

THE POMPERAUG POST



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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



2021 ended in a Bang!

Due to the hard work from all our recruiting, open houses, and events, Pomperaug District achieved membership growth for year end! Thank you to our Membership Committee for their leadership in this effort. We look forward to the new year and will continue to introduce Scouting to new families. Congratulations!

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POMPERAUG DISTRICT KLONDIKE POSTPONED



Out of concern for the health and safety of our Scouts, volunteers, and local communities— The Pomperaug District Klondike will be POSTPONED.

District Calendar

January	February	March
4th - District Committee 11th - District Roundtable 14th-16th - District Klondike Derby POSTPONED 29th - Merritt Badge College	1st - District Committee 5th - Merritt Badge College 8th - District Roundtable 12th - Merritt Badge College 26th - Merritt Badge College	1st - District Committee 5th - Merritt Badge College (snow day) 8th - District Roundtable

Silver Beaver Award Nominations

We are quickly approaching our annual Volunteer Recognition season in the CT Yankee Council. Volunteers across the council give countless hours of their time volunteering to make their units, district and council run smoothly and provide the best possible program for our youth. To recognize this hard work and dedication, both the council and district recognize volunteers with several awards to show their appreciation to the adults who make our scouting program run all year long.



The highest honor the council can bestow upon a volunteer is the Silver Beaver award. This award is given annually at the council recognition dinner in January and is limited to just one recipient for every 60 units within the council. If you think you know someone deserving of this award fill out the nomination form, <https://www.ctyankee.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Silver-Beaver-Packet-20-CYC-Complete.pdf> and return it to the council by January 15th.



May 13-15, 2022 Orange Fairgrounds, Orange CT



Rekindle your spirit for adventure and action with ConnJam. With dozens of activities- from rock walls to BSA SCUBA to chess and Pinewood Derby races, ConnJam has something for everyone. Check out all the activities at connjam.org . Registration for ConnJam 2022 is now open! Sign up now to secure your spot at the largest Scouting event in Connecticut.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

WHAT YOU'LL PAY:

- \$30.00 Early Fee (by January 16, 2022)
- \$35.00 Regular fee
- \$20.00 Day Participants
- Cub Scout Family Fee: \$120 Early Bird (by January 16, 2022) and \$130 Regular Fee
- \$100 Unit Reservation Deposit
 - Secures a unit site & \$30/ person fee
 - Fees fully paid by March 31 (then \$35)
 - Unit deposit applies to the overall balance

HOST AN ACTIVITY

We're looking for units to host activities and programs during ConnJam. If your unit has a fun activity they can do, let us know

[CONTACT US](#)

JOIN THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Help make ConnJam a memorable event for thousands of Scouts by joining the Program Committee!

[JOIN THE TEAM](#)

VISIT CONNJAM.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS



Owaneco Lodge

Cordially Invites

Senior Patrol Leaders, ASPL, other Senior Youth Leaders
and Arrowmen (you don't have to be in the OA) To A...

CONNJAM YOUTH PLANNING MEETING

At your District Klondike Derby

★Jan 14-15 Pomperaug ★Jan 21-23 Powahay
★Feb 5-6 Scatacook ★Feb 11-13 Quinnipiac

Time to be announced — Check with your Klondike Organizers

Hosted by your Chapter Chief

On the agenda:

- Learn about the fun activities being planned.
- Learn how your Troop can showcase an activity.
- Take the **Leadership Challenge** and join a Youth Staff that will help to plan and run CONNJAM!
- We are encouraging each Troop/Crew to appoint a youth to this staff to represent your unit. We have a Youth Staff Button to wear when you join.



CONNJAM — MAY 13-15, 2022 — ORANGE FAIRGROUNDS

Rekindle the Adventure! This is the biggest Scouting event in Connecticut –
thousands of Scouts will be there!

Email: connjam@ctyankee.org More info connjam.org

The Boy Scouts of America Introduces New Citizenship in Society Merit Badge



Irving, TX – November 1, 2021— Today, The Boy Scouts of America (BSA), one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, announced the launch of the Citizenship in Society merit badge, its newest merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program (ages 11-17). The new merit badge encourages Scouts to explore important topics around diversity, equity, inclusion and ethical leadership and learn why these qualities are important in society and in Scouting. Beginning July 1, 2022, the Citizenship in Society merit badge will be required for any youth seeking to achieve the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.

“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law,” said Roger Mosby, president and chief executive officer of The Boy Scouts of America. “This merit badge aligns with both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, which encourage Scouts to respect the beliefs of others, to be kind and courteous, and to help other people at all times.”

The Citizenship in Society merit badge is the latest initiative as part of BSA’s ongoing commitment to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. Developed by BSA’s Office of Diversity and Youth Development Office, with input from a dedicated group of Scouting volunteers, BSA youth and professional staff, the merit badge pairs Scouts with merit badge counselors who will help guide Scouts on their journey of self-discovery and facilitate discussions as Scouts seek to further understand the diverse world we live in.

“The Citizenship in Society merit badge is an important initiative to help Scouts learn about the diverse identities we each possess, understand different perspectives and experiences, and promote good citizenship in society,” said Elizabeth Ramirez-Washka, chief diversity officer and vice president of diversity & inclusion, Boy Scouts of America.

The new merit badge complements existing merit badges, such as the American Cultures, Citizenship in the Community, Disability Awareness and American Heritage merit badges, which require Scouts to learn and grow their understanding of diverse perspectives and spur positive action.

“As part of earning the Citizenship in Society merit badge, I learned that it’s important to understand different opinions and perspectives to become a good leader so that you’re prepared to handle any situation that comes up,” said Maya, a 15-year-old Scout who participated in the pilot program. “I also enjoyed getting to discuss diversity and inclusion topics with my friends in Scouting, as it felt like a safe environment to be open and honest about these topics.”

For more information on the Citizenship in Society merit badge, please visit www.scouting.org/dei.



STAY INFORMED ATTEND ROUNDTABLE

Send a representative from your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship to stay informed on upcoming events, program updates, trainings, and more.

Our next Roundtable will be on Tuesday, January 11, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06825, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Entrance is through the side doors of the church hall. There will be an option to attend via zoom.

More details to follow.



Pomperaug District Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2022, 7:30 pm via Zoom

All committee members should attend.

MEMBERSHIP  BASECAMP

Be sure to visit our council web page to catch up on the latest information on membership resources.

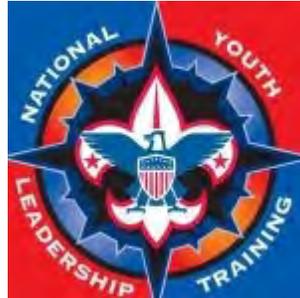
We're on the cusp of a new, exciting era for Scouting. Our program is uniquely positioned for growth and prosperity. Our communities need Scouting and the unique leadership programs we offer.

This page is a resource for you to reference and share throughout the year.

Our team will be posting resources year-round to help you.

Visit : <https://www.ctyankee.org/membership-basecamp>

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
JANUARY 7-9 AND 14-16, 2022
HAS BEEN CANCELLED!**



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



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**

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

**Rebecca S Troop 188
Andrew P, Troop 199
Elizabeth M, Troop 20
Robert H, Troop 203
Ronan D, Troop 199
Jacob C, Troop 199
Samuel C, Troop 65**

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](#))

District and Council Dates (as of 1-3-21)

July 2021

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

August

- Popcorn Kickoff 8/4 TBD
- Fall Membership Kickoff 8/17
- 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 The Adventure Park at Discovery Museum in Bridgeport
- 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 10/1-2 Lime Rock Park
- Good Scout Breakfast 10/8 Holiday Inn Bridgeport
- IOLS 10/8 - 10/9 Deer Lake
- 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 10/16 – 10/17 Sequassen
- Cub-O-Ree 10/23 Old Mine Park, Trumbull

November

- District Committee Meeting 11/2 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 11/9 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Charter Renewal Day 11/20 Council Service Center
- Wood Badge Fellowship Dinner 11/7 Deer Lake

December

- District Committee Meeting 12/7 on Zoom
- Train the Trainer 12/4 Council Service Center
- District Roundtable 12/14 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield

January 2022

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

February

- District Committee Meeting 2/1 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 2/8 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Annual Council Recognition Dinner 2/17—TBD

March

- District Committee Meeting 3/1 on Zoom
- 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
- District Pinewood Derby TBD

May

- District Committee Meeting 5/3 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 5/10 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- 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
- Extreme Scouting 6/25 Sequassen

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.

Pomperaug District Contact Sheet

(as of 11/16/21)

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Connecticut Yankee Council COVID-19 Guidelines

Updated 01/01/2022

Due to the increase in prevalence of COVID-19 in our communities, Connecticut Yankee Council is adopting the following guidelines, effective January 1, 2022.

COVID-19 vaccines currently approved or authorized by FDA are effective in preventing serious outcomes of COVID-19, including severe disease, hospitalization, and death. A COVID-19 vaccination is currently recommended for everyone five years of age and older in the United States for the prevention of COVID-19.

