



## Connecticut Yankee Council ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

# Planning Your Adventures! 2025-26 Activities

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### A Strong Program Starts with a Solid Plan

A great Scouting year begins with a great plan. Whether you lead a Pack, Troop, Ship, Post, or Crew, your unit succeeds with a calendar full of fun, engaging, youth-led activities.

To help you get started, we've assembled this packet of flyers and key dates for upcoming District and Council events — including camporees and special programs.



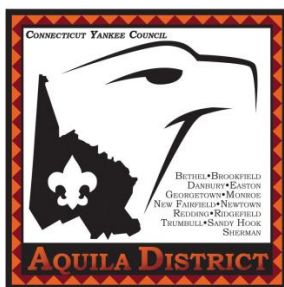
Starting in 2026, Connecticut Yankee Council will celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with special events and themed activities throughout the year. You'll find a few of them in this guide, with more to come in the next update.

Plan ahead, mark your calendars, and get ready for a year of adventure!

**CYC Activity Committee**  
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## Aquila District

[www.ctyankee.org/districts/aquila](http://www.ctyankee.org/districts/aquila)

Serving the communities of: Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, Georgetown, Easton, New Fairfield, Monroe, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Trumbull, Sandy Hook, and Sherman.

### **2025**

- Sept 26-28 Aquila District Fall Camporee — Hoyt Goes to the Movies Hoyt Scout Reservation Hosted by Troop 168
- Oct 26 Cub-O-Ree Old Mine Park Trumbull, CT Program includes Archery, BB Guns and slingshots. Space is limited and this event sells out fast!
- Nov 01 SCORE Hoyt Scout Reservation — This event is designed for Webelos and AOL's to work on Adventure Pins.

### **2026**

- Jan 23-25: Aquila District Klondike Derby Camp Sequassen (Looking for a unit or town to host)
- Mar 11 District Dinner Monroe Social Monroe, CT
- Mar 28 Aquila District Pinewood Derby Championship Race Easton Country Day School
- May 15-17 Aquila District Spring Camporee Putnam Muster Putnam Memorial Park Redding, CT Celebrating 250 Years of American Independence at the site of a Revolutionary War encampment.

Questions: **Dan Marazita** at [trumbullpack468@yahoo.com](mailto:trumbullpack468@yahoo.com)



## Saugatuck District

[www.ctyankee.org/districts/saugatuck](http://www.ctyankee.org/districts/saugatuck)

Serving the communities of: Bridgeport, Darien, Fairfield, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stratford, Stamford, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.

### **2025**

- July 12 Cub Scout SPLASH at Hoyt
- Aug 20 Cub Scout Family Day at the Beardsley Zoo
- Oct 4-5 Cub Scout Safari Weekend at Hoyt
- Oct 17-19 Saugatuck Search & Rescue Fall Camporee at Hoyt
- Oct 18-19 Saugatuck Arrow of Light Overnight at Hoyt
- Nov 8 University of Adventure – Wolf, Bear, Webelos, & AOL
- Dec 6 Chess Play & Tournament at the SONO Collection, Norwalk

### **2026**

- Jan 23-25 Saugatuck Klondike Derby at Hoyt
- Feb 7 Cub Scout Polar Bear at the Stamford Museum/Nature Center
- Mar 21 Scout Day Norwalk Aquarium (tentative)
- Mar 25 Saugatuck District Recognition Dinner
- Mar 28 Saugatuck Pinewood Derby Championships SONO Mall
- May 2 Cub Scout Family Day at the Beardsley Zoo
- May 15-17 Saugatuck Spring STEM Camporee -- Hoyt

Questions: [Saugatuck@ctyankee.org](mailto:Saugatuck@ctyankee.org)



## Quinnipiac District

[www.ctyankee.org/districts/quinnipiac](http://www.ctyankee.org/districts/quinnipiac)

Serving the communities of: Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, North Branford, New Haven, North Haven, Orange, Southington, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge.

