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

Roundtable

Hello CYC Pomperaug District!

This is a reminder that our April Roundtable is Tuesday April 13th at 7:30. Look for Zoom information to follow.

I am looking for someone to do a presentation on Spectrum Disorder. If you or anyone you know is available get in touch with me at jjvrock@aol.com.

YIS,
John Valus Sr.

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IGNITE SCOUTING – FORGING OUR FUTURE

live stream event featuring Terry L. Fossum as our keynote speaker
is set to re-ignite the fires of Scouting in the Connecticut Yankee Council on April 8, 2021!

2021 IS GOING TO BE AWESOME!

Resident and Day Camp programs are happening, units are meeting, Scouts are getting the program they deserve.

Ignite Scouting – Forging our Future will enable us to deliver the values-based, character-driven programs we all know and love, plus more!

Ignite Scouting – Forging our Future is your chance to support the future by reaffirming your commitment as a Friend of Scouting.

Attendance is free but we ask that you consider making your Friends of Scouting pledge either before or during the event.

Register at: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/kRU/>

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO IGNITE SCOUTING AND FORGE OUR FUTURE!

Terry L. Fossum was born in the poorest city in the U.S. McAllen, Tx, surrounded by gangs and drugs.

Watch with us as we hear how Terry overcame great obstacles to earn his Eagle Scout Award and develop a life-long love of Scouting.

Terry is an internationally-renown businessman, philanthropist, author, and keynote speaker, but is most proud of being a loving husband, and dad to three young gentlemen.



Pomperaug Pinewood Derby Day April 24th

DISTRICT HOSTS YOUR PACK DERBY

This year the district can host your pack's pinewood derby at Old Mine Park. District Volunteers will provide the track, race software and personnel to run your derby. Your pack will just need to bring your pack's pre-screened cars and awards and we will take care of the rest. All this for just \$50.



DISTRICT PINEWOOD CHAMPIONSHIP

The day will end with the District Championship. The top racers from all packs in Pomperaug District will be scored against each other to earn the title of Fastest in the District!

Packs that held their Pinewood Derbies prior to the District Derby Day, may submit their top 3 cars to be entered into the District Championship!



More information at <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/pomperaug-pinewood-derby-2021/>

For questions contact seth.strohecker@gmail.com or jcinelli@gmail.com

Connecticut Yankee Council BSA ...

TRI-CAMPOREE WEEKEND!

May 14-16, 2021

Three Camp Locations to Choose from
Camp Sequassen — Hosted by Pomperaug District
Deer Lake Scout Reservation — Hosted by Quinnipiac District
Hoyt Scout Reservation — Hosted by Powahay/Scatacook Districts

February Update

Here is what we are working on...

- Troops/Crews can select any camporee location, regardless of District affiliation.
- Common program theme and patch design.
- Virtual interactions and competitions between camps.
- Camping with lots of fun and adventure.
- More to come! Save the date!

We are planning a great program and would like to have every unit represented on the committee. To volunteer or if you have questions:

- **Pomperaug District:** JC Cinelli at jcinelli@gmail.com
- **Quinnipiac District:** Mike Migliore at mmigliorexc@gmail.com and Donna Wesolowski at donnaweso@optimum.net.
- **Powahay District:** John Hanks/Joel DeGray at info@powahay.com
- **Scatacook District:** John Queenan at jqueenan@wpsir.com

We will continue to monitor COVID-19 Guidelines in our planning and will provide updates as needed.

This is a Scouts BSA/Venturer event for Troops and Crews.

For more information: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/tri-camporee-weekend/>



Put it on your calendar... ConnJam has been rescheduled for May 13-15, 2022.



Spring 2021 - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders with the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders will feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. To be considered fully trained as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster, leaders must complete Scoutmaster Specific Training and this course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Course will be held at Hoyt starting at 5pm April 23rd and ending at 6pm on April 24th.

Registration Deadline April 9th. For details go to:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/introduction-to-outdoor-leadership-skills-april-21/>



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!

Saturday, May 1st 8:30 AM - Sunday, May 2nd 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 jovibean1@gmail.com

Be like Baloo and come learn the Bear Necessities!



WHAT IS WOOD BADGE?

Simply stated, Wood Badge is advanced leadership training for adult scout leaders.

Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures. The first Wood Badge training was held in 1919 at Gilwell Park, near London. Since then, Wood Badge has continued to evolve to meet Scouting's needs. Wood Badge focuses on preparing adult leaders to deliver the mission of Scouting.

