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Be Prepared For The Fall

There's always a lot going on in our Council. It's the mark of a good program when things are happening all the time.

Our main reason for even having a Council is to offer activities and services to help support great Scouting programs in your packs and troops. We, volunteers and professionals, put a lot of time and energy into coming up with plans to help get more boys enrolled, more families participating and more quality programs. In support of this, two Kickoffs are coming up in July and August, both of which are vital to a unit's success.

The annual **Membership Kickoff** features tools, resources, ideas and networking to help your unit develop a plan to bring new families in to join. Our Council-wide School Night to Join Scouting is Tuesday, Sept. 11 and all units are asked to host a joining night that week. The Kickoff teaches you how to effectively promote it, manage it, and ultimately, get parents and boys to

sign on the dotted line and join Scouts. To make it more available, we're offering the Kickoff in two separate locations: Tuesday, July 17 at the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium, and Thursday, July 19 at a location TBD. Choose the one most convenient to you and make sure you have a representative from your Pack or Troop in attendance.

Our **Popcorn Kickoff** is Wednesday, August 15 at Foran High School in Milford. All units participating in the popcorn sale, and any units on the fence are invited to attend and leave with tried and true techniques to have a successful sale. By learning and following a plan, a unit can meet its full potential in the sale and get all their fundraising done in one effort so the rest of the year can be concentrated on program.

These Kickoffs are planned with you, the volunteer in mind. Please take the time to make sure your unit is represented so that all our boys can have a great program!

COUNCIL CHARGE

Lou Salute, Scout Executive

The Most Important Minute of Any Scout Meeting

Long before the "one minute" concept gained fame at the bookstores, Scouting was using it as an effective character-building tool. In fact, it has been used successfully since Ernest Thompson Seton and Daniel Carter Beard gathered boys around the campfire in the early days of last century.

We call our version the Unit Leader's Minute. It usually happens at the end of every meeting and is often a story distinguished by its brevity and singleness of purpose. It might be an account from a newspaper, a short poem, a personal experience, or something out of Scouting's history.

The Unit Leader's Minute motivates the listeners to think a little about the importance of Scouting's ideals, to advance, to make ethical decisions in life, and to stay "on course."

Such stories are often helped by building them around a familiar object. A light bulb

can be used to introduce a story about Thomas Edison and his incurable curiosity about things. A fishhook can be used to show how easy it is to get into something (such as a habit) and how hard it is to get back out. A magnet can be used to deflect a compass needle, illustrating the effect of temptation on life's objectives.



You will find ideas for effective Minutes in the Woods Wisdom Troop Program Features. Because the Unit Leader's Minute is a very short part of the meeting, it's easy to mistake it as being unimportant in relation to everything else. But,

when you think about it, the minute has tremendous character-building potential and it may well be the most important minute of any Scout meeting.

Take the time to plan these important minutes that your Scouts will take forward with them in life long after they finish the Scouting program.

Congratulations to the following Scouts who will

Soar with Eagles



Kenneth Maraczi	Troop 721 Milford	Alexander Velazquez	Troop 608 Hamden	Daniel Magner	Troop 66 Easton	Taylor Larson	Troop 286 New Canaan
David Northrup	Troop 408 East Haven	Ian Corcoran	Troop 66 Easton	Samuel Leitermann	Troop 604 Hamden	Kevin McNally	Troop 137 New Ffld
Joseph Keenan	Troop 48 Sherman	Ruari Clancy	Troop 10 Fairfield	Gregg Corso	Troop 604 Hamden	James Nunn	Troop 43 Meriden
Harry Gray	Troop 53 Darien	Benjamin Saunders	Troop 286 New Canaan	Timothy O'Neill	Troop 68 Trumbull	Jordan Reed	Troop 70 Newtown
Francis Meade	Troop 35 Darien	Stephen Shipman	Troop 40 Georgetown	Benjamin Huntley	Troop 42 New Ffld	Stephen Frydrych	Troop 788 Weston
Gregory Barron	Troop 428 Branford	Nicolas Kyriacou	Troop 137 New Ffld	Adam Nemeroff	Troop 88 Fairfield	Andrew Angus	Troop 39 Westport
William Knapp IV	Troop 72 Stratford	Kevin Milot	Troop 770 Newton	Joseph Furniss	Troop 82 Fairfield	Gregory Joram	Troop 42 New Ffld
Benjamin Daniels	Troop 28 Meriden	Justin Wolf	Troop 1 Wallingford	John Lucker	Troop 608 Hamden	Erik Schneiber	Troop 286 New Canaan
Joshua Williams	Troop 421 Branford	Joshua Debner	Troop 45 Southington	Brian Compton	Troop 811 North Haven	William Herrmann	Troop 66 Easton
Brian Kabel	Troop 38 Bridgeport	Shane Kirner	Troop 5 Brookfield	Andrew D' Ambrose	Troop 59 Bethany		
Justin Finch	Troop 76 Stratford	James Anderson	Troop 54 Bethel	David Botwick-Ries	Troop 41 Woodbridge		
Brian Cofrancesco	Troop 43 Meriden	Adam Lysenko	Troop 286 New Canaan	Colin Sullivan	Troop 401 East Haven		
Thomas Zemetis	Troop 43 Meriden	Jonathan Grande	Troop 15 Redding	David Royston	Troop 491 Madison		
Shane McCarthy	Troop 270 Newtown	William Kusmit	Troop 805 North Haven	Lawrence Sequino	Troop 907 Woodbridge		
Paul Albanese	Troop 701 Milford	Nicholas Racca	Troop 43 Meriden	Christopher Ganim	Troop 67 Trumbull		
Michael DiIorio	Troop 54 Bethel	James Hopper	Troop 67 Trumbull	Erik Laivins	Troop 67 Trumbull		
Brenden Cologna	Troop 270 Newtown	Justin Greco	Troop 163 Monroe	Matthew Maley	Troop 907 Woodbridge		
Seth Rule	Troop 701 Milford	Benjamin Sanford	Troop 811 North Haven	Frederick Condit Jr.	Troop 1 Stamford		
Andrew Mahoney	Troop 28 Meriden	Ethan Breittling	Troop 70 Newtown	Sebastian Ahumada	Troop 86 Stamford		
James Belta	Troop 100 Westport	Matthew Murray	Troop 135 Brookfield	Caleb Dudley	Troop 474 Guilford		
Willys Devoll	Troop 100 Westport	Eric Conway	Crew 1 Hamden	John Carafeno Jr.	Troop 810 North Haven		
David Brancati	Troop 608 Hamden	Matthew Lee	Troop 88 Fairfield	Zachary Klein	Troop 770 Newton		

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) is a fellowship of men who have achieved the Eagle Scout rank and who desire using their efforts and influence toward forming the kind of young men America needs for leadership.

To join, visit www.nesa.org.





L-R: Scout Executive Louis Salute, Council Commissioner Doug Machin, Council President Steve Crews, and VP-Endowment Mike Schmidt.

Crews, Machin, & Begin New Founders Circle Members

We are pleased to share with you that Council President Steve Crews and Council Commissioner Doug Machin (with his wife Suzanne) have become new members of the Founders Circle. Michael Begin, a partner with Begin, LePage & Company, LLC, in Rocky Hill was also recognized as a new Founder's Circle member. The Founders Circle recognizes deferred gifts of \$100,000 or more to our Council's Endowment Fund.

Our Council leadership has established a goal of raising \$15 million in current and deferred gifts for our Council's "Scouting Heritage Society" Endowment Fund during the next ten years. Both Steve and Doug serve as members of the Council Key Three with the Scout Executive giving leadership to over 30,000 registered youth and adult members.

Steve Crews, Council President, is Director of External Affairs for GE Real Estate in Stamford. Currently a resident of Westport, he graduated from Staples High School in Westport and has a Degree in Political Science from Northwestern University. He was active as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout and became an Eagle Scout. Both of his sons have also been very active in Scouting in Troop 7.

Doug Machin, Council Commissioner, is an IT Architect for IBM. Doug and his wife, Suzanne, live in Danbury and have two Eagle Scout sons. Doug has held numerous Scouting positions including Wood Badge Course Director, Cubmaster,

Scoutmaster, Council Training Chairman, and Council Vice President of Camping. When asked why he made this gift, Doug said "I believe in the future of Scouting. Making a gift to the Endowment Fund will allow future generations of Scouts to gain the values of Scouting, which I cherish in my two sons."

Michael Begin was a Cub Scout, Boy Scout (Life Scout), and Explorer while growing up in Connecticut. He currently works with families in our Council to help them understand the purposes of wealth in order to ensure that they are okay, their families are okay, and to help them with the community. When asked why he made this gift, Michael said "to solidify a future for the youth in the Council."

Thanks, Steve, Doug and Suzann, and Michael for your generous support helping hundreds of future young men and young women in Scouting.



Michael Begin and VP-Endowment Mike Schmidt.

Astronaut Joseph Edwards Speaks at First 'Legacy of Honor' Reception

Former Astronaut, Top-Gun Pilot and Boy Scout Joseph Edwards spoke at the first of a series of speakers titled "Legacy of Honor" on Wednesday, June 6. The event was hosted by Millbrae Capital LLC and Richard Taylor, a dad in New Canaan Troop 70, to raise some positive publicity for Scouting and funds to help our Council's ScoutReach and other programs. The event has raised more than \$10,000 to date.

The program began with a private reception hosted by Taylor at his office in Greenwich with 25 friends and colleagues. Edwards then spoke to a crowd of more than 150 Scouts, leaders and general community members at the Greenwich Public Library.

Edwards credits Scouting with providing a foundation for his success in life and his path toward



Edwards

Edwards said in an interview with the Connecticut Post. "It's a good motto they teach you there — Be Prepared."

Photos and a scan of the article which appeared on the front page of the Connecticut Post are available on our Council website in the "Council Photos" section.

For more information on future "Legacy of Honor" events, please stay tuned to the Council website.

being an astronaut and Navy topgun trainer. "For me, the Boy Scouts formed a foundation for how to set goals and accomplish them,"



Louise Alderman is presented with special clock.

3rd Annual Reception for the Endowment

On April 24, 20 persons gathered at the beautiful home of Lucille Alderman in New Haven to honor our newest members of the "Scouting Heritage Society" Endowment Fund. New Founders Circle Members recognized were Suzanne & Doug Machin and Steve Crews. New "Scouting Heritage Society" Members included the James Funnell Family and the estate of Adrian Abt. There are now 51 total members of our Council's Endowment Fund each giving a current or deferred gift of at least \$5,000 or more.

At this event, former Council President Lary Iannotti, Esq. paid tribute to the many years of dedicated service to Scouting and the community by Lucille Alderman and her late husband, Arnold. Special comments were also made by Council President Steve Crews, Scout Executive Lou Salute, and Council Vice President and Endowment Chair Mike Schmidt. Special thanks to Lucille Alderman for hosting and underwriting this reception.

As a result of our Council's Endowment Fund, our youth last year benefited from receiving \$257,630 in investment income for local Scouting programs.

Construction Industry "Good Scout" Award

Marvin Morganbesser, President of Connecticut Construction Industries Association, and William Shannon, Assistant Executive Director of CT Construction Labor Management Council, will receive the coveted Good Scout Award at a luncheon on October 25, at The Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. John Barrasso, Executive Vice President of Mechanical Contractors Association of CT, and Glenn Marshall, Business Manager and President of New England Regional Council of Carpenters, Local 210, are general chairmen for the event.



Morganbesser



Shannon

Greater Danbury "Good Scout" Award

Donald Mitchell, Owner & Vice President of Norbert E. Mitchell Co., Inc., and Michael Rizzo, Chief Executive Officer of Caldwell & Walsh Building Construction, Inc., will receive the coveted "Good Scout" Award at a luncheon to on September 20 at The Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury. Paul Dinto, President & CEO of Paul Dinto Electrical Contractors, Inc., and Paul McNamara, chairman for Fairfield County Bank will be serving as general chairmen for this event.



Mitchell

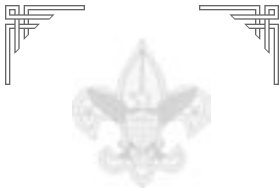


Rizzo

Because Fairfield County Bank has agreed to underwrite the cost of this year's luncheon, 100 percent of all funds raised will go directly to help our young men and women in Scouting.

Anyone interested in attending or supporting these events should contact Dave Myers, Staff Advisor, at 203.876.6868, Ext. 259.

Please consider adding the Connecticut Yankee Council to your will to ensure that Scouting will always be available in our area. Contact any member of our Finance staff for more information.



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 Memoriam To

Frank G. Vernon

From Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Aresti and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Farino

Gilbert D Boyd

From Laurie Boyd

Donald Rowe

From Sharon Taylor

Frank DeLucia

From James & Barbara Mitchell

Ernest G. Greenwood Jr.