### **2025**

- Oct 17-19 Quinnipiac Fall Camporee at Camp Sequassen
- Oct 17-19 Quinnipiac AOL at the Fall Camporee Camp Sequassen
- Oct 25 Fright Night at Sequassen
- Nov 8 University of Adventure – Wolf, Bear, Webelos, & AOL

### **2026**

- Feb 13-15 Quinnipiac Klondike Derby at Sequassen
- May 2 Quinnipiac Pinewood Derby Championship (Tentative)
- May 8-10 Quinnipiac Cub Scout event – Sequassen
- June 10 Quinnipiac District Dinner

## Council Activities

[www.ctyankee.org](http://www.ctyankee.org) Email: [activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:activities@ctyankee.org)

### **2025**

- July 12 Cub Scout Family Splash Day only at Hoyt
- Aug 10-13 Webelos and Arrow of Light Camp Sequassen
- Sept 26-27 Scout Day at Lime Rock Raceway
- Oct 4-5 Cub Scout Safari Weekend at Hoyt
- Oct 25 Fright Night
- Nov 8 University of Adventure – Wolf, Bear, Webelos, & AOL
- Dec 6 Chess Play & Tournament at the SONO Collection, Norwalk Hosted by Saugatuck

### **2026**

- Feb 7 CYC Cub Scout Polar Bear (hosted by Saugatuck) -- Stamford Museum & Nature Center
- Feb 21 Merit Badge College
- Feb 28 Merit Badge College
- Mar 7 Merit Badge College
- Mar 14 University of Scouting
- Mar 21 Scout Day Norwalk Aquarium—Cub Scout programs & Merit Badges for Scouts BSA (tentative)
- Mar 28 Council Game Dinner
- Mar 28 Pinewood Derby Championships – Aquila, Saugatuck, & Quinnipiac (Tentative)
- Apr 11 CYC Fishing Derby Deer Lake
- May 2 Cub Scout Family Day at the Beardsley Zoo
- Jun 27 Extreme Scouting Sequassen

### **Order of the Arrow Key Dates**

<https://owaneco.org/>

- Sept 5-7 OA Ordeal Weekend Sequassen
- Oct 10-12 OA Fall Fellowship Sequassen
- Oct 25-26 OA Leadership Development at Hoyt
- May 9 OA Spring Fellowship Hoyt
- Jun 5-7 OA Ordeal – Sequassen

### **Attention Troops — Save the Dates**

#### **Merit Badge College**

- Sat Feb 21
  - Sat Feb 28
  - Sat Mar 7
- Easton Country Day School

**ATTENTION CUB SCOUT LEADERS!**  
Get Ready to Earn the  
**Summertime Fun Adventure!**

Cub Scouts can earn the Summertime Fun Adventure by completing any 3 activities from May–August! A great way to stay active and engaged!

**Upcoming ideas:**

- Attended ConnJam? That counts!
- Cub Scout Summer Splash (July 12)  
<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1381>
- Webelos & Arrow of Light Camp at Camp Sequassen — August 10–13!  
<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1382>
- Or your own Pack adventures.

**Who Can Earn It?**

Tigers through Arrow of Light. (Lions start in the fall.)

**Why Promote It?**

It keeps Scouts engaged, builds Pack spirit, supports year-round Scouting—and it's super easy to complete! Celebrate with awards at your first fall Pack meeting!

**Adventure ACE Award — Recognizing Summer Leaders!**



Packs that hold 3+ summer activities (May–August) with at least 10% family participation can earn the Adventure ACE Award. Submit photos and results by August 25 to the email below. Two leaders per pack will be honored with a special button and certificate for promoting summer fun!

**Questions:** [activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:activities@ctyankee.org)



**Saturday, July 12, 2025**

**Day Only 10 AM to 4 PM —  
Lunch provided**

**Hoyt Scout Reservation,  
3 Marchant Rd, Redding, 06896**

Join us for a summer adventure where Scouts **cool off** and enjoy **engineering fun**, building and exploring through hands-on activities!

- ★Giant Water Slide ★Water Slip and Slide ★BB Range
- ★Archery ★Slingshots ★Crafts ★Games ★Engineering Fun
- ★& More!

**Don't miss this action-packed day of building,  
splashing, and fun!**

\$20 Scout & Parent | \$10 Additional Youth/Adult  
| \$40 Family 4 or More

**Register at**

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1381>

Fee includes lunch, patch & program supplies.

