



## For Fun and Know-How

- Please keep your mic on mute until you need to speak.
- Use the chat button to ask questions.
- Try to avoid talking over / at the same time as other participants.
- Be aware you are on camera and try to avoid doing other tasks, checking emails, looking at your phone etc.
- **Talk but listen.** We want to provide the opportunity for everyone to be heard.
- ASK before you screen share.

For a download of the Roundtable Packet

<https://www.ctyankee.org/?p=17118>





7:00 PM – Room Opens (socializing and informal discussions)

7:15 -- Opening – Welcome, Pledge, Oath & Law – Steve Prostor

#### Join Session Topics

- Remarks – Key 3: Mike Szarpa, Jim Mitchell and Jim Patterson
- Restart Scouting Checklist & COVID-19 Updates
- Membership – Fall Recruitment: Jim Patterson/Susie Flaherty
- Program – Upcoming Activities: John Hanks
- Congratulations Awards Recipients: Chet Wickett
- Finance – FOS & Popcorn: Roger Williams
- Tentative – Meet the new Council Executive Mark Kraus

7:45 – Breakout Sessions

- Cub Scout Breakouts (Training & Discussion) – Steve Prostor
  - **Recruitment Events New Video Content from BSA**
  - Open discussion – upcoming activities, recruitment, and sharing and networking
- Scouts BSA Breakouts (Training & Discussion) – Craig Schorr/William Shannon
  - **Recruiting in the Time of Pandemic New Video Content from BSA**
  - Open discussion – Advancement, activities, recruitment, sharing and networking.

8:15 – Closing – Craig Schorr

- Why I'm a Scouting Leader – **NEW Video Content from BSA**
- Scoutmaster Minute

After the closing – The Zoom Meeting will remain open for an optional 10 minutes to address any questions or concerns. All others can log off. Thank you for participating.

#### Roundtable Staff

- John Hanks This month's Roundtable Coordinator and Co-host
- Adrian Ruck ZOOM Master and Host
- Stephen Prostor -- Cub Scout Roundtable
- Craig Schorr – Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner
- William Shannon – Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner/Tech Help
- Jim Mitchell – District Commissioner



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Mike Szarpa)

The Nominating Committee of Powahay District is accepting nominations for the 2021 District Committee slate. Nominations are due by October 8. Self-nominations (you may nominate yourself) are encouraged.

Please send nominations to [info@powahay.com](mailto:info@powahay.com).

Nominations will be voted on at the December 16 District Annual Meeting. Current members of the District Committee and Chartered Organization Representatives (COR) are eligible to vote. To provide a fair and orderly nominating process, nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the time of election.

Please consider service at the District level. Your unit will benefit.





## CYC COVID-19 Guidelines

- Governor Lamont Executive order remains at **100 people outdoors and 25 people indoors.**
- Council Camps are open only to Connecticut based Scout units, groups, and in-council families.
- All groups must register for a specific site or facility at least 48 hours in advance so group leaders may be updated on any area closings, current Council guidance and policies and federal/state/BSA regulations and guidance. <https://www.ctyankee.org/camping/reserve-a-campsite-or-facility/>
- The Council will operate camp properties at 50% of normal capacity.

More information at

<https://www.ctyankee.org/council-news/overnight-camping-guidance-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>





## Restart Scouting Checklist

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. This checklist outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities.

*If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols, do not restart in-person activities.*

### S = Supervision

- Understand local and state guidance on preventing COVID-19 exposure.
- Engage your chartered organization and local council on necessary adjustments.
- Conduct the “before you gather” protocols.

### A = Assessment

- Identify participants who fall under the CDC’s group of higher-risk individuals. Notify all participants about the risks of participating since COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated.
- Verify that the planned activity, gathering or group sizes are not prohibited by local or state orders.

### F = Fitness and Skill

- Review Annual Health and Medical Records and consider using a [pre-event screening](#) for all participants.