From Kate & Janie Keane

Frank Dorrico Jr

From Polly Peters, Kent Community Nursery School, Angie & Hojo Coppola, Nicholas Cataldo

In Honor Of

Lawrence "Larry" Pisani

From Luisa, Sal & Gog Giaino

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



New Features Added to National BSA Website

The Boy Scouts of America technology staff are putting in overtime making www.scouting.org a great resource for volunteers. The website is constantly being updated with new features such as:

Online Training – visit olc.scouting.org to check out training modules as they're added.

Boy Scout Leaders – The complete set of Boy Scout requirements for ranks, merit badges and other special awards is now online.

Cub Scout Leaders – Listen to monthly CubCasts on the upcoming theme, as well as download the current and upcoming month's Program Helps.

Ramirez and D'Orso Receive Milford/Orange 'Good Scout' Award

Bishop Jay Ramirez, pastor of Kingdom Life Christian Church in Milford, and Town of Orange resident Thomas D'Orso, installation manager at New England Mechanical, a subsidiary of EMCOR Group, were awarded the Milford/Orange "Good Scout" Award at a luncheon on Tuesday, May 22 at the Costa Azzurra Restaurant in Milford. Robert Macklin, president & chief executive officer of The Milford Bank chaired the event.



Ramirez



D'Orso

The keynote speaker was Christopher Mercaldo, a Webelos Scout from Pack 7 chartered to the First United Church of Christ in Milford, who spoke about his experiences in Scouting. Boy Scout Matt Szatkowski, from Turkey Hill School PTA Troop 925 assisted with the ceremonies.

The event raised more than \$29,000. Donations to the event are still being accepted and anyone interested can contact Field Director Jonathan Pleva at 203.876.6868, Ext. 286.



Scout honorees and their hosts gather for a group shot at the first annual James E. West Community Scout Award Breakfast.

James E. West Community Scout Award Breakfast

On June 14th, 2007 (Flag Day) the Council hosted its annual James E. West Award Breakfast at the Ridgefield Recreation Center. Seven elite Scouts from Ridgefield were recognized as outstanding members of their troop, school and community.

This year's award recipients are: Tyler Anderson of Pack 126, Andrew Furman of Troop

431, Alex Gabriele of Pack 124, Adam Lussier of Troop 431, William Rose of Pack 74, Andy Vill of Troop 49, and James Zap of Troop 76. First Selectman Rudy Marconi and sponsoring local business leaders presented the Scouts with their awards.

All proceeds from the event support the Council's programs and services. More than \$4,000 was raised from the event.



A Gift to Scoutreach

Woodbridge Troop 907 recently donated \$1,000 (FOS) to the Council's ScoutReach division. Miguel, a Scout in New Haven Troop 4218, Andy Stock, District Executive Eddie Blue and Troop 907 SPL Anthony Minniti accept the check. The Scouts assisted their Scoutmaster, a plumber, by digging a 400' trench at the Community Gardens. Instead of accepting a thank you check for \$1,000, they donated it along to the Council. Thank you, Scouts!

Policy on Participation in Political Events

With the presidential election coming up in 2008, it's a good time to restate the BSA's long-standing policy regarding the participation of Scouts in political rallies and other political events.

Uniformed unit members and leaders may participate in flag ceremonies at political events and may lead the Pledge of Allegiance; however, they should retire after the ceremony and not remain on the speakers' platform or in a conspicuous location where television viewers could construe their presence as an endorsement or symbol of support. In addition, photos of candidates or Scouts in uniform or BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind.

Volunteers must be alert to situations that would imply that the BSA favors one candidate over another.

Strict observance of our long-standing policy against the active participation of uniformed Scouts and leaders in political events is mandatory. Any questions on this policy should be directed to Scout Executive Louis Salute at 203.876.6868 or salute@ctyankee.org.

Do you know?

Each year our Council's programs receive the benefits of earmarked funds coming from private and public foundations. Many new family foundations are created each year. Do you know of a foundation that might be able to help Scouting? Foundations support many projects including capital improvements on buildings, camperships/scholarships, in school Learning for Life character education program, and needy youth in our ScoutReach programs. If you have a contact or a good idea on how we can "open a door" to a foundation, please call Dave Myers, Director of Finance at 1-800-333-7905, ext. 259.

Your gift to Friends of Scouting keeps Scouting strong, affordable and available.

Thank you to all who have already made their annual commitment to support Scouting.

We couldn't do it without you.



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Bridgeport Diocese Religious Awards

The Bridgeport Catholic Diocese is pleased to announce the Religious Emblem Award recipients, presented at Catholic Committee on Boy Scouting, and the Hartford Catholic Committee is pleased to announce the Religious Emblem Award Recipients, presented by the Most Reverend Bishop William E. Lori, STD, Sunday, June 1, at St. Augustine Chapel in Bridgeport.

The Catholic Scouting Awards Program was dedicated to the memory of Frank A. Dorrico, Jr., who served as the chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Bridgeport for many years. Frank passed away on April 30. He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Barbara, his five children, six grandchildren and one great grandson.

Frank was very active in both the Greenwich and Connecticut Yankee Boy Scout Councils. He was proud of all the Scouts he knew and nourished and had a special place in his heart for the 35 Scouts he mentored who earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

During his time in Scouting, Frank was presented the Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition given to a Scouter by a Boy Scout Council. Frank also received the St. George Award, the highest recognition presented for service to Catholic Scouting.

Light of Christ

Pack 9— Danbury: Shawn Carlson, Sean Fahey

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Hartford Archdiocese Religious Awards

The Archdiocese of Hartford, Catholic Committee on Boy Scouting, and the Hartford Catholic Committee is pleased to announce the Religious Emblem Award Recipients, presented Sunday, May 6 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Light of Christ

Pack 22 – South Meriden: Bryan Keene, William Ludemann

Pack 23 – Meriden: Matthew Clermont, Arthur Grant, Parker Rowley, Wayne John Sweeney, III

Pack 28 – Wallingford: Kyle Cook, Stephen Gagne

Pack 72 – Southington: Martino Gonzalez

Pack 472 – Guilford: Daniel Andrien

Pack 721 – Milford: Brett Hart, Angelo Patrizi, Patrick Richardson

Parvuli Dei

Pack 7 – Milford: Christopher Mercaldo, James Mercaldo

Pack 23 – Meriden: Cameron Grant, Garret Masocco, Carter Polverari, James Ubaike

Pack 721 – Milford: Patrick Carcova

Pack 721 – Milford: Frank Dowd, III, Robert Keefe, Michael Mazzola, Anthony Richardson, Adam Schwabacher, Stephen Triolo

Pack 803 – North Haven: Richard Christiansen

Pack 902 – Woodbridge: Joshua Fortes

Pack 925 – Orange: Owen Flynn, Shane Maher

Pack 931 – Woodbridge: Daniel Wivagg

Ad Altare Dei

Troop 45 – Southington: Raymond F. Simmon, II

Troop 59 – Woodbridge: Andrew Maude

Troop 70 – Jeff Leger

Troop 471 – Guilford: Brian Gottwalt

Troop 810 – North Haven: Stephen Caiafa

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The 2007 JCOS Kinus

On Friday, Sept. 7, the JCOS is proud to sponsor a Jewish Kinus at Deer Lake Scout Reservation. This event will be open to all units, welcoming everyone to a new scouting year as well as the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. For Jewish Scouts, it's an opportunity to learn more about Scouting and Judaism, and for non-Jewish Scouts, it's a chance to learn about a new religion, and the differences/similarities between various faiths. The Kinus is being headed up by

Dave Rand, Scoutmaster of Troop 15 in Stamford, and Mark Zuckerman, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 65 in Trumbull, as part of their Wood Badge tickets.

Some of the activities planned for the Kinus include a religious emblems workshop (for all Scouts, regardless of individual faith), a 10 Commandments Hike, and the chance to win tickets to Mets or Yankees! Troops as well as individual Scouts are welcome to come! Please contact either David Rand at drand@associatesofwestport.com or Mark Zuckerman at meinekeman@aol.com with any questions or if you'd like to attend.

Eagle Scholarships

Did you know that the National JCOS has Scholarships available to help you pay for your education after High School? Application to the NJCS must be submitted no later than the last day of February. Send to the National Jewish Committee on Scouting, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P. O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. The names of the recipients will be announced by March 1 each calendar year. The recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from an

accredited high school and must utilize the entire award within four years of their graduation date, excluding any time spent on active military duty. The scholarship may be used to attend a college, university, or school selected by the student providing it is state accredited, above the high school level. Disbursement from the scholarship fund will be made jointly to the student and the school. Scholarship funds may be used only to defray necessary costs of a student's education. You can download the application from the NJCOS website at www.jewishscouting.org.

Eagle Scout Letters of Congratulations

You may contact any of the organizations below to have a "Letter of Congratulations" sent to a Scout in your Troop or Crew. Please allow at least four to six weeks to have the letter sent to you.

Rabbi Jerome Epstein, Exec. VP & Chief Exec. Officer
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
Rapaport House
155 Fifth Avenue
New York NY 10010-6802

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

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Pioneer Trek a Success

140 young people descended on Mohawk State Forrest all dressed up in Pioneer garb reminiscent of the 1840's when thousands of Mormon Pioneers trekked west to Utah. Divided into 10 families, they pulled Handcarts, just like the real Pioneers – over rugged trails and through mud and rocks for 8 miles – hiking late into the night of Friday, June 1.

Saturday morning the group hike to the top of Mohawk Mountain for a Morning-side conducted by the Yorktown Stake President, Dave Checketts. The afternoon was spent competing in Pioneer games like the Stick Pull, the Blindfolded Handcart Pull, the Bucket Brigade or the Log sawing contest. In addition, young people participated in producing Tin Art or in a special re-enactment of the Sweetwater River crossing.

Matt Young, Life Scout from Troop 286 said, "I really gained an appreciation for our Pioneer ancestors – and it made me want to be a Pioneer in my own way!" All in all, it was a fantastic success.



Jared Murphy, Star Scout from Troop 86 participated in the Pioneer Trek.

2007 High Adventure in West Virginia!

60 boys and 15 adults are signed up to participate in an incredible High Adventure July 10-14, themed "Confidence Like Unto Nephi." We'll make our way to mountains of West Virginia traveling through the night.

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Training Committee

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Training is Required of All Registered Leaders

Training of our adult leaders gives us the ability to effectively “Deliver the Promise” of providing the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. We are also proud of our commitment that: “...every youth deserves a trained leader.”

After considerable discussion, over a period of nearly two years, the Executive Board of the Connecticut Yankee Council adopted a resolution at its September 28, 2006 meeting requiring that all registered leaders be trained in order to remain registered with their respective Units. Leaders who do not meet the training requirements will not be permitted re-register nor remain on their unit’s charter.

Experience has shown that participation in training programs permits adult leaders to be better at what they do, in forming and managing our Scout units, recruiting new youth and adult members, leading Scouts, and running effective

advancement and outdoor programs. Training also helps ensure the health and safety of the youth and adults in the Scouting program. Parents expect that their children will be safe when participating in a Boy Scout program. Adult leaders expect the same thing as it applies to their participation.

Where do I begin?

The first step is to determine the courses you need to take to be “trained” as a leader. To begin with, all registered leaders need to have a basic understanding of what Scouting is and what we’re trying to accomplish, as well as an understanding of the rules and guidelines of our organization. These are covered in online, program-specific **Fast Start, New Leader Essentials** (soon to be offered online), and **Youth Protection Training**. This is considered Part 1 of training for all leaders.

Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters need to complete part 1, **Scoutmaster Specific Training**

(part 2), and **Outdoor Leader Skills** training (part 3). Scoutmaster Specific is generally offered as an all-day Saturday course, and OLS is typically a Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday overnight.

Troop committee members should complete part 1, as well as the online **Troop Committee Challenge**.

Merit Badge Counselors need to complete online Youth Protection Training. A merit badge counselor orientation is in the works.

Cub Scout leaders (Cubmasters, Den Leaders, etc.) need to take part 1, as well as **Cub Scout Leader Specific Training** (CSLST – part 2). This is broken into segments for Tiger Leaders, Den Leaders, Webelos Leaders, Pack Committee and Cubmasters. CSLST is generally offered on a weeknight or Saturday afternoon.

Venturing leaders must complete part 1, and Venturing Leader Specific Training.

When are they offered?

A complete calendar of all the training courses is available 24/7 on the Council website. Simply visit www.ctyankee.org, click on “Training” and then “Upcoming Training.” Any leader from any district can attend any training in the Council (or even outside if its more convenient).

