Roundtable. We've collected nearly 17 tons of food last year alone. Be a part of one of the most important charitable service projects within our communities.

Collect food for the local food pantries. Your communities need you to fight hunger in this most needy time of the year.

sergeant and a detective bureau. Danbury Explorer Lieutenant David Ruth was named one of the three lieutenants at the academy.

Phase 4 is the Physical Training phase. This phase is run just like the CT police academy, with constant PT work all day. Along with the gruesome physical training, the explorers get to go through mock oral boards and interviews with the police department. This is to prepare the explorers for a career in law enforcement. Danbury only had one explorer, Kate Koepfel, participate in this phase.

Along with the explorers, the Advisors had to work during the week as well. The majority of the advisors were Range helpers, lead by the Ranger Director, Sergeant Matt McNally, also from Danbury. Other advisors were drill instructors for phases.

Danbury Post #33 took home a gracious amount of awards during this week. Explorer Alex Cardella

Explorer Post 601's New Year

Although the roster of Explorer Post 601 members changes each year, as students graduate from high school and new members take their place, the level of dedication never wavers. With 20 active MRT's, 8 active EMT's, and over 3554 hours volunteered, the Explorers are a vital component of Westport EMS. Each member begins by completing the school-year-long WEMS-taught MRT class. This year saw the induction of 6 new MRT's that graduated from the class. For those who choose to pursue an EMT certification, an additional year of classes is required. Each member of the Explorer Post, along with adult EMT's and Paramedics, works a regular weekly or biweekly shift as an integral member of the Ambulance Crew.

Elections for this year's Explorer Post 601 officers were held at the graduation of the most recent MRT class. Graduating high school senior EMT Bryan Stenson stepped down as president and turned over the reigns to EMT Ian Hunter. Along with EMT Mariel Goddu as Vice-President and MRT Emma Robson as Secretary, the new executive board is ready to meet the

challenges for the coming year. EMT Chris Renne was presented the Explorer of the Year award for his outstanding dedication to the organization and his commitment to helping those in need.

Along with volunteering on the primary ambulance, many Explorers have chosen to involve themselves further with the service. Explorers participated in Special Event EMS Coverage, such as Staples High School Football games, 4th of July Fireworks, and the local Festival Italiano. Some also participated in the Connecticut State EMS Conference at Cromwell. At the conference the Explorers acted as facilitators for those participating in the various classes at the conference. Additionally, Explorers lent assistance at the Mitchell's Fundraiser, held annually by Westport Volunteer EMS to raise funds for the purchase new vehicles for Westport EMS.

Overall, this year the Explorer Post has continued to maintain its outstanding allegiance and dedication to WEMS, its commitment to helping the community, and its stellar reputation around the county. A new MRT program is scheduled to begin on Sunday September 24, and is open to interested high school students throughout the Fairfield County area. If you or anyone you know wants to join this dedicated organization, call Explorer Post 601 Advisor Marc Hartog at 341-6056 for more information.

Give Your Input To New Boy Scout Handbook

The Boy Scouts of America will soon begin the process of developing the twelfth edition of the Boy Scout Handbook and is giving Scout leaders an opportunity to share their suggestions for the new edition. Visit www.scouting.org and follow the link for the Boy Scout Handbook Survey to offer your constructive feedback. It takes just a few minutes and requires no personal information.



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