**Register Today!**

**Questions:** [activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:activities@ctyankee.org)







**Scouting America**  
Connecticut Yankee Council

# WEBELOS & AOL ADVENTURE CAMP

EXPLORE \* LEARN \* HAVE FUN IN NATURE

**COST**  
\$315 PER SCOUT  
\$90 PER ADULT

**Date**  
August 10 - 13, 2025

**Location**  
Camp Sequassen

Calling all adventurous Scouts entering Grades 4 and 5 in the Fall of 2025 to experience the thrill of a lifetime at Camp Sequassen. Get ready for an action-packed program filled with fun activities, educational experiences and new friends.

**Register at:**  
<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1382>  
**Questions:** [camp.sequassen@ctyankee.org](mailto:camp.sequassen@ctyankee.org)



## Update: Beardsley Zoo Day Canceled

Due to scheduling and logistics, the Beardsley Zoo Day originally planned for **Wednesday, August 20, 2025** has been canceled.

But great news — we're shifting our focus to an even more exciting event!

**See page 14 for details on the May 2 Camp-In program** — a fun-filled overnight experience at the Zoo you won't want to miss!

## Is Your Unit Ready for 2025–2026?

Here's a quick checklist to kick off a great Scouting year:

- ☑ Plan Your Calendar Hold a program planning session and share dates with families.
- ☑ First Meeting Set? Make sure everyone knows when and where.
- ☑ Recruitment Ready? Start early—many groups are recruiting in the fall.
- ☑ Need Help? Contact your District Key 3 or Membership Chair for support.
- ☑ Plan Fun Activities Use this guide to create an exciting program.
- ☑ Popcorn Sale Fund the adventure! (See page 6)
- ☑ Strengthen Your Team Use summer to fill leadership roles—your commissioner can help.

Thank you for delivering the promise of Scouting—your leadership makes all the difference!

## Get Trained This Summer Council Training Committee

### Wilderness First Aid July 16 Camp Sequassen

Register: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1401>

### Wilderness First Aid Aug 6 Camp Sequassen

Register: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1402>

### NYLT: August 10-15 Camp Workcoemen

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

A six-day advanced course where Scouts build leadership skills for their troop and daily life, returning with practical tools, games, and techniques to support their growth and strengthen their unit.

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/nylt-summer-2025/>

### Wood Badge Aug 22-24, Sept 20-21 Camp Sequassen

Two amazing weekends at beautiful Camp Sequassen and one great course providing a lifetime of memories August 22-23-24 and September 20-21, 2025. Questions? Course Director Ed Gratrix at [wb2025cyc@gmail.com](mailto:wb2025cyc@gmail.com) More info:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/wood-badge-2025/>

For more information on any of these trainings, contact your District Training Chair OR CYC Training Chair, Donna Wesolowski at [donnaweso@optimum.net](mailto:donnaweso@optimum.net)

### Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) Replaces Youth Protection Training (YPT)

Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) – Now Required Annually  
Scouting America's new SYT replaces Youth Protection Training and is mandatory every year for all registered adult volunteers and new members.

- 90 minutes (English & Spanish)
- Access at [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)
- Score 80%+ to pass
- After year one: 15-minute refresher + retest annually

Important: Only SYT is accepted moving forward. Volunteers not current at recharter will not be re-registered.

## Popcorn Opportunities for 2025 - Don't Miss Out!!!



Units That Have Not Sold Popcorn During the Past 2 Years Are eligible for \$500 Worth of Popcorn at No Charge!

- New Prize Opportunities – Amazon Gift Cards for Your Scouts
- New Show & Sell Ordering & Return Policy
- Increased Commission Opportunities
- \$1,000 Club Victory Party

### Learn About These Exciting Opportunities at Your District's Popcorn Workshop

#### Quinnipiac District

7pm, Thursday, July 10th  
American Legion Post 88  
3005 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden

#### Saugatuck District

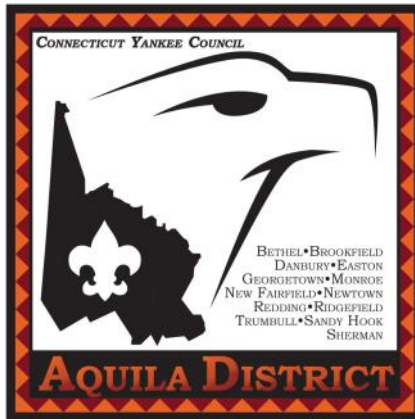
7pm, Tuesday, July 15th  
Ferguson House  
70 Old Kings Highway N., Darien