### E = Equipment and Environment

- Verify that handwashing, hygiene and cleaning supplies are available and used properly.
- Monitor social distancing, interactions and sharing of equipment and food among participants.
- Monitor participants for changing health conditions.
- Use the “as you gather” protocols.

## SAFE ≠ Risk-Free

As the response to the pandemic shifts to a state-focused, phased approach, the Boy Scouts of America advises local councils to consult with their local and state health departments, as well as local chartered partners, to implement appropriate protocols to help keep our members, volunteers and employees safe.

Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when in-person activities resume.

People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can spread the virus. Some people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into program activities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to resuming in-person Scouting activities.

**Every member, volunteer and family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending in-person activities.**

**We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.**

For updates, please monitor <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus>

### Before you gather:

- **Consult** your council and chartered organization to understand community standards and protocols in place.
- **Communicate** to all parents and youth that the Boy Scouts of America recommends that no one in the higher-risk category take part in person. Continue to engage virtually.
- **Communicate** that anyone who feels sick must [stay home](#). If you become sick or develop symptoms, isolate yourself then go home and seek care.
- **Educate and train** all participants on appropriate social distancing, [cleaning and disinfecting](#), [hand hygiene](#) and [respiratory \(cough or sneeze\)](#) etiquette before meeting for the first time. Periodically reinforce the behaviors as needed.
- **Before attending**, upon arrival and at least daily for longer events, all participants [should be screened](#) for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Diarrhea
  - Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19

□ **As appropriate**, participants should have [face coverings](#) available to wear when gathering or when in public areas or venues. Several coverings per person may be needed.

□ **Communicate** that those who take part in person should avoid contact with higher-risk individuals for 14 days after the event.

### As you gather:

- **Minimize group sizes**. Small groups of participants who stay together all day every day, remain [6 feet apart](#) and do not share objects are at the lowest risk. Think of a den or patrol that does not mix or gather with other dens or patrols, with supervision that stays with the small group. **Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse always apply.**
- **Stay local** to your geographic area and groups for unit activities. If you must travel, limit mixing with others along the way.
- **Minimize mixing** with parents or siblings unless they are part of the unit activity. For example, the same parent picks up and drops off youth, and stays in the car. No guests or visitors who have not been through the pre-gathering protocols and screening should take part.
- **Have hand sanitizer**, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available for use at meetings, activities and campouts.
- **Minimize the use** of common areas and shared tools. If unavoidable, they should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- **Develop dining protocols** (including but not limited to):
  - No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers.
  - Use of disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates.
  - Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use.
- **Develop tenting protocols** for the group:
  - Minimize use of fans or devices that stir the air.
  - Campers should sleep head-to-toe in bunks or cots spaced as far apart as possible.
  - Individual tents, hammocks and bivvys may be considered.
- **During program activities**:
  - Equipment that must be shared should be disinfected before and after each use.
  - Where possible, assign activity-related protective equipment for the duration of an event to a single individual (life jacket, gloves, harness).
  - Effective handwashing before and after each program area use.
- **In case of an injury or illness**, promptly report the incident, including COVID-19 exposures. Utilize [Incident Reporting Resources](#), including COVID-19 instructions.

### When you get home:

- **Avoid contact** with higher-risk individuals for 14 days.
- **Monitor** for any signs of illness for 14 days, and
- **Communicate** with your unit leadership should you develop symptoms.



# Membership -- Fall Recruitment

Jim Patterson/Susie Flaherty

## September & October

Unit Open Houses - In Person & Virtual

- TWO in September & ONE or TWO in October
- Social Media Advertising (F R E E)
- Can be a REGULAR Unit Meeting/Activity
- Get Outdoors; Go Camping (Where SAFE)
- Bring a Friend; Bring a Stranger (Make a Friend)

## School Recruiting— September

CHECK WITH YOUR SCHOOL(S) . . . . ASAP

- Open House? - In School or Virtual or Parking Lot
- Flyers in the School?
- Show BSA Videos in Classrooms?
- School & PTO/A Social Media Pages?
- Plan A & B & C for Meeting Locations
- Ask for Help from Unit Commissioner, District Executive, Town Membership Coordinator.
- We are looking for parents to serve as School Coordinator for each of our schools.



