

Scouting America – Connecticut Yankee Council
Aduenture in Scouting!

2026 Winter to Summer Program Catalog



Welcome to a New Year Of Scouting Adventures!

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— Introduction —

Unit programs are the heart of Scouting, and we're proud of the great experiences delivered by our Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships, and Posts.

This catalog highlights Council and District activities that strengthen unit programs—giving Scouts more opportunities to camp, learn new skills, make friends, and experience Scouting as part of a larger community.

In 2026, we celebrate the **250th Anniversary of America**. Throughout this catalog you'll find special events, activities, and commemorative awards that bring this milestone to life through Scouting adventure, service, and learning.

What Is a Scouting America District?

A Scouting America District is your local support team of volunteers and professionals who help Packs, Troops, Crews, and Ships succeed by providing events, camping programs, leader training, advancement and recruiting support, and commissioner service. District and Council events also help Scouts connect beyond their own unit and experience Scouting on a larger scale.

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Is this publication useful to you? We'd love your feedback. What did we do well, and what could we improve? Please send your comments to John Hanks at activities@ctyankee.org.



Aquila District

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.



Saugatuck District

www.ctyankee.org/districts/saugatuck

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



Quinnipiac District

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



January Program Highlights

Jan 2-4 & Jan 9-10: NYLT — National Youth Leader Training

January 22 — Annual Council Volunteer Recognition

Dinner: Birchwood Banquet Facility, 6:30 PM - (Gathering) 7:00 PM - (Program) 1027 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge, CT Please Join Us as we celebrate a great year of Scouting while recognizing the newest class of Silver Beaver award.

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1542>

Jan 23-25 — Saugatuck Klondike Derby at Hoyt: Winter 1776 – Scouts of the Revolution. Experience the winter of 1776 as your patrol steps into the role of Continental Army scouts. Patrols will face cold-weather challenges, complete missions, and reenact the realities of a Revolutionary War winter. This Klondike Derby kicks off Saugatuck's 250th Anniversary (Semi-Quincentennial) celebration.

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1522>

Jan 23-25 — Aquila Klondike Derby at Sequassen: A Yeti has been spotted at Camp Sequassen and it is up to the Scouts to find him and get him to safety! They will need all the essential skills of a Scout to withstand the elements and the geography of Camp Sequassen to bring the Yeti back to the Himalayas.

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1530>

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2 NYLT WK1	3 NYLT WK1
4 NYLT WK1	5	6 Quinnipiac Committee	7 Aquila Committee	8 Saugatuck Annual Meeting	9 NYLT WK2	10 NYLT WK2
11 NYLT WK2	12	13	14 Aquila Roundtable	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20 Council Ops	21	22 Council Annual Meeting & Recognition Dinner	23 Saugatuck Klondike	24 Saugatuck Klondike
25 Saugatuck Klondike	26	27	28 Saugatuck Network Night	29	30	31
Aquila Klondike						

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Quinnipiac Committee	4 Aquila Committee Saugatuck Gathering of Eagles	5 Saugatuck Committee	6	7 Cub Scout Polar Bear
8	9	10	11 Aquila Roundtable	12	13 Quinnipiac Klondike	14 Quinnipiac Klondike
15 Quinnipiac Klondike	16 President's Day	17 Council Ops	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21 Merit Badge College Session 1
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Merit Badge College Session 1



February Program Highlights

Feb 7 — Cub Scout Polar Bear at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center: Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary. This year's Polar Bear highlights 250 Years of Nature, Science & Exploration, inspiring Scouts to discover the curiosity that shaped our nation. Explore the Museum's new Astronomy Center, including a state-of-the-art planetarium and observatory. Meet Ben Franklin and other historical figures who bring early American science to life.

Take part in four hands-on activity stations focused on nature, science, and astronomy. Open to all Cub Scouts (Lions-AOL), with special recognition for Arrow of Light Scouts.

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1519>

Feb 13-15 — Quinnipiac Klondike Derby at Hoyt: Details are still being finalized, but prepare for a winter adventure that challenges Scouts in leadership, teamwork, and essential outdoor skills. This fun and competitive event builds confidence, camaraderie, and Scouting spirit. More information coming soon!