#### Aquila District

7pm, Wednesday, July 16th  
Latinos for Education Advocacy and Diversity Office  
358 Main Street, Danbury

**We hope you'll join us at your district's workshop!**

**Please RSVP to Jim Patterson  
at [jim.patterson@scouting.org](mailto:jim.patterson@scouting.org)**



## Aquila Fall Dates

**Fall Camporee**  
**Sept 19-21, 2025**  
**at Hoyt Scout Reservation**

Get ready to kick off the new Scouting year with an action-packed Fall Camporee!

**Aquila Cuboree**  
**Oct. 12, 2025**  
**Old Mine Park Trumbull**  
 Range Sports: BB, Archery & Slingshot

**Aquila Score**  
**(Webelos & Arrow of Light)**  
**Nov 1, 2025**

**More information Coming!**

**Questions:**  
**Dan Marazita at [trumbullpack468@yahoo.com](mailto:trumbullpack468@yahoo.com)**



## Scout Day at Lime Rock

**Fast Cars, Classic Cars, Exotic Cars & More!**

**September 26-27, 2025**

A favorite annual CYC event! There is no better way to spend an early Fall weekend than camping out and enjoying a Saturday of racing at Lime Rock Park.



**PLUS PIT TOURS, CUB-MOBILE RACES, ARCHERY, BACK YARD BASS, AND MORE FOR CUB SCOUTS, SCOUTS BSA, SEA SCOUTS, EXPLORERS, AND VENTURERS & FAMILY!**

**Registration will open soon!**

**Questions: [activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:activities@ctyankee.org)**





## Cub Scout Safari Returns!

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**

**Hoyt Scout Reservation**

9:00 AM to 4 PM

5:00 PM Optional Overnight Program Starts

### Cub Scout Safari at Hoyt — Adventure Awaits!

Join us for a fun-filled weekend at Hoyt Scout Reservation! The **Cub Scout Safari** features hands-on activities, exciting challenges, and Adventure Awards for all grade levels. Enjoy a day of outdoor fun — or extend the experience with optional overnight **Pack Family Camping**.

**What's in Store at Cub Scout Safari 2**  
Hot dog Lunch included

#### Get a jumpstart on earning Adventure Awards!

- **Lions (Kindergarten):** *Mountain Lion & Let's Camp Lions*
- **Tigers (1st Grade):** *Tigers in the Wild & Let's Camp*
- **Wolves (2nd Grade):** *Paws on the Path & Let's Camp Wolf*
- **Bears (3rd Grade):** *Bear Habitat & Let's Camp Bear*
- **Webelos (4th Grade):** *Webelos Walkabout & Let's Camp Webelos*
- **Arrow of Light (5th Grade):** *Into the Woods & Outdoor Adventurer*

#### More Wild Fun Includes:

- \*Giant Inflatable's!
- \*Live Animals,
- \*BB, Archery, & Sling Shot Ranges
- \*Crafts
- \*Optional Overnight Camping
- \*Saturday Night Campfire
- \*Fun for the whole family!

**Fees \$20 Youth, \$15 Adults, and \$55 Family of 4 (same fee as last year)**

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/safari>

Questions: [activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:activities@ctyankee.org)



### Bring-a-Buddy to Cub Scout Safari

Help grow your Pack and share the fun of Scouting by inviting friends to the Cub Scout Safari Weekend on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at Hoyt Scout Reservation.

#### How it works:

- At a Pack or Den meeting, Scouts create a list of friends they'd like to invite.
- Each Scout personally invites 2–3 friends to attend.
- Leaders and parents assist by providing printed invites or helping send emails/texts.
- Leaders follow up to confirm attendance.