## Social Media – Facebook Events

Council is offering free Geofencing Facebook Recruiting Events. Information is needed two weeks in advance of your event.

If a Scout signs up a buddy they can earn the Recruiter Patch (pictured above).

Jim Patterson, District Executive,  
203.814.2201 jim.patterson@scouting.org





## Program – John Hanks District Vice Chairman of Program

### Program Notes:

- Powahay will NOT be offering in-person district activities until Phase 3 is open by the State of Connecticut and Council COVID-19 Guidelines allow for larger group activities.
- While we are unable to hold traditional programs this fall, Powahay is developing unit level supported activities that get our Scouts outdoors in smaller safer gatherings.
- We are pleased to announce that Steve Prostor will serve as our Cub Scout Training Chair. Steve is also serving as Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner. Thank you, Steve!
- **TRAINING DATES** can be found in the current edition of Powahay News and at the Council Website.

### Meet the Program Team

John Hanks, District Vice-Chairman,  
[johnwhanks@hotmail.com](mailto:johnwhanks@hotmail.com)

### Program Sub Committees

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## Cub Scout Program Notes

### Plan a Hoyt Adventure Weekend\* & Earn the Patch

Due to COVID-19 current guidelines, we are unable to reschedule the spring Cub-O-Ree and Webelos WOW. However, Hoyt is open for day adventures and overnight Cub Scout Family Camping. It is much safer and easier to manage COVID-19 Guidelines at the unit level than larger group District events. **So, we are offering this as a unit event to earn the above patch.**

Bring your Pack to enjoy Hoyt Scout Reservation\* on 170 acres of pristine forest and fields in Redding, Connecticut. We have prepared a packet full of action fun for your pack:

- Advancement Opportunities: Suggested outdoor Adventure Loops for Lions to Bears and Adventure Pins for Webelos.
- Trail Map and Hiking Scavenger Hunt that ties in with Adventure Loops and Pins.
- Nature items — Leaf Identification Chart, Common animals and birds at Hoyt, Cool Bugs to learn about and Hoyt Weather Station — all tie in with the Adventure Loops and Pins.
- Games at Hoyt — Hoyt Disc Golf and Gaga ball. We have included the rules to these fun games.
- Patches are \$4 and we have a limited supply.
- Sorry Rifle Range and Archery is not available.



\*There may be limitation on the use of Hoyt, Packs are permitted to adapt this program for another camp or state or local park.

Download the packet at <https://www.ctyankee.org/?p=17118>



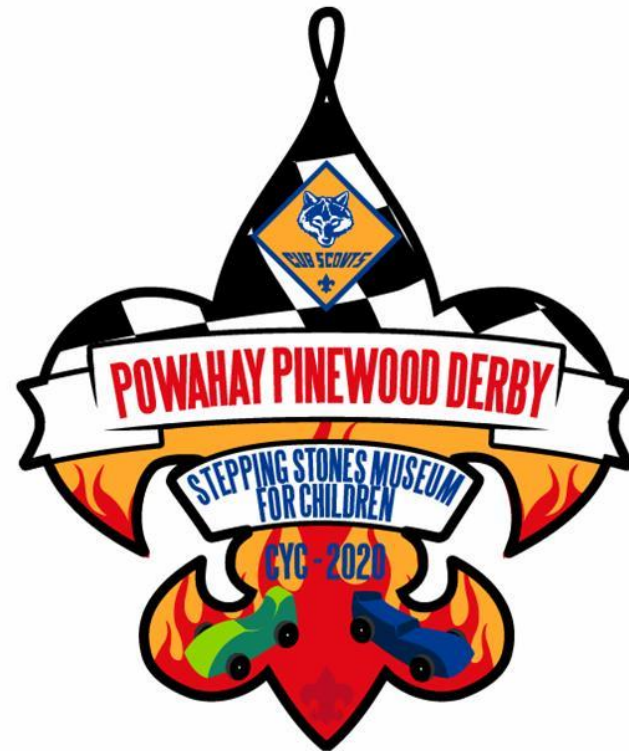




## District Pinewood Derby Update

At this time, we are unable to reschedule the District Pinewood Derby. We do have patches in hand, and we would like to offer for sale.

