

THE POMPERAUG POST



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Serving the Scouting Communities of Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston and Westport

We are now in September and that is a time of new things in scouting. Returning cub scouts move onto their new rank, units start recruiting new scouts and new ideas are brought to your unit from your annual planning meetings over the summer as well.

On the district level as well we have a lot of new things this year as well. We will start meeting at our new location at the First Presbyterian Church in Fairfield, We will roll out our new roundtable program. We also will bring about some new changes for some our events. We have rethought our Cub-O-Ree and WOW programs, and you can read more about them in this newsletter. We are also in the process of re-thinking our Spring Camporee as well and hope to roll out the changes in the next couple of months. We are excited about these new changes and we think that your unit will be excited about these changes as well.

There is also one last new thing to announce this month. The CT Yankee council has hired a new district executive to serve the Pomperaug District. Brett Keeler has been involved in scouting on Long Island as both a youth and adult and starting on September 16th he will begin his professional scouting career. Brett will be at many of our upcoming district events, so you will have many opportunities to meet will him and provide him your input on the direction scouting should take in the Pomperaug district.

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New District Meeting Location



Starting in September the Pomperaug District will have a new Home. The First Presbyterian Church in Fairfield, 2475 Easton Turnpike. Our district committee and roundtable meetings will be moving to this new location. We thank the First Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their church as our new home. We also would like to thank the Trumbull Latter Day Saints Church for letting us call their church our home for the last several years.

This location was the meeting location before we began to meeting at the Latter Day Saints Church and it is great to be back at this location. This church is also home to Troop 10, which is the oldest unit within our council. We would like to thank Phil Clancey for helping secure this new meeting location for us.

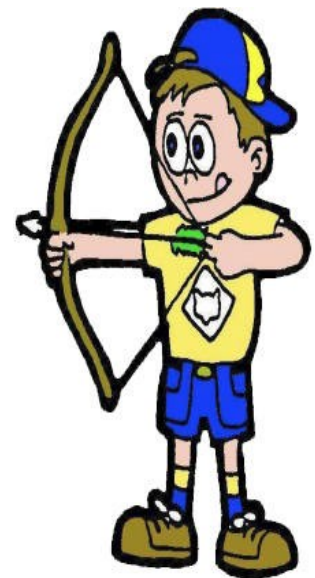
Scout Day at Lime Rock

A favorite annual event of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers, there is no better way to spend an early Fall weekend than camping out and enjoying a Saturday of racing at Lime Rock Park. For more information go to <https://www.ctyankee.org/limerock> .



Pomperaug District Cub-O-Ree

After taking input from cub scout leaders from around the district we are moving our Annual Cub-O-Ree event from September to November. This will allow for packs to bring all their new recruits to this event and to not interfere with recruitment and popcorn season. The Pomperaug District Cub-O-Ree is November 2nd, 2019 at Old Mine Park in Trumbull from Noon-4:30. Cost is \$10 per Cub Scout. A Cub-O-Ree is a one-day event for all Cub Scouts in the Connecticut Yankee Council that is hosted by the Pomperaug District. Cubs will participate in BB Guns, Sling Shots , Nature Hike, First Aid and moorre led by the Pomperaug District Cub Scout Activity Committee, troops and crews. This event is designed to be a fun day and the focus is not on advancement. The focus of the event is to provide an affordable single day event for the Cub and his family to enjoy a day outdoors and jumpstart their Cub Scouting activity year. This event is being held at Old Mine Park in Trumbull, CT. Parking is limited so please carpool. The pavilion adjacent to the large field will be Headquarters. For more information and to register go to : <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/cub-o-ree/>



Pomperaug District Webelos Overnight Woods



[weekend/](https://www.ctyankee.org/events/webelos-outdoor-weekend/)

Greetings all Pomperaug District Webelos and Parents! The 2019 WOW will be at Camp Sequassen in New Hartford, CT. October 12-13, 2019. This event is being re-imagined for this year. This year the WOW will be integrated with the camporee with the Scouts BSA Troops. Webelos will have the opportunity to participate in many of the same activities as the Scouts BSA units, but instead of focusing on competition leaders will focus on instructing Webelos in these activities. All meals and snacks are the responsibility of the Webelos and their parents. on Saturday, and will finish after breakfast on Sunday. A Saturday night campfire is held so come with skits and songs. To register go to <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/webelos-outdoor-weekend/>

