

# THE POMPERAUG POST

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

## Pomperaug District Roundtable Needs You!

We Need Your Input to Help Make (Gonna Say It) Roundtable Great Again!

I'm looking for ideas and topics for our breakout sessions (Scouts BSA, Cub Scout and Training).

I'm looking for motivated presenters to take charge of these topics and present at future Roundtables - virtually and hopefully soon back in person.

I'm looking for interested scouters who would like to learn about and be part of the "Roundtable Experience!" as either Scouts BSA or Cub Scout Roundtable commissioners.

I am currently trying to schedule our October, November and December Roundtables, if any of this sounds like you would like to become involved please email me at [jjvrock@aol.com](mailto:jjvrock@aol.com) and lets talk.

Also, if you need time during the opening with announcements, email me a few days in advance so I can put you on the agenda/schedule.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing back from you soon.  
John Valus Sr.  
Pomperaug Assistant District Commissioner for Roundtable  
A Good Old Bobwhite  
Oh, and I approve this message!

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## Need a meeting place?

Starting September 14, campsites and pavilions at Camp Sequassen, Deer Lake, and Hoyt are available, for Pack, Troop and Crew short term meetings and activities, FOR FREE.

Outdoor facilities are available at Council camps from Sunday afternoon through Thursday evening, for meetings and activities of up to two hours. Reservations are required and must be made at least 72 hours before the meeting. NO WALK-INS. To make a reservation, please email unit number and town; contact name, email address and cell phone number, requested date and time, requested location, and anticipated number of youth and adults, to the Council Program/Camping Registrar, Carolyn Cruson at [Carolyn.Cruson@scouting.org](mailto:Carolyn.Cruson@scouting.org). For any questions, email Carolyn or call her at the Scout Office 203-951-0237. Current health and safety practices still apply including the requirement to maintain a full roster of attendees, the use of the Model Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist, and proper use of face masks and social distancing. Space inside of buildings is not available, and this offer does not include waterfront or shooting sports activities.

District Calendar		
October	November	December
2nd-3rd - OA Induction weekend (Camp Sequassen)	1st - Wood Badge Fellowship Virtual Get Together	1st - District Committee (via Zoom)
6th - District Committee (via Zoom)	3rd - District Committee (via Zoom)	4th-5th - Popcorn Take Order Distribution
9th - Scout Master & Assistant Scout Master Training	6th - Popcorn Show-N-Sell Ends	8th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)
10th-11th - BALOO and Intro to Outdoor Leadership Training (Camp Sequassen)	10th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)	18th - Popcorn All Payments Due
13th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)	18th - Popcorn Take Orders due	31st - Popcorn Online Sales End
17th - Oktoberfest 1pm (Camp Sequassen)	21st - Charter Renewal Day	
17th-18th - Fall Camporee and Webelos Outdoor Weekend		
24th - Cub-O-Ree (Old Mine Park, Trumbull)		

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Presents



# Oktoberfest

October 17, 2020

1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Camp Sequassen

791 West Hill Road  
New Hartford, CT



Festive Fall Beers  
provided by  
Little Red Barn



Oktoberfest Favorites :

- Bratwurst
- Weiner Schnitzel
- Kaesespaetzle
- German Potato Salad
- Apple Strudel
- Plus much - much more



Come enjoy Music, Brats, Beer & Lawn Games

at beautiful Camp Sequassen

\$45 per person includes two complimentary beers  
(additional available for purchase)

To register go to: [ctyankee.org/oktoberfest2020](http://ctyankee.org/oktoberfest2020)



All proceeds benefit the Connecticut Yankee Council Covid-19 Relief Fund.

# Fall Camporee

Greetings all Pomperaug District Scouts BSA and leaders! The 2020 Fall Camporee will be at Hoyt Scout Reservation in Redding, CT. The theme of this year's event is wilderness survival. If a scout participates in all of the activities for the weekend then they will complete all of the requirements for wilderness survival merit badge. In order for a youth to complete the requirements for the merit badge they will need to come to the camporee with a survival kit and be ready to explain why they chose the items in the kit.

Due to restrictions related to COVID-19 there will be additional restrictions and guidelines for this event.

