

THE POMPERAUG POST



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

From the Key 3

Now that we have our year-end results, we are proud to say that the Pomperaug District did superbly in 2018! Approximately three quarters of all units qualified for some level on Journey to Excellence. Over all, we showed positive growth in our traditional membership, logged over 15,000 service hours, raised nearly \$50,000 for our council and increased youth attendance at our Cub Scout day camp. As a district we received Journey to Excellence Gold for the first time in several years. We should all be proud of the hard work that was done in our units and our district for our youth. Thank you again for all that you have done. We hope that you will come and celebrate all of these and many other accomplishments from 2018 at our annual District Dinner on February 21st. See the notice later in this newsletter for more information about this event.

Now that we have made it to February, the time has finally come and the last phase of the new family scouting program has officially launched - our new female Scouts BSA units. We have many people who have worked hard to get this program started and the results of their hard work are at hand. In our district, we will launch this new program with five units. We were even lucky enough to have four of these units participate at our recent district Klondike derby and are proud to see how well they were able to perform after just getting started. We want to grow this program so if you know a young lady in your town who wants to become involved in the BSA please let us know and we will get them in touch with a local unit. Also, we would like to see a new unit formed in each of our towns, so if you would be interested in starting one, please let us know. We will help you through the process and help you start recruiting!

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District Volunteer Award Nominations

Volunteers across the council give countless hours of their time volunteering to make their units, district and council provide the best possible program for our youth. To recognize this hard work and dedication, we recognize volunteers with several awards to show our appreciation to the adults who make our scouting program run smoothly.



The District Award of Merit which is the highest honor that can be awarded by the district. This award is limited to one recipient per 25 units within the district. This year's winner of this award is **Hugh Welch**.

The Unit Leader Award of Merit recognizes unit leaders who have shown exceptional service to their unit. Nominations are entered by the unit committee chairman and certified by the council. If your unit leader is deserving of this award, have your unit's committee chairman fill out the nomination form

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/unit-leader/>.

In addition to this national award the district also presents several local awards 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 service over the past year. The District Key Three members choose the recipients of this award.

The other local award 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 from the unit to the District Key Three.

Pomperaug District Annual Dinner

Come and celebrate the achievements of Pomperaug Scouts and Scouters that help make our units and district great! The dinner will include a silent auction and an awards presentation.

Where: Christ Episcopal Church, 2000 Main Street, Stratford

When: Thursday, February 21st

Gather at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:15pm

Cost: \$25 per person



For more information:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/pomperaug-district-dinner/>



Over 10,000 youth are on the Scouting trail with high quality programs in our 37 communities. With your support through Friends of Scouting, we provide fun, challenging programs for Scouts of every age. To support our mission, our Board of Directors sets an annual operating budget of \$3.4 million. 83 cents of every dollar raised is invested in direct programs and services for our Scouts. The budget works out to about \$360 per family.

Friends of Scouting provides you the opportunity to significantly help offset the cost of the programs and services provided locally with a tax deductible contribution. The Connecticut Yankee Council is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that relies on local contributions. Your employer may match support for Scouting. Contact your human resources department to have your gift matched.

Each year the council offers its premier training event, University of Scouting. This is an all-day training event where you can take up to six training courses. Course levels range from basic to advanced. The range of topics that are offered at university of scouting are wide ranging and cover a number of topics on Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Commissioner Service, High Adventure and much more.

Whether you are a new scouter or a seasoned one there are plenty of courses offered at University of Scouting to fill your whole day and bring your scouting knowledge and abilities to the next level.

Courses are offered in several different schools to help you pick the courses that are right for you. However, you can choose courses from across several different schools to follow your needs and interest.

The program will be taking place on March 16th at Foran High School in Milford. For a complete listing of courses and to register visit the University of Scouting page:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/university-of-scouting-2/>



OA Unit Elections



The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society and each year new members are elected in the first few months of the year.

To become a member of the organization a person must be elected by both the members and non-members within his troop based on their adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, unselfish, cheerful service and leadership.

To be eligible for election into the Order of the Arrow a youth member must complete 15 nights of camping in the last 2 years of which one and only one must be a long-term camp consisting of 6 consecutive nights, be a first-class scout, and have the approval of his scoutmaster.

A Boy Scout troop can request that the local Order of the Arrow Chapter come to one of their meetings to perform an election. A team of 2-5 scouts will come and give a brief overview of the Order of the Arrow to the unit, explain the election process and run the unit election. A unit can request an election a their troop by visiting the unit election website at <http://www.owaneco.org/special/unitelections> or contacting our chapter adviser Jeff Meyer at meyer@owaneco.org. All elections must be completed before March 1st and many slots are already taken, so please make your request as soon as possible in



The Eagle Process

For Life Scouts and those who advise them
Thursday, April 25 OR Thursday, October 24

7:15 P.M. at

Church of Latter Day Saints, 30 Bonnie View Drive, Trumbull

Space is limited so

Pick ONE date and make your **required reservation** to

patriciaday@att.net

District Calendar

February	March	April
<p>2nd, 9th, 23rd - Merit Badge College</p> <p>5th - District Committee (Trumbull LDS Church, 30 Bonnie View Dr.)</p> <p>12th - Roundtable (Trumbull LDS Church)</p> <p>21st - Pomperaug District Dinner (Christ Episcopal Church, Stratford)</p>	<p>2nd - Merit Badge College</p> <p>2nd - Game Dinner</p> <p>5th - District Committee (Trumbull LDS Church, 30 Bonnie View Dr.)</p> <p>9th - Merit Badge College (snow date)</p> <p>12th - Roundtable (Trumbull LDS Church)</p> <p>16th - University of Scouting</p>	<p>2nd - District Committee (Trumbull LDS Church, 30 Bonnie View Dr.)</p> <p>9th - Roundtable (Trumbull LDS Church)</p> <p>25th - The Eagle Process (Trumbull LDS Church, downstairs)</p>