District Calendar

September	October	November
<p>3rd - District Committee (First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield)</p> <p>6th-8th - OA Induction (Camp Pomperaug)</p> <p>10th - District Roundtable (First Presbyterian Church)</p> <p>20th-22nd - Camp Sikorsky</p> <p>21st - 23rd Wood Badge 2019 (Camp Sequassen)</p> <p>27th-29th - Scout Day at Lime Rock</p> <p>27th-29th - Shooting High Adventure Outdoor Weekend (adults only - Camp Pomperaug)</p>	<p>1st - District Committee (First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield)</p> <p>4th-6th - OA Fall Fellowship (Camp Sequassen)</p> <p>8th - District Roundtable (First Presbyterian Church)</p> <p>11th-13th - Fall Camporee</p> <p>26th - Fright Night (Deer Lake)</p>	<p>3rd - Wood Badge Fellowship Dinner (Villa Bianca 1pm)</p> <p>5th - District Committee (First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield)</p> <p>12th - District Roundtable (First Presbyterian Church)</p>

Reminder: Continue to Log Service Hours

Don't forget to continue to log in service hours. Check out [Bryan on Scouting](https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/10/09/101-great-scout-service-project-ideas/amp/) for innovative service ideas: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/10/09/101-great-scout-service-project-ideas/amp/>

Beyond the Basics Camporee



- Fire Building Station
- Blindfolded Tent Set-up Station
- Ladder Lashing
- All Aboard
- Messy Campsite
- First Aid and more

Brought to you By Troop 62 Monroe, CT
Camp Sequassen, West Hartford, CT
October 11-13

For more information and to register check out the event website at:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/pomperaug-fall-camporee/>

2019/2020 Pomperaug District Roundtable Schedule

Month	General Session	Cub Breakout	Scout/Ship/Crew/Post Breakout	Training
September	All the help you need - Recruiting Adult leaders	Den Management - Lions, Tigers, Bears, Oh My!	Creating a Youth Led Troop	Merit Badge Counselor
October	Making rechartering fun and easy (Yes it can be)	Family Scouting	One Team One Dream - Boy/Girl Joint Outings	Den Leader Training
November	Rechartering (Assistance)	Fast Fun - Running the best Derbies	The outing in scouting - Year Round Programming	Pack Committee
December	Pack/Troop Partnerships Transitioning Into Scouting	Continued Conversation Within Towns	Continued Conversation Within Towns	Charter Org Rep
January	Like this - using Social Media for your unit	Blue and Gold	Court of Honors and OA Unit Elections	Cubmaster and Asst. Cubmaster
February	Fun in the sun - Summer Camps	The Summertime Pack	High Adventure/Camps/Activities	Troop Committee
March	Your not alone in growth - Recruitment Resources	Promoting the pack Recruiting Strategies	Recruiting Beyond Webelos	New Member Coordinator
April	How to Enter Service	How do you make service fun?	At your service! What is considered service?	Scoutmaster/ASM
May	2020/2021 Calendar	Alternative Adventures, how to spice up your pack calendar	Life to Eagle	Den Leader Training
June		Kick Off		



Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA
Service Area West

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (S11)

Who: Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Webelos leaders about to cross over, anyone interested

What: Outdoor session to complete Scoutmaster training

Cost: \$20

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 20th (no late registrations due to course requirements)

When and Where:

October 4-5, 2019

Hoyt Scout Reservation Training Cabin, West Redding, CT

Arrive @ 5:00p.m on Friday, Course concludes @ 7p.m.

Saturday

For more information contact Ed Gratrix: EGratrix@gmail.com

Or Peter Orloff: porloff94@gmail.com

**Register using the link on the council training page
or by sending payment to**

Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA

P.O Box 32

60 Wellington Road Milford, CT 06460

Attn: Carolyn Cruson

Recruiting new Scouts and Parents

When to do Recruiting

Recruiting is **year-round**...but most commonly the two main times are in the spring (May) and the fall (September). Units throughout the District have started planning successful recruiting events and activities leading up to this exciting time!