- Packs can make this patch available to all your Scouts that raced in your Pack Pinewood Derby.
- Consider a just for fun fall Pinewood Derby Recruitment Event — make it a “Bring A buddy” event. Offer the patch to those that race.
- **Patches are available at \$3.00.** We have a limited supply. Please email [info@powahay.com](mailto:info@powahay.com) to reserve patches.





## **Webelos Adventure Pin Weekends – In-development Hosted by Towns for Smaller Group Meets**

**No Webelos College this Fall** -- Schools are NOT available for rentals this fall and under current COVID-19 Guidelines we would not be allowed to run this event.

In its place District would provide Webelos Adventure Pins Weekends with teaching aids and instructions for an outdoor Saturday or Sunday session.

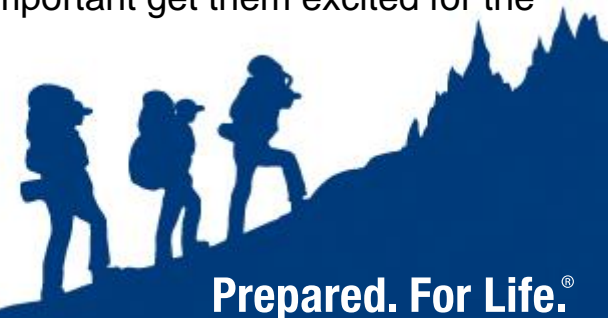
Each Town would have a Webelos Town Coordinator that would make arrangements with a location and staffing for the Webelos from all their Packs to meet. We would select Adventure Pins for both 1<sup>st</sup> Year Webelos (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and AOL Webelos (5<sup>th</sup> grade).

The Webelos Weekends will take place September to the end of October ending with a virtual Webelos College for November 14. We would like to have 3 weekend sessions before the Webelos College. This provides the opportunity of in-person and outdoor activities for our Webelos in smaller safer group settings following social distancing and COVID-19 Guidelines.

- **We would need to recruit a Webelos Coordinator** for each Town– his/her job is to it make happen.
- **We would ask Troops in each town to provide a Webelos Den Chief** to serve on staff for the session. It would be great if the Scouts ran the Webelos Pin Sessions. This allows for troops to get involved and provide leadership opportunity for the Webelos Den Chief.
- The weekdays prior to the weekend we would provide a quick Zoom Meeting for Webelos and their parents to review the requirements and preparations needed. Most important get them excited for the event.

**We need your help to make this program happen.**

Please contact John Hanks at [johnwhanks@hotmail.com](mailto:johnwhanks@hotmail.com) to volunteer.





# MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

**Your Mission . . . Should You Choose to Accept it . . .**

## The Mission:

- ❖ Powahay Camporee Packet will provide **6 action stations** with instructions on how to set up, run and score.
- ❖ **Make it a NIGHT camporee** for a fun and exciting departure from the "standard" camporee format. The camporee can be run as a day or night event and/or as a weekend campout.
- ❖ Troops are responsible for making camping arrangements.
- ❖ Troops would conduct this activity as a unit from September to October. Troop Score Card (this will be in the packet) due by November 3.
- ❖ Master of Disguise Costume Contest 1st, 2nd, 3rd Award Trophies
- ❖ Each Troop will assign two or three individuals as Judges. These can be older Scouts, Adults and/or a combination of both youth and adults.
- ❖ Troops are expected to run their event following Council COVID-19 Guidelines at [www.ctyankee.org/tag/coronavirus/](http://www.ctyankee.org/tag/coronavirus/).
- ❖ Add your own events to make it unique for your Troop. Consider a cooking contest, conservation project, show the movie, invite AOL Webelos, bring a buddy, add more stations etc.