1. The event will be limit to 100 total people, this includes all scouts, adult partners and staff.
2. A unit will be limited to a total of 18 participants (15 youth and 3 adults). The camporee staff will re-evaluate registration 1 week before the event at which time unit may be allocated more slots for participants.
3. All participants must be pre-registered, no walk ins will be allowed.
4. All attendees will be required to wear face mask during program events.
5. Social distancing must be maintained whenever possible
6. All attendees must register at least 1 week in advance of the event. No walk ins will be allowed.
7. A BSA medical form, Parts A and B, [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf), must be completed and sign no more the 14 days before the event and retained by the unit leader.
8. ANY ILLNESS during the event MUST be immediately reported to the event staff. The sick individual should be isolated in the unit campsite and not brought to the first aid tent. The event first aid staff will decide the appropriate response to the illness.
9. Any illness by any member occurring up to 14 days after the event, involving a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, MUST be reported to the District Executive.
10. Before arriving all attendees should ensure that the Restart Scouting Protocols are followed, <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>
11. No refunds will be given for the event except in the case where the event is cancelled.

All meals and snacks are the responsibility of the unit. If you plan on camping out on Saturday night, you will also need to bring your own tent and sleeping gear.

Registration and set up will begin at 8:00AM and the program will begin at 9:00AM on Saturday, and will finish after breakfast on Sunday.

Due to COVID-19 there will be no closing camp fire at the event. Units can hold an evening program for their unit at their campsite if they choose.

Cost of the event is \$20 per person. All attendees will receive a Pomperaug District Mask as part of the event.

Set your GPS for 288 Simpaug Turnpike, Redding, CT. Be prepared to carry all your gear to the camping area if you plan on camping overnight. No cars will be allowed in the campsite area. If you have any questions, contact J.C. Cinelli [jcinelli@gmail.com](mailto:jcinelli@gmail.com)



## Webelos Outdoor Weekend

Greetings all Pomperaug District Webelos and Parents! The 2020 WOW will be at Hoyt Scout Reservation in Redding, CT. This event is designed to offer the opportunity for Webelos to complete several adventure loops over the course of the event including: Cast Iron Chef, Webelos Walkabout, Into the Woods, and First Responder.

Due to restrictions related to COVID-19 there will be additional restrictions and guidelines for this event.

1. The event will be limit to 100 total people, this includes all scouts, adult partners and staff.
2. All attendees will be required to wear face mask during program events.
3. Social distancing must be maintained whenever possible.
4. All attendees must register at least 1 week in advance of the event. No walk ins will be allowed
5. A BSA medical form, Parts A and B, [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf), must be completed and sign no more the 14 days before the event and a copy turned in upon arrival.
6. ANY ILLNESS during the event MUST be immediately reported to the event staff. The sick individual should be isolated in the unit campsite and not brought to the first aid tent. The event first aid staff will decide the appropriate response to the illness.
7. Any illness by any member occurring up to 14 days after the event, involving a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, MUST be reported to the District Executive.
8. Before arriving all attendees should ensure that the Restart Scouting Protocols are followed: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>
9. All scouts must be accompanied by an adult partner

All meals and snacks are the responsibility of the Webelos and their parents. If you plan on camping out on Saturday night, you will also need to bring your own tent and sleeping gear. The guide to safe scouting will need to be followed, so adults can only share a tent with a youth that is a member of their family.

Registration and set up will begin at 8:30AM and the program will begin at 9:00AM on Saturday, and will finish after breakfast on Sunday.

Due to COVID-19 there will be no closing camp fire at the event. Units can hold an evening program for their unit at their campsite if they choose.

Cost of the event is \$20 for scouts and \$5 for adults. All attendees will receive a Pomperaug District Mask as part of the event.

Set your GPS for 288 Simpaug Turnpike, Redding, CT. Be prepared to carry all your gear to the camping area if you plan on camping overnight. No cars will be allowed in the campsite area. If you have any questions, contact Seth Strohecker [seth.strohecker@gmail.com](mailto:seth.strohecker@gmail.com)

# Cub-O-Ree 2020

Greetings all Pomperaug District Cub Scouts and Parents! The 2020 Cub-O-Ree will be at Old Mine Park in Trumbull, CT on October 24th. This event is designed to offer the opportunity for Cub Scouts to take part in several engaging scout activities similar to those offered at day camp.

