Executive Board

Our Council's Leadership is dedicated to the continuance of sound governance that will ensure the sustainability of Scouting within our 37-town service area.

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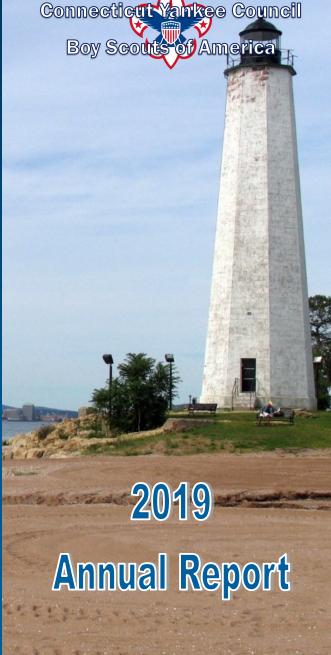


The Connecticut Yankee Council carries out the mission of the Boy Scouts of America throughout Fairfield and New Haven counties and the town of Southington by providing leadership opportunities for all youth through high quality programs, mentoring from trained adult volunteers, and on-going learning and personal development.

2019 By the Numbers:

- 9,556 youth members
- ♦ 73% youth retention rate
- 85% unit retention rate
- 2,700 adult volunteers
- ♦ 100% registered adults Youth Protection Trained
- 100% direct Contact Leaders Trained
- ♦ 241 Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout
- 8,012 Merit Badges were earned
- Top 5 Merit Badges earned were Family Life, First Aid, Swimming, Kayaking, and Citizenship in the Community
- 2,424 Cub Scouts advanced a rank
- 360 Webelos earned their Arrow of Light
- Over 6 Service hours performed per member (over 80,725 total hours)
- 114 earned their religious or faith-based award
- 1,532 Boy Scouts camped at Sequassen
- ◆ 363 Cub Scouts camped this summer
- ♦ 715 Arrow men in the Owaneco Lodge
- \$422K sold in Popcorn
- \$21,840 provided in Camperships





A Message from your Council Leadership

2019 was a banner year for the Connecticut Yankee Council! We are very encouraged by the initiatives and results that Scouters, professional staff members, and most of all, our youth members, have put forward over the past year to advance the ideas that character counts, that young people are our future leaders, and that the Scouting movement is more relevant than ever. Through changes large and small, it is a fact: A Scout finds a way and we are extremely grateful for YOU and your endeavors to deliver the ideals of Scouting to our youth and communities in the midst of these changes We believe in prudent stewardship and through the tireless efforts of our Council volunteers and Staff, we have made great strides in building a stronger financial footing for future generations of Scouts. While we still have a long way to go, our focus on ensuring our balanced approach of delivering a quality program for our youth remains a top priority for our Scouts today and tomorrow. As we begin a new year of Scouting, we are proud to inform you that Connecticut Yankee Council is better prepared than ever before to serve the needs of all young people in our thirty-seven towns. With the successful launch of the Family Scouting program in 2019, we are better positioned to grow Scouting and to continue increasing our capacity to serve. We are committed to the notion that every young person who wants to be a Scout now has that opportunity!

It is very important for our community and our country that as many families as possible participate in Scouting. Study after study shows that being a Scout benefits a young person throughout his or her lifetime. Scouts build skills and develop values that help them be "Prepared. For Life." Through the program, youth acquire leadership skill, excel academically, and develop a love of community service. In this report, you will find many highlights of the council's achievements in 2018, but we draw your attention to one in particular: our member retention rate of 81%. For the past several years, our retention rate has been one of the best of any youth-serving organization in the nation. That is important for two reasons. First, it tells us we are delivering a top-notch program – thanks to the efforts of tens of thousands of trained, dedicated volunteers. Second, it tells us that the Scouts who enter our program are staying long enough to absorb those valuable lessons that we teach.

The Connecticut Yankee Council <u>is</u> delivering on our promises to the families we serve by delivering a quality Scouting program. This is only made possible by our supporters – our volunteers, our donors, our families. By you. Thank you for all you do for the Scouts!

Yours in Scouting,

David B Sippin John Gelinas, Jr. Charles Flowers

2019 Financial Report

The Executive Board prudently oversees the usage of the resources entrusted to us to deliver services and programs to our stakeholders. This financial report illustrates the sound fiscal management of the Council. Expenses and income items are closely monitored in comparison to amounts budgeted. The Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts Inc. is an educational, non-profit organization under 501 (C)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code.

General Operating Fund

January 1—December 31, 2019 (unaudited)

Support and Revenue

Direct & Indirect Support—34.6% \$1,194,700 Camping—38.5% \$1,330,200 Activities—8.1% \$278,700 Popcorn Sale—5.7% \$203,200 Investment Income—6.8% \$212,000 Other revenue—6.8% \$234,900 Total Support and Revenue \$3,453,700

Expenses

Program/Service to units—83% \$2,822, 500 Administration—10.1% \$344,200 Fundraising—5.8% \$198,800 National Service Fee—1.5% 52,900 Total Expenses - \$3,418, 400 Surplus (Deficit) \$35,300

Endowment Fund

Balance as of 12/31/2019 \$5,210,000



Youth Membership

Cub Scouts (Grades K-5)	4, 504
Scouts BSA (Grades 6-12)	3,702
Venturing (Grades K-5)	140
Exploring (co-ed 14-20)	304
Learning for Life (STEM and in-school)	870
Total Youth Served	9, 556

Units

We partner with 192 community-based organizations to offer Scouting to the 9,556 youth. This partnership yields 303 Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews and Exploring Posts.

Volunteers

Over 2,700 dedicated adults volunteer their time, talent and treasures to the betterment of our communities through Scouting. They work with our youth by modeling exemplary behavior and teach them new skills.

Facilities

The Connecticut Yankee council owns and operates five camping properties and a centrally located resources Center to support and serve the youth and units within its service area

- Camp Sequassen—540 acres in New Hartford
- Deer Lake Scout Camp—253 acres in Killingsworth
- Camp Pomperaug—170 acres in Union, CT
- ◆ Hoyt Scout Camp—170 acres in Redding, CT
- ♦ Wah Wah Tay See—16 acres in North Haven, CT



