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

Roundtable

Hello CYC Pomperaug District!

Hope you are enjoying our wonderful Connecticut weather.

This is an early reminder that our March Roundtable is Tuesday March 9th at 7:30.

Some of the topics suggested are:

1. How to correctly fill-out and submit a Blue Card
2. The New Eagle Scout Project Work Book
3. Winter Camping

If you can do a presentation on any of the above topics or know someone who could, please send me any information at jjvrock@aol.com so I can set-up our schedule. Also if you have any announcements please let me know so I can put it on the itinerary, if you could get it to me by Tuesday March 2nd that would be great.

YIS,

John Valus Sr.

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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/>

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

A hands-on outdoor orientation to provide you with skills needed to plan and carry out an outdoor experience with your pack!

Saturday, May 1st 8:30 AM - Sunday, May 2nd at 10:00 AM
Deer Lake Scout Reservation
101 Paper Mill Road, Killingworth, CT
\$20 per person-includes meals

To sign up click the link on the council calendar. For more information, please contact Course Director Sabina Vance at jovibean1@gmail.com

Be like Baloo and come learn the Bear Necessities!



WHAT IS WOOD BADGE?

Simply stated, Wood Badge is advanced leadership training for adult scout leaders.

Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures. The first Wood Badge training was held in 1919 at Gilwell Park, near London. Since then, Wood Badge has continued to evolve to meet Scouting's needs. Wood Badge focuses on preparing adult leaders to deliver the mission of Scouting.

By attending this Wood Badge training program, you will:

- Learn contemporary leadership concepts and discover how these apply to our value-based program
- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated programs providing age appropriate activities for youth
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting, sharing in an inspirational experience

COURSE DIRECTOR: BOB LINCAVICKS

AUGUST 20-21-22 AND SEPTEMBER 18-19 AT CAMP SEQUASSEN

For more information: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/wood-badge-2021/>

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTE: We are planning to hold the 2021 Wood Badge course consistent with the guidelines of the State of Connecticut, the Boy Scouts of America, and Connecticut Yankee Council. The health and safety of our members (youth and adult) are paramount, and we will conduct the course ONLY if it is safe to do so.



Camp Physicals

We are rapidly approaching the heavy camping season. In just a few months you and your unit will be going on many big camping trips. Whether it is a trip to one of the high adventure bases, summer camp or even just a week-long trip with your unit an annual physical will be required. Now is good time to schedule an appointment with your doctor to have your annual physical. An annual physical is required anytime you will be taking part in an event that is 72 hours or longer. The BSA has an approved medical form that you will need to provide your doctor to fill out for these events. The forms can be found at the BSA's Annual Health and Medical Record site at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>. Depending on where you end up going you may require additional medical related forms as well. If you are going to a national BSA location, this site will include these additional forms. If you are going to a local site, visit their website to ensure no additional paperwork is needed. Make sure that you get your appointment scheduled now, as summer approaches it can take over a month to get an appointment and if you can't have your physical completed before your event it will be unlikely that you will be able to participate. So, please plan ahead and call your doctor's office now to ensure that your physical will be completed before any event that will require a medical record this year.

2021 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

INTO THE JUNGLE



Have you ever wondered what you would do if you found yourself stranded in the middle of the Jungle?

It's uncharted territory and you'll have to use your wits to survive. So swing, slither or jump into Cub Scout Day Camp this summer and join the adventure!!!

It's Cub Scout Day Camp 2021....get ready to EXPLORE!



For more info: <https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/cub-scout-day-camps/>



For nearly 100 years, Scouts of all ages have come to Camp Sequassen for exciting summer adventures. Scouts will have fun individually and with their fellow Scouts at the waterfront, on the trails, at the ranges, and all across camp. Not only will they enjoy activities in the numerous program areas, but they can choose from more than 50 merit badges including traditional Scouting badges like swimming, archery, and rowing to STEM badges like automotive maintenance, engineering, and robotics to badges you may not expect at camp like moviemaking, digital technology, and game design.

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

Connecticut Yankee Council BSA ...

TRI-CAMPOREE WEEKEND!

May 14-16, 2021

Three Camp Locations to Choose from
Camp Sequassen — Hosted by Pomperaug District
Deer Lake Scout Reservation — Hosted by Quinnipiac District
Hoyt Scout Reservation — Hosted by Powahay/Scatacook Districts

February Update

Here is what we are working on...

- Troops/Crews can select any camporee location, regardless of District affiliation.
- Common program theme and patch design.
- Virtual interactions and competitions between camps.
- Camping with lots of fun and adventure.
- More to come! Save the date!