Feb 21, 28, and Mar 7 — Merit Badge College: Easton Country Day School
<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1494>



March Program Highlights

Mar 11 — Aquila District Dinner: Monroe Social from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Mar 14 — University of Scouting: Grow as a Scouting leader while connecting with peers from Connecticut Yankee, Housatonic, and Connecticut Rivers Councils. New leaders can gain essential training and confidence building skills, while experienced leaders can take advanced courses to stay current and sharpen their expertise. Xavier High School in Middletown, CT. <https://scoutingevent.com/066-96716>

Mar 21 — Scout Day at the Maritime Aquarium: Enjoy a day of Scouting adventure at the Maritime Aquarium! Cub Scouts receive special family discounts and exclusive workshops, while Scouts BSA can work on Oceanography, Fish & Wildlife Management, and Environmental Science Merit Badges. A tentative March 20 sleepover option may be available. Registration opening soon—watch your email. Questions: Evan Atkins, atkins.evan23@gmail.com

Mar 25 — Saugatuck District Dinner: Location to be announced.

Mar 28 — District Pinewood Derby Championships for Saugatuck and Aquila. See page 16.

May 28 — Council Game Dinner

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Quinnipiac Committee	4 Aquila Committee	5 Saugatuck Committee	6	7 Merit Badge College Session 3
8	9	10	11 Aquila District Dinner	12 Bridgeport Breakfast	13	14 University of Scouting
15	16	17 Council Ops <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21 Scout Day at the Maritime Aquarium
22	23	24	25 Saugatuck District Dinner	26 Executive Board	27	28 Saugatuck & Aquila Pinewood Game Dinner
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	30	31				

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Passover Eve	2 1st Day of Passover	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6	7 Quinnipiac Committee	8 Aquila Roundtable	9 Saugatuck Committee <i>Last Day of Passover</i>	10	11 Fishing Derby & Rocket Academy
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Council Ops	22 Earth Day	23 Executive Committee	24	25
26	27	28	29 Saugatuck Roundtable	30		



April Program Highlights

Apr 11 — 39th Annual Fishing Derby at Deer Lake & Rocket Academy are being offered for an exciting weekend at Deer Lake. Morning and afternoon sessions are being offered.

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1548>

With schools closed on different weeks for Spring Vacation, April is often a quieter month for Scouting activities — making it a perfect time to focus on unit health and preparation.

Consider using this month to:

- Conduct a membership inventory and reconnect with inactive Scouts.
- Review leadership needs and identify any positions that may require new volunteers.
- Ensure Arrow of Light Scouts have successfully transitioned into a troop.
- Check in on summer camp promotion — are Scouts signing up?



May Program Highlights

May 2–3 — Cub Scout Camp-In at the Beardsley Zoo

Experience an exclusive Cub Scout overnight inside the air-conditioned Carousel Building, featuring a pizza dinner, night zoo tour, movie, breakfast, and more.

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1557>

May 8–10 — Quinnipiac Cub Scout "Patriots of Q" Family Weekend at Camp Sequassen.

Join the fun at our 250th America Anniversary themed weekend, packed with outdoor activities, campfires, family bonding, and plenty of Cub Scout spirit.

May 15–17 — Aquila District Putnam Muster

Step back in time at Putnam Memorial State Park, the 1778–1779 winter encampment of General Israel Putnam's Continental Army. Troops will re-create the 1976 Putnam Muster through Revolutionary War-era activities, reenactments, hands-on skills, and historical challenges celebrating America's 250th Anniversary.

Contact: **Dan Marazita** — trumbullpack468@yahoo.com

May 15–17 — Saugatuck STEM Camporee at Hoyt

Celebrate *250 Years of Innovation* at a STEM-themed weekend hosted by A.I.! Scouts will explore the past, present, and future through hands-on science and technology challenges and eight STEM Merit Badges offered both off-site and at Hoyt. A unique fusion of 1776 history and the tech of tomorrow.

Reg at <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1558>

May 16–17 — Saugatuck AOL/Webelos STEM Camporee

Bears moving up to Webelos, Webelos moving up to Arrow of Light (4th–5th graders in fall), and Arrow of Light Scouts are invited to the Scouts BSA Spring STEM Camporee.

