

THE POMPERAUG POST



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

From the Key 3

As we head out of the winter doldrums and spring starts up, it is a great time to start thinking about and planning for your unit's spring recruitment efforts. Getting new members into your unit is the best way to ensure continued success. For the Cub Scout packs, work with the principals in your school to set up youth talks to spur interest in new recruits. Also, employ the youth within your units to recruit their friends, there is no better recruitment tool than a personal invitation from a friend. Follow this up with an information night. Offer a fun program to keep the new recruits excited and a parent session to let them get details such as meeting nights, costs and activities.

This is also a great time to recruit new adult leaders to fill the void left from adults bridging over with their boys. Having a tiger and lion leader in place before the summer will allow you to get the den up and running first thing in the fall.

As always we are here to help you with any recruitment needs you may have. Our district membership team has many experienced scouters that could help your unit with assistance at boy and girl talks, making arrangements with schools, or assisting with a parent meeting. In addition, the council will be stocking up on supplies for recruitment, free of charge. Feel free to contact us if you need any assistance in any of your spring recruitment efforts and we will have our district team help out in any way we can.

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Camp Physicals

We are rapidly approaching the heavy camping season. In just a few months you and your unit will be going on many big camping trips. Whether it is a trip to one of the high adventure bases, summer camp or even just a week-long trip with your unit an annual physical will be required. Now is good time to schedule an appointment with your doctor to have your annual physical. An annual physical is required anytime you will be taking part in an event that is 72 hours or longer. The BSA has an approved medical form that you will need to provide your doctor to fill out for these events. The forms can be found at the BSA's Annual Health and Medical Record site at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>. Depending on where you end up going you may require additional medical related forms as well. If you are going to a national BSA location, this site will include these additional forms. If you are going to a local site, visit their website to ensure no additional paperwork is needed. Make sure that you get your appointment scheduled now, as summer approaches it can take over a month to get an appointment and if you can't have your physical completed before your event it will be unlikely that you will be able to participate. So, please plan ahead and call your doctor's office now to ensure that your physical will be completed before any event that will require a medical record this year.



2019 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

UNDER THE SEA

Connecticut Yankee Council's Day Camps are week long (Monday-Friday) programs hosted in six communities over the course of the summer. Scouts will experience all the awesome things camp can offer while remaining close to home. Cub Scouts can participate in many types of activities including archery, field sports, nature, STEM, Scout skills, and more. For more info go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/cub-scout-summer-camps>

2019 SCOUTS USA/VENTURERS SUMMER CAMP

If you're looking for something fun and exciting this summer, look no further than Camp Sequassen. 2019 marks the 92nd year that we've been delivering strong Scout programs to troops. Your time at camp will be a very personal experience of learning, having fun and growing in mind, body and spirit in the presence of hundreds of your fellow Scouts. Whether it's because of the camp's staff, the camp's lore, the camp's surrounding natural beauty or the quality of the camp's programs, a week at Camp Sequassen will make an impression on you that will last a lifetime.

For more info go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/boy-scout-resident-camp/>



JTE Scorecards

Reminder to all leaders: Please follow the JTE scorecards throughout the year. It will make rechartering much easier come November.

The JTE scorecards are online at:

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/scorecards/2019-scorecards-english/>

District Kickoff Award Nominations

It may seem like we just finished up nominations for our annual district dinner, but it's not too early to start thinking about nominations for awards at our Annual District Kickoff to be held on June 11th (more details to come). We have several awards that are presented at this event for which we'd like you to consider nominating someone.

The First Class Scouter award is presented to a Scouter for outstanding service to Scouting in a Unit or to the District, up to 3 awards may be given per year.

The Russ Cumming Award is presented to a Scouter to recognize long-standing service to the District. Russ Cumming served the Nutmeg District and its predecessor as the District Commissioner for over 30 years, as well as Scouting for over 50 years.

The Stew Stern Award is presented to the Scouter who most represents the fourth, fifth, and sixth points of the Boy Scout Law (friendly, courteous, and kind). Stew Stern served as District Chairman and passed away suddenly in 2000.

Finally, the DesRoches/McGuire Cub Scout Service Award is presented to a Scouter for distinguished service to Cub Scout youth in the Pomperaug District. Created in 2010 in honor of Mary Anne DesRoches and Sue McGuire for their long-time service to Cub Scouts.

If you wish to submit a nomination please send them to our district Chairman Seth Strohecker at seth.strohecker@gmail.com.



