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The official newsletter of Pomperaug District, Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America

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



POPCORN KICKOFF

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021

LOCATION AND TIME COMING SOON, SO PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL

For more information, please contact Senior District Executive Jay Messier at jason.messier@scouting.org or 860-841-1141

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District Calendar

July	August	September
1st-31st - Scouts BSA Resident Camp continues 23rd-25th - Cub Scout Family Camp 30th - 1st TERRIFICON	4th - Popcorn Kick-Off 8th-14th - NYLT Training 20th-22nd - Wood Badge	7th - District Committee 14th - District Dinner 18th-19th - Wood Badge

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.

The following event has been

Postponed until 2022!

INTRODUCING THE CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC

FEATURING CELEBRITY GOLFERS LIKE YANKEES & METS LEGENDS TIM RAINES, DOC GOODEN & RICH "GOOSE" GOSSAGE
BENEFITING OUR LIFE-CHANGING SCOUTREACH PROGRAM.



The Connecticut Yankee Council serves 8,000 girls, boys, and young adults ranging from 5 to 20 years of age. Of those 8,000 youth, 1,000 are beneficiaries of our ScoutReach program. The council spends \$500 on every youth, each year to deliver our Scouting programs.

ScoutReach provides assistance to deliver these programs to hard-to-serve, urban and rural communities in New Haven and Fairfield Counties. It is the BSA's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background.

To register: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/celebrity-golf-classic/>

CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP

JULY 23-25, 2021

DEER LAKE SCOUT RESERVATION, KILLINGWORTH, CT

Are you ready to escape into the outdoors for a mini vacation? Family Camp is ready and waiting for you on July 23-25 at **Deer Lake Scout Reservation**. This year's theme is "*Hometown Heroes*" and that means you! We're celebrating all of you who make a difference in kids' lives everyday. Join us for a family-focused, fun, low key weekend where we do all the planning for you.

Here is what we will provide for you and your family:

- Four catered meals and snack packed to go on the day of departure
- Your choice of Bring Your Own Tent or a three-sided lean to that sleep – up to six (6) first come/first served – so register soon!
- Shower and bathroom facilities with flush toilets
- A beautiful waterfront for swimming, rowing and canoeing
- Archery and BB Gun ranges
- Sports, Crafts, Hiking and Fishing
- Campfire program and outdoor movie
- An awesome staff – we've found some pretty fantastic staff members to help provide a great program for your family: Ed Gratrix, Dan Marazita, Ben Strong, Kathy Dilks and Andrea Ulery, just to name a few.

Check out this great video of Family Camp in action from prior summers! <https://youtu.be/ttAjfQ1okvc>

Fee for one Scout & one adult is \$150 (Scout/adult pair registration is required). Registration for additional family members is optional at \$85 each (3 years old & under attend at no charge). During online registration all registrants' names and all youth ages are required.

Swim tests are mandatory for all individuals who want to participate in swimming or boating during the weekend. Swim tests will be offered Friday evening to ensure you are ready to fully enjoy all programs on Saturday. As part of the online registration you will be asked to choose the time you wish to do your swim test; half hour blocks available from 5 pm – 7 pm Friday.

T-shirt sizes are requested as part of online registration. Youth sizes XS-XL and adult sizes S-XXL are available. For registrations submitted by June 15, shirt pre-orders will be filled and available at check-in. For registrations submitted after June 15, shirts will be available first come/first served on the first day of the program.

All attendees must submit a current [BSA health form](#).

For information and to register go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/cub-scout-family-camp-2021/>



! VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED !

Please pass this along to the families in your unit.....

Scout Volunteers needed! TERRIFICON is this summer at the Mohegan Sun Expo Center, in Uncasville CT, on July 30-August 1, 2021. The event coordinators have allowed the Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Yankee Council to set up a booth and a display for the weekend. In return, we would be providing 10-12 volunteers each day to be runners. These would be older Scouts, Eagles, OA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, etc.