Several of the courses are currently offered online and several more are coming. Youth Protection and Fast Start are online, New Leader Essentials is in production, as is a Merit Badge Counselor orientation. Visit olc.scouting.org to set up your own personalized account. You’ll need your individual Person ID, but you can get that from your DE. Your DE can run a report that will list all the trainings we show you as having taken. If there are any errors, you can work with him or your district training chairman to get them fixed.

If you have any questions on training, you can always start with Jay Lubin, Council Training Chair.

Scout Night at the Bluefish

Friday, August 31 | Ballpark at Harbor Yard

Celebrate the end of summer and back to school with a parade, great game of baseball, fireworks, a campout and an incredible patch. Tickets are just \$12 each.

(Any pack returning for a “double-header” gets tickets at \$9 each.)

Call Tony at 876.6868, Ext. 238
to reserve your pack’s
tickets today!

Join the Cutters for a great
game of baseball, an evening of
fun, fireworks, and a unique campout.
Watch batting practice before the game.
Only \$15 per person (includes game,
campout, hot dog, drink and chips).

Call Eddie at 876.6868, Ext. 276 today!

Friday, July 13 | Yale Field, New Haven

Scout Night at the Cutters



Venturing & Sea Scouting

<http://seascouts.ctyankee.org>

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Vessel Safety Checks (VSC)

Annual Vessel Safety Checks are required for all Sea Scout boats. A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by state and/or federal regulations. The vessel examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the US Power Squadrons or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They may also make recommendations and discuss safety issues that will make you a safer boater.

To schedule a VSC, contact your local US Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla. Links to the United States Power Squadrons and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary can be found on Council's Sea Scouting website.

USPS & Sea Scouts

Sea Scouts and the United States Power Squadrons have developed a relationship designed to be mutually beneficial. A memorandum of agreement which outlines the many ways that the two organizations can work together towards common goals can be found on the Sea Scouting page of the council website. Some benefits include:

- USPS basic and advanced

grade education courses available to Sea Scouts & officers. The USPS is an education organization that is looking for students for its many courses. An added plus - the advanced grade courses correspond nicely with Sea Scout rank advancement requirements.

- USPS Apprentice Membership is available to Sea Scouts and USPS Active Membership is available to officers. While there is a small (\$12) fee for Sea Scout Apprentice Membership and a larger fee for Active Adult Membership, this gives a Scout or adult all of the rights and privileges available through USPS membership including the advanced grade courses (the only difference - apprentice members can't vote). Local Power Squadrons are always looking for new members.

- USPS members can serve as consultants (or you may find a Skipper or Mate).

- Local USPS squadrons can be the ideal chartered organization for a new Sea Scout Ship or a Ship looking for a new chartered organization.

- If a Ship is looking for a service project, qualified Sea Scouts can serve as instructors in USPS courses or a Ship can work with a local squadron on putting on a special event such as a boating safety day for younger kids and their families.

- Sea Scouts and adult leaders who are Power Squadron members can qualify for the USPS Raymond A. Finley Sea Scout Service Award. The award recognizes active involvement and leadership in both the Sea Scouts and the United States Power Squadrons.

These are just a few ways that a Ship and a local Power Squadron can work together. The possibilities are endless. For additional information on the USPS/Sea Scout relationship, contact Jonathan Glassman at 203.795.9715 or jjglassman@gmail.com.

Seabadge NE-XVII

Seabadge NE-XVII is October 5-7 at the US Coast Guard Training, Cape May, NJ. Seabadge is an advanced leadership training experience for Sea Scout Officers



Sea Scouts hone their skills at the annual GAM at Captain's Cove.

(adult leaders and committee members) at the Ship and Council levels. It's a course in leadership, team building, motivation, monitoring, and management skills. Seabadge is not a program skills (knots, sailing, etc.) course but is designed to enable the participant to offer the best quality Sea Scouting program while expanding the program to reach more of America's youth.

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

To qualify for participation Seabadge participants must:

1. Be approved by the local BSA Council.
2. Be currently registered in an adult Sea Scouting position for a minimum of one continuous year. Priority for attendance will be given to individuals serving Sea Scouts on the Ship and/or squadron (council) level. Council level volunteers and professionals active in Venturing operations are also encouraged to apply.
3. Have completed New Leader Essentials Training, Venturing Leader Specific Training, and Sea Scout Officers' Specialized Training.
4. Be willing to apply the skills and knowledge obtained through the Seabadge course to strengthen Sea Scouting at the local Ship/council levels.

The Seabadge NE-XVII Fact Sheet and Application are available

on the Sea Scouting page of the council website. Inquiries may be directed to Benjamin Feril, Seabadge NE-XVII Skipper/Course Director, at 410.287.8892 or benjferil@msn.com.

GAM: Man Overboard

On June 9 & 10 the annual Sea Scout GAM was held at Captain's Cove Seaport in Bridgeport. We had ships from the Council and Liberty Flotilla. Four of our Council boats, *Celebration* (Ship 6), *Not By Bread Alone* (Ship 110), *Pondie* (Ship 2) and *Resolution* (Ship 84) rafted up together to make our waterfront learning area.

We started off with get to know games which split all the youth up into crews with other Sea Scouts that they don't normally work with. Then we all had lunch with the new crews. After lunch the crews made their rounds of learning stations. The learned knots, how to work a person up the mast in a Bos'n Chair, How to row a boat, how to get a man who fell overboard back onboard and how to use signal flags. During this The Housatonic Fire Boat came by and showed the youth how the Fire Cannon worked and of course had to send water out into the harbor. After the stations were complete each Skipper who had a boat present and their Boatswain went to their boats to have them Safety Inspected by a member of the Power Squadron. While this was going on the rest of the youth were busy having a Row Boat Tug of War were one person had to hold the rope while the others rowed. Once the competition was done everyone got ready for dinner. Dinner was served and the socializing really began. After din-

ner the youth went and played team games and then came the highlight of the night. An Ice Cream Sundae Social with all the fixing. In the middle of this members of the Coast Guard even showed up. But as every good day has to it come to an end, we all berthed down for the evening. In the morning we had Breakfast, Services and then a Closing. Then everyone left with an event patch to remember the weekend. A good time was had by all.

Venturing Leader & Sea Scout Officer Training

New Leader Essentials, Venturing and Sea Scout Officers' Specialized Trainings is offered on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Oct. 1, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Council Resource Center. Venturing Crew leaders are required to attend the Saturday session only. Completion of the course qualifies you as a trained leader in Venturing or Sea Scouting. Completion of these courses fulfills requirements for the leader training awards and is a prerequisite for Seabadge and Wood Badge Trainings. This course includes Venturing Youth Protection and New Leader Essentials.

The training registration form is available on the council website. A \$5 fee includes training materials and coffee. Registrations must be received by September 21. Late registrants and walk-ins will be charged \$10. Bring a bag lunch on Saturday. For more information contact John Neary at 203.381.0878 or jneary42@sbc-global.net or Jonathan Glassman at 203.795.9715 or jjglassman@gmail.com.

Sea Scout Week At Camp Sequassen

Sea Scout week at Camp Sequassen will be held on July 22-28. Sea Scouts will have the opportunity to complete Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster rank requirements. Scouts can also earn the Scuba BSA and Snorkeling BSA Awards, go sailing, canoeing and participate in all of the other camp activities such as archery, rifle and shotgun shooting, crafts,

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Merit Badge Counselors Needed for College

Merit Badge counselors are needed for the Council's annual Merit Badge College each Saturday in February from 9 a.m. to noon. The college is at Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford.

Instructors can sign up for a single badge or up to three badges. Instructors must be available for all four sessions, or make arrangements for a substitute if they must miss a session. Instructors must be registered Merit Badge Counselors.

We need instructors for the following 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, Cit in Community, Genealogy, Radio, Cit in Nation, Indian Lore, Railroad, Cit in World, Journalism, Safety, Coin Collecting, American Labor, Salesmanship, Communications, Landscape, Architecture, Space Exploration, Crime Prevention,

Law, Stamp Collecting, Dog Care, Model Design & Bldg, Traffic Safety, Drafting, Nuclear Energy, 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 badges that are camping / outdoors oriented.

If interested please contact Karen Andersen at home at 203.264.2408 or work at 203.205.8684 or e-mail Karen.Andersen@cartus.com or fax to 203.749.5660.

Help us Maintain Your Records

Kathy Znosko

COUNCIL REGISTRAR

Scouting is a volunteer run organization. The Council professionals and office staff are here to support you, the volunteers, as you serve the youth in the program. There are many services provided to you by Council, but sometimes we fall short and can't provide what we are asked. When that happens, we need to ask some of you to help us to better serve everyone.

One such situation involves the frequent requests we get to help former scouts and scouters research their past scouting records. Unfortunately, our archives, pre-ScoutNet, are not well organized. One volunteer, graciously dedicated himself, this past fall, to the project, but was unable to continue, leaving some of the files he had to move in worse condition than before. It is a big job, too big for the very busy office staff to fit into our schedules. We need help! A team of two, three, or more, detail oriented volunteers, dedicated to this task, could organize and help preserve the history of the units in this Council.

Other Volunteers with some time to give could help with entering training records, especially as more and more volunteers are getting trained to meet the new Council requirements.

If you have an extra "hour a

week", your help would be greatly appreciated! Please call Kathy Znosko, Registrar with any questions, or to volunteer.

Another way that every Pack, Troop, Crew, and Ship can help Council to better serve your unit is by using the Internet Advancement program. Here are some of the ways your unit will benefit from using this program:

- The advancements for your scouts will be entered into ScoutNet on your schedule, not sitting on the Registrar's desk, waiting, sometimes months, to be entered into the system.

- Packs can record arrow points and Webelos activity badges, as well as rank and awards. The Registrar only records rank and some awards for Cub Scouts.

- The 2007 charter renewals for units using Internet Advancement were the first ones processed and posted. These units were the first to receive their new charters and membership cards. The same thing will happen in 2008.

- If a youth, somehow, was never registered in your unit, you will not find his name on the roster you download from Council and will not be able to enter any advancement for him. You will then be able to correct this oversight, by submitting his application and payment, thus assuring that all youth participating in your unit are registered and covered by insur-

ance.

- If previously earned advancements never were recorded, you can enter them and bring your scouts' records up-to-date.

- You can correct dates that were entered incorrectly.

- Troops with Eagle candidates can be sure that all required rank and Merit Badges have been entered into ScoutNet before Eagle applications are turned in. Then, the Eagle applications can be quickly and easily verified, without any hold-ups and phone calls seeking records of missing advancements.

- If you keep records on PackMaster or TroopMaster, you can continue to do so and then upload your records directly into ScoutNet through this program.

- Eagle Palms can be recorded through the Internet Advancement program. An Internet Advancement Report attached to the Palm application will ensure immediate verification by the Registrar, making it possible to turn in the application and pick up the Palm in the same visit.

- You can print rosters, detailed advancement summaries, and temporary, replacement membership cards for your unit.

- Internet Advancement is easy and secure. It keeps you in control of your unit's records and help is just a phone call away.

As always, please call Kathy Znosko, Registrar with any problems or questions.

COMMISSIONER CORNER

Doug Machin, Council Commissioner

Tools to Promote Scouting

One thing I often hear as I travel throughout the Council visiting unit, district and Council Scouters is that we

need to do more to promote Scouting. I recently returned from the BSA National Meeting in Atlanta where I saw several programs that did just that: Soccer and Scouting, ScoutParents and Good Turn for

America. They're exciting and vibrant programs, and Councils that have participated are growing. Let's all get on board! Here's a brief overview.

Soccer and Scouting

The BSA launched its Soccer and Scouting program as an outreach to Hispanic youth and families. Soccer and Scouting teaches soccer skills and provides exciting competition, at the same time as the boys are participating as Cub Scouts and learning our life-long values. All of the materials are available in English and Spanish. Visit the website www.soccerandscouting.org for more information.

ScoutParents

ScoutParents is a new initiative of the BSA to recruit 1,000,000 additional adults as ScoutParents or volunteers by May 2010 and participate in the family fun of Scouting with enthusiasm and a passionate commitment. The program includes tools, materials, marketing and a website, all geared at positively engaging parents to be more active participants in Scouting with their sons. Check out more information at www.scoutparents.org.

Good Turn for America

As Scouts, we promise to "do a good turn daily" and "help other people at all times." National BSA has developed partnerships with agencies such as Habitat for

Humanity, American Red Cross, Department of Homeland Security, and America's Second Harvest, to name a few, in an effort to provide a major coordinated service. This initiative helps us raise our levels of community service and increase awareness of the Scouting program within our neighborhoods. Learn more at

www.goodturnforamerica.org.

Our Council is already participating in GTFA with our Scouts CAN! drive to help build a home.

