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

SCOUTING AT HOME

You know anytime Scouting happens, adventures and excitement are nearby! As much as we like to go on Scouting adventures with our pack, troop, crew or ship, there's times we can't. But that doesn't mean that Scouting has to stop.

This page has resources from Connecticut Yankee Council and elsewhere to help you have Scouting at home:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/scouting-at-home/>

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Program planning is one of the most important tasks for a unit. It ensures that a units will be able to attract new members, have properly planned events and paperwork is completed on time. In order to aid your units in this process, our district has put together a guide for units to use to aid them in preparing for their annual program planning meeting this summer.

This guide covers a multitude of topics that your unit can use to plan its activities, membership recruitment, and administration. Separate guides are available for Scouts BSA and Cub Scout units.

The latest version of these guides can be found at <https://www.ctyankee.org/districts/pomperaug#1547785150561-e936cd90-8664>

UPDATED MEETING GUIDANCE

On June 16, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order 7ZZ permitting social and recreational gatherings pursuant to DECD Rules for Gatherings and Venues which allowed private gatherings as large as 100 people outdoors and 25 people indoors. These limitations apply to Scouting activities when followed in conjunction with Youth Protection guidelines.

At this time, our camps remained closed as we develop an operating guide that provides a safe and fulfilling experience for our Scouts and Scouters. Camp openings and restrictions will be announced separately.

The following guidance pertains to all units conducting activities.

- Adherence to all aspects of the Guide to Safe Scouting is required.
- Aquatic activities follow Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. Face coverings shouldn't be worn in or near water.
- All State guidance on group sizes and social distancing must be followed, including the use of face coverings. Face coverings should be worn when social distancing is not possible.
- Unit must check with its Chartered Organization for any limitations on meetings or activities
- Units leaders should maintain an accurate roster of participants attending Unit activities, to facilitate contact tracing in the event a member becomes ill with COVID-19.
- Any units traveling to a BSA camp owned by another Council must be prepared to follow the guidance of that Council, in addition to the guidance provided by Connecticut Yankee Council.
- Any units traveling to an activity outside the Connecticut must be prepared to follow the guidance of the other state(s) including any restrictions on travel to the other state and returning to Connecticut, and any required periods of quarantine.

The following Best Practices are recommended:

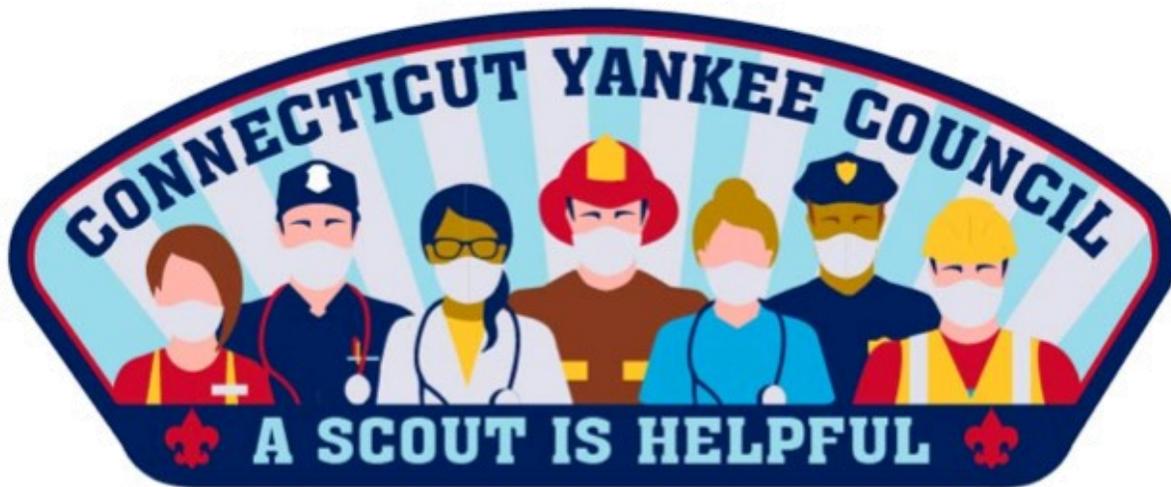
BSA has developed a "Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist" ([linked here](#)) which has been adapted by our Council. It is recommended that temperatures of each member be taken before leaving home.

- Youth members should be transported to and from an activity only by their own parent or guardian.
- Should any adult or youth become ill during an activity, they should be isolated from others and be sent home.
- Each member should bring their own food and drink to an activity. Food or drink should not be shared (except among family members). Consistent with State and CDC guidelines, buffet style feeding or pot luck meals are strongly discouraged. "Plate Service" is an alternative recommendation provided that all food handlers and servers wear face coverings and gloves. Individual condiment packages should be used rather than common containers.
- Units should check with facility owners regarding restrictions, and cleaning and disinfecting practices, in particular for bathrooms and latrines. Units should be prepared to disinfect bathrooms or latrines.

