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

From the Key 3

For 2020, our council is re-thinking how we do our Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign. In years past, our district FOS chair has contacted each unit to schedule a presentation at a unit meeting, a district representative comes and gives the FOS presentation and collects all the donations. Let's face it, no one likes this. These presentations disrupt the flow of your meeting, many families feel awkward about not giving and on the district level this takes up a lot of volunteer time and every year we are able to raise less money.

This year we are going to try something different. We will skip your units FOS presentation next year if your unit does one thing. Last year we held a new FOS breakfast event with the keynote speaker Bobby Valentine. We are going to do another one of these, but we are going to move it from a weekday to a Saturday to help those who work be more able to attend. We are working on another great keynote speaker, but that has not yet been finalized yet. If your unit brings 8 people to this event, we will skip your unit presentation all together. The best part of this is you can bring anyone you want to the event, including people not involved with scouting.

The details of this event have not yet been finalized, but we will share them with you once they are. We will not know what units will require a unit FOS presentation until after the event is over in February, so we will not be scheduling FOS presentations this fall like we have done in years past.

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Service Hours

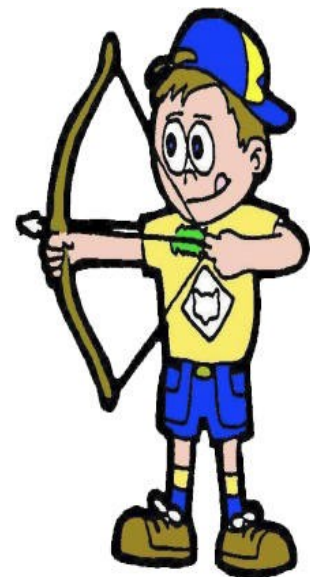
Service is a big part of scouting and it is so important that doing service is one of the areas that is measured in the Journey to Excellence (JTE) program for every type of unit in scouting. In order to qualify for points in the service area of Journey to Excellence your unit must participate in several service projects and log your service hours into the service hours tracking system.

The service hours tracking site can be accessed through you're my.scouting.org account. It can then be accessed under the menu in the upper left hand corner and it is located in the legacy tools sub menu. If you have not used this system before you will need to create an account, this is a different account from your my.scouting account.

Once you are logged in, select the service and click the link to enter a service project. Choose a project description that best matches your project. At this point you can enter in the data related to your service project. Once you have entered in all of the information click on the submit report link. This will log your service project into the reporting system and you will be able to take credit for the project on your Journey to Excellence Scorecard.

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 more 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 jump-start 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/> Any Cub Scout participating must be registered with a pack. To register go to <http://www.ctyankee.org/webpay/event/new/?form=000535>.



REMINDERS FOR ALL MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:

In order to remain a counselor for 2020 you must do the following:

Complete Youth Protection Training in 2019 and notify Chet at t163cor@yahoo.com of the date you did so.

Complete the NEW Background Check Disclosure and Authorization form. If you are also registered with a unit and complete the form for them to recharter you do not have to complete the form again. If you did not receive the form in an e-mail from National BSA you may e-mail patriciaday@att.net to receive a copy. Send the completed form to the council office addressed to Karen Caiati, 60 Wellington Rd., Milford, CT 06460.

Fall 2019 Religious Emblem Information Session at Pomperaug District Roundtable – November 12, 2019

A Scout is Reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

Attention All Scout Leaders: If you are interested in learning more about programs that religious groups have developed to encourage their members to grow stronger in their faith, please click on the below link or make plans to attend Pomperaug District's October Roundtable 2019:

[//www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/](http://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/)



Tuesday , Novmeber 12, 2019

7:30 to – 9:00 pm

First Prebbyterian Church

2475 Easton Turnpike

Fairfield, CT 06825

Questions? Contact Religious Emblems Coordinator **Dave Nobile** at dfn1026@gmail.com

2020 MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Merit Badge College is still in need of counselors. If you are a merit badge counselor and can conduct a course please consider helping at this important event. Details are below.