Questions [info@powahay.com](mailto:info@powahay.com)

Registration at <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/681>

Due to COVID-19 guidelines with large gatherings and to keep it safe during these uncertain times, Powahay District is offering a "Camporee in a Box" for Troops to conduct camporee events either as an outdoor day event or a Troop Campout. We will then bring small troop teams to a timed (30 Minute) Zoom Tournament to determine Super Troop Award.

The Super Troop ZOOM Tournament  
Wednesday, November 11

7:15 to 7:45 PM — 30 Minute Timed Event.

It's "Top Secret" more details to come!

\$20.00/Unit Fee & \$3.00/Patch

Pay the Unit Fee by Sept. 15  
and receive a t-shirt

Patch orders due by October 14.

## Awards

- Gold, Silver, Bronze Level Patrol Recognitions
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Super Troop and Honorable mentions.





## Powahay's 2020 Yearbook

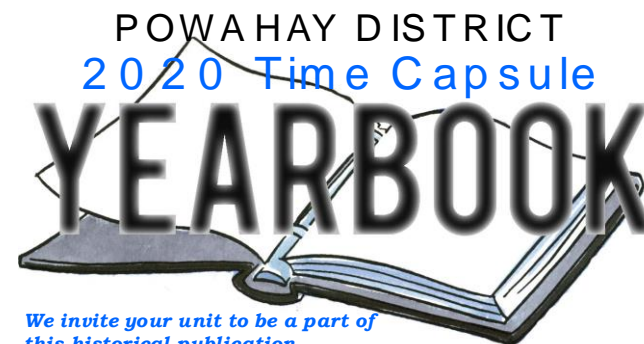
The Year 2020 will be a historical year with the Covid-19 Pandemic. Powahay District is presenting a 2020 Yearbook to be published by the end of the year. This was originally planned as part of Powahay's 40th Anniversary Celebration but now takes on a historical keepsake for our Scouting community.

**We invite your unit to be a part of this historical publication.**

### Yearbook Highlights

- **Unit Page** — Each Pack, Troop, Crew, and Ship will be provided a unit page (2 pages for large units) to feature photos, names of their Scouts and some background information on their unit.
- **Content written by a Youth Yearbook Staff** featuring our year in review, Scouts in action, Powahay's 40th. Anniversary, and more!
- **Two Youth Contests:** Design the Cover Contest and Essay Contest.
- **Support and Tribute Ads** — We're including reasonable priced ads to help defray the cost of the Yearbook and to benefit the Connecticut Yankee Council. Honor an Eagle Scout, remember a loved one or Scouter, pay tribute to a unit leader or other adults in your unit, and for parents it's a great way to show your pride in your Scout son or daughter.

More information in the current edition of Powahay News.



*Let us record for future generations how Powahay's Scouts, Scouters, and their families braved this challenging year...*

To volunteer for Staff and/or to submit photos and articles  
John Hanks

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## Announcing Powahay 2020 Award Recipients



### District Award of Merit **Jim Mitchell**

District Commissioner and one of the District Key 3. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 53



### District Award of Merit **Ryan Thompson**

Assistant District Commissioner for Wilton and Cubmaster Pack 17 Wilton



### Pioneer Award

**Adrian Ruck**, former Scoutmaster Troop 19 Norwalk, now serving as Assistant District Commissioner for Norwalk, A Roundtable Commissioner and District Zoom Coordinator.



### Key 3 Award

**Susie Flaherty** District Vice Chairman Membership & Troop 219 Darien Scoutmaster.

### Key 3 Award

**David Yika** with son Khrytsos is Committee Chair Pack 8 Stamford, associated with Troop 53 & serves on the District Committee.



### Key 3 Award

**Craig Schorr** former Cubmaster P161, now an Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 35 Darien and serves as a Roundtable Commissioner.



# ★ Let's Celebrate! ★

You are cordially invited to a special celebration to recognize six outstanding Scouters for the District Award of Merit, Key Three Award, and the Pioneer Award.