Best Practices Recommended for Overnight Camping

- When our Council camps reopen, overnight camping will be initially limited to tent and leanto sites.
- Cooking activities should be assigned to reduce exposure to germs. Utensils should be handled by only one Scout in each patrol. Only one Scout in each patrol should handle food preparation or cooking; Scouts must wear a face mask while preparing, cooking and serving food, and must wash their hands thoroughly before and after food preparation and before and after cooking.
- Patrols should consider using disposable utensils and paper plates for meals. If that is not possible or practical, all utensils and cookware must be thoroughly washed and rinsed in hot water and properly sanitized with a bleach solution and allowed to air dry.
- Units should consider and encourage hammock camping rather than tent camping.
- Consider limiting one scout to each tent, an exception being siblings may tent together. If that is not possible, scouts should not sleep closer than 6 feet from one another. Scouts sleeping next to each other or in bunk beds should be arranged to sleep head to toe. Leantos may be used at 50% of the normal capacity of the leanto. To promote airflow, tarps should not be used to cover the front of the leanto.
- Note: Solo tenting is not prohibited under the Guide to Safe Scouting. Some units may have policies which include a buddy system for tenting. Units are encouraged to reconsider such a policy.
- Sleeping with a face covering is not recommended.
- Social distancing should be observed at campfires. Face coverings should be worn when social distancing is not possible.
- Based on the known risks of the spread of germs, singing is not recommended at campfires unless both social distancing can be observed, and face coverings worn.
- and requirements of those Councils, which may differ from the requirements listed here.

More Information about Day use of Camps can be found at <https://www.ctyankee.org/council-news/day-use-of-connecticut-yankee-council-camps/>



FOR OVER 100 YEARS, SCOUTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HAVE RISEN UP IN THEIR COMMUNITY TO BE HELPFUL IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGES LARGE AND SMALL.

When times get tough, Scouts support one another and our community.

Now is the moment for us to come together to support Scouting in the face of COVID-19 so we can continue helping our communities into the future.

To honor and thank our frontline heroes, the Connecticut Yankee Council created a special patch as our way to salute our heroes

and have launched the #ScoutSaluteHeroes campaign.

We need your support to keep Scouting going in the face of this crisis and help the United Way's COVID-19 Response Fund, which a portion of the proceeds will benefit.

Order your patch today to honor how Scouting has been helping our communities and honor the frontline heroes fighting COVID-19.

Order at <https://www.ctyankee.org/support-scouting/a-scout-is-helpful-collector-csp/>

Diocese of Bridgeport Scouting Awards Ceremony

The Diocese of Bridgeport Scouting Awards Ceremony 2020 has been moved to Friday night, **September 18, 2020**. Please see the attached flyer and save the new date in your calendar. Board Reviews will be held closer to the date. The DOB Catholic Scouting Council will be in contact with all applicants to set up an appointment should they need to be interviewed by the Board. If you have any questions, please correspond with scouting@diobpt.org.

Catholic Scouting Office
Diocese of Bridgeport

<https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/scouting/>



Welcome to Camp Phoenix

Join Scouts from around the country for a week of remote Scout camp! We're bringing what you love from your traditional camp right to your backyard. Work on up to five merit badges, accept Firebird Challenges, and join in campfires and songs right in your backyard. Rising up from the adversity we've faced, Camp Phoenix is bringing us together for camp while we're physically apart.

WHAT'S A DAY AT CAMP PHOENIX LIKE?

THINK BACK TO THE LAST TIME YOU WENT TO SCOUT CAMP AND REMINISCE ON WHAT YOU DID: YOU CAMPED OUTDOORS, EARNED MERIT BADGES, WENT ON OUTDOOR ADVENTURES AND FORGED FRIENDSHIPS WITH FELLOW SCOUTS. CAMP PHOENIX IS BRINGING THOSE MEMORIES TO LIFE THIS YEAR RIGHT FROM HOME. EVERY DAY, SCOUTS WILL WORK ON THEIR CHOSEN MERIT BADGES, GET OUTDOORS TO COMPLETE FIREBIRD CHALLENGES AND PARTICIPATE IN EVENING PROGRAMS WITH SCOUTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNCIL.

CAMP FEES & DATES:

\$150 per week; \$130 per additional week

Camperships are available

- WEEK 1: JUNE 28 – JULY 3
- WEEK 2: JULY 5 – JULY 10
- WEEK 3: JULY 12 – JULY 17
- WEEK 4: JULY 19 – JULY 24
- WEEK 5: JULY 26 – JULY 31
- WEEK 6: AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 7
- WEEK 7: AUGUST 9 – AUGUST 14

For more info go to: <http://www.ctyankee.org/camp-phoenix/>



The National Jamboree is a one-of-a-kind experience unlike anything else in Scouting. Over 10 days, more than 40,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff come together to explore 10,000 acres of fun at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

From adventure sports to shooting sports to zip-lining and more, the Summit is a Scout's dream playground. And you can't forget the professional stadium shows, white water rafting, kayaking, pioneering village, hiking Mt. Jack, and patch trading!