May 30 — Council Pinewood Derby Championship -Tentative.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Cub Scout Camp-in Beardsley Zoo Quinnipiac Pinewood
3	4	5 Quinnipiac Committee	6 Aquila Committee	7 Saugatuck Committee	8 Quinnipiac Cub Scout Weekend	9 Quinnipiac Cub Scout Weekend OA Spring Fellowship
10 Quinnipiac Cub Scout Weekend Mother's Day	11	12	13 Aquila Roundtable	14	15 Saugatuck Camporee Aquila Camporee	16 Saugatuck Camporee Aquila Camporee
17 Saugatuck Camporee Aquila Camporee	18	19 Council Ops	20	21	22	23
24 31 OA Spring	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Saugatuck Roundtable	28 Executive Board	29 OA Spring Induction	30 OA Spring Induction Council Pinewood

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Aquila Committee	4 Saugatuck Committee	5	6 BALOO & IOLS Train
7	8	9	10 Aquila Roundtable	11 Quinnipiac Dinner	12	13 Popcorn Kick-off
14	15	16 Council Ops	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Saturday Activities:

- 1: Sequassen Wk1
- 2: Sailing School Session 1
- 3: Hoyt Adventure Day Camp



June Program Highlights

June 6-7 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation: A hands-on outdoor orientation for Cub Scout Leaders to learn the skills needed to plan and carry out an outdoor experience with your den or pack! Hoyt Scout Reservation.

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1521>

June 6-7 IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills) \$11

This hands-on course provides adult leaders with the practical outdoor skills needed to lead Scouts BSA youth on their outdoor adventures. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Specifics, this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Scout BSA Troops in order to be considered "trained".

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1520>

Summer Programs Start

- Sailing School Session 1
- Sequassen Week 1
- Hoyt Adventure Day Camp

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
						Sequassen Wk1
						Sailing School Session 1
						Hoyt Adventure Day Camp
						Independ- ence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						Sequassen Wk2
						Sailing School Session 2
						Hoyt Adventure Day Camp
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						Sequassen Wk3
						Sailing School Session 2
						Hoyt Adventure Day Camp
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Sequassen Wk4
Jamboree Departs						Sailing School Session 3
						Hoyt Adventure Day Camp
26	27	28	29	30	31	
						Sequassen Wk5
						Sailing School Session 3
						Hoyt Adventure Day Camp

Sailaway Sailing School — Ages 10 to 15

<https://teamsailaway.com/sailing-programs/summersailing/>

Program runs in four two-week sessions, Monday to Friday 9am to 12:30pm or 1:30pm to 5pm.

Session 1: June 22 to July 3

Session 2: July 6 to July 17

Session 3: July 20 to July 31

Session 4: August 3 to August 14

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sequas- sen Wk Jamboree Returns
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						Sequassen Wk6
						Sailing School Session 4
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						Sequassen Wk7
						Sailing School Session 4
						Webelos/AOL Camp at Sequassen
						NYLT Summer Aug 9-14 Camp Workcoeman
16	17	18 Council Ops	19	20	21 Show & Sell Pop- corn Pick- up	22 Cub Fam- ily Day at Sequas- sen
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Camp Sequassen Summer Camp

<https://www.sequassen.org/2026-summer-camp/>

Week 1: June 28 – July 4, 2026

Week 2: July 5 – 11, 2026

Week 3: July 12 – 18, 2026

Week 4: July 19 – 25, 2026

Week 5: July 26 – August 1, 2026

Week 6: August 2 – 8, 2026

Week 7: August 9 – 15, 2026

Cub Scout Summer Programs

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Program/55>

Family Saturday Day Camp

July 11 at Hoyt

July 22 at Sequassen

**Webelos/Arrow of Light Resi-
dential Camp**

August 9 to 12 at Sequassen

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training)

2026 Summer Course

Aug 9-14

Camp Workcoeman

<https://www.ctyankee.org/nylt>

FALL PREVIEW KEY ACTIVITY DATES

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

September

- 07 Labor Day
- 11 Dock Party
- 12 Rosh Hashana
- 11-13 OA Induction-SEQ
- 19-20 Camp Sikorsky
- 21 Yom Kippur
- 25-27 Cub Scout Safari-Hoyt



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

October

- 2-3 Scout Day at Lime Rock
- 09-11 OA Fellowship
- 12 Columbus Day
- 16-18 Saugatuck Fall Camporee-Hoyt
- 17-18 Saugatuck AOL Fall Camporee-Hoyt
- 19 Aquila Cuboree Old Mine Park
- 23-24 Aquila Fall Camporee-Hoyt
- 23-24 Quinnipiac Fall Camporee-SEQ
- 24-25 Aquila Score Webelos & AOL
- 31 Halloween

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

November

- 03 Election Day
- 07 Aquila SCORE
- 14 Cub Scout University of Adventure
- 11 Veterans Day
- 26 Thanksgiving

December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

December

- 05 First Day of Chanukah
- 05 CYC Chess Play
- 12 Last Day of Chanukah
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve



Come Sail With Us!