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

1 PM – Gathering (bring your own lunch)

1:30 PM – Program

2:30 – Cupcake Reception

Hoyt Scout Reservation  
288 Simpaug Tpk (upper Hoyt)  
Redding, CT 06896

Light Reception – Bring a Chair

## **RSVP**

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## **The District Award of Merit**

Jim Mitchell  
Ryan Thompson

## **The Key-3 Award**

Susie Flaherty  
David Yika  
Craig Schorr

## **The Pioneer Award**

Adrian Ruck





### It's NOT Too Late to Sell Popcorn!

Online popcorn sales started since Aug 1st. Cub Scouts Pack 97's Adam A. and Scouts BSA Troop 9's Anthony S. for being the first (and unfortunately only) youth to sell so far! Quote from Anthony, "It's really easy, all you do is email your family, friends, etc. and they order online and it gets delivered right to their doorstep." So let's go Powahay and sell, sell, sell. Each unit has been sent their admin login user/pass. If you have not received it yet please contact

**Roger(rvw@optonline.net)!**

We need each unit to participate in this easy way to sell popcorn. No storing of inventory, no back and forth to Council, just profit for your unit. Easy peezzy!

## Finance -- Support of Scouting

### Friends of Scouting

Please remind all your members to check for company matching. In these difficult times there are still many companies that have active matching programs. Recently added Bloomberg CT to our eligible matching companies. Prior Bloomberg only had a NY affiliation. Check if your company has such a program at the following url: <https://doublethedonation.com/ctyankee>.

It's FREE money!

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for all the payments, additional donations, prepayments, and for those who have increased their gifts at this uncertain time. Thank you!

**Online donations can be made to:**

<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/072/appeal/2738>



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As Scouting Ambassadors, your representation and support have been critical, and at this juncture in the national organization’s Chapter 11 filing, we are relying on your help with three things:

1. Promote Scouting in your community and empower others to do the same. Consider sharing your firsthand experience of Scouting’s positive impact with friends, neighbors and online using #ScoutingStories.
2. Explain and show why Scouting is safer than ever before using new resources, including the [Youth Safety Infographic](#) and [Youth Safety Whiteboard Video](#).
3. Clarify the purpose of the noticing ads people may see or hear from BSA in the coming weeks.

We are providing you with an overview of key things to know and share to help you navigate these conversations. It is important to utilize these resources as they are written to ensure accurate and consistent information is provided to all stakeholders.

Thank you for your vital efforts toward keeping local families informed and excited about Scouting during this important time.