The Eagle Process

For Life Scouts and those who advise them

Thursday, April 25 OR Thursday, October 24

7:15 P.M. at

Church of Latter Day Saints, 30 Bonnie View Drive, Trumbull

Space is limited so

Pick ONE date and make your **required reservation** to

patriciaday@att.net

FIRST ANNUAL POMPERAUG DISTRICT MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

A Great Opportunity for Family Fun

Where: Sports Center of Connecticut

784 River Road, Shelton CT

Format: Scramble: 4 Person Teams

When: Saturday, May 11 9AM-Noon

Cost: \$35 per 4 Person Team

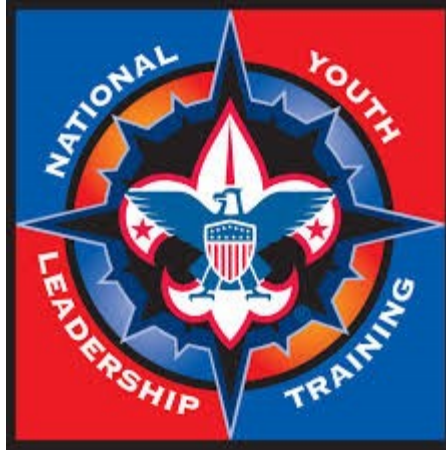
Or \$10 per Person -Team assigned day of event

(Less expensive then standard rate)



For more information and to register visit:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/mini-golf-event/>



UPCOMING SUMMER PROGRAM: AUGUST 11- 17, 2019

CAMP POMPERAUG

1174 BUCKLEY HIGHWAY

UNION, CT 06076

WHAT IS IT?

Thunderbird National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) conference is designed for Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers to develop their leadership skills. This is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Any registered Scout currently serving as troop Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, or has the potential to be a SPL. Also open to any Venturer, Sea Scout, or Explorer currently serving in a leadership position or who has the potential to. Scouts must be at least First Class Rank and must be recommended by their Scoutmaster. Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers must be recommended by their unit Adviser. Scouts must be at least age 13 by January 1, 2019, to attend the August, 2019 course.

For more info go to:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/summer-2019-nylt-course/>

2019 Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (S11)

Hosted by the Lighthouse, Sleeping Giant and Wepawaug Valley Districts

WHEN: April 26th and 27th Weekend
WHERE: Deer Lake Scout Reservation, Killingworth, CT
COST: \$20.00, includes a lunch or dinner TBD

Registration Deadline, Friday, April 12th, 2019

This is a Class "A" Uniform Event

More details will be sent to registrants as the training nears. For more information, contact

Keith Spaar (Lighthouse) kspaar@snet.net
Rob Lynch (Wepawaug Valley) blynch128@comcast.net

Name: _____ Scouting Position: _____

Unit #: _____ District: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ e-mail: _____

Send registration and \$20.00 training fee to: Connecticut Yankee Council BSA

P.O. Box 32


Milford, CT 06460

Attn: Carolyn Cruson

Account #: 6801-061-20

District Calendar


April	May	June
<p>2nd - District Committee (Trumbull LDS Church, 30 Bonnie View Dr.)</p> <p>9th - Roundtable (Trumbull LDS Church)</p> <p>25th - The Eagle Process (Trumbull LDS Church, downstairs)</p> <p>26th-27th -IOLS (Deer Lake)</p>	<p>4th - A Day with the Yankees (info: Yankees Registration)</p> <p>7th - District Committee (Trumbull LDS Church, 30 Bonnie View Dr.)</p> <p>10th-12th - OA May Induction (Camp Pomperaug)</p> <p>11th - Mini-Golf Tournament Fundraiser (Sports Center of CT, Shelton)</p> <p>14th - Roundtable (Trumbull LDS Church)</p> <p>17th-19th - Spring Camporee (Camp Pomperaug)</p> <p>17th-18th - BALOO (Deer Lake)</p>	<p>May 31st-2nd - OA June Induction (Camp Sequassen)</p> <p>4th - District Committee (Trumbull LDS Church, 30 Bonnie View Dr.)</p> <p>11th - District Kick-off (Trumbull LDS Church)</p>



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

A hands-on outdoor orientation to provide you with skills needed to plan and carry out an outdoor experience with your pack!

May 17th at 5:00 PM - May 18th at 4:00 PM
Deer Lake Scout Reservation
101 Paper Mill Road, Killingworth, CT
\$15 per person



To sign up click the link on [council calendar](#). For more information, please contact Course Director Sabina Vance at jovibeant1@gmail.com

Be like Baloo and come learn the Bear Necessities!