By attending this Wood Badge training program, you will:

- Learn contemporary leadership concepts and discover how these apply to our value-based program
- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated programs providing age appropriate activities for youth
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting, sharing in an inspirational experience

COURSE DIRECTOR: BOB LINCAVICKS

AUGUST 20-21-22 AND SEPTEMBER 18-19 AT CAMP SEQUASSEN

For more information: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/wood-badge-2021/>

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTE: We are planning to hold the 2021 Wood Badge course consistent with the guidelines of the State of Connecticut, the Boy Scouts of America, and Connecticut Yankee Council. The health and safety of our members (youth and adult) are paramount, and we will conduct the course ONLY if it is safe to do so.



Camp Physicals

We are rapidly approaching the heavy camping season. In just a few months you and your unit will be going on many big camping trips. Whether it is a trip to one of the high adventure bases, summer camp or even just a week-long trip with your unit an annual physical will be required. Now is good time to schedule an appointment with your doctor to have your annual physical. An annual physical is required anytime you will be taking part in an event that is 72 hours or longer. The BSA has an approved medical form that you will need to provide your doctor to fill out for these events. The forms can be found at the BSA's Annual Health and Medical Record site at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>. Depending on where you end up going you may require additional medical related forms as well. If you are going to a national BSA location, this site will include these additional forms. If you are going to a local site, visit their website to ensure no additional paperwork is needed. Make sure that you get your appointment scheduled now, as summer approaches it can take over a month to get an appointment and if you can't have your physical completed before your event it will be unlikely that you will be able to participate. So, please plan ahead and call your doctor's office now to ensure that your physical will be completed before any event that will require a medical record this year.

2021 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

INTO THE JUNGLE



Have you ever wondered what you would do if you found yourself stranded in the middle of the Jungle?

It's uncharted territory and you'll have to use your wits to survive. So swing, slither or jump into Cub Scout Day Camp this summer and join the adventure!!!

It's Cub Scout Day Camp 2021....get ready to EXPLORE!



For more info: <https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/cub-scout-day-camps/>



For nearly 100 years, Scouts of all ages have come to Camp Sequassen for exciting summer adventures. Scouts will have fun individually and with their fellow Scouts at the waterfront, on the trails, at the ranges, and all across camp. Not only will they enjoy activities in the numerous program areas, but they can choose from more than 50 merit badges including traditional Scouting badges like swimming, archery, and rowing to STEM badges like automotive maintenance, engineering, and robotics to badges you may not expect at camp like moviemaking, digital technology, and game design.

For more info: https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/scouts-bsa-resident-camp#new_tab



7TH ANNUAL GAME DINNER FUNDRAISER

Come to the Connecticut Yankee Council's 7th annual Game Dinner at Deer Lake Scout Reservation. This year we'll be outside on the lawn by the picturesque Deer Lake due to Covid but the same exotic game meat will be served up by our incredible Game Dinner chefs. Never attended this event before? You're in for an extraordinary culinary experience!

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021, 4:00-7:00

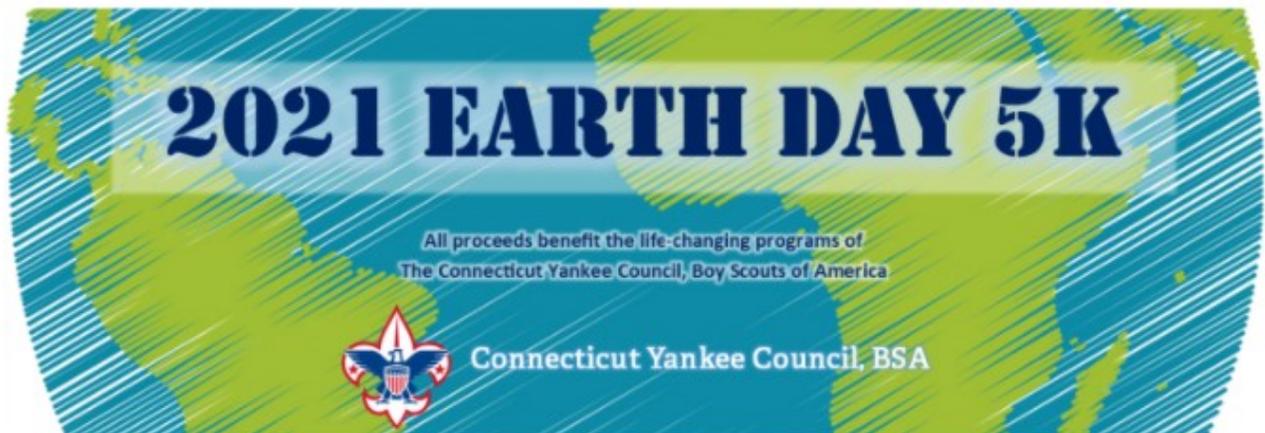
SOCIAL HOUR AND APPETIZERS: 4:00 – 5:00

Deer Lake Scout Reservation Dining Hall Lawn

101 Paper Mill Road, Killingworth, Connecticut

FULL GAME MENU & GREAT AUCTION PRIZES

For more information and to register go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/2021-game-dinner/>