Normally this event is a day long activity, however due to restrictions from COVID-19 this year the event will be two separate half day events to allow for as many scouts as possible to participate. A Scout will be allowed to participate in either the morning or afternoon session, but **not both**.

Since the program day is shortened for each session, we have limited the number of stations to just four, but we have included some of the most popular stations to maximize the fun. Sessions at the event include:

- BB Guns (all guns and safety equipment will be sanitized between each participant)
- Nature Hike
- Scout Craft – Stomp Rockets
- Scout Skill – Knife handling and fundamentals (Plastic knives will be used instead of real knives)

Participants will be split into dens and rotate to the different stations together throughout the day. Whenever possible scouts from the same pack will be grouped together.

Due to restrictions related to COVID-19 there will be additional restrictions and guidelines for this event.

1. Each session will be limited to 100 total people, this includes all scouts, adult partners and staff.
2. All Scouts must be accompanied by an adult partner
3. No siblings or non-scouts will be permitted to maximize the number of registered scouts who can participate
4. Participants must be a registered Tiger, Wolf or Bear Scout.
5. All attendees will be required to wear face mask during program events.
6. Social distancing must be maintained whenever possible
7. All attendees must register at least 1 week in advance of the event. No walk ins will be allowed
8. A BSA medical form, Parts A and B, [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf), must be completed and sign no more the 14 days before the event and reviewed by the unit leader
9. ANY ILLNESS during the event MUST be immediately reported to the event staff. The sick individual should be isolated but not brought to the first aid tent. The event first aid staff will decide the appropriate response to the illness.
10. Any illness by any member occurring up to 14 days after the event, involving a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, MUST be reported to the District Executive.
11. Before arriving all attendees should ensure that the Restart Scouting Protocols are followed: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>

All drinks and snacks are the responsibility of the scout and their parents.

Registration for the morning session begins at 9:30AM and the program runs from 9:50AM to 1PM. Registration for the afternoon session begins at 1:30PM and the program runs from 1:50PM to 5PM.

Cost of the event is \$15 for scouts. All attendees will receive a Pomperaug District Mask as part of the event.

If you have any questions, contact Seth Strohecker [seth.strohecker@gmail.com](mailto:seth.strohecker@gmail.com)



# MEMBERSHIP – 2020 FALL RECRUITING

The Council had a highly successful membership Kickoff webinar on Monday, August 3.

Download a copy of the PowerPoint presentation from the Kickoff below!

Links to recordings of the August Zoom Webinar will soon be available soon here:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/membership/fall-recruitment-2020-kick-off/>

As mentioned on the webinar, BSA has tons of great marketing materials including videos at the BSA Brand Center: <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/>

Click here to preview OVER FOUR DOZEN recruiting videos, to use for your in person or virtual recruiting events: <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/lightbox/1411584/>

## Free Promotion Tools for Units

The Council can assist every unit in promoting recruiting events through social media advertising, and we will print recruiting flyers for your unit, both FREE OF CHARGE! Enter recruiting events, geofencing, and flyer request information here:

[http://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_74dLky9FiEzUcq9](http://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_74dLky9FiEzUcq9)