Sailaway Sailing School is operated by the Connecticut Yankee Council, Scouting America

Offering... (Ages 10 to 15)

Four, two week sessions starting in June.

Earn the Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge.

Register for 2026 sessions on the website.

Visit website for more information

WWW.TEAMSAILAWAY.ORG

Questions? email us at: sailaway@ctyankee.org

Connecticut Yankee Council **CUB SCOUT SUMMER PROGRAMS!**

Splash 2 – Cub Scout Family Weekends

July 11, 2026 • Camp Hoyt (*Day Only*)

August 22, 2026 • Camp Sequassen (*Day Only*)

10 AM to 4 PM —Attend one or both Camps

\$25 Youth — \$10 Adult — Under 5 No fee

Cub Scout Summer Splash is back! After last year's hit at Hoyt, we're returning for 2026 with **two Saturday, day-only events** — no overnight gear, just show up and have fun.

This tropical-themed day is packed with **LEGO® challenges, water fun, crafts, and classic Cub Scout range sports.**

Event Highlights:

- **Hoyt:** Super Water Slide & Slip-and-Slide
- **Sequassen:** Swimming & Boating
- BB Guns, Archery & Slingshots
- Crafts, games, and LEGO® building
- Hawaiian Shirt Contest — prizes for best tropical style!
- **Lunch included**

Perfect for **all Cub Scout ranks**.

Just bring your imagination and island spirit!

Webelos & Arrow of Light Residential Camp August 9-12, 2026 at Camp Sequassen

Bring your Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts entering 4th and 5th grade in Sept. 2025, to Camp Sequassen to explore its summer camp secrets. Enjoy a half week session of fun and outdoor adventure during week 7.

Register and more information at
<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Program/55>

Questions activities@ctyankee.org



Camp Sequassen Scouts BSA Resident Summer Camp

<https://www.sequassen.org/>

For nearly 100 years, Camp Sequassen has delivered a premier Scouts BSA summer camp experience. Scouts enjoy adventure on the waterfront, trails, and across camp, guided by an experienced and enthusiastic staff. Choose from 75+ merit badges, exciting programs, and a high-adventure ropes course. Attend with your troop or as a provisional Scout.

2026 Summer Camp Dates

Week 1: June 28 – July 4
Week 2: July 5 – 11
Week 3: July 12 – 18
Week 4: July 19 – 25
Week 5: July 26 – August 1
Week 6: August 2 – 8
Week 7: August 9 – 15

Questions
Migs Migliore
mmigliorexc@gmail.com



2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE CONTINGENT

It's Not Too Late! Sign Up for Our Waitlist!
July 22-31, 2026, | Summit Bechtel Reserve

The Connecticut Yankee Council, in conjunction with Greenwich, Housatonic & Connecticut Rivers Councils, plans to take 100 plus Scouts for the 14-day adventure (Sunday, July 19, 2026 to Saturday, August 1, 2026) with amazing activities on the way!

Join Waiting List at Registration
<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1383>

Hoyt Adventure Day Camp

Hoyt Adventure Day Camp, A Togo West District Camp program is open to all youth ages 6 - 12 years in the Connecticut Yankee Council. Children will experience the adventure of the outdoors at our 170+ acre camp. Small groups will enjoy activities at different stations throughout the day including hiking, crafts, games, super water slide and Slip-n-slide inflatables to stay cool and STEM; all designed to provide days full of fun.

June 29-July 3 WK1

July 6-10 WK2

July 13-17 WK3

July 20-24 WK4

July 27-31 WK5

Questions: Contact Eric Brantley
eric.brantley@scouting.org



Keep Scouting Going This Summer!

Cub Scout summer programs keep families active during the break from regular Pack meetings. For Scouts BSA, summer camp makes a lasting impact—Scouts who attend are more likely to stay in the program and earn Eagle.

What are your unit's plans this summer?



CYC America 250 Scouting Awards

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/America250awards>

In celebration of America's 250th Anniversary, the Connecticut Yankee Council Activities Committee is launching the America 250 Scouting Awards beginning January 1, 2026. This council wide program invites Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and adult leaders to explore America's history and values through fun, age-appropriate activities focused on learning, service, adventure, and civic engagement.