#### Rewards:

- Current Scouts: Receive a drawstring backpack with goodies and an entry into a prize drawing (tent, nature kit, or binoculars).
- New Scouts: Enjoy free admission (for 1 youth + 1 adult), a patch, and lunch at the event. (Limit to 50)

#### Important:

- New Scouts must register for Cub Scout Safari by Monday, Sept. 29, at 12:00 PM and submit a completed application to Council (either before the event or at Safari check-in).
- New Scouts must be linked to the Scout who invited them.
- Prize drawing will be held at 4:00 PM Oct 4 — Scouts must be present to win.

**Register here:**

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/safari>

Questions? Email: [activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:activities@ctyankee.org)



Giveaway Prizes





**Join us for Saugatuck District Fall Camporee  
Search & Rescue Adventure!  
October 17-19, 2025 at Hoyt**

**Troops** — Get ready for an action-packed weekend focused on **Search and Rescue!** Scouts BSA Troops will work on the **SAR Merit Badge**, learning real-world emergency skills through hands-on training, team challenges, and expert-led demos from local SAR professionals. Scouts can also complete select Emergency Preparedness MB requirements and compete in exciting afternoon games—like a 50-foot Double Trouble inflatable obstacle course, GaGa, Ultimate Frisbee, Chess, and more!

**Arrow of Light Scouts** (Oct. 18-19) are invited to camp with a Troop and join the **Junior Search & Rescue Adventure!** They'll complete a mock mission, practice skills like first aid and signaling, and earn a special patch and certificate while working on **key AOL Adventure Awards requirements.** They'll also compete in exciting afternoon games—like the 50-foot Double Trouble obstacle course, GaGa, Ultimate Frisbee, Chess, and at their age level.

The Camporee will top off with a Saturday night campfire program and awards presentation.

**This promises to be an exciting Camporee  
— don't miss it!**

**Registration at**  
<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1395>

**Contact Charles Colfer at**  
[saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org)



**Quinpiac Fall Camporee  
at Camp Sequassen  
October 17-19, 2025**

Adventure, Skills & Fun!

Get ready to kick off the new Scouting year with an action-packed Fall Camporee!

More information Coming.  
**Mark Kennedy** [mark.kennedy@scouting.org](mailto:mark.kennedy@scouting.org)



## University of Adventures Saturday, November 8, 2025

Easton Country Day School, 660 Morehouse Rd, Easton, CT 06612

A fun-filled day where Scouts earn advancement through hands-on Adventures, enjoy special entertainment at lunch, and connect with Scouts from across the Council.

### Four Colleges Offered:

- Wolf (2nd Grade) — new this year! Council Fire, Computing Wolf and Digging in the Past
- Bear (3rd Grade) — Paws for Action, Marble Madness and Roaring Laughter
- Webelos (4th Grade) — My Community, Art Explosion, and Earth Rocks
- Arrow of Light (5th Grade) — First Aid, (or Estimation), Engineer and High Tech Outdoors

### Schedule:

- Choose one session: Morning (8:45 AM–12:30 PM) or Afternoon (11:30 AM–3:00 PM). Each session offers the same program.
- Lunch & Show for all: 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

**Volunteers Needed** to teach Adventure Awards — easy guide provided, fun and rewarding!

**Fee:** \$25 per Scout (includes lunch; same as last year)

**Registration opens August 31:**

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1396>

Questions? Contact: [activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:activities@ctyankee.org)

**Pinewood Derby Workshop:** Each rank has a Pinewood Derby-related Adventure Award. We plan to offer a workshop to kick off the award, share car-building tips, and provide kits and parts.



## Join Us for a Day of Chess Fun & Competition!

**Saturday, December 6, 2025 • 10 AM–3 PM**

The SONO Collection, 100 N. Water St., Norwalk, CT

**Hosted by Saugatuck District**

Whether you're just learning or a seasoned player, this event has something for everyone! Chess builds creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving—perfect for Scouts and friends.

### Event Highlights

- **Casual Chess Play** (FREE, 10 AM–3 PM)  
Drop in anytime for friendly, non-competitive games.
- **Chess Tournament** (FREE, 1–3 PM)  
Compete for the title of Top Chess Player!
- **Scouts BSA Chess Merit Badge** (\$10, 10 AM–Noon)  
Earn the badge!
- **Cub Scout Chess Quest** (\$10, 10 AM–Noon)  
"Learn, Play, Have Fun!" A playful intro to chess for Lions–AOL (Grades K–5).
- **Guest Fee:** FREE Bring a friend! A great way to introduce new youth to Scouting.