The jamboree is the best of Scouting rolled into 10 days of fun, friends, and adventure. You won't want to miss out on this incredible Scouting experience.

The Connecticut Yankee Council plans to take 200 Scouts for the 10 day adventure and amazing activities on the way down. Want to come? Make sure you're a youth who meets the participant qualifications, are physically fit, and agree to the jamboree code of conduct— but move quick, sign up is first-come-first-serve. You also must be registered in a Scouts BSA troop and at least 12 years old. Or, you must be in a Venturing crew and meet the Venturing age requirements.

Once you're registered, CYC will assign Scouts to be in a jamboree troop of 36 Scouts with four adult leaders. Like in Scouts BSA, every Scout will in a patrol within those troops. There will be pre-event Jamboree troop events that will be scheduled by the Scoutmaster. Before attending, you'll need to submit a completed jamboree medical form signed by a licensed physician and comply with the specified immunizations.

The National Jamboree is held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve- 10,000 acres of beautiful, hilly land in West Virginia- needless to say, it's a hike! Participants need to be physically fit to fully enjoy the National Jamboree. There's substantial walking to get to activity areas, and participants will need strength and stamina to do the activities they've hiked to. So get to work now so you'll be physically fit in time!

For more information go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/programs-and-activities/2021-national-scout-jamboree/>



COME TO THE STEAKOUT – BECAUSE THERE’S SO MUCH AT STAKE!

Spend an afternoon at Camp Sequassen shooting rifles, shotguns, and archery and then enjoy a steak dinner.

Shooting & Archery begin at 2:30

Dinner at 5:30

Auction Prizes! Food, Fun, Fellowship!

All proceeds go to the life-changing programs of the Connecticut Yankee Council.

\$45 Includes: Dinner, 2 blocks of 10 rounds on the rifle range or 6 rounds on the shotgun range, Archery

Additional Shooting available (time permitting) for \$5.00 (per addl. block of .22's) and \$10 (addl. 6 shotgun rounds). Register at <https://www.ctyankee.org/steakout2020>

2020 GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST | RACE BROOK COUNTRY CLUB

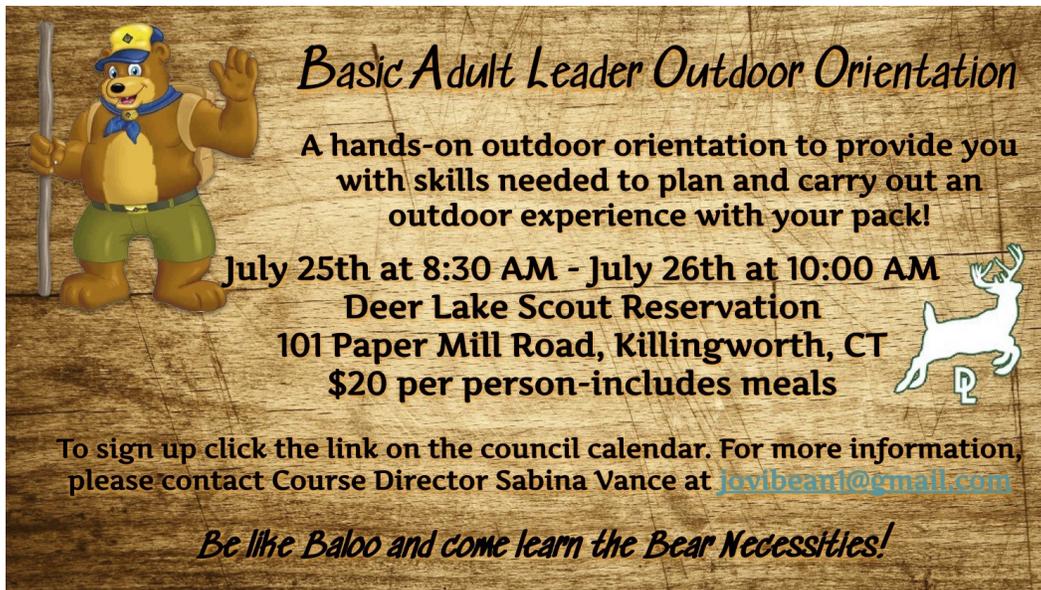
11:00 AM Registration

11:30 AM Lunch

12:30 PM Shotgun Start – 4 Person Scramble

Register today at

<https://www.ctyankee.org/golf>



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

A hands-on outdoor orientation to provide you with skills needed to plan and carry out an outdoor experience with your pack!

July 25th at 8:30 AM - July 26th at 10:00 AM
Deer Lake Scout Reservation
101 Paper Mill Road, Killingworth, CT
\$20 per person-includes meals

To sign up click the link on the council calendar. For more information, please contact Course Director Sabina Vance at jovibeant@gmail.com

Be like Baloo and come learn the Bear Necessities!

More information at

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/basic-adult-leader-outdoor-orientation/>