

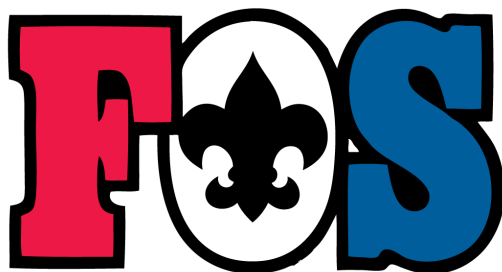
# THE POMPERAUG POST

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



## *Friends of Scouting Presentations*

Please sign up for an FOS presentation for your unit. This can be done virtually if desired. Email Seth at [seth.strohecker@gmail.com](mailto:seth.strohecker@gmail.com) with your preferred dates.

What is Friends of Scouting? What does it mean to be a Friend of Scouting? And why should you consider becoming one? FOS, or Friends of Scouting, is the council-level annual giving campaign. During this campaign, volunteers visit unit meetings to make an appeal for support. The tax-deductible gifts from families & other supporters help the youth served by the council.

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## BE THE CHANGE

Let's celebrate the first class of female Eagle Scouts!

On February 21, 2021 at 8:00 PM (EASTERN) we all have an opportunity to join a celebration of service, leadership, and the groundbreaking accomplishments of the first class of female Eagle Scouts.

For additional information, see the links:

- <https://www.scouting.org/bethechange/>
- <https://vimeo.com/501051402>
- <https://vimeo.com/501051390>

Share with others – in the units you serve, in Scouting, and in your community. It's an opportunity to share good news about Scouting!



## SCOUT SUNDAY

Each year on Feb. 8, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its birthday. It's a date officially known as Scouting Anniversary Day.

But this is more than an excuse to eat an extra s'more and commemorate another year of Scouting adventures. It's also when packs, troops, crews and ships honor a Scout's "duty to God."

The exact dates vary (see below), but each one is an opportunity for Scouts to publicly demonstrate the 12th point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Reverent.

That might mean an act as simple as wearing the full field uniform to worship services. It might mean participating in services by doing a reading, singing a song, or presenting religious emblems and awards to Scouts and Scouters. Or it might be something as grand as a service project to benefit a religious organization in the community. However you choose to celebrate, it's essential this year to do so safely.

Scout Sunday 2021 is Feb. 7, 2021, according to the BSA's [Calendar of Religious Observances](#) , which stipulates that Scout Sunday should fall on the Sunday before the BSA's birthday on Feb. 8.

Scout Sabbath 2021 is Feb. 5 and 6, 2021, according to the BSA's [Calendar of Religious Observances](#) and [National Jewish Committee on Scouting](#) .

Scout Jumuah is Feb. 5, 2021, but units may adjust this date to best meet their needs.

The BSA's National Religious Relationships Committee has prepared [this helpful Word document](#) containing suggested services for an inter-religious celebration, an Islamic celebration, a Jewish celebration and a Christian celebration.



## WEBELOS TO SCOUT TRANSITION

As the weather turns cooler, Troops and Webelos should start thinking 'Crossover'! Troops should be reaching out to their local packs to invite Webelos (4th AND 5th graders) to visit or join them for an activity.

Second-year Webelos leaders should be thinking about finishing up Arrow of Light requirements and start planning crossover ceremonies. Over the next few weeks, several communications will be going out to Webelos, Cub Leaders and Troop Leaders about the crossover process. If you have questions about Webelos transition, please email our Webelos to Scout Chair Nathan Schindler at [n.s.schindler@gmail.com](mailto:n.s.schindler@gmail.com) . There is also a Webelos to Scout Transition Guide on our district web page <https://www.ctyankee.org/districts/pomperaug> .



## VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

At our annual Pomperaug District dinner will we be giving out Volunteer Recognitions. Volunteers across the district 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 **District Award of Merit** is the highest honor that can be awarded by the district. The District Award of Merit is given by the district for service to the district. This award is limited to 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](mailto: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 chair fill out a nomination, [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf) , and submit it to our district commissioner Seth Strohecker ([seth.strohecker@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:seth.strohecker@gmail.com).



## Spring 2021 - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders with the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders will feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. To be considered fully trained as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster, leaders must complete Scoutmaster Specific Training and this course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Course will be held at Hoyt starting at 5pm April 23rd and ending at 6pm on April 24th. Registration Deadline April 9th. For details go to:

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/introduction-to-outdoor-leadership-skills-april-21/>

District Calendar		
February	March	April
2nd - District Committee (via Zoom)	2nd - District Committee (via Zoom)	6th - District Committee (via Zoom)
6th - Merit Badge College Part 2 of 4	9th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)	9th-11th - NRA Shotgun Instructor Course (Sequassen)
9th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)	27th - NRA Basics of Rifle Shooting (Hoyt)	13th - District Roundtable (via Zoom)
18th - Camp Card Sale Workshop		17th - Fishing Derby (Deer Lake)
20th - Merit Badge College Part 3 of 4		23rd-24th - IOLS (Hoyt)
27th - Merit Badge College Part 4 of 4		