General Guidance

- Face masks **must be worn** by everyone in attendance during meetings or other indoor events. This applies to every person, youth and adult, vaccinated and unvaccinated.
- Face masks should not be worn in or near water, while eating, or while sleeping. Proper social distancing should be maintained in those circumstances.
- Each member should Be Prepared and have clean and dry face masks available to wear.
- Units and members must follow any additional guidelines imposed by local municipalities or health departments, building operators, or chartered organizations.
- The BSA “Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist” has been updated, effective January 1, 2022. Everyone should use this checklist prior to beginning each activity.
- Unit leaders must report, within 12 hours, confirmed or strongly suspected cases of any communicable disease infections, including COVID-19, occurring during or within 48 hours after a unit meeting or activity, to camping@ctyankee.org. Unit leaders are also required to promptly notify adult leaders and parents of all scouts who participated in the activity, as well as the unit’s Chartered Organization Representative.

Overnight Camping

- Cabins are available for program use by units, 24/7.
- Connecticut Yankee Council **strongly advises against** group (congregate) sleeping inside cabins or other indoor locations.
- The Council recommends that unit overnight camping be limited to tent and lean-to sites.
- Masks must be worn by everyone when indoors. . This applies to every person, youth and adult, vaccinated and unvaccinated.
- While it is recommended to sleep one person per tent, it is acceptable to camp with a maximum of two people per tent. Parental permission must be obtained by the unit leader for any youth members sharing a tent.
- When sharing a tent or lean-to, individuals should sleep no closer than 6 feet from one another. Individuals sleeping next to one another or in bunk beds should be arranged to sleep head-to-toe.
- Any member using a CPAP machine **must not** share a tent or lean-to with other members.

Connecticut Yankee Council will review these guidelines no less than once every 30 days and make adjustments as appropriate.

Connecticut Yankee Council

COVID-19 Guidelines for Carpooling

Recommended Best Practices

January 1, 2022

Connecticut Yankee Council **strongly advises** that youth members be transported to and from an activity only by their own family member (parent or guardian).

Should a unit decide to use carpooling to and from Scouting activities, the following best practices are recommended. It should be noted, currently, neither the CDC nor the State of Connecticut have formal guidelines on carpooling.

- Any youth traveling in a vehicle with anyone other than a family member must have their parent's permission. Before giving permission, parents should be informed who the vehicle occupants are, by name. Any adult traveling in a vehicle with multiple individuals – including the driver – must give their consent.
- It is the Council's policy that the driver and each passenger in the vehicle wear a clean and dry face mask while inside the vehicle.
- It is strongly recommended to open windows or use the vehicle's vent system to increase air flow from the outside.
- Passengers should stay in the same group/vehicle for all portions of the trip, including the return trip.
- It is strongly recommended to leave open seats between passengers.
- Unit leaders should maintain a list of passengers in each vehicle for 72 hours after completion of a trip, to respond to questions and facilitate contact tracing.

JFL 01/01/2022



Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA

COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist (Rev 01/01/2022)

Name: _____ **Unit/Campsite:** _____ **Date:** _____

Review with each youth and adult participant their current health status, both before departure and upon arrival at the event. **Everyone** entering a camp or event must be screened.

- Yes** **No** Are you currently in quarantine for COVID-19 exposure or due to contact tracing?
- Yes** **No** Are you currently waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test?
- Yes** **No** Are you currently ill or have you been ill at any time in the past 10 days?

For unvaccinated individuals: at any time in the past 10 days, have you...

- Yes** **No** - been in close contact with anyone known or suspected to have COVID-19?
- Yes** **No** - been in close contact with anyone who is waiting for results of a COVID-19 test?
- Yes** **No** - travelled outside of the United States?

* CDC definition of "Close Contact": Within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15+ minutes over a 24-hour period; direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them); shared eating or drinking utensils; an infected person sneezed or coughed on you

If the answer is YES to any question above, you should stay home.

If the answer is NO to all questions above, proceed to the symptoms below.

If you OR if anyone in your household has any one or more of the following new or worsening symptoms consistent with COVID-19, all people in the household, vaccinated or unvaccinated, should stay home.

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath | <input type="checkbox"/> Fever of 100 F or more | <input type="checkbox"/> Cough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell | <input type="checkbox"/> Chills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flu-like symptoms | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache |

NOTE: Potential Higher-Risk Individuals

Yes **No** Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the CDC, including older adults, people with medical conditions, and those with other individual circumstances?

If the answer is YES, we recommend you stay home. If you choose to participate, you should first discuss this with your health care provider.

Yes **No** Have you been vaccinated for COVID-19? First or only shot:

Second shot:

Booster shot:

Yes **No** Do you have recent negative COVID-19 test? Test Date:

CYC Modified 680-057 (01/01/2022)