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

Leadership Change

On June 1st the Pomperaug District will have two changes to the District Key Three Leadership.

Succeeding Seth Strohecker as the District Chairman will be Gabe Zayas. Gabe is an Eagle Scout and has served as a volunteer at the unit, district, and council level and is Silver Beaver and District Award of Merit Recipient. Gabe has most recently served as the District Vice-Chair of Membership.

Succeeding Kathy Dilks as the District Commissioner will be Gene Waring. Gene has served as a volunteer at the unit, district, and council level and is a Silver Beaver and District Award of Merit Recipient. Gene has most recently served as the District Training Chair and as a Unit Commissioner.

We would like to thank Seth and Kathy for their Service as District leaders and wish both Gabe and Gene great success in their new roles.

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I'M PROUD OF MY EAGLE SCOUTS



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

Congratulations to this month's newest Pomperaug District Eagle Scouts.

Dustin G, Troop 39
Thomas S, Troop 66
Kevin C, Troop 71
Brendan S, Troop 88
Nathan C, Troop 199
Noel V, Troop 788
Eugene O, Troop 39
Trevor W, Troop 66
Tyler C, Troop 82
Johnny W, Troop 103
Connor B, Troop 39
Andrew S, Troop 39
Jack L, Troop 39
Joseph K, Troop 39
Julian Z, Troop 62
Jordan M, Troop 68
Isiah A, Troop 76
Benjamin R, Troop 88
Cooper M, Troop 88

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

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



Scouting for Food

Stratford Scouts, volunteers, and America – St John Lodge #8 held their annual Scouting for Food drive in April. Scouting for Food is our Good Turn to collect canned and package foods for our neighbors who are in need.

These donations of food will benefit food banks and soup Kitchens in our area.

Overall, they collected 2, 200 pounds of food! Great work everyone!

If you have any good news or articles you'd like to share for upcoming Pomperaug Post, please send your information to Gabe Zayas at fddesign@optonline.net.





Sunday, June 13th

EXTREME Scouting

Join Scouting or recruit a friend by May 16 to get your ticket!



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 open to all Scouts, their parents, & their newly-registered friends.

How do you get your invitation?

From March until May 16th Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturers and Explorers recruit and REGISTER their friends for Scouting.

Webelos - you will get an invitation when you join a troop by May 16th

Returning Scouts BSA or Cub Scouts - Rejoin a unit by May 16th & get an invitation.

Be a NEW Scout by May 16th

PLUS, for recruiting **3** or more friends, Scouts have a chance to win a **brand-new XBOX, PlayStation5, or BMX bike!**



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For more information: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/extreme-scouting-21/>



Connecticut Yankee Council BSA

TRI-CAMP TOURNAMENT

*Sequassen *Deer Lake *Hoyt — 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

April 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.



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/>


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/>



Pomperaug Cub Scout Adventure Day June 6th

Complete Adventures to Earn Rank

It has been a hard year for Dens and Packs to gather and complete all of the required adventures for rank advancement. This event is the answer to this. Scouts will have the opportunity to complete 4-5 adventures throughout an engaging day at Old Mine Park in Trumbull. Adventures that will be earned throughout the day will cover both required and elective adventures. This will be a great opportunity to get scouts caught up before the end of the Scouting year.

Have Fun and Earn Awards

The day will also give scouts the opportunity to have some fun on the shooting range. You will get the chance to show off your skill on the range and earn the Cub Scout Shooting Sports Award.



More information at <https://www.ctyankee.org/>

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

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

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/>

2021 Scouts BSA Resident Camp

AT CAMP SEQUASSEN

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



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.



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/>

Save the Date!

Pomperaug District Dinner 2021

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Details will be found at:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/pomperaug-district-dinner-21/>



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 through 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!

District Calendar

May	June	July
1st-31st - Earth Day 5K	1st - District Dinner	1st-31st - Cub Day Camp continues
1st-2nd - BALOO training	6th - Cub Scout Adventure Day	
4th - District Committee (via Zoom)	8th - District Roundtable	1st-31st - Scouts BSA Resident Camp continues
11th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)	13th - Extreme Scouting at Camp Sequassen	
14th-16th - Tri-Camporee weekend	19th - Silver Beaver Award Dinner	
22nd - Game Dinner (Deer Lake)	21st - Day Camp Adventures begin (Deer Lake)	
	27th - Scouts BSA Resident Camp begins (Sequassen)	



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!