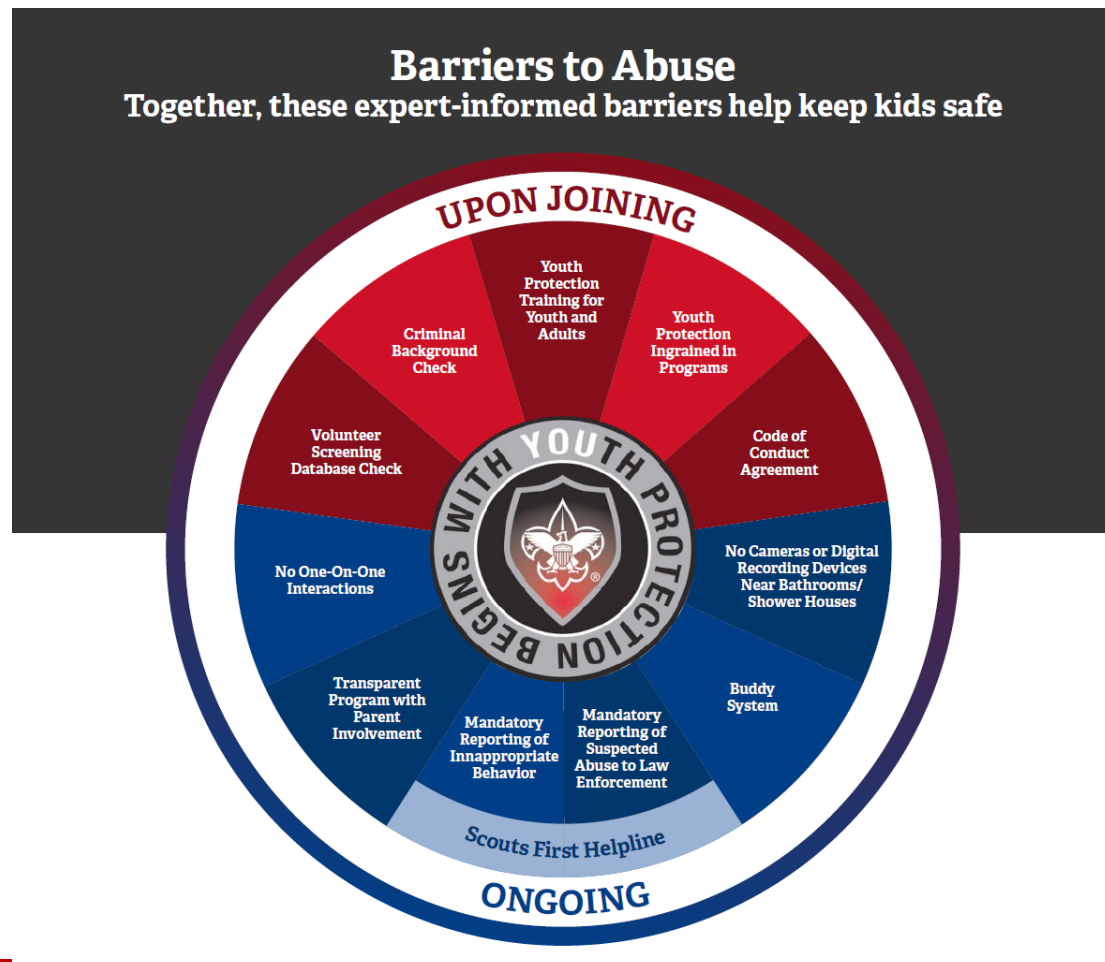


# Scouting is Safer than Ever Before

EFFECTIVE  
**BARRIERS**  
TO ABUSE

MILLIONS OF PARENTS TRUST  
THE BSA TO PROVIDE  
**MEANINGFUL  
PROGRAMMING**  
IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

RECOGNIZE  
**RESPOND  
REPORT**  
1-844-SCOUTS1





"Strength of mind, body and character..."

Powahay News Editor—John Hanks johnwhanks@hotmail.com Celebrating 14 Years of Publications.

WELCOME TO SCOUTING 2020

Normally, this is the space where we would welcome you to a new program year full of new adventures.

But, this year is anything but normal due to the COVID-19 Pandemic that has changed our way of life, and stunned the nation with an economic crisis. Its effects took needed financial resources from our Council as well.

We are moving forward... because Scouting is even more important at this time!

While we are unable to hold traditional programs this fall, Powahay is developing unit level supported activities that get our Scouts outdoors in smaller safer gatherings.

On page 4 you will find Starting Up the New Program Year help for Packs, Troops, Crews and Ship.

Thank you for all of your efforts in maintaining a safe Scouting program. We will get through this!

John Hanks, Editor

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Jim Mitchell and Ryan Thompson 2020 Powahay's District Award of Merit Recipients



The "District Award of Merit" is the highest award a district can present to a volunteer. It is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The 2020 recipients include District Commissioner Jim Mitchell — left and Assistant District Commissioner for Wilton and Pack 17 Cubmaster Ryan Thompson. More Awards on page 14.

Best of Luck Orr Family



(Photo Grady, Gretchen, Craig, Aidan, and Kyle Orr)

Best of luck to the Orr Family with their move to suburbs of Charlotte NC. Gretchen has served on the District Committee as our Venturing Chair, on the District Activity Committee and was the Crew Advisor for Crew 9 Stamford. Craig was serving as Assistant District Commissioner for Stamford and was the former District Chairman. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster to both Troop 9 and 11 and Advisor for Crew 9. Grady and Aidan Eagle Scouts are college bound, and Kyle will join a new troop and keep registration with Troop 70 New Canaan to complete his Eagle.

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