They would basically be telling people where to go in the Expo Center, and help the people at the booths if they need a quick break and need someone to watch the booth, be at our display, get a bottle of water for the artists, pass out flyers, escort celebrities and special guests, bathroom break, get supplies, etc. They would also be assisting in other events, and the kid's parade. The Scouters would be in full class A uniform for the entire event.

Lunch is scheduled to be provided by TERRIFICON. **Volunteers get in for FREE.** It's a great opportunity to help volunteer, showcase and promote Scouting in Connecticut to our youth. People come from all over CT for this event. Here is the link to the event: www.terrificon.com

Please pass this information on to the Scouters in your units. Gabriel Zayas will be keeping a roster of volunteers for the weekend and will be coordinating the schedule. If you would be available to volunteer, yes Adults too, please contact him (cell: (203) 414-5196 or email: fddesign@optonline.net) as soon as possible with your available date or dates attending. You would be required to be there an hour earlier and stay about an hour after.

Volunteer Schedule: (includes 1hour before and after)

Friday July 30: set up shift: 10am to 12:30pm, event shift: 12:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday July 31: event shift 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday August 1: event shift 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

AUGUST 8-14, 2021 | CAMP POMPERAUG

FEE: \$400; REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 23 | EARLY BIRD FEE: \$370 IF PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 4!



NYLT – LEADERSHIP THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

NYLT is an exciting week-long advanced leadership course designed to teach Scouts the tools, techniques, and skills they need to be better leaders – not only in their Scout units but everywhere in their daily lives. Scouts will take home skills, games, songs, and practices that will make their unit even better.

This unique weekend is led by Scouts, for Scouts. Participants will learn to communicate effectively, resolve conflicts, and work towards a vision. They'll work in a patrol to practice Scouting skills and grow together as a team. NYLT teaches Scouts about themselves along with diverse skills so they return ready to lead in their individual units.

Sign up soon, our course is limited to 54 participants. You can hold a spot now for a \$25 refundable deposit in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.



WHAT IS NYLT?

NYLT is not like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges. NYLT is a challenging hands-on advanced leadership training program. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this intensive training. In order to get the most benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, positive attitude, and proficiency in basic camping and outdoor cooking.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Scouts should attend NYLT once they meet all Eligibility Requirements. The course is especially useful for scouts who have an ambition to serve in leadership roles and are ready for the next level of training.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Scouts BSA members must be at least 13. They must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops and earned First Class rank before attending NYLT.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships. It is recommended that they have had at least one year of camping experience.
- Be comfortable camping and cooking outdoors
- Commit to attending the entire six-day course
- Must be a registered member of a Scouting unit.
- Have a Unit Leader recommendation
- Have a complete and current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Within last 12 months)

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

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.

Help Needed:

Pomperaug District needs at least one advisor for the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Awards program. This program **encourages and recognizes Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts and Venturers who design, lead, and carry out conservation projects that are based on sound scientific principles and practices.** The projects should contribute to sound conservation and environmental improvement in the local community, the region, or the nation. The applicant is expected to research potential projects and to choose, with guidance from a conservation adviser. If you are interested, please look up the award on-line to read the qualifications and contact Pat Day (patriciaday@att.net).





DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

-SAVE THE DATE-

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Come and celebrate the achievements of Pomperaug Scouts and Scouters! We will celebrate the hard work of the Volunteers by recognizing their achievements.

Rewards to be given out include: Spark Plug Award, Unit Journey to Excellence, Veteran Award, Den Leader Award, Scouters Training Award, Scouters Key, Commissioner Awards, Unit Leader Award of Merit, and Key Three Award.

Our awards will culminate by giving the District Award of Merit, the Highest Award the District can award. This year's recipients are Ben Strong and Nathan Schindler.

New location to be announced shortly. This will be our district's first meeting together, taking the place of our regularly scheduled September roundtable.

Registration site and link will be sent out soon.