Cub Scouts Spring Recruitment

Don't forget, preschoolers can join the Pack as Lions at the end of the school year. So, by having a sign-up in May, you can concentrate your efforts on the preschool and kindergarten classes. Benefits to having families sign up in May/June include:

- *Giving the new families a chance to get acquainted with the pack casually over the summer.*
- *New scouts can get a head start, especially if they go to Day Camp.*
- *New Lion, Tiger, and all other den leaders can be recruited and trained in the summer, making September go much more smoothly.*
- *The new Lion and Tiger Dens can start selling popcorn early with the rest of the pack.*

Note: Spring recruiting should be used as a supplement to fall recruiting not a replacement. Also, when your pack recruits in the spring, make sure the new scouts have several activities over the summer, you can earn the national summertime pack award!

Scouts BSA Troop Open House

The Scout troop open house allows a troop to swing open its doors and roll out the red carpet to welcome guests. It provides a forum to show off Scouting activities and the troop's accomplishments. It is an effective tool to reach youth who have never tried Scouting. Hosting a troop open house is a five-step process that has been tried and proven in troops throughout the nation. Each of the following five steps is vital to the event's success:

1. *Present a school rally to fifth- and sixth-graders. Give them something they can go home with.*
2. *Mail the parents of interested youth a personal invitation to the troop open house, and an invite through social media.*
3. *Follow the invitation with a telephone call, or email to the parents. Host the troop open house for youth AND their parents.*
4. *Organize a troop or district activity to involve new Scouts right away. Youth join Scouting for the fun and outdoor adventure.*
5. *Parents want them to join for completely different reasons—character building and leadership training.*

Following this plan for conducting a troop open house will help you address the wants and needs of both youth and their parents.

We need the help of every leader assisting their own unit or possibly another one nearby. It's a complete team effort! The question is: Will your unit grow significantly? Steady growth is the best indicator of a healthy unit. Will positive, helpful, and new parents be recruited to fill every volunteer role? The spring is a great time to recruit new leaders! They can begin their adventure as registered leader in a more relaxed setting with school out and fewer activities going on.

Please contact your Vice Chairman for Membership with any questions you may have, or for any assistance with your recruiting efforts. If your unit is planning on holding a fall recruiting event, and you would like some recruiting materials put together, please let us know. We can help coordinate materials, scout talks at the schools, lawn signs, flyers, base camp canopy, peer to peer cards, etc. Happy recruiting!

Counselors needed for 2020 MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Dates: February 1, 8, 22, 29, 2020 with snow date March 7, 2020

Place: Lyman Hall High School, Wallingford, CT

Class Times: 9:00 AM, 9:50 AM, 10:00 AM, 10:50 AM, 11:00 AM, 11:50 AM

We do not offer badges that are camping/outdoors oriented. Counselors may teach all three periods or only one or two. They must be registered counselors and have completed Youth Protection Training in 2019 and be Merit Badge Counselor trained. If interested, please notify one of the following before August 30, 2019 with the badges you are available to instruct.

Karen Caiati: 203-722-9177 or karen.caiati@scouting.org

Robert Benoit: 203-209-0504 or rbenoit@rel-tech.com

Chet Wickett: 203-322-1390 or cwickett@optonline.net

Program Planning

With summer now past, it's time for all units to have planned their unit program for the upcoming program year. Quality Scouting programs begin with program planning. Unit program planning is an annual process where a Unit invites all families to have input in the program and activities of the Unit. It is also the process of selecting great activities, developing a Unit Calendar and budget and sharing the plan with all the families. The benefits of a strong unit program plan include: high quality and well-run activities, more parent involvement, more youth participation, more funding with less time fundraising, and makes your unit year run more simply and smoothly.

The unit program planning process consists of two key elements: the unit budget and program calendar. Ideally the program planning process will take place with both the adult and youth leadership involved (except for packs where youth are not expected to participate). The process should take several hours to complete, so don't rush through the process as this will just make your unit's program harder to manage throughout the year. The national council has great resources available to aid you in your program planning process and can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/ProgramPlanningTools.aspx>

In addition, keep in mind the events sponsored throughout the year by the district including:

Fall Camporee – October 11-13, 2019

Klondike Derby – January 17-19, 2020