Commissioner Podcasts Available

Commissioner service has gone high tech with the addition of National Commissioner podcasts available at www.scouting.org/commissioners/. The podcasts help address upcoming themes for unit and district commissioners and explain National initiatives. Recent podcasts include an explanation of the commissioner's role in the Centennial Quality Unit Award program, the importance of monthly unit visits, and highlights of the membership validation process.

The messages are designed for many uses, such as commissioner meetings, roundtables, support of training at commissioner conferences or colleges of commissioner science, etc. Feedback while listening to the podcast can be enhanced by using a PowerPoint presentation to go along with the audio message.

Available at the time of this issue is the podcast addressing the monthly unit visit. Additional PowerPoint presentations are being developed on each podcast and will be available for download.





A Good Turn for Overseas Troops

Stratford Troop 202 has a tradition of contributing to non-profit agencies, like Toys for Tots, Sterling House Food Pantry, etc., rather than buying gifts for each other during the holiday season. This year, the troop helped make the holidays brighter for some of our nation's military personnel. One of the Scout's brothers is serving with the National Guard in Iraq, and Troop 202 decided to

send care packages full of items he can share with his comrades.

Starting in December, the troop made up a flyer detailing their plans and asking the community to donate items like batteries, shaving kids, food, DVD's, toiletries and other items. The Scouts distributed the flyers around town and collected them the next weekend.

The Monday night meeting was spent separating and boxing all of

the items to be shipped. Eight large boxes were brought to the Post Office only to find that new regulations were in effect and many items didn't qualify for shipping. This didn't stop the Scouts. They brought the boxes back to the next meeting, unpacked, sorted and repackaged to conform to the new custom regulations and donated what they couldn't ship to local shelters.



Civil War Crew

Danbury Venturing Crew 79 marched in the annual Memorial day Dedication to Colored Civil War Soldiers from Connecticut that served in the American Civil War. The crew focuses on living history. For more information, visit www.79thnycompanyb.org.



Beach Patrol

Stamford Troop 9 recently spent a weekend camping and boating at Cockoene Island off Westport. Scouts and leaders took advantage of troop resources and experienced a variety of motor and sail boating experiences.

Scouts explored the salt marshes and learned about the fabulous diversity of plant and animal life.

The day was capped off with a dinner featuring grilled steaks,

roasted potatoes, "onions ala aluminum foil" (miniature French onion soup in foil).

Scouts learned how to tell the sex of crabs, many types of shells and salt marsh creatures, and learned about Poison Ivy up close and personal.

All in all, the Troop accomplished lots of learning and Scout skill building as well as time for fun.



Battleship Cove

Pack 5 of Brookfield recently made a trip to Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts, to explore the world's largest collection of historic naval ships. After touring the various ships in the cove, including a battleship, destroyer, submarine, PT Boats and a Russian missile corvette, the scouts and adult partners spent the night onboard the battleship U.S.S. Massachusetts.

Scouts and their adult partners enjoyed exploring the ships along with other programs such as Knot Tying, Morse Code, and a Slideshow/Exhibit on the Titanic. They also had the opportunity to speak with an actual veteran of WWII who served on the U.S.S. Massachusetts during the war. Battleship Cove was our highlight trip of the year, and capped a great Scouting Year.

Scouts CAN & Scouts DID! Council Collects \$4,938 and Counting for Habitat Home

The 2007 "SCOUTS CAN" campaign to raise money to help build a home for a needy family in the Danbury area ended on April 22. With the efforts of over 300 Scouts from 27 units and one Explorer post, our Council raised \$4,938.58 toward the cost of completing the house. The money raised by the Scouts will be used to complete a Habitat for Humanity home under construction in Danbury which can be seen at 25 Maple Street.

Funds were raised by collecting and redeeming cans and bottles for the five cent deposit or by collecting donations from people who sign a 2x4 to be used in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home.

"SCOUTS CAN" is the Council's Good Turn for America service project being conducted in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. The Council's leadership has committed to this program for at least the next four years. Future campaigns are planned with the goal of helping Habitat for Humanity build three houses, one in each of the three affiliate areas; Bridgeport, New Haven, and Danbury.

Collecting cans and bottles is good for the environment in that it

Thoughtless Campers Cause Concern

Teaching Scouts to respect their environment and the property of others is inherent to the Scouting program. All of us have heard and repeated the Scouting adage "Leave a place better than you found it" so often the practice has become a habit in all aspects of our lives.

Unfortunately, there are individuals who have yet to adopt this behavior and who leave disfiguring marks and messes for others to clean up. Three unfortunate incidents at Hoyt demonstrate the need to continue teaching Scouts and Scouters the behaviors for which we are known.

Here's the lesson: Wherever you visit, leave it better than the way you found it. That ensures the next

Scouts CAN! Totals By District			
Powahay District		Lighthouse District	
Pack 55	\$25.50	Pack 472	\$204.65
Pack 56	\$45	Troop 453	\$450
Troop 1	\$170	Troop 471	\$115.13
Troop 9	\$125		
Troop 35	\$239	Wepawaug Valley District	
Troop 53	\$500	Pack 709	\$105
Troop 70	\$192	Pack 922	\$87.65
		Troop 196	\$21
Scatacook District		Sleeping Giant District	
Pack 8	\$66	Pack 23	\$636
Pack 170	\$85.70	Pack 28	\$134.50
Troop 9	\$27.65	Pack 610	\$21.40
Troop 135	\$545.20	Troop 43	\$100
Troop 270	\$50	Troop 604	\$50
Pomperaug District		Exploring District	
Pack 162	\$138.30	Explorers	\$15
Pack 164	\$53.10		
Pack 167	\$210	Individual Donations	
Pack 177	\$132.25	Nick Razziano	\$14
Pack 262	\$71.30		
Troop 76	\$125		
Troop 88	\$183.25		
		TOTAL COLLECTED: \$4,938.58	

keeps them from being disposed of in a landfill or incinerated causing air pollution and enables new products to be manufactured from readily available, inexpensive resources. Recycling saves enormous amounts of energy as well.

Fewer than 60% of deposit cans and bottles ever get recycled so there is plenty of opportunity to do

a Good Turn for America, Habitat for Humanity and a local family.

The goal for the 2008 campaign is \$50,000 which equates to roughly 400 cans per registered youth (Scouts, Explorers and Crew members). Plans for the 2008 campaign were released at the June 19th Program Kickoff and are available on the Council website.



time you visit, or the next person who visits, will enjoy as clean and natural an environment as was left for you. To do less is unacceptable and could lead to your being barred from using our camps.

Careless campers left their mark at Hoyt. What were they thinking?



A new marble sign welcomes Scouts and visitors to Camp Sequassen.

New At Sequassen

Campers at Camp Sequassen will find that things are happening very fast indeed. New for 2007 include:

- o A brick walk from the Dining Hall to the parking lot
- o An Aqua Trampoline and Aqua Launch – you gotta see this thing
- o The Dining Hall interior totally repainted
- o Rock Climbing for Senior Scouts
- o A new North Shower House that is too cool. Scouts will want to camp in 'em
- o You'll be welcomed by a new entrance and Camp Sign that will

make you proud

- o New rifles at the range
- o And the best staff you can imagine

Scouts from troops which camp at far away, more expensive camps should come to Camp Sequassen as "provisional campers" – that means you come without adult leadership. You'll be hooked up with another great troop and you can enjoy your camp and its great program. At the end of camp, you'll have had a great week of camp, made a whole new group of friends, and established yourself as a "cool kid."

See you there!

Camp Holiday Closings

The Camping Committee approved five holidays when Camp Sequassen and Deer Lake will be closed.

They are Labor Day, Thanksgiving weekend, Winter Holidays (December 24-January 1), Spring Holidays (Good Friday through Easter Sunday) and Memorial Day weekend. Units may reserve a campsite over the Winter Holiday period, only, if they recruit an approved Campmaster to remain on site while they are present.

This policy is expected to have minimal affect on Council units in that very seldomly do units reserve campsites on these holidays. The major benefit of this new policy is that the camp rangers may plan to be away over these periods.





Cub Scout Fun Fest 2007

July 21, 2007

Come join us in the fourth annual Cub Scout Fun Fest at Deer Lake. Hands on gizmos, gears, pulleys, machinery ... you name it, we've got it. This is an event for the entire family to enjoy. Activities include swimming, fishing, a nature hike, brainteasers, crafts, games, boating and more. Volunteers are needed to make it a success. Program begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m.

Participant Fee:

Scouts / Siblings	\$12
Adult Partners	\$4

The fee includes an event patch, a full day of activities and lunch. Registration closes on July 14, 2007 and no refunds will be issued after June 15, 2007.



Scout Day at Lime Rock

September 28-29, 2007

A perfect event for your first campout of the season. Impress your new Scouts – take them to Lime Rock Park for a day of sun, track food and exciting races. 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 than this.* 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 office or mailed to you prior to the event. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Participant Fee:

Scouts / Siblings	\$14
Adults	\$7

Fee includes an event patch, unit ribbon, Friday night camping, Saturday races, adult leader's Friday night social and a really good time. Rain or shine. Registration deadline is Sept. 20. No refunds after Sept. 5.



Cub Scout Fright Night

October 27, 2007

Join us for the Fifth Annual Halloween event. Many activities sponsored by area Boy Scout Troops – If you're into ghost stories, house of horrors, apparitions in the dark, feats of skill, spook games, blood curdling echoes and more, then this is the perfect event for you. Tours starting from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Limit: 250 Scouts

Participant Fee:

Scouts / Siblings	\$12
Adults	\$4

Fee includes Price includes a snack, special seasonal craft projects, a commemorative patch, moments of fright, flight and screams for both kids and adult partners.

2007 Cub Scout Fun Fest Registration Form

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

Mail Completed form and payment to:

Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA
 2007 Cub Scout Fun Fest
 60 Wellington Road
 Milford, CT. 06460

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – July 14, 2007

No. Scouts / Siblings _____ @ \$12 each \$ _____

No. adult partners _____ @ \$4 each \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I would like help with this event.

I would like to pay by: Check Credit Card

VISA / MC/ AMEX No. _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Phone 800.333.7905, Ext. 273

Fax 203.876.6884

PICK UP PATCHES AT EVENT.

2007 Scout Day at Lime Rock Registration Form

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

Mail Completed form and payment to:

Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA
 2007 Scout Day at Lime Rock
 60 Wellington Road
 Milford, CT. 06460

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Sept. 20, 2007

No. Scouts / Siblings _____ @ \$14 each \$ _____

No. adults _____ @ \$7 each \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I would like help with this event.

I would like to pay by: Check Credit Card

VISA / MC/ AMEX No. _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Phone 800.333.7905, Ext. 273

Fax 203.876.6884

PICK UP PATCHES AT EVENT.

2007 Fright Night Registration Form

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

Mail Completed form and payment to:

Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA
 2007 Fright Night
 60 Wellington Road
 Milford, CT. 06460

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Oct. 19, 2007

No. Scouts / Siblings _____ @ \$12 each \$ _____

No. adults _____ @ \$4 each \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I would like help with this event.

I would like to pay by: Check Credit Card

VISA / MC/ AMEX No. _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Phone 800.333.7905, Ext. 273

Fax 203.876.6884

PICK UP PATCHES AT EVENT.

HELP WANTED: Day Camp Needs Trailer Tower

Cub Scout Day Camp needs help towing the supply trailer this summer. The Day Camp moves from site to site during the summer months. We need assistance moving the supply trailer to these various locations. Please, please, please, if you can help us out, it would be greatly appreciated!

The trailer is a hefty size and a good-sized vehicle will be needed.

The trailer Specs are as follows:

**You will need a 2" receiver on the Tow Vehicle

**The ball is 2" also.

**The Brakes are surge,(hydraulic), they are activated as you hit the brakes of the Tow Vehicle, you feel the trailer slam the ball hitch, which folds the tongue receiver slightly down, and activates the trailer brakes. When you start up, you will feel another slam as the tongue is releasing the trainer brakes.

**The electric hook-up is the same round style that is used by vehicles with electric trailer brakes.



**Tandem axle = wider turns or the tires will scuff and you run the risk of snapping a spring shackle.

** Only Full Size Pick-up Trucks, Full Size Rear Wheel Drive Vans, and Full Size SUV's.

**Mini-vans, and Front Wheel Drive Vehicles will run the risk of snapping CV Joints, and destroying transmissions.

**A word of caution, the power of the Tow Vehicle is not the only concern, you will need enough weight in the back of the Tow Vehicle to keep it on the road especially in a Downhill Emergency Stop.