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 ASAP 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

Connecticut Yankee Council Current Training Policy

Position Specific training courses must be completed by all registered leaders.

New leaders, including those changing positions, must complete Position Specific Training Courses within 120 days of their registration or their position change.

Positions requiring Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training, e.g., Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, must complete IOLS within 180 days of registration or position change.

Leaders who fail to comply with this training requirement at the time of recharter will not be permitted to reregister for the following year.

All Registered Adults will be required to have and maintain (keep up to date) training for all positions they hold at Unit, District and Council levels.

All Position Specific Training Courses (except for IOLS) may be completed ONLINE at my.scouting.org. This includes training for Merit Badge Counselors, Chartered Organization Representatives and all Commissioner positions.

Enforcement of the Connecticut Yankee Council Training Policy:

New Adult Leaders

Effective immediately, adults 18 years of age and older that wish to become a leader in Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America must complete the Position Specific Training for the leadership role(s) they intend to fulfill **BEFORE** their membership application will be processed by the Connecticut Yankee Council office. All adult leadership roles require Position Specific training.

Note: Position Specific Training can be completed without a membership number. When the application is processed the membership number that is issued by my.Scouting will be associated with the new leader's profile by the Council Registration Specialist.

Currently Registered Adult Leaders

Effective immediately, all currently registered adult leaders seeking to add (multiple) or change a volunteer leadership role must complete the Position Specific Training for the new role(s) prior to submitting a new BSA adult membership application to Connecticut Yankee Council. There is no registration or insurance fee for multiple roles as long as you have fully paid for your primary volunteer position.

Processing Membership Applications

Unit Leaders are asked to hold completed membership applications for two weeks or until the required position specific training modules have been completed by the applicant. The applicant should be asked to present to the unit leader an electronic or paper copy of the completion certificate issued when a training module is completed. Once the required position-specific training is complete please submit the membership application, along with a copy of the training certificate(s) and Youth Protection Certificate, to Connecticut Yankee Council (see address below). If the applicant has not presented the training certificate to the unit leader within two weeks the applicant should be contacted by the unit leader and his or her willingness and desire to become a leader should be discussed. If the applicant is unwilling to complete the required training the application should be discarded.

Exception: Adults wishing to become a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster (SM/ASM) have 180 days from the date they submit their membership application or change their leadership position to complete the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training course. However, the SM/ASM training modules that are available online must be completed prior to submitting their member application.

Recharter Information

In order for you to have online access to the BSA Recharter program, you should receive the necessary documentation and online Recharter access codes by November 1st. The National Boy Scouts of America (BSA) office notified us of two changes that delayed our launch this year. The first change pertains to the BSA membership fee. The second change pertains to the Background Check Authorization page of the BSA Adult Leader application.

1. After evaluating the growing cost of delivering the Scouting program the BSA has determined that the best way forward will require an increase in the national membership registration fee for youth members and adult leaders. This change is being driven by the significant cost increase of the liability insurance the BSA carries to cover all official Scouting activities.

Please see the chart below for the Connecticut Yankee Council's 2020 Recharter costs:

Youth Members:

National Registration	\$60.00
Council Operations Fee	24.00
Insurance	12.00
<i>Boys' Life</i> subscription (optional)	12.00

Adult Members:

National Registration Fee	\$36.00
Council Operations Fee	12.00
Insurance	12.00
<i>Boys' Life</i> subscription (optional)	12.00

National Unit Liability Fee (unit charter fee) \$60.00

2. In order to charter as a leader with the BSA all current leaders must sign and submit, with their unit's Charter Renewal application, the NEW Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form on or before December 31, 2019. New leader applicants must sign the new Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form (not the form attached to the adult application-this form was emailed but if you need a copy contact **Karen Caiati** <Karen.Caiati@scouting.org>). Submit the new form with the entire BSA Adult Leader application. Failure to comply will result in your being temporarily removed from the BSA as a member until the application is received. If you are temporarily removed as a leader you will not be permitted to function as a BSA leader at any Scouting events.