**Save the Date — Registration Opens This Fall!**

**Question:** [saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org)





## Saturday, March 28, 2026

### Aquila, Saugatuck, and Quinnipiac Day of District Championship Races

- Locations:
  - Aquila—Easton County Day School
  - Saugatuck—Norwalk Collection Mall
  - Quinnipiac—To be Announced
- **We are asking Packs to plan their Pack Race **\*\*before\*\*** this date.**
- We are also asking Packs to adopt the CYC Official Pinewood Derby Guidelines for their race.

The District Pinewood Derby Championship is an exciting event where top racers from each Packs come together to compete for the title of District Champion! It's a day filled with Scout spirit, competition, and fun — celebrating the creativity and effort each Scout puts into their car.

**Who can race?** The top 3 racers from each rank — Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light — for a total of 18 Scouts per Pack.

Each Pack is encouraged to host their own Pinewood Derby prior to this event, **using the CYC Official Pinewood Derby Guidelines** to ensure fairness and consistency.

### Council-Wide Pinewood Derby Championship! Date and location to be announced

The top 3 racers from each rank — Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light — from each District Championship will qualify to compete in this exciting council-wide finale.

Questions? [activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:activities@ctyankee.org)

### Pinewood Derby Workshop — University of Adventures Saturday, November 8, 2025

Each rank has a Pinewood Derby-related Adventure Award. We plan to offer a workshop to kick off the award, share car-building tips, and provide kits and parts.

## CYC Official Pinewood Derby Guidelines

### Car Requirements

- Must be built using the official BSA Pinewood Derby Kit.
- Must be constructed in the current race year by the Cub Scout racing it.

### Dimensions & Weight

- Length: Max 7"
- Width: Max 2¾"
- Height: Max 3"
- Clearance: Min 1¾" between wheels and 3/8" underneath
- Wheelbase: Between 4¼" and 4 5/8"
- Weight: Max 5.00 oz (measured on official scale)

### Wheels & Axles

- Must use official BSA wheels and axles.
- Wheels may be polished but not reshaped, beveled, or lathed.
- Axles may be polished and lubricated — but:
  - BENDING OF THE AXLE IS NOT ALLOWED.
  - ALL FOUR WHEELS MUST BE IN CONTACT WITH THE TRACK.
  - This ensures fairness and compliance with the official wheel-width guidelines.
  - Only dry lubricant is permitted.

### Prohibited Modifications

- No bearings, washers, bushings, or springs
- No starting devices — cars must be freewheeling
- No liquids or loose weights (e.g., lead shot)

### Race Procedures

- Cars must pass inspection to race.
- After check-in, only race officials may handle the cars.
- Racemaster will determine reasonable repair time allowed for cars that break during the race.
- No lubrication at the race venue.
- Racemaster's decisions are final.

### Conduct

- Unsportsmanlike behavior from any Scout, leader, or spectator may result in disqualification or removal from the event.



## 2026 District Klondike Derbies



**Gear Up for the Klondike Derby!**  
**Aquila District Klondike**  
January 23–25, 2026  
Camp Sequassen

(Looking for a unit or town to host)

**Questions:**

**Dan Marazita at [trumbullpack468@yahoo.com](mailto:trumbullpack468@yahoo.com)**

**Quinnipiac District Klondike**  
January 30-Feb 1,  
Camp Sequassen

Join us for a weekend of cold-weather adventure as each District hosts its annual Klondike Derby!

Bundle up — the frozen frontier awaits!  
More information Coming

Questions? Contact us at [activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:activities@ctyankee.org)



**Winter 1776: Scouts of the Revolution**  
**Saugatuck Klondike Derby 2026**  
**Honoring 250 Years of American Spirit**

**January 23–25, 2026,**  
**Hoyt Scout Reservation**

Travel back in time to the winter of 1776 and experience life as a Continental Army scout during the fight for American independence. Your patrol has been called into service under **General George Washington**, tasked with surviving the cold, completing critical missions, and supporting the cause of liberty — all while enduring the realities of a Revolutionary War winter.