The dates of help and specific locations are:

Sunday July 8 (any time)
Milford Service Center, Milford to

PNA Park, Wallingford

Friday July 13 (after 3p.m.)
PNA Park, Wallingford to Albertus Magnus College, New Haven

Friday July 20 (after 3p.m.)
Albertus Magnus College, New Haven to Eisenhower Park, Milford

Friday July 27 (after 3p.m.)
Eisenhower Park, Milford to Old Mine Park, Trumbull

Friday August 3 (after 3p.m.)
Old Mine Park, Trumbull to Hoyt Scout Reservation, Redding

Friday August 10 (after 3p.m.)
Hoyt Scout Reservation to Milford Service Center, Milford **

** This can also be done anytime on Saturday (8/13) or Sunday (8/12)

We will be reimbursing mileage at \$0.48 per mile. Please contact Jane Chick at 203.468.0338 or Jon Pleva at 203.876.6868, Ext. 286 if you can help us with any or all of these dates.

Tour Permits Explained

Tour Permit Tidbit # 2

Tour Permits ... so I have to do them, but why do I have to explain my unit's planned activity (trip dates, destination, itinerary)?

Answer: Answer: Whether your unit is going around the corner to the fire station for a first aid training event or to a camporee 100 miles away, it is very important that the Council has a record of when you are going, exactly where, how you intend on getting there, when you are expected to arrive and to return to your unit's meeting place. By filling these items carefully on the tour permit, it is known that you have developed a plan of who, what, when, where and

how for your unit's activity. The itinerary can be as simple as stating that we are driving in four cars from Stratford up to the winter Klondike at Sequassen or going from Danbury to Camp Henderson



to see the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown. Again, the focus needs to be on assuring that the activity trip is reasonably safe and appropriate for participation by your youths and adults. Call your district executive if you have questions concerning the need to do activity trip planning and/or the need to document that fully by completely filling out a tour permit.

— Jack Boitano, Ph.D.
Risk Management Chairman

Sleep With The Fishes

...and the turtles, seals and otters, too!

Sign up for an amazing overnight program your scouts will never forget! Or join us to work on badges like:

- Nature
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Oceanography
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Or call 203-852-0700 ext. 2225 for overnights, ext. 2244 for badge programs.

Boating for Big Bass

Boy Scout (Sea Scout) Fund Raiser
August 25, 2007
6:00 a.m.—1 p.m.
At Lake Saltonstall
East Haven, CT

May use own electric troll & motor
No gas powered motors allowed

Cost: \$125.00 per team (regardless)
(Price includes entry fee, boat & motor)

Qualifications:

- 16 years or older
- Only 1 person under 18 years old per team

(All BSA Safety Afloat Rules Apply)

Prizes

- 1st Place \$300.00 per team
- 2nd Place \$150.00 per team
- 3rd Place \$75.00 per team
- 4th Place \$25.00 gift certificate each team member
- 5th Place \$25.00 gift certificate each team member

Call Eddie Blue at 203.876.6868, Ext. 276 or blue@ctyankee.org with any questions!

Special Information

- No Live Bait
- Only 1 bass can be kept per person 18" or larger
- Can keep 2 Walleye per person 18" or larger

EXTRA Lunker Pool (optional)
\$10.00 per person
Person with the Biggest Catch of the Day Gets the Pool

GET READY FOR FALL RECRUITING.

Healthy and active packs, troops and crews require new members joining to stay strong. Get a head start on your fall recruiting plans by attending one of two Membership Kickoffs we're hosting.

Tuesday, July 17 – Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk

Thursday, July 19 – Location TBD

Kickoffs start at 7 p.m.

Contact your District Executive for details.

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Serving the communities of Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Wilton.

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July

17 – Council Membership Kickoff

August

1 – District Committee Meeting
15 – Council Popcorn Kickoff
29 – Fall Kickoff Roundtable

September

5 – District Committee Meeting
9 – OA Chapter Meeting
26 – Commissioner Staff Meeting

October

3 – District Committee Meeting
6 – CS Leader Specific Training
10 – Roundtable
14 – OA Chapter Meeting
19-21 – Fall Camporee
20 – Cub Scout Field Day
17 – CS Leader Specific Training Part I
24 – CS Leader Specific Training Part II
25 – Commissioner Staff Meeting

Get Ready for a Full & Exciting Fall

We all know the value of Scouting. We see it when we look at our sons as they earn a new rank, learn a new skill, or return from a camping trip. Scouting is making a difference in their lives, and it's our responsibility to share that difference with as many other boys in the community so they can have similar experiences and memories.

All throughout 2007, we've been ahead in membership, meaning the more boys are enrolled now than this time last year. We attribute that to great unit level programs and great volunteers like you. Our goal is to see that trend continue by putting an active and aggressive plan in place to recruit new families, provide training for new leaders and host a full calendar of activities for new and current families to participate in.

These plans and objectives require all of us pulling together toward this common goal: bringing boys into Scouting and giving them the great program we promised. Working together, we can make a difference in more lives than ever before. Please contact Membership Chair Mike Kraus to find out how you can help.

FOS Campaign Exceeds Goal, Again

Thanks to the generosity of the families and businesses in Powahay District, we have once again exceeded our goal for Friends of Scouting, raising more than \$115,000 by June 30. FOS, quite simply, is what keeps the programs and services of the Council going. Many units in Powahay qualified for recognition from the campaign. A complete list is available on our district website.

A big, hearty pat on the back to all our presenters including Nathan Newhall, Chester Wickett, Mark Tuscano, Robert Eason, Mike Kraus, Pat Gentile, John Karlson and Mike Gregorio. A special recognition to Nathan who is stepping down after three years to concentrate his efforts as Scoutmaster of Troop 5. Thanks for your leadership and commitment to this important campaign. You've left big shoes to fill.

Powahay Activity Committee Forming

Great activities don't just happen. It takes a group of great volunteer minds coming together and pulling it off. We've had great support for our Cub Scout Polar Bear, District Pinewood Derby Championship and first-ever Cubmobile Derby and are forming a committee to meet in August and begin planning activities for our Cub Scout Field Day on Saturday, Oct. 20. Contact Program Chairman Clayton Cole for more information.

Fund an Ideal Scouting Year with Popcorn Sale

Get on board! Powahay packs and troops raised more than \$45,000 from participating in the Council's annual popcorn sale this past fall. The goal of popcorn is to provide a value-added fundraiser that is easy to run and raises the maximum amount of funds to help your unit program. To get in on the action, contact Richard Rilling at rilling@snet.net today!

Don't Delay! Get Trained Today

What are you waiting for? If you've been delaying receiving the training you need to deliver a great program to our boys, what's stopping you? Training courses are scheduled throughout the district and Council and many introductory courses are available 24/7 online. Our boys deserve nothing less than a trained leader and a quality program. View our district website for a complete upcoming calendar or visit olc.scouting.org to start. Program-specific Fast Start and Youth Protection are a great place to begin. E-mail Training Chairman Gwen Lupinek to find the course that's right for you at glupinek@yahoo.com.

Powahay Chapter OA Meetings

Powahay Order of the Arrow chapter meetings are the second Sunday, 7 p.m. at the Darien Scout Cabin. Contact Chapter Advisor Michael DiMeglio at hover950@hotmail.com for more info.

Chairman's Corner

As schools come to a close and unit meetings end for the season, it's worthwhile to remember that Scouting doesn't stop. In addition to summer camps, day camps, Philmont and the 2007 World Jamboree, there are many other activities for our Scouts to participate in. Summer is also a great opportunity for all of us to continue recruiting new boys and leaders, take advantage of training courses and lay the groundwork for an even stronger Scout year.

On another note, our district held its annual Recognition Dinner in early May and had close to 150 people attend – significantly higher than any year in recent memory and a testimonial to the strength of the units and leaders in the district. We were pleased to recognize those leaders nominated by their peers for outstanding service to Scouting in Powahay. Congrats to **Lori Lemay**, **Gwen Lupinek** and **Mike Kraus** who received the District Award of Merit.

Our district team continues to grow, as does our group of Commissioners, and we look forward to your participation as we continue our progress in the service to youth.

— Robert Eason, District Chairman

Commissioner Corner

So we can "Be Prepared" for a fun and active new program year, Powahay kicks off the fall with a very special Roundtable on Wednesday, August 29, starting at 7 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to finalize your unit's program and get ready for the fall. We will have the latest on the upcoming School Night to Join Scouting, recruiting new adults, upcoming district activities, Popcorn Sales and so much more. You can also meet key district leadership and share your ideas, comments or concerns. The fun begins promptly at 7 p.m. with hot dogs and juice.

This replaces the Wednesday, Sept. 12 Roundtable to avoid a conflict with the start of Rosh Hashanah and the School Night to Join Scouting week. Regular Roundtables resume the second Wednesday of each month starting Wednesday, Oct. 10. Thanks to your comments to our online survey, we've got some great ideas for improving Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Roundtables. You'll have to come to see the improvements.

We're here to help! Powahay has a most dedicated and talented Commissioner Staff. Our mission is to help unit's succeed and deliver the promise of Scouting. If we can help in anyway or you're not sure who your Unit Commissioner is please contact me.

I'm looking forward to a great new program year. Thank you all for your service to our Scouts and families.

— John Hanks, District Commissioner

Space Still Available at CSI Day Camp

Looking for one last great activity to send your Cub Scout to? Look no further than CSI Cub Scout Day Camp August 6-10 at Camp Hoyt in Redding or August 13-17 at Camp Seton in Greenwich. Boys participate in arts & crafts, nature, swimming, archery and games, all geared around the CSI theme. Visit the Council website or call Tony Vogl today.

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

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August

1 – District Committee Meeting

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12 – Roundtable
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Commissioner's Corner

I have had an opportunity to meet and visit with many unit leaders across our District this spring and was encouraged to see good membership growth, vigorous outdoor programs, and mostly, energized youth. District wide our leaders are doing a great job and their energy has been a great influence to the health of our programs.

The summer season is a wonderful opportunity to address organizational issues like recruiting additional qualified leaders, injecting new ideas into a program, and assessing what is working, and not working, within a unit. Adequate training for all registered leaders is not only a good idea, it is a requirement. Our District can provide, on a nearly customized basis, any training program needed from Youth Protection and Fast Start to Committee training and most fun and rewarding of all, Wood Badge training. Don't forget, all units should be keeping their Centennial Quality Unit goals in mind as we move toward fall. This goal based program has replaced the more familiar Quality Unit Award for all Scouting units.

Lastly, Commissioner service is one of the most rewarding leadership positions in Scouting and one in which, nation wide, the Scouting program depends heavily upon. If Unit Commissioner service sounds interesting to you please contact me. Expansion of our Commissioner program is essential to good District Health.

— Michael Carpenter, District Commissioner

Scatacook's Battle of Hoyt Fall Camporee

It is the duty of all available men and women of the Union Scatacook Territory to join in a call to arms at this time of dire need! Three Union soldiers, sent to the Confederate states as spies, succeeded in joining a small militia of Virginia soldiers under the command of Lieutenant General Jubal Early.

After two weeks of encampment near the shores of the Potomac, the soldiers learned of a daring Confederate plot to slip into the Union Northeast quietly and lightly armed. Once there the soldiers hope to spread lies of Union motives and recruit enough soldiers to disrupt the flow of soldiers to the south and perhaps mount an uprising of resistance against the Union!

Only one of the three brave soldiers that joined Early's militia returned. All three were captured and held as spies after being overheard discussing plans to slip away from the militia and return to the Union, but only one managed to escape and relay his message. From wounds incurred during his escape, this soldier died too, three days later.

The inevitable skirmish will likely unfold on the open fields of

the Hoyt Farm in Redding, Connecticut on 3 November of the coming year. Arrive a day early to prepare a camp nearby. Expect updated notices as information becomes available. Defend your land! November 2-4 at Hoyt Scout Reservation. Visit scatacook.org for enlistment papers.

District Dinner

Scatacook's annual district dinner was held June 6 at Bennett's Park in Bethel. This year **Tom O'Brien**, Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisor, and **Ed St. John**, Hoyt Campmaster, received the District Award of Merit. Liz Rose was presented the Key 3 Award for her service and leadership with Cub Scout Day Camp. Cindy Palmer, Peter Vannucci, and Paul Degner were presented the spark plug award. Troop 9 earned the honor of being the 2007 Unit of the Year.

SHH! Scatacook Helping the Hungry

Currently Scatacook District has collected over 4.5 tons of food to help feed the hungry. Please make food donations part of your units program. All district events are good opportunities to make a

Chairman's Corner

It's with great enthusiasm that I assume the role as District Chairman for Scatacook District. I hope everyone in the district appreciates how lucky all of us are to have such a great team, working so hard to bring successful Scouting programs to all of our units.