**WHETHER YOU RUN, WALK, OR HIKE AROUND YOUR BLOCK, ON A TRAIL, IN YOUR YARD, OR ON A TREADMILL,
LET'S PUT THE OUTING BACK IN SCOUTING AT THE EARTH DAY 5K AND HELP SUPPORT LOCAL SCOUTING.**

A virtual 5K is a walk, run, or hike from any location you choose. Be sure to follow current Covid-19 guidelines.

Run your race at any time between April 22nd and May 31st, 2021.

For more information and to register go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/earth-day-5k/>



Camp Sequassen 2021 COVID Plan



Healthy Camp and Health Screening:



We will be restricting participation at camp to healthy individuals. Anyone who does not feel well should stay home. This includes everyone in our camp family: Scouts, Scouters, staff and families. Prior to camp arrival, everyone will have to complete a BSA pre-event medical screening questionnaire. Upon arrival at camp, everyone will receive a temperature check. We are developing a checklist of health screenings that will be given periodically during the week for Scouts, staff and Scouters. Visitors in camp may be limited by COVID restrictions.

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting:



Scouts, Scouters and staff will be reminded to frequently wash their hands with soap and water. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout camp. Non-porous surfaces will be frequently cleaned and disinfected throughout camp, including all buildings, program areas, latrines, and bathrooms.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Everyone will be required to wear a face mask indoors and when in close proximity to others outside. Anyone not following these rules will be sent home. Exceptions to this requirement will be while sleeping, swimming or boating.

Food and Sleeping Arrangements:



We are reviewing various options in food service including the following possibilities: elimination of family-style serving, reduced indoor seating, outside seating only, cafeteria style serving, as well as campsite serving. We anticipate that there may be changes in sleeping arrangements such as a reduced number of people in each lean-to and possibly in each tent. Individual use of personal tents will be considered.

Our commitment is to provide the safest and best high-quality camp experience for our Scouts. This strategy is constantly evolving based on the latest state and local COVID guidelines. Please contact Camp Director Joe Kierwiak at campdirectorseq@ctyankee.org with questions or concerns about camp.

INTRODUCING THE SPRING 2021 OUTDOOR CHALLENGE FOR ALL SCOUT UNITS IN THE CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL



IT'S TIME TO PUT OUTING BACK IN SCOUTING, AND GET OUTDOORS

Get your Unit outdoors and earn a patch award! AND if your Unit holds an FOS presentation, you get discounts on each patch ordered.

For more info go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/uncategorised/spring-2021-outdoor-challenge-for-all-scout-units/>

Scouts: Do you have friends who have what it takes to be a Scout?
Recruit a new Scout by April 30 to get your ticket to:

EXTREME Scouting

Sunday, June 13th at



EXTREME Scouting!

2021 New Member Recruitment Challenge:

A special by invitation-only event
at Camp Sequassen, Sunday, June 13, 2021

EXTREME Scouting! Is a 1-day, 2-session (AM & PM)
invitational event at Camp Sequassen for all Scouts,
their parents, and their newly registered friends

How do you get your invitation?

During the months of March & April
Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturers
and Explorers will be challenged to recruit and
REGISTER their friends for Scouting.

PLUS, for recruiting **5** or more friends,
Scouts have a chance to win a **brand-new XBOX,
PlayStation5 or BMX bike!**

For more information go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Extreme-Scouting-Flyer-Final.pdf>

**I'M PROUD OF MY
EAGLE SCOUTS**



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**

Each month, we will be recognizing our newest Pomperaug District Eagle Scouts.

Listed below are resources from our CYC website to help with advancement.

<https://www.ctyankee.org/programs-and-activities/resources/advacenment/eagle-scout-process/>

Important documents that a Life Scout should download, review and complete are:

Eagle Scout Rank Application ([PDF](#))

Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook ([PDF](#))

Advancement / Life to Eagle Process ([Resources](#))



Scouting Article

Do you have a great story you'd like to share with others? Maybe something your Unit did last month, or a resource you'd like to share with others? If so, here's a spot to share the news. Please email all articles to Gabe Zayas at fdesign@optonline.net.



Scouting for Food

Please join with the Scouts and America – St John Lodge #8 to help fight hunger. Scouting for Food is our Good Turn to collect canned and package foods for our neighbors who are in need. On Saturday, April 10, 2021 Scouts will be distributing bags throughout the neighbors and on Saturday, April 17, 2021 we will be back out their pickup bags. Your gift of food will benefit food banks and soup Kitchens in our area. If there are any Troops , Crews, Ships, or Packs that would like to help out, please email Larry Scinto at ljscinto9316@sbcglobal.net.