This year's Klondike Derby kicks off our **Semiquincentennial Celebration — 250 years of American history**, courage, and innovation. Through a series of hands-on challenges, you'll test your strength, skills, and teamwork the way a young soldier might have — hauling gear, building fire and shelter, carrying messages, and navigating unfamiliar terrain with only the land and the stars as your guide.

Are you ready to serve your country — and your patrol — in the spirit of 1776?

Host Troop Wanted! Take the Leadership Challenge.

**Questions or to volunteer:**  
**[saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org)**



**Cub Scout Polar Bear Adventure**  
**Save the Date – February 7, 2026**  
**Stamford Museum & Nature Center**  
151 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, CT 06903

**Celebrate 250 Years of Discovery  
at the 13th Annual Polar Bear!**

In honor of America's 250th Anniversary (1776–2026), this year's Polar Bear is themed around 250 Years of Nature, Science, and Exploration — showcasing the wonders of the natural world and the scientific curiosity that has driven our country forward.

Join us for a fun-filled winter adventure with four hands-on activity stations focused on nature, science, and astronomy — both indoors and outside.

**New for 2026:** Step into the future at the Museum's brand-new Astronomy Center, featuring a cutting-edge Planetarium and Observatory.

**Open to all Cub Scouts across the Council** — Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light. Special recognition will be given to Arrow of Light Scouts. Choose a morning or afternoon session and get ready for a day of winter discovery!

Celebrate 250 years of discovery — Cub Scout style!  
Questions: [saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org)



**University of Scouting 2026**  
**March 14, 2026**  
**Xavier High School, Middletown, CT**

Hosted in partnership with Connecticut Rivers Council  
Join leaders from across two councils for a full day of training, networking, and inspiration!

- **New Leaders:** Learn essential skills and build confidence.
- **Experienced Leaders:** Explore advanced topics and current trends.

This is more than training — it's a chance to connect, share best practices, and strengthen Scouting.

Save the date and be part of shaping the future of Scouting!

Questions Donna Wesolowski at  
[donnaweso@optimum.net](mailto:donnaweso@optimum.net)

**Scout Day at The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk**  
**Saturday, March 21, 2026 (Tentative)**

Join us for a day of adventure, discovery, and Scouting fun at The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk!

**Cub Scouts** can take advantage of special family discounts and participate in exclusive workshops.

**Scouts BSA** can dive into learning with a Merit Badge Day, featuring Oceanography, Fish and Wildlife Management, and Environmental Science.

**Bonus:** A sleepover at the Aquarium is tentatively available for the night of March 20!

*Note: Date pending final confirmation.*

Questions? Contact: Evan Atkins at  
[atkins.evan23@gmail.com](mailto:atkins.evan23@gmail.com)



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# FISHING DERBY

SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026

Choose 1 Session

Morning  
Session

8:00 AM –  
12:00 PM



Afternoon  
Session

12:30 PM  
– 4:30 PM

Includes fishing with a two trout limit, an event patch, and lunch for you and your adult.

**Cost:**  
**\$30**

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More information visit our website

[WWW.CTYANKEE.ORG](http://WWW.CTYANKEE.ORG)



## Cub Scout Camp-In At Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo

1875 Noble Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06610

**Save the Date! Saturday, May 2, 2026!**

This event is hosted by the Saugatuck District and is open to all Scouts and families across the Connecticut Yankee Council.

Join us for a Family Camp-in at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo!

Stay overnight with an exclusive camp-in at the air-conditioned **Carousel Building** — featuring:

- A pizza dinner
- Night tour of the Zoo
- Movie
- Breakfast
- And more!

Don't miss this wild night of learning, exploration, and Cub Scout fun. More details coming!

**Questions? Email:**

[saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org)



Aquila District of the Connecticut Yankee Council Proudly  
Presents

The Putnam Muster 2026  
Celebrating 250 Years of American Independence



Putnam Park  
Redding, CT  
May 15-17, 2026

Putnam Park is the site where General Israel Putnam's Continental Army camped during the winter of 1778-1779. Join the Aquila District as we celebrate 250 years of American Independence and honor our Scout history by re-creating the Putnam Muster of 1976.