When I think about my vision for the district, I think that six-year-old Tiger Cub who sees what's going on in Scouting, sees what the older boys are doing and can't wait to do those things too. And during his first year as a Boy scout, he is so excited about camping that he falls in love with the program and is well on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. My goal is to help all boys and girls) who join Scouting get that same sense of excitement and anticipation.

I'd like to bring the local units, the district committee and Council more closely together to function as a unified, inspired and mutually respected force for providing a spectacular program in Scatacook. The units must not be islands unto themselves, "putting up" with district and Council. We cannot be unaware and not involved with the units, and Council must not be a distant, unknown entity. Our common goal is to give our young people the program they want and deserve. Everything we do, like training, fundraising or paperwork, all is aimed toward that purpose.

We on the district committee are just like you. We've been Den Leaders, Cub Masters, Webelos Leaders, and Scoutmasters. I've been all of these things, and currently am Committee Chairman of Troop 48 in Sherman. We know what it's like at the unit level, and between us have answers to your problems.

To get our help, you need to meet us half way. Come to the Roundtables. Come to the district events and camporees. Review our website regularly. Get to know the district committee members, and our district executive Dominic Gualtieri. We are trying very hard to establish an effective Commissioners staff. Commissioners are an incredibly valuable resource to units, visiting, bringing valuable information, and reporting back to the district on your needs. But Commissioners are not the only answer.

If you were to know all of us personally, how committed we are, receive the training we are offering that is simply there to help you give a better program, and get the nitty gritty of what is going on and help from us first hand, just think of the opportunities you would be opening up to that boy.

Please contact me or anyone at Council or on the district committee with any issue at any time. I can be reached at atuck@ajtuckco.com, 860.354-2025 home, ; 203.775.1234 cell, or 203.470.5756 work. I and my friends on the district and Council LOVE Scouting, and we all hope you do to. We're here to help!

— Alvin Tuck, District Chairman

donation. We have set a goal of 15 tons by Thanksgiving. If you have not reported your food results please do so today!

Fall Recruitment

It may seem far away but now is the time to start thinking about your fall recruitment strategy. Council has plenty of supplies to help recruit new Scouts this fall. Some such materials include flyers, posters, and lawn signs. Be cre-

ative in how you promote your units recruitment night. Some successful ideas include: newspaper articles, radio, and boy talks. Boy talks are one of the most underused fall recruitment strategies. This is an opportunity to get the boys excited about scouts by going into the school and talking about all the great experiences they will have if they choose to be Scouts.

If you would like help in planning out your fall recruitment please contact Dominic.

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

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July

4 – Happy Independence Day

August

15 – Popcorn Leader's Kickoff

September

4 – District Committee Meeting
4 – District Commissioner Staff Meeting
8 – Boy Scout Leader Training
11 – Roundtable
11 – OA Chapter Meeting

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Introducing Sr. DE Jonathan Glassman

We are pleased to announce that Jonathan Glassman will serve as Senior District Executive (Sr DE) for the Pomperaug District, effective Monday, July 16, 2007.

Jonathan comes to the Pomperaug District having served in various professional and volunteer positions. He began his professional career as a District Executive with the Theodore Roosevelt Council on Long Island after having completed a college internship with that Council. He then moved to Connecticut where he assumed the position of Sr DE with the Wepawaug Valley District here in the Connecticut Yankee Council. Jonathan was promoted to serve as Sr DE in the Powahay District and then to Field Director.

Since leaving the Boy Scout professional corps in November 2004, Jonathan has remained very active as a Scouting volunteer, serving as Council Sea Scout Vice Commodore for Sales & Training, and as a member of the Council Venturing Committee, Council Jewish Committee on Scouting, and Lighthouse District Committee. He also served for two years as Vice Commodore for Administration with the Northeast Region Sea Scouting Committee and is the Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 1 in New Haven. He has been an Assistant Scoutmaster and Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor as well.

Jonathan is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, and James E. West Fellow. He has received the Boy Scout Leader's Training Award, Professional Circle Award, Council Venturing Leadership Award and the National Jewish Committee on Scouting's Shofar Award. Jonathan has completed Wood Badge, Seabadge, and Powder Horn trainings. He has served on staff of several Wood Badge and Seabadge courses including having served as Skipper and Course Director for Seabadge NE-XVI in 2006.

Jonathan has been an active Rotarian for many years and is a member of the New Haven Power Squadron. He resides in Orange with his wife Jessica, and their two sons, Adam and Seth. Please join us in welcoming Jonathan to the Pomperaug District.

New Unit Alert!

Welcome Aboard Ship 18 out of East End Yacht Club in Bridgeport! Ship 18 is a new Sea Scouting Ship started in May.

Popcorn

Popcorn sales begin very soon. This is a great way for a unit to earn some extra dollars or for an individual boy to sell in order to make money to go to summer camp. Boys can sell individually even if the Pack or Troop does not participate. If you have yet to send in your commitment card, please do so ASAP!

Fall Camporee & W.O.W.

This year's Fall Camporee and W.O.W. are held simultaneously with many interwoven activities! It is time for the Webelos to meet the Boy Scouts! The event will occur October 19-21 at Camp Sequassen. The theme of the weekend is Leave No Trace. Put the date in your calendar now, this will be a great event!

Roundtable

Roundtable is held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Fairfield. Roundtable is a great resource for any leaders and parents in helping run successful dens, packs and troops. All Webelos Leaders should attend September Roundtable. We will be having a special camping instruction and meet the Boy Scout Leaders session in preparation for Webelos Overnight Woods.

Spring & Fall Recruiting

Pomperaug had an excellent start to getting new boys in the Scouting program this spring. Many Packs went out and did boy talks in the schools and special recruitment events. Let's keep this momentum going as we head towards Fall. Packs should be talking to their schools now to set recruitment dates in the first two weeks of September. There are many activities for children to join these days, we need to be sure Scouting is on the top of that list. Give Scouting a presence in your school!

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Farewell Volunteers

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my departure from professional Scouting. I have greatly enjoyed my time with the Council and specifically Pomperaug District. It's been three years since I began in this position and feel as though I have been here for twice that. I will truly miss the great volunteers, many of whom I am lucky to be able to call friends, with whom I have shared the light of Scouting.

Scouting will always hold a special place in my life and my heart. I could not put a price on the value of Scouting in my life, whether it is the adventures as a youth I shared with my brother at Camp Sequassen, the learning and camaraderie of taking Woodbadge and serving on staff, or the excitement in the boys' faces as they boarded buses bound for The National Jamboree. In my opinion, no other organization can offer today's youth the opportunities and experiences that Scouting can offer.

Last fall I served on Woodbadge staff and shared with my fellow staff and patrol a moment in Scouting that was special to me. It occurred at Philmont Scout Ranch very early in the morning. I had joined a group of Scouters from all over the Nation for a hike up to Lover's Leap Camp. I was told I would see the most amazing sunrise that I had ever seen. What I saw was much more than that. This moment made me think back to all the sunrises in my life and the amazing people that I was privileged to share them with. I also thought of the many sunrises that I never took the time to look up and see.

My hope is that every Scout, Scouter, and parent will find his or her own adventure in Scouting and share that story with someone outside of the organization. I also hope that you take the time to look up at the sunrise and take the time to enjoy the people who you are with.

I look forward to volunteering with Scouts in the future and hope that our paths may cross again. I wish my best to all of the Scouts, leaders, parents, and units in the Council. Thank you for the support you have given me over the past three years and thank you for all that you do towards ensuring a future for Scouting.

— Jeff Garrard



Boys testing their Scouting Skills at the Pomperaug District Spring Camporee hosted by Stratford Troop 75.

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

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District Strategic Planning Day

On July 14 from 9 a.m. to noon, our District Committee, Commissioners, and all other volunteers are invited to our strategic planning meeting at Deer Lake. We will be discussing volunteer activities, meetings, and program for the upcoming scout year.

A Scout Salute

To Kevin Brundrett, Scott Caraway, Steve Elzholz, and Jennifer Zinck who were presented the District Award of Merit for their extreme dedication to Scouting in Lighthouse District. They received this award at our Annual Recognition Dinner on June 12. Congratulations to Kevin, Scott, Steve, Jennifer and all the Shining Star recipients who were also recognized.

Webelos Woods

Webelos Woods will take place October 5 – 7 at Deer Lake Scout Reservation. This event is for all first and second year Webelos to prepare for their transition into Boy Scouts. The boys will also have the opportunity to earn activity badges. Contact John Rochette for more information.

Tiger Rally, October 21

On October 21 from noon to 3 p.m., our district is District hosting our Tiger Rally at Deer Lake Scout Reservation. This is an event for new Tiger Scouts and their parent(s). There are fun activities for the new scouts and information for their parents. Please encourage any new Tigers to come. For more information you can contact John Rochette.

Join The Lighthouse District Newsletter

To receive the latest news on district and Council activities send an email to John Rochette, rochette@ctyankee.org with "join list" in the subject line.

Popcorn Sale 2007

Attention Cub Scout Packs, Boy

Scout Troops and Venture Crews! Make money for your unit, have fun and earn prizes while you do it. The annual Trail's End Popcorn sale is nearly upon us. This fall your unit can earn thousands of dollars through just one fundraiser, simply by selling gourmet popcorn. Spend more time in the outdoors doing fun activities and less time earning money for your unit. Order your popcorn, set up in front of a popular store in town, and sell your product; no delivery required!

Make this fundraiser your number one money earning project of the year! Each unit is asked to elect a Popcorn Chairperson to be the contact for this project. Contact Scott Caraway, Popcorn Kernal, at 203.457.9348 or scott.caraway@comcast.net for more information to sign up your unit.

What's your unit's fall recruitment strategy?

Over the summer, our community membership committee will contact each unit individually to help them create a strategy for inviting new boys to join. Each unit is expected to help us support the Council's Race to Scouting plan on September 11th, as well as a second plan. For ideas of successful strategies please visit our District website.

Training

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training will be sponsored by Lighthouse District on Saturday, Oct. 6. The Outdoor Leader Skills section will be offered at Deer Lake on October 19-20.

Pioneering

The Lighthouse District Spring Camporee was held at Bauer Park in Madison May 18-20. Despite the threat of rain throughout the weekend, and a dire forecast of 3 to 5 inches of rain, we ended up with occasional light showers and a couple of brief heavier rain on Friday and Saturday evenings. It was a very workable weekend weather-wise.

Pioneering was our theme, and eight Troops from five of the six



Scott Caraway teaches knot tying to Scouts at the Lighthouse Spring Camporee.

towns in our District participated. Troops 89 and 408 from East Haven, Troop 428 from Branford, Troop 453 from North Branford, Troop 463 from Northford, Troops 471 and 474 from Guilford and Troop 494 from Madison were in attendance, and eager to show their skills and learn a few new ones. There were 95 boys and approximately 30 Adults in attendance. All Troops were asked to build a gateway to their campsite prior to the Camporee, and have it ready to be set up when they arrived. During the Camporee, the boys spent time at six stations where they learned and mastered many of the Pioneering Merit Badge requirements.

On Sunday, all Camporee partic-

ipants attended an Interfaith Service in the Outdoor Classroom at Bauer Park, an ideal setting for a service. When the service was concluded, Scouts did a thorough clean up of the Park grounds, and returned to the camp for the closing. Taking first place was Troop 463, second place Troop 494 and third place Troop 408. All Troops received a ribbon for participation, and each boy received a Camporee patch.

Everyone had a great time, learned a lot, and had fun with the various stations and the game. The Bauer Park Commission was very pleased that we used the Park, and thanked us for the service and for leaving the Park in better shape than when we found it.

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July

11 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
11 – District Committee Meeting

August

8 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
8 – District Committee Meeting

September

6 – Cub Scout Roundtable
10 – Boy Scout Roundtable
10 – OA Chapter Meeting
12 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
12 – District Committee Meeting

October

1 – Boy Scout Roundtable
1 – OA Chapter Meeting
4 – Cub Scout Roundtable
7 – Cub Scout Day Hike
9 – New Leader Essentials
Training
10 – Commissioner Staff Meeting
10 – District Committee Meeting
11 – Cub Scout Leader Specific
Training
19-21 – Fall Camporee



Council Director of Field Services Gary Chrislip, Award of Merit recipients Gordon Parmelee, Thomas Mercaldo and Jane Bonnanzio, and District Executive Eddie Blue pose for a shot at the District Dinner.

Greetings Wepawaug Valley

I must say the last 90 days have been grand. Being a part of the Boy Scouts of America organization has indeed been a pleasure. I want to take a moment to thank a few of our volunteers for a job well done. To the crew over at Troop 196- SM Scobie, Cindy Fladd, Matt Balls, and the Norris Family, job well done. If not for your hard work and dedication the Famoree would not have been as successful. Your commitment to Scouting is appreciated. I also want to send a special thanks to all the units that participated and set up games for the kids to play. My daughters both enjoyed the festivities and are looking forward to doing it again next year.

