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From the Editor:

Hello all! I hope this finds you all safe and sound.

The Council and District Committee are hard at work finding things for scouts to do while quarantined. You'll find info and links to Scouting at Home, Virtual Outing for Scouting, Scouting at Home Recognitions, and a Virtual Cub-O-Ree in this newsletter. Work is also being done on a Scouts BSA Virtual Camp-O-Ree and a Virtual Pinewood Derby.

The District Committee (May 5th) and District Roundtable (May 12th) are being held virtually, contact Seth at seth.strohecker@gmail.com for information.

Yours in Scouting,
Anne Amidon

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SCOUTING AT HOME

You know anytime Scouting happens, adventures and excitement are nearby! As much as we like to go on Scouting adventures with our pack, troop, crew or ship, there's times we can't. But that doesn't mean that Scouting has to stop. This page has resources from Connecticut Yankee Council and elsewhere to help you have Scouting at home. <https://www.ctyankee.org/scouting-at-home/>



WHETHER YOU RUN, WALK, OR HIKE AROUND YOUR BLOCK, ON A TRAIL, IN YOUR YARD, OR ON A TREADMILL, LET'S PUT THE OUTING BACK IN SCOUTING AT THE VIRTUAL EARTH DAY 2K/5K/10K AND HELP SUPPORT LOCAL SCOUTING.

A virtual 2K/5K/10K is a walk, run, or hike from any location you choose – adhering to social distancing guidelines, of course!

Run your race at any time between April 22nd and complete the race by May 2nd.

Register here: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/virtual-outing-for-scouting-2020-earth-day-2k-5k-10k/>

SCOUTING AT HOME RECOGNITION

FOR CUB SCOUTS, WEBELOS,
SCOUTS BSA, AND VENTURERS



Connecticut Yankee Council would like to recognize Scouts and adults who are Scouting at Home with a patch that is sure to be a collector item. Requirements for Scouts to earn this recognition are simple:

1. Participate in Scouting at Home activities implemented by your unit.
2. Work at Home on advancement approved by your Unit Leader.
3. Be current with your age appropriate Cyberchip

Requirements for the 2020 COVID-19 Recognition for Adults:

1. Support or organize a Scouting at Home activity for your unit or district.

Guidelines:

- Unit Leaders administer this recognition award. No forms to complete.
- Units can add additional challenges. Here are some suggestions:
 - Turn in a name of a friend to your Unit Leader who may be interested in joining Scouting.
 - Complete a project to show appreciation to those providing medical and other services.
 - Complete Community Service Projects following COVID-19 guidelines and staying at home.

Patches are \$1.00 each (Order now, and pay when the patches are received)

Quantities limited to the number of Scouts and Leaders listed on a Unit's 2020 Charter

Deadline for meeting the requirements and ordering patches: April 30, 2020

EXTENDED to May 15, 2020

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/633>

Contact: John Hanks at johnwhanks@hotmail.com or Jay Lubin at jaylubin@gmail.com

EVERYDAY HEROES VIRTUAL CUB-O-REE



Now more than ever we can see the value of the everyday heroes that our in our communities. we have put together a virtual program to recognize our local heroes and help you keep scouting alive in your family, den and pack. We have put together a special program, including guest speakers, to talk with the cubs about these unusual times and how they can play their part and be a local hero.

To abide by social distancing guidelines, this event will be entirely virtual. The event will be a combination of zoom meetings and activities you can do around your home. The zoom portion of the event will be a combination of meetings for all of the event participants and smaller meetings for your Rank and assigned event Dens. Participants will even have a chance to work on requirements for adventure loops.

This is a free event, but you can purchase an event patch for \$5. Patches will be mailed after the event. While the event is free, we need all participants to register to ensure we have enough capacity in our Zoom rooms. The only materials you will need to provide for this event is a Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Roll for our Craft.

This event is currently open only to scouts within the Pomperaug District. As we get closer to the event, we will open it up to the whole council if space is available.

A flyer for the event to share with your unit can be found here:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Virtual-Spring-Cuboree-flyer.pdf>

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00 Virtual Opening – All
- 10:15 Scavenger Hunt – Family
- 11:30 Prepare Skit/Song for Campfire – Den
- 12:00 Lunch – Family
- 1:00 Kahoot Game – All
- 1:30 Adventure Time – Rank (Grade)
- 2:30 Hero Craft – Den
- 3:00 Virtual Campfire – All

ADVENTURE LOOP WORK

- Lions – King of the Jungle
- Tigers – Safe and Smart
- Wolves – Hometown Heroes
- Bears – Paw for Action
- Webelos/AOL – First Responder



2020 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

*HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT YOU WOULD DO IF YOU FOUND YOURSELF STRANDED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE JUNGLE?
IT'S UNCHARTED TERRITORY, AND YOUR CHANCES OF SURVIVAL ARE SLIM...THAT IS, IF YOU ARE NOT A CUB SCOUT!
IT'S CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2020...GET READY TO EXPLORE!*

ABOUT DAY CAMP

Camp is open to all Cub Scouts who will be in first through fifth grades as of September 2020.

Connecticut Yankee Council's Day Camps are week long (Monday-Friday) programs hosted in six communities over the course of the summer. Packs, Dens, and individuals are all welcome to register! 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. All areas (especially archery and water activities) place a special emphasis on safety procedures.

Each Friday we will close the week with a Field Day followed by a program where the campers will perform skits and songs for their families!

Cub Scout Day Camps are accredited by the Boy Scouts of America and licensed with the State of Connecticut.