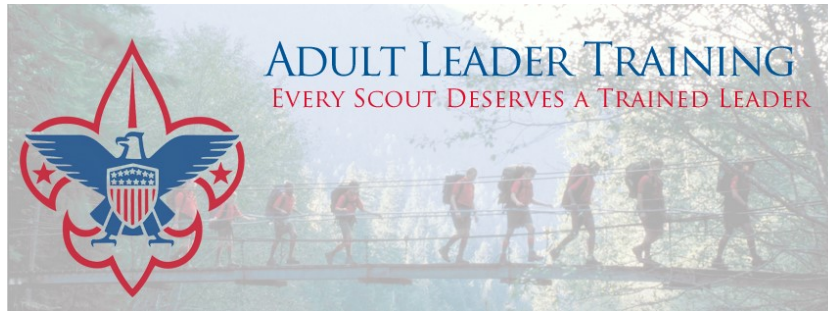
## SCOUT DAY AT LIME ROCK

*THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS*

*PLEASE JOIN US NEXT YEAR*

**OCTOBER 2-3, 2020**



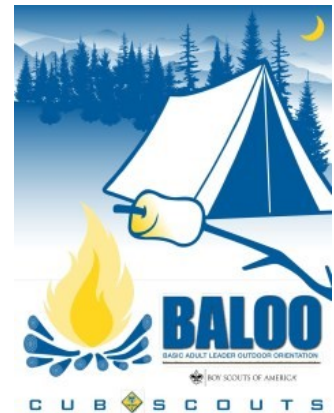


### BALOO Training for Cub Scout Leaders:

October 10 at 8AM - October 11 at 11AM at Camp Sequassen

BALOO training is the Cub Scout leader training required for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights. It's comprised of two components—an online component and a practical, hands-on component, which we are offering at Camp Sequassen! Both components must be completed to qualify as a "TRAINED" Cub Scout outdoor leader. The online component must be completed prior to the practical component. The online training contains introductory and basic information that will be built upon during the practical training.

For details and to register: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/quinnipiac-baloo-20/>



### Scout Master and Assistant Scout Master training:

October 9 at 7PM at Camp Sequassen

Scoutmaster Position-Specific training (course code S-24) is the BSA's initial level of training for the top leaders of Boy Scout troops. It is designed for Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and junior assistant Scoutmasters. However, committee members and other adults connected to a Boy Scout troop are welcome to attend.

For details and to register:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/scoutmaster-assistant-scoutmaster-training-oct-20/>



### Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills for Scouts BSA Leaders:

October 10 at 8AM - October 11 at 11AM at Camp Sequassen

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS, course code S-11) is required training for adult leaders who are becoming Scoutmasters or Assistant Scoutmasters in a troop. This training closely mirrors the Scouts BSA program, bringing participants into patrols and learning core, basic outdoor leadership skills. This high activity, fun course is a memorable experience for all participants and prepares them to guide youth in outdoor adventures.

For details and to register: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/quinnipiac-baloo-20/>





Sunday, November 1, 3:30 PM (until about 5:00 PM). Pre-event online gathering begins at 3:00 PM. Zoom invitations will go out prior to the festivities.

- Yes, there will be Silent Auction.
- Yes, there will be a commemorative patch (picture below). And a special shirt available for purchase (more later).
- There will be a campfire, beadings, stories, and maybe even an appearance by the Founder of Scouting.
- **ALL proceeds will benefit Connecticut Yankee Council.**

Sooooo.....we need your help. "How can I help?" – you may ask. Well, here's how you can help:

Register for the event: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/697>

- Cost is \$20 per person, and that includes a VERY SPECIAL patch; additional patches are available for purchase at registration
- As you are able, additional donations are most appreciated
- Our Silent Auction depends on the generosity of our Wood Badge community: we need items of value that you can donate to the auction
- Please make your donations by October 15 (we need your items in hand ASAP)
- CALLING ALL PATROLS – we need skits and songs for the event.
- To manage time and technology, all skits or songs or whatever must be recorded in advance
- Please keep your artistic endeavors to about 2 minutes
- Again, please use a deadline of October 15 to have your videos completed
- We would also like to collect video testimonials and show them during and after the November 1 event
- Record yourself in a video talking about the impact of Wood Badge on you, your family, and/or your youth members.
- Some topics might be leadership, legacy, growth, impact, youth, change. In your video, simply respond to these 3 questions:
  - ✦ How did Wood Badge impact your life?
  - ✦ Can you tell a funny story that happened at Wood Badge?
  - ✦ How are you leaving a legacy of Wood Badgy-ness?
- ✦ Videos should be at least 15 seconds and no more than 30 seconds
- ✦ Same deadlines as above, October 15... PLEASE

Questions:

Registration – Jay Lubin [jaylubin@gmail.com](mailto:jaylubin@gmail.com) or Joe Andreo [Joseph.Andreo@scouting.org](mailto:Joseph.Andreo@scouting.org)

Silent Auction Items – Ray Moncevicus [romaldasm@aol.com](mailto:romaldasm@aol.com) or Dr Bob Kravics [smdrbob1@aol.com](mailto:smdrbob1@aol.com)

Video questions and submissions – Dave Shuford [dave@reddingscouts.org](mailto:dave@reddingscouts.org) or Jay Lubin [jaylubin@gmail.com](mailto:jaylubin@gmail.com)

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Thank you for all that you do for Scouting. We hope to see you on November 1.