

THE POMPERAUG POST



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

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

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From the Key 3

As we approach the fall season, we are also approaching recharter season. Recharter is a time to reassess your membership within the unit and attempt to determine which members should no longer be in their current membership roles. This will ensure that everyone in your unit is properly registered within your unit.

This time of year is another good opportunity to think about succession planning as well. Planning a leadership succession is the key to your unit's long-term success and allows for new ideas and perspectives that will keep your unit fresh. If you are a unit leader, start to think about who your replacement will be. It is never too early to start thinking about this, in fact the earlier you start planning this the easier the handoff process will be. By identifying your replacement, you can have them start to shadow you to gain experience for when they take over, and this will also help take some of the burden of the leadership role off your shoulders. To start, work with your charter organization representative and committee chairman to come up with a list of names of potential candidates. Once you have done this, start to discuss the qualities of each candidate to determine who is best suited to take over the role. Once you have done this, speak with your preferred candidate to see if they are interested in the role and let them know what is required in the position. If they agree, start having them shadow you to get a full sense of the job so they will be prepared to hit the ground running upon your departure from the position.

While the national office has recently announced an upcoming fee increase, they will not have the amount finalized until the end of October. They have indicated that the recharter website will be open on November 1st due to the fact that units will not be able to submit their recharter until the new national fee has been announced. We know this is not the ideal situation, but this should still allow your unit enough time to finish its recharter before the end of the year.

District Calendar		
October	November	December
1st - District Committee (First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield)	2nd - Cub-O-Ree (Old Mine Park, Trumbull ,CT	3rd - District Committee (First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield)
4th-6th - OA Fall Fellowship (Camp Sequassen)	3rd - Wood Badge Fellowship Dinner (Villa Bianca in Seymour 1pm)	10th - District Roundtable (First Presbyterian Church)
8th - District Roundtable (First Presbyterian Church)	5th - District Committee (First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield)	
11th-13th - Fall Camporee (Camp Sequassen)	12th - District Roundtable (First Presbyterian Church)	
12th-13th - WOW (Camp Sequassen)		
26th - Bourbon Tasting Fundraiser (Fairfield Masonic Hall, 131 Beach Road in Fairfield)		

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

The annual Recharter season is upon us and Connecticut Yankee Council is ready to kick it off with the current and updated documents you will need to complete your unit's charter. To keep things moving smoothly for your unit, we are here to offer friendly, knowledgeable support, should it become necessary.

We usually get things started by sending the necessary documentation and online Recharter access codes to you at this time each year, in order for you to have online access to the BSA Recharter program on October 1. We are ready to deliver these documents but we just received notification from the National Boy Scouts of America (BSA) office of two changes that will delay our launch. 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 likely require an increase in the national membership registration fee for youth members and adult leaders. This prospective change is being driven by the significant cost increase of the liability insurance the BSA carries to cover all official Scouting activities. The amount of the increase will be finalized after the National Executive Committee has met to assess the scope and need of this action. A decision by the BSA is expected no later than October 23, 2019. As soon as we get word, we will pass it along to you. The online Recharter site will open on November 1, 2019.

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 consider using this delayed Recharter launch period as an opportunity to 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.

We sincerely apologize for the timing of these changes but are simply passing along the information we have been given. Please contact CYC at (203) 951-0234 if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you soon on our annual charter renewal program.

Sincerely,

Michael Carpenter
Assistant Council Commissioner

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

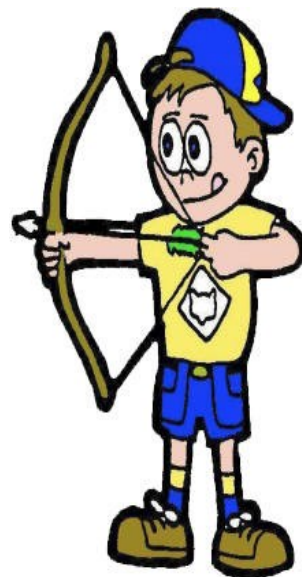
For more information and to register check out the event website at:

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

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/>



Pomperaug District Webelos Overnight Woods



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 for 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. If you plan on camping out on Saturday night, you will also need to bring your own tent and sleeping gear. The guide to safe scouting will need to be followed, so adults can only share a tent with a youth that is a member of their family. A Saturday night campfire is held so come with skits and songs. To register go to <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/webelos-outdoor-weekend/>

Fall 2019 Religious Emblem Information Session at Pomperaug District Roundtable – October 11, 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 , October 11, 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

POMPERAUG DISTRICT LEARN ABOUT THE EAGLE PROCESS



Tuesday, October 22, 2019

7:15 P.M.

**Downstairs at the First Presbyterian Church
2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield**

Directions: As you face the building, park in the lot on the Left. Enter through the side door closest to the front of the building (Brooks Hall)

Life Scouts and those who advise them are invited to learn about the Eagle process.

Attendees may go to ctyankee.org to print out the Eagle Scout Rank Application and the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to bring with them as a reference. To see the information to be covered, on the same web site, select "Districts" "Pomperaug" "Advancement/Life to Eagle"

"Eagle Scout Process"

Make a REQUIRED reservation at patriciaday@att.net

POMPERAUG
BOURBON TASTING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH 6PM

FAIRFIELD MASONIC HALL 131 BEACH ST. FAIRFIELD, CT

FEATURED TASTING:
5 BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY BOURBONS
TAPAS & OTHER FARE
\$50 PER PERSON

ADDITIONAL TASTINGS:
ELMER T. LEE BOURBON
ROCK HILL FARMS BOURBON
\$10 EACH

**GREAT RAFFLE &
AUCTION PRIZES**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER:
WWW.CTYANKEE.ORG/BOURBON

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA





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

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.