Scouts may earn individual awards or complete all five to earn the George Washington Super Award. Adults who teach or lead the program are eligible for the Nathan Hale Leadership Award. The program is designed to be simple to run at the unit level with no council approval required.

This is a unit administered award, and patches must be ordered by the unit, not by individual Scout or Parent.

Patch Information & Order Form

- Online Order Form use the above link
- Cost: \$4 per patch
- Pickup at the Council Service Center
- First order: on or about March 1 (approx. 3-week delivery)
- Final order: on or about June 20 (approx. 3-week delivery)

We look forward to celebrating America's Semiquincentennial with you and your Scouts!

Questions: activities@ctyankee.org

CYC 250TH AMERICA AWARDS

Cub Scouts & Scouts BSA can earn any choice of the Awards number 1 to 5.

Sea Scouts can earn any 4 of the awards plus Award #6

More information and to order patches

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/America250awards>



**Super Award
George Washington**



**Science & Discovery
Benjamin Franklin Award**
Celebrates 250 Years of Nature, Science, and Exploration



**Participation
Gen Israel Putnam Award**
Tie-in to District & Council 250th Events

Super Award Qualifications

- Cub Scouts Earn all 5 (Awards #'s 1 to 5)
- Scouts BSA & Venturers Earn all 5 (#'s 1 to 5)
- Sea Scouts Earn any 4 Awards plus #6.

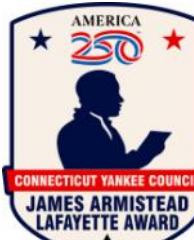
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SPECIAL ADULT RECOGNITION



**Adult Leader
Nathan Hale Award**

Presented to adult leaders who teach, organize, or mentor youth completing any of the America 250 Scouting Awards. Recipients may also order the corresponding patches for the awards they have instructed or supported.



**Diversity
James Armistead Lafayette**
Highlighting Native and African American contributions to the Revolution



**Youth of the Revolution
Sybil Ludington Award**
Explore the courage and contributions of youth in the American Revolution



**Women of the Revolution
Abigail Adams Award**
Honoring the women whose courage and leadership shaped America



**Sea Scouts
Capt. John Paul Jones Award**
Celebrating Sea Scouting's Revolutionary heritage



**Aquila District
2026 Klondike Derby**
Yeti Hunt at Camp Sequassen
January 23-25, 2026
[https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/
Event/1530](https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1530)

A Yeti has been spotted at Camp Sequassen and it is up to the Scouts to find him and get him to safety. They will need all the essential skills of a Scout to withstand the elements and the geography of Camp Sequassen to bring the Yeti back to the Himalayas. Scouts BSA youth and adults event fee is \$20 and visiting Arrow of Lights and their adult partner are \$15. AOL's are day participants only.

Stations for the Klondike:

1. **Fire building:** Patrols compete to build a fire to keep warm and to attract the Yeti. If a patrol can melt a block of ice in a pot, they will earn extra points! Prepare for the elements and start a fire in the cold and snow.
2. **Frostbite:** Patrols will be required to wear oven mitts, in order to simulate working in the cold with frostbitten hands. Shelter is important during the winter and patrols will put together a tent to shelter from the cold with frostbite.
3. **Chasing the Yeti:** Patrols take part in relay races with a different lap each time, such as a three legged race for one, the river crossing game for the second, and chair carrying. Scouts need to be ready to pursue the Yeti no matter where he is in camp.
4. **Shelter Building:** The Yeti has not learned to trust Scouts so patrols will need to hide from the yeti. Patrols will need to build a shelter with whatever materials you bring or find, and it has to withstand a yeti attack.
5. **Yeti Rescue:** The patrols barely escaped the yeti, and now they have various injuries that have to be "treated" with first aid, such as building a stretcher and carrying your "injured" Scout. A Scout should always be prepared.
6. **Yeti Hunt:** Throughout the day, patrols will get clues and pieces of a random coded sentence, for this last station they'll receive a clue to help them decipher the puzzle and reveal the location of the Yeti in camp, and whichever patrol finds it first will get a special award, separate from the 1st-3rd place.

Questions:
Dan Marazita at trumbullpack468@yahoo.com



**Winter 1776: Scouts of
the Revolution**
Saugatuck Klondike Derby
Honoring 250 Years
of American Spirit
January 23–25, 2026
Hoyt Scout Reservation

Step back to the **Winter of 1776** and experience life as a Continental Army scout. Patrols will face cold-weather challenges, complete missions, and rely on teamwork in this Revolutionary War-themed Klondike Derby, launching Saugatuck's **250th Anniversary Celebration**.