FOR MORE INFO: <https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/cub-scout-day-camps/>

2020 SCOUTS BSA/VENTURERS SUMMER CAMP

If you're looking for something fun and exciting this summer, look no further than Camp Sequassen. 2020 marks the 93rd 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.



Weeks 1-4: limited unit availability; Weeks 5-7: full unit availability. Contact us 203-951-0237 to discuss site availability before registering! Note: provisional Scouts may register individually online for any session.

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

CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL RECRUITER AWARD



The Connecticut Yankee Council is proud to recognize youth members who successfully recruit other youth to join Scouting with the new Recruiter Award. To qualify, a youth member must:

- Tell someone who is eligible to join about Scouting.
- Invite that person to a Scouting meeting, activity, outing or service project.
- Tell that person how to join.

The unit must attach this form with the BSA youth application for the new Scout joining. When submitted to the Council Service Center for registration, a Recruiter Award will be issued at that time to the unit for presentation.

Unit Type (circle one): Pack / Troop / Ship / Crew / Post / Club

Unit Number: _____ Town: _____

District: (circle one): Quinnipiac / Pomperaug / Scatacook / Powahay

Name of Scout Recruiter: _____

Name of New Scout Recruited (application attached):

Name of Unit Leader: _____

Unit Leader Cell Phone: _____

Unit Leader Email Address: _____

Unit Leader Signature: _____

Date: _____

Scout Movies

If you are in the mood to watch some movies, here are a few with “Scout” themes.

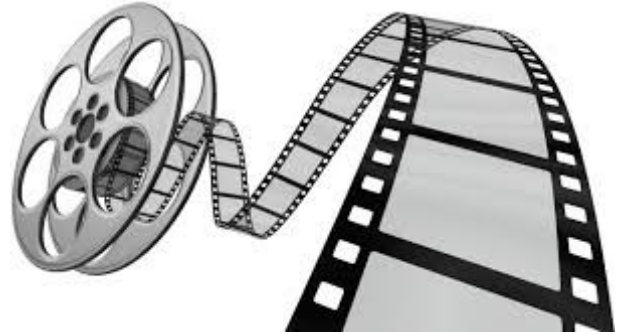
Follow Me Boys (1966)

Rent or Buy from following platform:

- YouTube, Google Play, Microsoft, and iTunes:** Rent \$2.99, Buy \$9.99
- Vudu:** Rent \$3.99, Buy \$9.99
- Amazon Prime Video:** Rent \$3.99, Buy \$17.99

Down and Derby (2006)

- Tubi (free TV):** https://tubitv.com/movies/326919/down_and_derby
- Amazon Prime Video:** Rent \$1.99, Buy \$6.99



759: Boy Scouts of Harlem (2009)

- Tubi (free TV):** https://tubitv.com/movies/514179/759_boy_scouts_of_harlem
- Amazon Prime Video:** <https://www.amazon.com/759-Scouts-Harlem-Keith-Dozier/dp/B01CKMOH00>

Scout Camp (2009)

- DVD Purchase only (eBay)

Scouts to the Rescue (1939)

- DVD Purchase only (eBay and Amazon)

Father and Scout (1994)

Rent or Buy from following platform:

- YouTube and Google Play:** Buy \$3.99
- Vudu:** Rent \$3.99, Buy \$22.99
- Amazon Prime Video, and iTunes:** Rent \$3.99, Buy \$19.99

Troop Zero (2019)

- Amazon Prime Video:** <https://www.primevideo.com/detail/amzn1.dv.gti.5ab79a51-d0a5-6766-7fa3-be0de8483434?ie=UTF8&linkCode=xm2>

Troop Beverly Hills (1989)

Rent or Buy from following platform:

- YouTube and Google Play:** Rent or Buy
- Microsoft, Amazon Prime Video, and iTunes:** Rent \$3.99, Buy \$12.99
- Vudu:** Rent \$2.99, Buy \$6.99

Troop 491 The Adventures of the Muddy Lions (2013)

(this one's for older mature Scouts & Adults to watch together)

- Amazon Prime Video:** <https://www.amazon.com/Troop-Zero-Viola-Davis/dp/B07N8KMYPV>

- Tubi (free TV)** https://tubitv.com/movies/473564/troop_491_the_adventure_of_the_muddy_lions?utm_source=google-feed&tracking=google-feed

Recruit A Friend

Scouting from home could be the perfect opportunity for Scouts to earn a Recruiter strip for their uniform. Ask a friend to join the adventure by going to the CT Yankee Council web site to check out the Scouting at home page (<https://www.ctyankee.org/scouting-at-home/>) . Friends and parents can all participate together through video conference or do the activities solo at home. When stay-at-home advisories end, bring your friend to the first meeting to officially join Scouts.



Scouting and Social Media

During this time, it's a great opportunity to update your BeAScout unit pin information.

(https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/BeAScout_UnitPin_Management.pdf)

Share Scouting posts. Update your unit webpage, social media pages, and make an assessment on how your unit is doing overall.



The BSA Social Media Playbook could be used as a guide as you seek to use social media to communicate, recruit, retain, and inspire those in your community.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/marketing/pdf/Social_Media_Playbook.pdf

May the 4th Be With You



As you observe May the 4th, be aware that we are in the process of coordinating fun and exciting membership recruiting and retention activities you can participate at in the near future.



Beatsaber VR Tournament (June)



CT TerrifiCON booth, (August)



CT GamerCON booth, (September)

Rockin' Jump Recruiting Event, (September)

More information on these events soon!