We are planning a great program and would like to have every unit represented on the committee. To volunteer or if you have questions:

- **Pomperaug District:** JC Cinelli at jcinelli@gmail.com
- **Quinnipiac District:** Mike Migliore at mmigliorexc@gmail.com and Donna Wesolowski at donnaweso@optimum.net.
- **Powahay District:** John Hanks/Joel DeGray at info@powahay.com
- **Scatacook District:** John Queenan at jqueenan@wpsir.com

We will continue to monitor COVID-19 Guidelines in our planning and will provide updates as needed.

This is a Scouts BSA/Venturer event for Troops and Crews.

For more information: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/tri-camporee-weekend/>



Put it on your calendar... ConnJam has been rescheduled for May 13-15, 2022.



Pomperaug Pinewood Derby Day April 24th

DISTRICT HOSTS YOUR PACK DERBY

This year the district can host your pack's pinewood derby at Old Mine Park. District Volunteers will provide the track, race software and personnel to run your derby. Your pack will just need to bring your pack's pre-screened cars and awards and we will take care of the rest. All this for just \$50.



DISTRICT PINEWOOD CHAMPIONSHIP

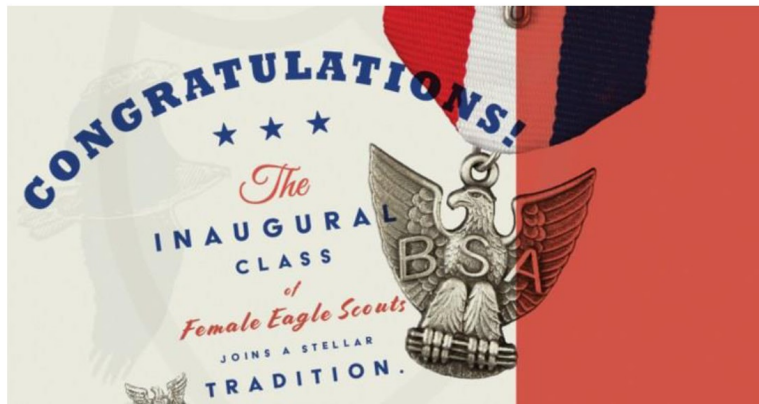
The day will end with the District Championship. The top racers from all packs in Pomperaug District will be scored against each other to earn the title of Fastest in the District!

Packs that held their Pinewood Derbies prior to the District Derby Day, may submit their top 3 cars to be entered into the District Championship!



More information at <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/pomperaug-pinewood-derby-2021/>

For questions contact seth.strohecker@gmail.com or jcinelli@gmail.com



Congratulations to Connecticut Yankee Council's Newest Female Eagle Scouts!

- Meghan, Troop 190, Norwalk
- Brooke, Troop 179, New Fairfield
- Sophie, Troop 19, Ridgefield
- Jaquelyn, Troop 19, Ridgefield
- Maya, Troop 19, Ridgefield
- Adelaine, Troop 19, Ridgefield
- Caroline, Troop 19, Ridgefield
- Lisa, Troop 19, Ridgefield
- Gabriela, Troop 19, Ridgefield
- Jordan, Troop 19, Ridgefield
- Evia, Troop 19, Ridgefield
- Katherine, Troop 19, Ridgefield

If you missed BSA's National Webinar celebrating the Inaugural class, you can visit the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZbHsoWHzWg>



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And THANK YOU for helping support Connecticut Yankee Council and Scouting in Connecticut.

District Calendar		
March	April	May
2nd - District Committee (via Zoom) 9th - District Roundtable (via Zoom) 27th - NRA Basics of Rifle Shooting (Hoyt)	6th - District Committee (via Zoom) 9th-11th - NRA Shotgun Instructor Course (Sequassen) 13th - District Roundtable (via Zoom) 17th - Fishing Derby (Deer Lake) 23rd-24th - IOLS (Hoyt) 24th - Pinewood Derby	1st-2nd - BALOO training 4th - District Committee (via Zoom) 11th - District Roundtable (via Zoom) 14th-16th - Tri-Camporee weekend

In Memoriam



It is with deep regret that we inform you of the passing of Jonathan Duguid of Fairfield on February 10, 2021. He loved nothing more than being outside in nature. One of his passions was as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America. A lifelong scout, he began his adult scouting career as Cub Master for his son's pack at Jennings School. He continued on to become Scoutmaster of Troop 88 at Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church. He held many positions with the troop and council over the 35 years he was involved - an accomplishment that he was most proud of. He never tired of working with scouts to get them to the finish line to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, an inspiration to Scouts and adult Scouters as well. Jon was a true example of living by the Scout Law.

Volunteer Award Nominations

At our annual Pomperaug District dinner we will 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.

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.