Six scorable stations (hosted by troops; 3–4 patrols each):

1. Boston Tea Party (sled haul)
2. Sybil Ludington's Ride (blind maze)
3. Lexington & Concord (axe throw & slingshots)
4. Putnam's Winter Encampment (fire building & shelter)
5. Battle of Saratoga (catapult)
6. Surrender of Yorktown (semaphore & flagpole lashing)

Troops are needed to HOST STATIONS!

Optional 1776 Soldier's Lunch Cooking Challenge:

One team per troop may prepare a historically inspired lunch. Judged on theme, taste, teamwork, and explanation. **1st–3rd place youth awards** plus **separate adult recognition**. Youth-led; BSA safety rules apply.

Klondike Notes: Camp Fri/Sat or attend Sat only. **Check-in:** Fri 5–8 PM or Sat 7–8 AM (Ranger Cabin)

Program: Saturday only **Closing:** 4:30 PM • No evening program
Cold-weather preparedness required; safety first.

Youth leadership leads the way—**SPLs will form a Greenbar** to help plan and run the event.

SPL/PL Zoom: Sunday, January 18 • 4:00 PM (watch email for link)

Fee: \$20 youth & adults (same as last year)

Register: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1522>
PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION BY MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Questions or to volunteer:
Charles Colfer, District Activity Chair
saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org



**Cub Scout Polar Bear
February 7, 2026**
**Stamford Museum &
Nature Center**

151 Scofieldtown Road,
Stamford, CT 06903

**Open to all Packs in
CT Yankee Council**

In honor of **America's 250th Anniversary** (1776–2026), this year's **Polar Bear** event celebrates 250 Years of Nature, Science, and Exploration — inspiring Scouts to explore the same spirit of curiosity that shaped our nation.

New for 2026:

- **Experience the Museum's brand-new Astronomy Center**, featuring a state-of-the-art Planetarium and Observatory.
- **Meet Ben Franklin and other costumed historical figures** who bring early American science and exploration to life!

Scouts will enjoy four hands-on activity stations — indoors and outdoors — focused on nature, science, and astronomy.

Open to all Cub Scouts (Lions through Arrow of Light), with special recognition for Arrow of Light Scouts.

Two sessions available (limit 100 youth per session):

- **Morning:** 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
- **Afternoon:** 12:30 PM–3:30 PM

Register early and join us for a day of winter fun, learning, and celebration — 250 years in the making!

**Fees: \$20 Youth, \$12 Adults,
\$12 Family Fee (non-participants)**

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1519>

Questions: 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.

Be part of shaping the future of Scouting! **Register Today!**

<https://scoutingevent.com/066-96716>

Questions Donna Wesolowski at
donnaweso@optimum.net



Scout Day at The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk
Saturday, March 21, 2026

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 available for the night of March 20!

Check for Registration and sleepover information

<https://www.maritimeaquarium.org/scout-programs>

Questions? Contact: Evan Atkins at
atkins.evan23@gmail.com

Saluting the Volunteers of Connecticut Yankee Council

Annual Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner January 22, 2026

Birchwood Banquet Facility, 6:30 PM - (Gathering) 7:00 PM - (Program) 1027 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge, CT Please Join Us as we celebrate a great year of Scouting while recognizing the newest class of Silver Beaver award.

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1542>

Aquila District Recognition Dinner March 11, 2026

Monroe Social 494 Main Street Monroe, CT

Come out to Monroe Social from 6:00PM to 9:00PM and celebrate the Aquila District with your fellow Scouters! Cost is \$45 per person. A buffet dinner will be served and the highlight of the night will be awarding the 2026 District Award of Merit to a volunteer(s) from the district. There will also be other awards and recognitions such as adult square knot awards for Den Leader, Unit Leader, Cubmaster Key, Scouter Training Award and any others. If you know of a volunteer deserving recognition, please submit nominations with the proper form to Dan Marazita (trumbullpack468@yahoo.com) and Jacob Cedusky (jcedusky@gmail.com) by Thursday, February 25, 2026 Award forms can be located at:

<https://bit.ly/3WwohBI>

Saugatuck District Recognition Dinner — March 25, 2026

Venue to be announced

Join us for an evening celebrating the dedication and accomplishments of the volunteers who make Scouting thrive in the **Saugatuck District**. The program will include presentation of the **District Award of Merit, Key 3 Award, Beacon of Light Award** (recognizing outstanding unit volunteers), **Veteran Awards**, and additional recognitions. A fast-paced, engaging program is in the works as we finalize the venue and event details. Please watch your email for updates and registration information.