Please check your unit roster, your Position-Specific training and Youth Protection training (YPT) status at my.Scouting.org. YPT must be completed by all adult leaders in 2019.

Please contact CYC at (203) 951-0234 if you have any questions.

Volunteer Award Nominations

We are quickly approaching our annual Volunteer Recognition season in the CT Yankee Council. Volunteers across the council give countless hours of their time volunteering to make their units, district and council run smoothly and provide the best possible program for our youth. To recognize this hard work and dedication, both the council and district recognize volunteers with several awards to show their appreciation to the adults who make our scouting program run all year long.



The highest honor the council can bestow upon a volunteer is the Silver Beaver award. This award is given annually at the council recognition dinner in January and is limited to just one recipient for every 60 units within the council. If you think you know someone deserving of this award fill out the nomination form, <https://www.ctyankee.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Silver-Beaver-Packet-20-CYC-Complete.pdf> and return it to the council by November 14th.

The District Award of Merit is the highest honor that can be awarded by the district. The District Award of Merit is similar to the Silver Beaver award except it is given by the district for service to the district. This award is limit one recipient per 25 units within the district. If you know someone who is deserving of this award please fill out a nomination form, <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf> , and return it to our district executive Brett Keeler at brett.keeler@scouting.org.

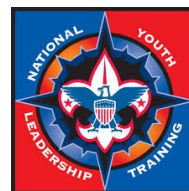
The unit leader award of merit recognizes Cubmasters, Scoutmaster, Skippers, Advisers and Coach's who have shown exceptional service to their unit. Nominations must be made by the unit committee chairman and certified by the council before the award can be given out. If your unit leaders is deserving of this award have your unit's committee chairman fill out a nomination, https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf , and submit it to our district commissioner Seth Strohecker (seth.strohecker@gmail.com) for processing.

In addition to these nationally administered awards, the district also presents several local awards that are presented at the annual District Dinner in February. The first of these is the Key three award which is awarded to three people annually for recognition of their service over the past year. The district key three members choose the recipients of this award.

The other local award given at the annual district dinner is the spark plug award which is given to a volunteer who has been the "Spark" for their unit over the past year. This award can be given to one person per unit based upon nomination. Please send all nominations for this award to Seth Strohecker at seth.strohecker@gmail.com.

NYLT Training Winter Course

January 3-5 and 10-12
Deer Lake Scout Reservation



What is it?

NYLT is an exciting program run by an outstanding youth staff, designed to provide youth participants with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home unit, personal lives, and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

Who should attend?

Any registered Scout currently serving as troop Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, or has the potential to be a SPL. Also open to any Venturer, Sea Scout, or Explorer currently serving in a leadership position or who has the potential to. Scouts must be at least First Class Rank and must be recommended by their Scoutmaster. Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers must be recommended by their unit Adviser. Scouts must be at least age 13 by January 1, 2020, to attend the January 2020 course.

Cost: \$350 Early Bird Cost: \$325 if payment in full received by November 29th

District Calendar		
November	December	January
2nd - Cub-O-Ree (Old Mine Park, Trumbull ,CT) 2nd - Train-A-Thon (Council Service Center) 3rd - Wood Badge Fellowship Dinner (Villa Bianca in Seymour 1pm) 5th - District Committee (First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield) 12th - District Roundtable (First Presbyterian Church)	3rd - District Committee (First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield) 10th - District Roundtable (First Presbyterian Church) 24th-25th - Council Service Center Closed	3rd-5th - NYLT Training Winter Course (Part 1 of 2) 7th - District Committee (First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield) 10th-12th - NYLT Training Winter Course (Part 2 of 2) 14th - District Roundtable (First Presbyterian Church) 17th-19th - Klondike Derby 30th - Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner