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Recharter Day

We are taking reservations for on-the-spot rechartering on November 14th at the council office in Milford. Kathy Dilks will be sending the unit Key 3 a request to select your timeslot for the Recharter Day on November 14th.

All charters should be completed online beforehand and if you have any questions, please contact your Unit Commissioners, District Executive Jay Messier jason.messier@scouting.org or your District Commissioner Kathy Dilks kathydilks@gmail.com.

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Volunteer Award Nominations

We are quickly approaching our annual Volunteer Recognition season in the CT Yankee Council. Volunteers across the council give countless hours of their time volunteering to make their units, district and council run smoothly and provide the best possible program for our youth. To recognize this hard work and dedication, both the council and district recognize volunteers with several awards to show their appreciation to the adults who make our scouting program run all year long.



The highest honor the council can bestow upon a volunteer is the Silver Beaver award. This award is given annually at the council recognition dinner in January and is limited to just one recipient for every 60 units within the council. If you think you know someone deserving of this award fill out the nomination form, <https://www.ctyankee.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Silver-Beaver-Packet-20-CYC-Complete.pdf> and return it to the council by November 12th.

The District Award of Merit is the highest honor that can be awarded by the district. The District Award of Merit is similar to the Silver Beaver award except it is given by the district for service to the district. This award is limit one recipient per 25 units within the district. If you know someone who is deserving of this award please fill out a nomination form, <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf> , and return it to our district executive Jay Messier jason.messier@scouting.org .

The unit leader award of merit recognizes Cubmasters, Scoutmaster, Skippers, Advisers and Coach's who have shown exceptional service to their unit. Nominations must be made by the unit committee chairman and certified by the council before the award can be given out. If your unit leaders is deserving of this award have your unit's committee chairman fill out a nomination, https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf , and submit it to our district commissioner Seth Strohecker (seth.strohecker@gmail.com) for processing.

The other local award given is the spark plug award which is given to a volunteer who has been the "Spark" for their unit over the past year. This award can be given to one person per unit based upon nomination. Please send all nominations for this award to Seth Strohecker at seth.strohecker@gmail.com.

Connecticut Yankee Council Current Training Policy

- Position Specific training courses must be completed by all registered leaders.
- New leaders, including those changing positions, must complete Position Specific Training Courses within 120 days of their registration or their position change.
- Positions requiring Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training, e.g., Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, must complete IOLS within 180 days of registration or position change.
- Leaders who fail to comply with this training requirement at the time of recharter will not be permitted to reregister for the following year.
- All Registered Adults will be required to have and maintain (keep up to date) training for all positions they hold at Unit, District and Council levels.
- All Position Specific Training Courses (except for IOLS) may be completed ONLINE at my.scouting.org. This includes training for Merit Badge Counselors, Chartered Organization Representatives and all Commissioner positions.

Enforcement of the Connecticut Yankee Council Training Policy:

New Adult Leaders

Effective immediately, adults 18 years of age and older that wish to become a leader in Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America must complete the Position Specific Training for the leadership role(s) they intend to fulfill BEFORE their membership application will be processed by the Connecticut Yankee Council office. All adult leadership roles require Position Specific training.

Note: Position Specific Training can be completed without a membership number. When the application is processed the membership number that is issued by my.Scouting will be associated with the new leader's profile by the Council Registration Specialist.

Currently Registered Adult Leaders

Effective immediately, all currently registered adult leaders seeking to add (multiple) or change a volunteer leadership role must complete the Position Specific Training for the new role(s) prior to submitting a new BSA adult membership application to Connecticut Yankee Council. There is no registration or insurance fee for multiple roles as long as you have fully paid for your primary volunteer position.

Processing Membership Applications

Unit Leaders are asked to hold completed membership applications for two weeks or until the required position specific training modules have been completed by the applicant. The applicant should be asked to present to the unit leader an electronic or paper copy of the completion certificate issued when a training module is completed. Once the required position-specific training is complete please submit the membership application, along with a copy of the training certificate(s) and Youth Protection Certificate, to Connecticut Yankee Council P.O. Box 32, 60 Wellington Road, Milford, CT 06460-0032 . If the applicant has not presented the training certificate to the unit leader within two weeks the applicant should be contacted by the unit leader and his or her willingness and desire to become a leader should be discussed. If the applicant is unwilling to complete the required training the application should be discarded.

Exception: Adults wishing to become a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster (SM/ASM) have 180 days from the date they submit their membership application or change their leadership position to complete the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training course. However, the SM/ASM training modules that are available online must be completed prior to submitting their member application.

District Calendar

November	December	January
1st - Wood Badge Fellowship Virtual Get Together	1st - District Committee (via Zoom)	5th - District Committee (via Zoom)
3rd - District Committee (via Zoom)	4th-5th - Popcorn Take Order Distribution	8th-10th - NYLT Training Weekend 1
6th - Popcorn Show-N-Sell Ends	8th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)	12th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)
10th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)	18th - Popcorn All Payments Due	15th-16th - Klondike Derby
14th - Recharter Day (Council Office, Milford)	31st - Popcorn Online Sales End	15th-17th - NYLT Training Weekend 2
18th - Popcorn Take Orders due		
21st - Charter Renewal Day		