Questions? Contact Saugatuck@ctyankee.org

Quinnipiac District Recognition Dinner — June 10, 2026

Details and venue to be announced

Join the Quinnipiac District for an evening recognizing the volunteers who support and strengthen Scouting in the district. The program will include presentation of the **District Award of Merit** and additional recognitions honoring dedicated service to Scouting. More information, including location and registration details, will be shared as they become available. Please watch your email for updates.



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Norwalk, CT 06854

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New Haven, CT 06511

[https://www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com)

For Hosting Quinnipiac District
Pinewood Derby

Connecticut Yankee Council



Aquila Championship Race Saturday, March 28, 2026

Easton County Day School
660 Morehouse Road Easton
Racing begins at 10:00 AM

Saugatuck Championship Race Saturday, March 28, 2026

SoNo Collection Mall
101 N Waters St Norwalk
Racing Starts at 10:00 AM
Saturday, March 28, 2026

Quinnipiac Championship Races Saturday, May 2, 2025

Location to be Announced

- Please schedule your Pack Race before these dates and use the CYC Official Pinewood Derby Guidelines for your event.

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.

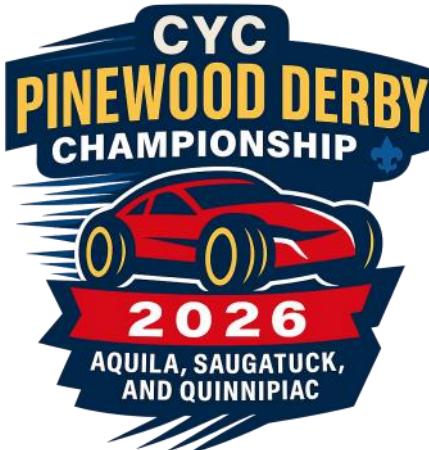
Who can race? The top 3 racers from each rank — Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light — for a total of 18 Scouts per Pack.

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! Tentative Saturday, May 30 — 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



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 2 3/4"
- Height: Max 3"
- Clearance: Min 1 3/4" between wheels and 3/8" underneath
- Wheelbase: Between 4 1/4" 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.

**Two Great Activities Coming
SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026**
Annual Fishing Derby & Rocket Academy
Do one or both!

At Deer Lake, 101 Paper Mill Rd, Killingworth, CT 06419



39th Annual Fishing Derby (Deer Lake)

\$30 • Choose 1 session: 8:00 AM–12:00 PM or 12:30–4:30 PM. Includes fishing (2-trout limit), event patch, and lunch. **Free "Learn to Fish" add-on** (sign up when registering).

Rocket Academy

\$30 • Choose 1 session: 8:00 AM–12:00 PM or 12:30–4:30 PM. Build, launch, and explore rocketry. Includes patch, rocket kit, and lunch.

- **\$50 discount** if a Scout signs up for **both programs**. Scouts may register for **one or both**, doing **one in the morning** and **one in the afternoon**.
- Scouts must be **accompanied by an adult**. Non-participant attendees may register for **lunch for \$10 each**.
- **Lunch is included** with both programs and will feature a **Scouting-themed celebration of America's 250th Anniversary**.
- **Camping is separate** and costs extra through **Pathfinders**: register for the event first, then call **203-421-4040** to check availability and reserve a campsite.
- Participation is **limited to 250 per session**.

Register at <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1548>

Questions: activities@ctyankee.org

New for 2026



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

1875 Noble Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06610

May 2-3, 2026!

5:00 PM Check in Saturday & Ends Sunday at 8:45 AM

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!

\$85/Person
Includes Zoo program, a patch and a free return ticket to the Zoo. Registration is limited to 100. Sign up early.