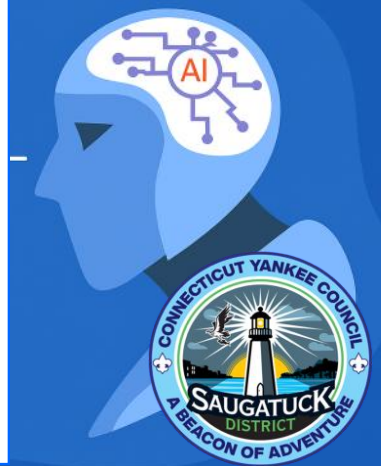
Troops will travel back in time and engage in activities from the Revolutionary War. There will be lots of activities, reenactments and an opportunity to learn more about Revolutionary War history that occurred in our area.

Individuals or Troops are invited to join our committee by contacting **Dan Marazita** at [trumbullpack468@yahoo.com](mailto:trumbullpack468@yahoo.com).



Welcome To The  
**Future Of Scouting**  
Saugatuck District  
**SPRING STEM  
CAMPOREE**

May 15-17, 2026  
Hoyt Scout Reservation  
Hosted By A.I. and Celebrating  
250 Years of America!



**250 Years of Innovation — Powered by the Future**

Celebrate America's Semiquincentennial with a weekend of science, technology, and artificial intelligence! Join Scouts from across the district for a one-of-a-kind Camporee marking 250 years of American innovation — from 1776 to the tech of tomorrow. Discover how Scouts like you are preparing to lead the future.

**Eight STEM Merit Badges offered:**

- Off camp: **Railroading** at the Danbury Railway Museum, **Animal Science** at New Pond Farm, and **Aviation** at the Danbury Airport.
- In-camp badges include **Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Game Design, Electricity, and Space Exploration.**
- Pre-camp Zoom Merit Badge sessions being planned

**Highlights — Powered by AI:**

- Evening gaming party with video games and AI challenges
- Ultimate Frisbee, gaga ball, inflatable games, and more
- Camping is available Friday and Saturday night, or just come for the day

**Program in Development — We Need You!**

Troops Host Wanted and  
Merit Badge Counselors

Questions? [saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org](mailto:saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org)



## Quinnipiac Spring Events

### Cub Scout Event Quinnipiac Wild West of Q May 2, 2026

Join us for a rootin'-tootin' good time at the Wild West of Q Family Camping Weekend, happening May 2, 2026 at Camp Sequassen! Open to all Cub Scouts and their families, this weekend promises campfire fun, BB guns, archery, crafts, field games, hiking, and even our famous Lego Pinewood Derby. Choose to stay the whole weekend or just ride in for Saturday—either way, we'll have a hearty lunch waiting for you.

### Scouts BSA Quinnipiac Spring Camporee Camp Sequassen May 29-31, 2026

Calling all Troops! The 2026 Quinnipiac Spring Camporee is heading back to Camp Sequassen for a weekend of action, skill-building, and spirited competition. Whether you're in it for the challenges, the campfire camaraderie, or just to experience Sequassen in spring — this will be a can't-miss event!

Program theme and activities are still in the works — stay tuned for exciting updates!

**Questions: Mark Kennedy at**  
[mark.kennedy@scouting.org](mailto:mark.kennedy@scouting.org)



### 2026 National Jamboree Adventure July 22–31, 2026 | Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia

Connecticut Yankee Council, in partnership with Greenwich and Housatonic Councils, is sending 100 Scouts on an unforgettable 14-day adventure (July 19–August 1, 2026), culminating in the 2026 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The trip includes exciting stops on the way down, a pre-Jamboree camping weekend, and all meals, lodging, transportation, insurance, and troop gear.

This is a physically demanding event with lots of hiking and active adventures—participants should begin preparing now.

**Cost: \$2,850:** Includes all travel, activities, and camp gear. Additional expenses include uniforms, personal gear, spending money, and souvenirs. A \$450 deposit secures your spot. Space is limited and first-come, first-served.

#### More Info

<https://www.ctyankee.org/programs-and-activities/2026-national-jamboree>

#### Registration

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1383>

**Adult Leaders Wanted:** We're also looking for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Advisors to help lead our Jamboree troops. Leaders must be approved by the Council Jamboree Committee and complete the required Jamboree Scoutmaster training. Apply or learn more at the link above.