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

Henry A., Troop 88

Jackson M., Troop 82

Daniel C., Troop 39

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](#))

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



District and Council Dates (as of 7-1-21)

July 2021

- TerrifiCon 7/30 – 8/1 Mohegan Sun Expo Center

August

- Popcorn Kickoff 8/4 TBD
- Fall Membership Kickoff 8/31 TBD
- NYLT 8/8 - 8/14 Pomperaug
- Wood Badge WE I 8/20 - 8/22 Sequassen

September

- District Committee Meeting 9/7 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Dinner 9/14 TBD
- Wood Badge WE II 9/18 - 9/19 Sequassen
- Camp Sikorsky 9/17-19 Sikorsky
- Sporting Clays Shoot 9/18 Wallingford Rod & Gun Club
- A Night at Black Rock 9/23 Black Rock Yacht Club
- Oktoberfest 9/25 TBD

October

- Scout Day at Lime Rock 9/1-2 Lime Rock Park
- IOLS 10/8 - 10/9 Deer Lake
- Baloo 10/1 - 10/2 Hoyt
- District Committee Meeting 10/5 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 10/12 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Fall Camporee 10/15 – 10/17 Sequassen
- Webelos Outdoor Weekend 10/15 – 10/17 Sequassen
- Cub-O-Ree 10/22 Old Mine Park, Trumbull
- Good Scout Breakfast TBD

November

- District Committee Meeting 11/2 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 11/9 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Charter Renewal Day 11/20 TBD
- Wood Badge Fellowship Dinner 11/7 TBD

December

- District Committee Meeting 12/7 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 12/14 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield

January 2022

- District Committee Meeting 1/4 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 1/11 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- NYLT WE I 1/7 - 1/9 Deer Lake
- NYLT WE II 1/14 - 1/16 Deer Lake
- Klondike Derby 1/14 – 1/16 Sequassen
- Merit Badge College 1/29 , 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, (3/5 snow)

February

- District Committee Meeting 2/1 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 2/8 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield

March

- District Committee Meeting 3/1 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 3/8 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Scouting for Food – 3/26 & 4/2
- University of Scouting – 3/19
- Spring Roundup Membership Kickoff – TBD

April

- District Committee Meeting 4/5 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 4/12 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Baloo 4/30 - 5/1 Deer Lake
- Fishing Derby 4/2 Deer Lake

May

- District Committee Meeting 5/3 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 5/10 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Pinewood Derby 5/21 TBD
- ConnJam 5/13 – 5/15 High Plains Community Center, Orange

June

- District Committee Meeting 6/7 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 6/14 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Dinner 6/18 TBD

Below is a portion of the Council email in regards to the registration increase.

New fees are effective August 1, 2021.

Both on the National and Council level, the Boy Scouts of America has worked hard to keep annual membership fees as low as possible but with rising costs and FOS participation declining, the fees for Connecticut Yankee Council will be as follows for 2022 re-charter:

\$72 National Membership fee for Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/ Venturing/ Sea Scouts.

\$45 National Membership fee for Explorers.

\$45 National Membership fee for Adult Volunteers .

\$25 National one-time joining for Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/ Venturing/Sea Scouts.

\$48 Council Operations fee for Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/ Venturing.

\$12 Council Operations fee for Adult Volunteers.

\$12 Council Insurance fee for youth and volunteers .

Connecticut Yankee Council will continue to accept for consideration, confidential Operations Fee waiver forms requesting assistance from families that are unable to pay the Operations Fee. It is our intention that all youth will always be able to participate in our programs, regardless of economic circumstances.

We can no longer rely on the legacy Family FOS campaign to meet our financial obligations. With this Operations Fee increase we will no longer be running a traditional Family FOS campaign through the units but rather do a targeted letter writing and direct ask campaign of historical donors who have supported the Council previously and continue to add new donors through cultivation.



2021 BSA National Membership Fees

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

\$72/YR

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.



\$45/YR



Participants age 10 - 20.

\$45/YR



All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).

Additional fees might be charged by local councils and units.

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

EFFECTIVE



ONE-TIME

\$25
TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)
New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT RECHARTER FEE

\$75/YR

For all new and rechartering units.