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

Register at

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1557>

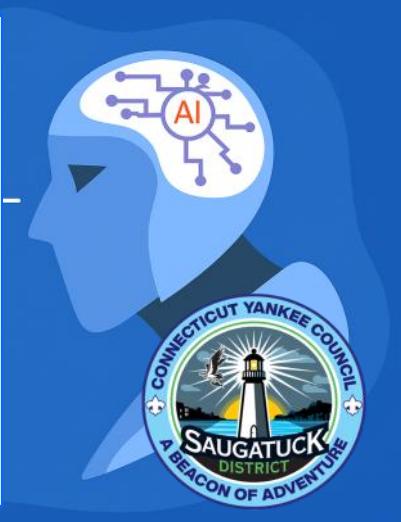
Questions? Email: activities@ctyankee.org

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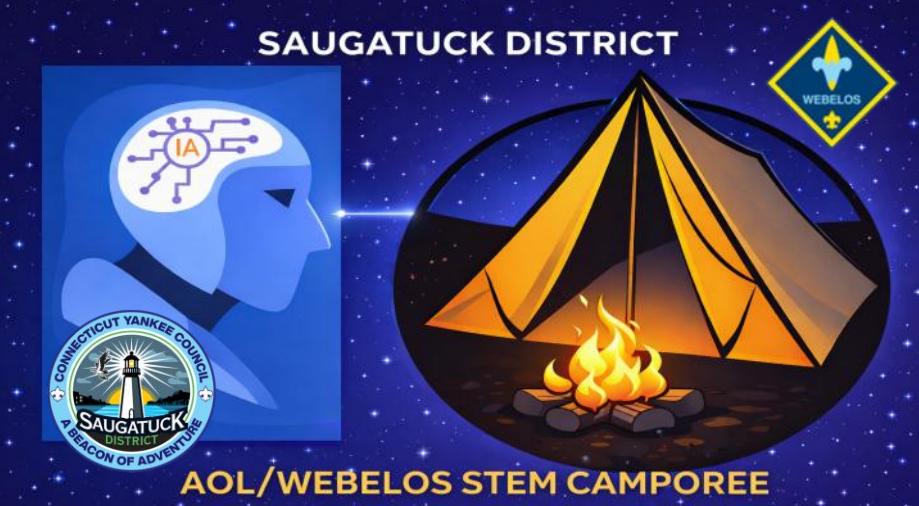
**SPRING STEM
CAMPOREE**

May 15-17, 2026
Hoyt Scout Reservation

Hosted By A.I. and Celebrating
250 Years of America!



SAUGATUCK DISTRICT



AOL/WEBELOS STEM CAMPOREE

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.

Nine 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**, **Cybersecurity**, **Robotics**, **Game Design**, **Electricity**, and **Space Exploration**.
- Scouts select one merit badge.

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

Reg at <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1558>

Hosted by Troop 19 & 190 Norwalk

May 16–17, 2026

Hoyt Scout Reservation, Redding, CT

Starts Saturday 9 AM and ends Sunday 10 AM

Held in conjunction with the Scouts BSA Spring Camporee

The **WOW** is back! Bears moving up to Webelos, Webelos moving up to Arrow of Light (4th–5th graders in fall), and Arrow of Light Scouts who have not yet crossed over are invited to this overnight STEM experience (formerly the Webelos Overnight Weekend).

Celebrate **America's 250th Anniversary** with hands-on science, technology, and AI activities. Scouts will camp overnight, form temporary patrols, work on advancement and 250th Anniversary awards, enjoy games, Gaga Pit, and optional visits to the **Danbury Railroad Museum** or **New Pond Farm**.

Bring: Tent, sleeping gear, and clothing. Meals provided.

Registration: Youth and parent only; no siblings. Limited to 100 youth.

Fees: \$40 youth / \$25 adult (includes patch, meals, and program).

Volunteers needed—registration opens once staffing is confirmed.

Questions or to volunteer:
saugatuck-activities@ctyankee.org



Quinnipiac Spring Cub Scout Event Patriots of Q May 8-10, 2026

Join us for a Patriots of Q Family Camping Weekend as we step back to the time of America's founding on May 2, 2026 at Camp Sequassen! Open to all Cub Scouts and their families, this Revolutionary War-themed weekend will feature campfire fun, BB guns, archery, crafts, field games, hiking, and more—all inspired by the spirit of 1776. Families may camp for the full weekend or join us just for Saturday. Either way, a hearty lunch will be provided as we celebrate Scouting, history, and adventure together.

Questions: Mark Kennedy at
mark.kennedy@scouting.org

Aquila District of the Connecticut Yankee Council The Putnam Muster 2026



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. Limited to 300 participants.

Individuals or Troops are invited to join our committee by contacting **Dan Marazita at trumbullpack468@yahoo.com**.