As some of you may not know I have just returned from PDL-1. Although I learned a lot of things to help us grow, I still missed being here in the district. So it is really great to be back. See you at the next Round Table and kick-off!!!

District Dinner

Everyone please join me in congratulating our "Award of Merit" recipients – **Thomas Mercaldo, Jane Bonnanzio, and Gordon Parmelee.** I would like to extend a special thank-you to Bob Scukas and Troop 721 for coming out in force. We would also like to congratulate Troop 721 for getting the 30-day and night camping award. Troop 196 made it out for 10 days and nights and Ship 2 hit the 20

day and night marker.

Although this was my first District Dinner I feel it was a tremendous success. It was an evening of good food, conversation and well-deserved thank-you for our volunteers. I can't wait to do it again next year. Also we can not forget Bill Purcell, what can I say, in the world of ESPN XTREME SPORTS, Bill did a super job (superman, half-twist, triple flip and a spin- and stuck the landing) way to make it look easy. Your attention to detail and willingness to serve made it all possible, thanks.

Popcorn Sale

Pop! Pop! Pop! We have a great popcorn kernel Marty Casey we want to give him our support and turn in our commitment forms early. We know a lot of you feel it is a little early to be talking popcorn, however we as Scout strive to be prepared. So lets rally around the kernel and show our support, turn in those commitment forms at the next roundtable.

Friends of Scouting

Lastly, a big congratulations to the entire district for hitting our Winners Circle FOS goal an entire month early. The units that excelled can begin taking advantage of your rewards immediately; free off site camping, rank advancement, discounts at the Scout Shop and much more.

Chairman's Corner

I'd like to start out by saying how excited I am to be the new District Chairman. It's a different role for me and I'm sure it will come with many challenges. According to BSA, the purpose of a district is to organize and support successful units, resulting in more youth members receiving a better program. This is carried out through four functions:

Membership strives for growth through the organization of new Scouting units and through new members for existing units.

Finance sees that the district provides its share of funds to the total Council operating budget.

Program concentrates on helping scouting units with camp promotion; special activities including community service; training adult volunteers; and youth advancement and recognition.

Unit Service provides direct coaching and consultation by district volunteers for unit adults to help ensure the success of every Scouting unit.

Unit Service is carried out by the Commissioner staff. Membership, Finance and Program are carried out by the district committee. My job as District Chairman is to bring together the volunteers of our district to create an active district committee to carry out these three functions to bring about a successful Scouting program within our communities. I look forward to this challenge and to working with each of you to reach our goals.

— Donna Wesolowski, District Chairman

Commissioner Corner

We've seen a few changes in our district this spring, including a brand new Key Three. Two months ago we welcomed Eddie Blue as our new District Executive. Donna Wesolowski has now stepped up as our new District Chairman, and Deanna McLenithan has taken over Donna's position as Cub Roundtable Commissioner.

I have agreed to take over the job of District Commissioner from Don Kaletsky, who has finally realized his Scouting dream by accepting the position of Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner. A heartfelt thanks to Don for the great work he has done rebuilding the Commissioners Staff over the past two-and-a-half years.

As we look forward to the rapidly approaching summer season let's all keep in mind that Scouting never "shuts down"; it's a 365-day program. So be sure to plan at least one activity for your unit during each of the summer months. Summer activities are great fun for everyone, and can range from a family cookout to a week at summer camp. So get out there and enjoy the summertime! See you at the Roundtables.

— Frank DeLorenzo, District Commissioner

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2007 Spring Camporee

Thank you to Troop 75 of Stratford for running a great Spring Camporee in May. 240 Scouts and leaders camped. Events included a gateway competition, scavenger hunt, first aid, fire building, skill of fortune, lashing, lumber jack, team

building, cook off, and a water balloon toss. Congratulations go out to the following overall winners:

1st Place (Tie): Troop 67 of Trumbull and Troop 82 of Fairfield

2nd Place: Troop 71 of Stratford

3rd Place: Troop 38 of Bridgeport

Again, thank you to the Scouts and leaders of Troop 75 for providing a true Scouting weekend for all who attended.

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July

9 - Fall Roundup Planning Meeting
24 - District Key Three Meeting
28 - District Mid-Year Strategy Meeting

August

7 - District Committee Meeting
10 - Commissioner Updates
14 - District Key Three Meeting
20 - District Program Review Night
27 - (OA) Achewon Chapter Meeting

September

4 - District Committee Meeting
10 - District Roundtable
11 - Fall School Night for Scouting
14-16 - Webelos Woods
15 - Webelos to Scout Transition Meeting
18 - District Key Three Meeting

Friends of Scouting Campaign Update

Each year volunteers, families, and our local communities are asked to help raise our district's fair share of the Council's operating budget. Our volunteers are working to raise the \$48,000 with the help of families and the community to support the Scouting movement. Our campaign has been off to a great start and as of the beginning of June, we raised \$35,000. Thank you to everyone who has helped to sustain the Scouting program in our communities.

Program Planning and the Game of Chess

It's time once again to start thinking about planning your unit's program for next year. I know what you're thinking, "We just finished a Scout year and I need a break!" But, as we all know, failing to plan is akin to planning our failure. So you're wondering what has Chess got to do with all this? Well, as a young boy, when I learned how to play the game, one of the strategies I learned was to always be thinking two moves ahead. With program planning, the same strategy applies. Thinking ahead allows us to plan more completely and to get the resources we need to conduct the desired program. Camp reservations ... Tour Permits ... fund raising ... qualified adult supervision ... and the list goes on. The sooner we address all of the details, the better our chances of an event going off smoothly and successfully. So start planning now- you might even find your job easier later on. Oh- one more thing- I'll add another game to this equation: Just as in your Golf swing, following through is equally important!

Tour Permit Information

All tour permit applications require at least one leader to be trained in Youth Protection. If a trained leader is not on the trip, the Tour Permit cannot be approved and your excursion is not covered by insurance. Packs wishing to participate in an overnight experience must also have one BALOO trained leader in order to receive approval.

Popcorn Sale!

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

Advancement in the Unit

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

A boy gains confidence as he advances and instant recognition will increase his self-confidence, peer-confidence and confidence in his leaders. Presently we find all too often that units are not submitting advancement reports in timely fashion and in many instance, recognition is not forthcoming in a timely fashion. We ask that your unit adopt a policy of instant recognition so that boys realize their achievements as soon as possible.

2007 Webelos Woods

The second annual Webelos Woods program for all Bear and Webelos Scouts is September 14-16 at Deer Lake Scout Reservation.



Daytime Overnight Campout

Elizabeth Ives Boy Scout Troop 619 of North Haven and ACES Whitney High West Troop 620 held a "daytime overnight campout" on May 22 at Wah Wah Taysee in Hamden. The Scouts were assisted by Eagle Scouts Ethan and Caleb Warner in setting up a traditional camp. The Scouts secured firewood, set up a tent and created an eating area for lunch. After the camp was set up, the scouts enjoyed many activities which included catching frogs, fishing, hiking and ball playing. Following these activities, the scouts returned to camp and the staff and scouts cooked hot dogs, made a cake over an open fire and delighted in making smores. It was a great day for the Scouts and an invaluable experience for everyone.

Elizabeth Ives and ACES have programs for special needs students. Bill Jacobs and Judy Warner initiated the start of a troop at ACES to give their students an opportunity for a Scouting experience. This year Chris Cacace and George organized a troop at Elizabeth Ives and the two troops have been giving the Scouts opportunities afforded to regular troops. In addition to the campout, the Scouts had a tour of the Pequot Museum to learn about Native American Indians and recently had the honor of placing flags on graves of veterans in a nearby cemetery.

The program introduces Webelos Scouts and their parents to Boy Scouting. Don't miss out on this fun filled weekend of activities and camping! More information is available on our district website.

Cub Scout Summer Activities

We have plenty of activities going on during the summer-don't miss out! Why would a Pack "shut down" over the summer when there are so many activities that you will miss out on. Appoint a summer coordinator for your Pack and put them in charge of promoting these events. You don't need to have a Pack meeting every month, just keep the Pack going with activities each month. It's easy! If your pack is interested in earning the Summertime Pack Award, joining us for activities is a great way to go. For more information on the Summertime Pack Award visit the

Council website.

1. Day Camp – Day Camp is held at a different location through-out our council service area each week during the summer. Our Day Camp, held in our own very own back yard at P&A Park in Wallingford is July 9-13. The following week, July 16-20 the camp will be held at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven.

2. Cub Scout/ Webelos Scout Resident Camp - An awesome program. Where else can you spend four days camping, wearing a homemade costume, go swimming, boating, make crafts, shoot bb guns and spend time with your son? Camp Sequassen, that's where. We still have spots open for units and small groups. If you don't have a group, you can still come with just your son and yourself.

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Your News is Our News!

If your unit holds an exciting event, service project or had a great time doing something, the district would love to hear about it! As a community of Scouting, Sleeping Giant wants others to learn about your unit's success. Your news is our news. Please submit your article and your best picture to Chris to be included on our district news page on the website or even in *The Scouter*.

Summertime Kickoff's (Don't Miss These!)

We have a few kickoffs coming up to get everyone excited about the new Scouting year. Cubmasters, Asst. Cubmasters, Committee Chairman, Scoutmasters and Venture Crew Advisors will receive a postcard within the next few days with these dates listed. Please post the post card in a place where it will serve as a reminder of these dates. Please plan to have one representative of your unit attend these events so you have all the current calendars, forms and information.

2. Popcorn Kickoff – This Unit Kernel Kickoff is for your pack's popcorn coordinator. It will be held on August 15. Learn how to sell \$10,000 in one weekend. Selling popcorn is an easy unit fundraiser and it can be your one and only fundraiser if done correctly. Join us and we will show you how it can be done!

3. Popcorn Kickoff for Youth – We have added a kickoff this year for the Scouts who sell the popcorn! This will be on September 8th. All Scouts selling popcorn are encouraged to attend! How effective can a sale be without training on how to sell? It seems we send youth out there unprepared. We will train the Scouts how to maximize their sales with less effort.

4. Fall Roundup Kickoff for Cub Scout leaders – will be held in our district over the summer. Keep an eye on the district website and e-mails for updated information on the date and location of the event.

3rd Annual Sporting Clays Shoot!

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COME OUT AND HAVE A BLAST!

Mark your calendar for Friday, Sept. 21 for the Third Annual Connecticut Yankee Council **Sporting Clay Shoot!** This fun and exciting event will be held 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.



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.

Event Schedule

- 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 Connecticut Yankee 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 foursomes, regular foursomes, station sponsors or individual shooters.

Raffle

A big part of the fun (and over 10 percent of the monies raised for Scouting) comes from the raffle held as a part of the tournament. Prizes have included, a Mossberg 12 Ga. "Silver Clays" Shotgun, Marlin Model 1895GS Rifle, March Brown Limited Fly Rod, Napa Valley Weekend Getaway, DVD Players, AM/FM/CD Players, and much more. Would your company/organization like to donate an item?

For more information, contact David Rennie, staff advisor to the tournament at rennie@ctyankee.org or by phone to 203.876.6868, Ext. 257.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the individuals and businesses that supported the Sporting Clay Shoot last year: CinemaSource, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Kaiser-Battistone, Infiltrator Systems, Inc., Hermenze & Marcantonio LLC, Poly-Metal Finishing, Inc., The Star Supply Co., Parrett, Porto, Parese, & Colwell, P.C., Mutual of America, Hermenze & Marcantonio, LLC, Service Unlimited USA, Iwatsu America, Inc, Geomatrix, LLC, William C. Calderara, Daniel B. Cooley, John D. Foster, Alfred James Kelly, Geoffrey Sefert, Dean Gaugler, Lawrence Scharf, and Thomas McClain



Mossberg donated a shotgun for the Sporting Clay Shoot Raffle. Above, Committee Member Steve Szyplski, Mossberg Vice-President Joe Bartozzi & Event Chairman Brett West.



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07 Health and Science Careers Academy

This year will be busier than ever for Learning for Life's Health and Science Careers Exploring Programs. Three (3) health academies and two (2) science academies will be conducted this summer. Learning for Life's National Health Careers Committee and National Science Careers Committee are working with organizations across the country, such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and NASA, to give youth an opportunity to experience careers in these areas first hand. The skills and knowledge participants' gain during the academies will be invaluable in preparing them to make decisions about their chosen careers, college, and future.

Highlights of academies include: (1) career-related seminars/workshops, (2) interaction with practicing health or science professionals, (3) team competitions, (4) tours, (5) award programs, and (6) extracurricular activities. Participants will have an opportunity to experience interactive hands-on seminars, tour NASA and other science-related facilities, visit medical research facilities. For more information contact Peggy Chestnutt at 972.580.2428 or email her pchestnu@lflmail.org.