Recruiting new Scouts and Parents

When to do Recruiting

Recruiting is **year-round**...but most commonly the two main times are in the spring (May) and the fall (September). Units throughout the District have started planning successful recruiting events and activities leading up to this exciting time!

Cub Scouts Spring Recruitment

Don't forget, preschoolers can join the Pack as Lions at the end of the school year. So, by having a sign-up in May, you can concentrate your efforts on the preschool and kindergarten classes. Benefits to having families sign up in May/June include:

- **Giving the new families a chance to get acquainted with the Pack casually over the summer.**
- **New Scouts can get a head start, especially if they go to Day Camp.**
- **New Lion, Tiger, and all other den leaders can be recruited and trained in the summer, making September go much more smoothly.**
- **The new Lion and Tiger Dens can start selling popcorn early with the rest of the Pack.**

Note: spring recruiting should be used as a supplement to fall recruiting not a replacement. Also, when your Pack recruits in the spring, make sure the new scouts have several activities over the summer, you can earn the national Summertime Pack Award!

Scouts BSA Troop Open House

The Scout Troop open house allows a troop to swing open its doors and roll out the red carpet to welcome guests. It provides a forum to show off Scouting activities and the troop's accomplishments. It is an effective tool to reach youth who have never tried Scouting. Hosting a troop open house is a five-step process that has been tried and proven in Troops throughout the nation. Each of the following five steps is vital to the event's success:

1. Present a school rally to fifth- and sixth-graders. Give them something they can go home with.
2. Mail the parents of interested youth a personal invitation to the Troop open house, and an invite though social media.
3. Follow the invitation with a telephone call, or email to the parents. Host the open house for youth AND their parents.
4. Organize a Troop or district activity to involve new Scouts right away. Youth join Scouting for the fun and outdoor adventure.
5. Parents want them to join for completely different reasons—character building and leadership training.

Following this plan for conducting a Troop open house will help you address the wants and needs of both youth and their parents.

We need the help of every leader assisting their own unit or possibly another one nearby. It's a complete team effort! The question is: Will your unit grow significantly? Steady growth is the best indicator of a healthy unit. Will positive, helpful, and new parents be recruited to fill every volunteer role? The spring is a great time to recruit new leaders! They can begin their adventure as registered leader in a more relaxed setting with school out and fewer activities going on.

Please contact your Vice Chairman for Membership with any questions you may have, or for any assistance with your recruiting efforts. If your unit is planning on holding a spring recruiting event, and you would like some recruiting materials put together, please let us know. We can help coordinate materials, lawn signs, flyers, base camp canopy, peer to peer cards, etc. Happy recruiting!



ONE WEEKEND ONLY APRIL 17 & 18, 2021

That's right! The Connecticut Yankee Council Fishing Derby is back! And we have a great program for you!

4 SESSIONS

Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Scouts must be accompanied by an adult. The \$18 per person registration includes fishing with a two trout limit, an event patch, and a pancake breakfast or a hot dog lunch depending on the session. Only youth (under 18 yrs of age) are eligible for derby prizes.

Due to the limitation on maximum participation in each session, only individuals with paid registrations may be present in the event area (Dining Hall/lagoon) during the fishing derby session times. We are not able to offer discounted fees for meals only or spectators this year.

Registration limited to 150 participants per session.

Preregistration is required. Sorry, walk ins cannot be accommodated.

So don't delay, save your spot on the banks of the lake today!

Deadline for registration: April 9, 2021, This event is held *rain or shine (or snow!)* – Sorry, no refunds.

To register go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/fishing-derby-2021/>

District Calendar		
April	May	June
6th - District Committee (via Zoom) 8th - Ignite Scouting - Forging the Future Kickoff Event 9th-11th - NRA Shotgun Instructor Course (Sequassen) 13th - District Roundtable (via Zoom) 17th-18th - Fishing Derby (Deer Lake) 22nd-30th - Earth Day 5K 23rd-24th - IOLS (Hoyt) 24th - Pinewood Derby	1st-31st - Earth Day 5K 1st-2nd - BALOO training 4th - District Committee (via Zoom) 11th - District Roundtable (via Zoom) 14th-16th - Tri-Camporee weekend	1st - District Dinner 8th - District Roundtable 13th - Extreme Scouting at Camp Sequassen 19th—Silver Beaver Award Ceremony 21st - Day Camp Adventures begin (Deer Lake) 27th - Scouts BSA Resident Camp begins (Sequassen)