'08 Law Enforcement Exploring Conference

The 2008 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference will host thousands of participants for the 16th biennial National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference. The conference will take place at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO from July 21 to July 26, 2008. This highly successful event began in 1979 at Michigan State University, with nearly a thousand participants. One of the reasons for the success of the conference has been the Advisors' active support and participation. The cost is \$350 per person. The program is several days of exciting competitions and events:

Team competitions. Arrest and Search Techniques, Bomb Threat Response, Crime Prevention, Crime Scene Search, Domestic Crisis Intervention, Shoot/Don't Shoot, Hostage Negotiation, Burglary in Progress, Traffic Accident Investigation, Traffic Stop, White Collar Crime, Emergency Field First Aid.

Individual events. Police Physical Performance Testing, Air Pistol Competition, Pistol Competition (9mm), Sample Written Examination, Drill Competition, Beam Hit, Bike Policing, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC).

Seminars. Bomb Investigations, Combating Terrorism in America, Executive Protection, Exploring Leadership Development, Fugitive Investigations, Gang Recognition and Identification, Hate Crimes & Terrorism on the Internet, Narcotics Trafficking and Interdiction, Protecting Our National Borders, Protect Yourself: Self-Defense, Psychological Profiling, Surveillance Methods and Technology

Exhibits and Exploring USA. Features displays that promote Exploring and a successful post program. The conference is open to registered law enforcement Exploring participants. Posts must have a minimum of two Explorers participating and appropriate adult leadership. Posts can download the Post Reservation/Security Deposit form from the guidebook, available on

the Web site. Posts should complete the form, with approval from the appropriate local Learning for Life office. Mail the approved form, along with the \$100 post deposit, to: Law Enforcement Exploring, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, S210, Irving, TX, 75038. The conference guidebook is available on the Web site at www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement

2007 Law Enforcement Scholarships and Awards

There are many benefits for young men and women who participate in Law Enforcement Exploring. Some of the benefits are special scholarships and awards in which Law Enforcement Explorers qualify:

ATFAR Scholarship (Law Enforcement, \$1,000) – The retiree's association of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) offers scholarships in the amount of \$1,000. Scholarships are presented every year to Law Enforcement Explorers

Capt. James J. Regan Scholarship (Law Enforcement, 2 one-time/\$500) – The National Technical Investigators Association presents two one-time \$500 scholarships annually. Criteria include academic record, leadership, extracurricular activities, and a personal statement.

Sheryl A. Horak Memorial Scholarship (Law Enforcement, \$1,000) – This merit-based award involves a \$1,000, one-time scholarship. The award also includes a plaque and pin.

Law Enforcement Exploring Community Crime Prevention Award – The International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners provides an annual recognition of Explorer posts that exhibit outstanding support of their communities. Includes a plaque and pin.

DEA Drug Abuse Prevention Service Award (Law Enforcement, \$1,000) – The DEA Drug Abuse Prevention Service Award consists of an engraved plaque and a \$1,000 award, which will be presented in recognition of Proficiency Awards program provides an opportunity for posts and



Above – Sleeping Giant District and Hunter's Ambulance Explorer Post hosted a Touch a Truck event to introduce new families to Scouting.

Right – Hunter's EMS Explorer Zachary Craft preparing for Meriden's Annual Soap Box Race at Hubbard Park.



their Explorers to earn a series of recognition items that acknowledge their law enforcement Exploring experience.

Career Achievement Award for Law Enforcement Explorers – The components of the Learning for Life Career Achievement Award programs allow young people to acquire and be recognized for career proficiency achievement and community service.

Leadership Award Program – Leadership Award is given to youth and adults who have given exceptional dedication and leadership to the youth participants in either the Learning for Life or Exploring Program.

'Summer Featured LFL Program: The Challengers Program

Specifically designed for the cognitive and developmental levels of 5th and 6th grade students, the Challengers Program continues Learning for Life's character education by integrating components of both the Seekers and Discovers Program. The Challengers Program focuses on the same eight character traits as Seekers and Discovers: 1) Respect, 2)

Responsibility, 3) Honesty/Trust, 4) Caring/Fairness, 5) Perseverance, 6) Self-Discipline, 7) Courage, and 8) Citizenship. Lesson plans on the Life Skills are also part of the Challengers program. The 61 lesson plans in each of the Challengers books focus on topics such as "Being Responsible", "Making Good Decisions", "Code of Ethics", "Empathy", etc. The lesson plans are geared to a higher level of cognitive and developmental learning than the Seekers and Discovers lessons. A Home/Family activity is part of every lesson. Each grade has its own teacher's edition as well as student workbook. A recognition feature helps teacher to reward student participation. The Challengers Program, like the Discovers Program, also comes with a "Super Safe" CD-ROM game for students. However, the game for Challengers is completely different from the Discovers game, and offers more difficult scenarios to enhance students' critical thinking skills. Other value-added features in the Challengers Program are: community speakers, mentors, outdoor experiences, field trips and teacher training.

Bridgeport

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Pack 65 – Norwalk: Jonathan Highland

Pack 75 – Stratford: Thomas Coughlin III, John Duffy, Nicholas Krushinsky, Patrick Lepesko, Andrew Nagy

Pack 92 – Fairfield: Michael Aquino, Connor Bennett, Brennan Black, Damian Chessare, Ryan Cimmino, Ryan Congdon, Michael DeVore, Daniel Fitzgerald, Daniel Gardella, Robert Karosy, Alfred Kelly, Ethan Lee, Andrew Macavey, Adam McAree, Aidan McAughlin, Max Moeser, Ricky Pabon, Andre Pecego, Destin Piagentini, Nicholas Rando, Leonard Samatulski, James Thornton, Jack Wiig

Pack 95 – Fairfield: Bryan Azarian, Theodore Coppola, Daniel Knorr, Nicholas Lynch, Gabriel Reale

Pack 99 – Fairfield: Thomas Bernaschina, Luke Farrell, Christopher Lukas

Pack 137 – New Fairfield: Thomas Dobransky, Christopher Roberti

Pack 156 – Bethel: Thomas Jensen

Pack 170 – Newtown: Matthew Maturro, Frank Nicholas Rohrbacher

Pack 172 – Stratford: Liam Callahan, Grant diBenedetto, Andrew Hickey, Alex Koletar, Connor McGraw, Peter Milner, Jack Morrissey

Pack 570 – Newtown: Cyril Brown, Thomas DeMeglio, Gabriel Locke, Cullen Moore, Nicholas Sobotka

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Pack 8 – Brookfield: Stephen Kawulicz, Anthony Masullo

Pack 24 – Shelton: Stephen Casinelli, Brandon Guittard, Jonathon Lemanski, Walter Murphy, Joseph Silvestro, Louis Silvestro

Pack 27 – Monroe: Nicholas Piciw

Pack 28 – Shelton: Aidan Gilligan

Pack 52 – Danbury: Zachary Jacobellis

Pack 64 – Trumbull: Christopher

Costantini, Michael Johnson

Pack 65 – Norwalk: Jonathan Highland

Pack 75 – Weston: Alexander Gulino, James Rainone

Pack 88 – Fairfield: Ted Carbin, Stephen Kornutik, Alexander Rigione, Daniel Schmedlin

Pack 95 – Fairfield: Gary Azarian, Mathew Coppola, Samuel Halstead, Eric Lemoult, Ryan Paul Merole, Kevin O'Brien, Danny Reale, Christopher Rumsey

Pack 118 – Redding: James Bairaktaris, Jonathan Bairaktaris, Joseph Bairaktaris Jr., Daniel Dolan, John Dolan

Pack 137 – New Fairfield: Kenneth Carroll

Pack 156 – Bethel: Nicholas Chamberlin, Ian Folan, Daniel Goodman, Patrick Hannagan, Peter Iorfino, Philip Kallberg, Kevin Michalka

Pack 161 – Darien: Daniel Berkowitz, Matthew Coley, Aidan Coyle, Liam Cutts, Shelby Grant, Gavin Okun, David Orner, Conor Raymond, Alexander Thilmany

Pack 166 – Easton: Colin Eustace, Daniel Higgins, Christian Holm-Hansen, Spencer Jordan, Andrew Manuskay

Pack 167 – Trumbull: Ryan Pynch, Joseph Capio, James Rodi

Pack 168 – Trumbull: Andrew Garrett, William Quigley

Pack 172 – Stratford: Dylan Brennan, Benjamin Canevari, Kyle Fasanella, Michael Giannotta, Jack Hickey, Thomas Matis, Jack Morrissey

Pack 570 – Newtown: Jack Beal, Christopher Brown, Daniel Colucci, John Paul Locke, Jordan Marussich, Thomas Meier, Timothy Moore, Andrew Oberg

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Crew 100 – Newtown: Nicholas Wolf

Troop 370 – Newtown: Tyler Hoffman

Troop 770 – Newtown: Matthew Jensen

Pope Paul VI Unit Recognition

Pack 570 Newtown

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The Jewish Committee on Scouting meets every month on the 4th Monday of the month, at the Council Resource Center in Milford, at 7:30 p.m.

Stay on top of what's happening with the Jewish Committee by checking out our website, jewish.ctyankee.org. Also, please check out the redesigned national JCOS website, www.jewishscouting.org.

Lastly, a *Yasher Koach* (may you be strong!) to Peter Nystrom, who served as our Professional Advisor for these past few years. Peter recently accepted a position with the Pasadena Area Council, and has relocated back to California. Many thanks to Peter for all his help, guidance, advice and time on behalf of our committee.

*Yours in Jewish Scouting,
Dave Elkodsi*

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We'll participate in a Mud Obstacle Course dubbed IronMan II, we'll spend a day caving and a day on class 3 and 4 white water rapids. We'll have a guest speaker, ex army ranger, Kirk Weisler, author of various motivational books about building confidence. Each night will culminate in a fireside, conducted by a member of the Yorktown Stake Presidency. It looks to be an amazing adventure for our boys!

Seabase 2007

A contingent will head to the Florida keys this summer (August

11-19) to participate in Boy Scout's Seabase! Many of the boys from our area who went to Philmont last year (Crew 7) along with another 10 or so boys make up the 16 strong contingency. Boys had to earn \$500 of their own money (not provided by their parents). This will be step two in several boys' quest for the elusive "Triple Crown"!

Second Annual **Silver Hammer Scouting Skills Camporee** – September 21 and 22 at Hoyt

Young Scouts will be taught by older Scouts as they complete many of the requirements for 2nd and 1st Class ranks. Fire building, plant recognition, orienteering, knot tying and ideal campsites will be the highlights of the event.

Venturing

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mountain biking, climbing and repelling, and much more. Learn To Swim lessons are available. The fee is \$270 per week. Sea Scout week at Camp Sequassen is being sponsored by Sea Scout Ship 2. For more info or to sign-up, contact Skipper Kevin Markey at 203.597.0309 or ship2@snet.net.

Powderhorn Training

Powder Horn, an advanced high-

adventure outdoor training of the Boy Scouts of America is offered August 22-24 and September 26-28, 2008 at Camp Sequassen and Deer Lake scout Reservation. Powder Horn is an action-packed, hand-on outdoor course to expose Boy Scout, Venturing and Sea Scouting leaders to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful Ranger Award program. More information to come. Inquiries may be directed to Course Director John Neary at 203.381.0878 or jneary42@sbc-global.net.

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Troop 810 – North Haven: Edward Carafeno, Ralph Cook, Domenic Izzo, Vincent Sacco, Mark Kennedy, Gregory Vece

Troop 925 – Orange: Tom Dowd, Mark Wesolowski

Troop 963 – Woodbridge: Justin Hill, Matthew O'Connor, Tyler Rehm

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Note: This emblem is the high-est emblem a Scout or Crew Member can earn from the Catholic Church.

Troop 428 – Branford: Charlie DiLella, Star Scout

Troop 428 – Branford: Matthew Schell, Eagle Scout

We'll have another Ideal Campfire program complete with a special message by a member of our Stake Presidency. Be sure to get your boys ready for the competition – we'll see who will be the Silver Hammer champions this year! Units interested in participating should send in their requests to Norm Merritt by August 31.

LDS Committee Conference Call

September 2, at 8 p.m. Please join us for the next LDS Committee meeting. Dial in to the following conference bridge: 888.384.9090 75 77 84# at 8 p.m. Come ready to participate!

Sea Scout Wardroom

The Council Sea Scouting Wardroom will meet on the second Monday of the month, January – December, 7 p.m., at the Trinity Episcopal Church Library, 651 Pequot Avenue in Southport to discuss 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.

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