

THE POMPERAUG POST

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The official newsletter of Pomperaug District, Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America

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

District Calendar

June	July	August
1st - District Dinner POSTPONED	1st-31st - Scouts BSA Resident Camp continues	8th-14th - NYLT Training 20th-22nd - Wood Badge
6th - Cub Scout Adventure Day	19th - Celebrity Golf Classic (Country Club of New Canaan)	
8th - District Roundtable	30th - 1st TERRIFICON	
13th - Extreme Scouting at Camp Sequassen		
16th - Popcorn Kickoff		
19th - Spirit of Scouting Recognition Dinner (Sequassen)		
27th - Scouts BSA Resident Camp begins (Sequassen)		

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DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

POSTPONED

We have decided to postpone the event to a later date- more info will be coming once we have the new date and venue. We are sorry for the inconvenience. Refunds will be issued this week.

Come and celebrate the achievements of Pomperaug Scouts and Scouters! We will celebrate the hard work of the Volunteers by recognizing their achievements.

Rewards to be given out include: Spark Plug Award, Unit Journey to Excellence, Veteran Award, Den Leader Award, Scouters Training Award, Scouters Key, Commissioner Awards, Unit Leader Award of Merit, and Key Three Award.

Our awards will culminate by giving the District Award of Merit, the Highest Award the District can award. This year's recipients are Ben Strong and Nathan Schindler.

POMPERAUG CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE DAY



Greetings all Pomperaug District Cub Scouts and Parents! The Cub Scout Adventure Day is an opportunity for scouts to complete several adventures in one day, giving you one last opportunity to complete rank advancement before the end of the scouting year. This event will be held at Old Mine Park in Trumbull, CT on June 6th. Check-in for the event will begin at 9 AM and the Opening ceremony starting at 9:45 AM. The event will conclude at 3:30 PM.

Throughout the day scouts will complete 4-5 adventures depending on their rank. Adventures that will be completed include:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Kingdom • Mountain Lion • Pick My Path • Rumble in the Jungle • King of the Jungle 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tigers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiger: Safe and Smart • My Tiger Jungle • Tigers in the Wild • Games Tigers Play • Tiger Tag 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wolf</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germs Alive • Paw on the Path • Running with the Pack • Council Fire • Call of the Wild
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bear</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fur, Feathers and Ferns • Grin and bear it • Paws in Action • Bear Necessities • Bear Claws 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Webelos/Arrow of Light</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Responder • Webelos Walkabout • Build my own hero • Castaway • Outdoor Adventurer 	<p>In addition to earning adventures towards rank, Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in shooting sports and earn the Cub Scout Shooting Sports Award.</p>

Participants will be split into dens based on rank and rotate to the different stations together throughout the day.

All scouts will need to be accompanied by an adult partner. All participants must abide by the following rules.

1. All attendees will be required to wear a face mask during program events.
2. Social distancing must be maintained whenever possible.
3. ANY ILLNESS during the event MUST be immediately reported to the event staff. The sick individual should be isolated and not brought to the first aid tent. The event first aid staff will decide the appropriate response to the illness.
4. Before arriving, all attendees should ensure that the Restart Scouting Protocols are followed, <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>

There will be a break for Lunch. All drinks and snacks are the responsibility of the scout and their parents. The cost of the event is \$15 for scouts, adult partners are free of charge. All scouts will receive an event patch.

If you have any questions, contact Seth Strohecker seth.strohecker@gmail.com

Register at: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/pomperaug-cub-scout-adventure-day/>

EXTREME SCOUTING! **DON'T MISS OUT! FIND OUT HOW TO GET YOUR INVITATION!**

9:30 AM - 5:30 PM , SUNDAY, JUNE 13 | CAMP SEQUASSEN

EXTREME SCOUTING FUN, EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU!

Be prepared to earn your way to EXTREME Scouting at Camp Sequassen! This is an exclusive opportunity for hours of eXtreme Scouting fun but you can't come alone – you've got to come with your friends! Get your ticket by recruiting at least one friend to Scouting and both of you are on your way to this awesome event. Recruit 3 friends and you could win a brand new Xbox, PS5 or BMX bike! Are you ready to take on the challenges Camp Sequassen has in store? You've got until June 4th to get your friends onboard the Scouting wave. Register a friend and your invitation and your friend's is on the way!

[Join Scouting Today!](#)

CHECK OUT THE EXTREME FUN CAMP SEQUASSEN HAS:

EXTREME Scouting is for everyone – Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturers and Explorers and we've got something for everyone – climbing wall, shoot archery, explore Camp with geocaching, mountain bike, zip line, play ultimate frisbee, shoot rifles, shotguns or BBs (for Cubs) and much more!

We even have a few surprises up our sleeve, so be prepared for more!

When a friend registers, make sure your unit leader knows you're the referral so you get credit and a ticket to Extreme Scouting!

JOIN THE FUN!

EARN MORE FUN STUFF AS YOU RECRUIT YOUR WAY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN XBOX, PS5 OR BMX BIKE!

RECRUIT 1 FRIEND

Your ticket to Extreme Scouting and an *Extreme Scouting* t-shirt

RECRUIT 2 FRIENDS

Your ticket to *Extreme Scouting*, a Special VIP *Extreme Scouting* t-shirt, an *Extreme Scouting* carabiner and a LED flashlight

RECRUIT 3 OR MORE FRIENDS

1. Ticket to *Extreme Scouting*, VIP *Extreme Scouting* t-shirt, carabiner and LED flashlight
 2. An Xbox or PS game OR a \$50 Visa gift card
 3. An entry into a drawing for an Xbox OR PS5 Video Game Console OR a brand-new BMX bike!
- PLUS – an added drawing entry for each new friend registration above 3

For more information go to : <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/extreme-scouting-21/>

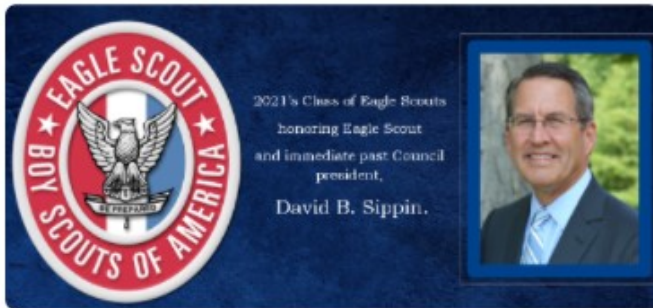


RECOGNIZING OUR EAGLE SCOUTS AND SILVER BEAVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Saturday, June 19, 2021, 4 PM until 8 PM

Under the tent at Clark Field, Camp Sequassen

Please join us at beautiful Camp Sequassen for an evening celebrating and honoring the accomplishments of our youth, adults, and our Council. Enjoy a meal under a tent on Clark Field and reconnect to the *Spirit of Scouting* with friends, family, and supporters! Having you and your family at our celebration will increase the Scouting spirit and excitement of everyone present.



To register go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/spirit-of-scouting-recognition-dinner/>

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.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

AUGUST 8-14, 2021 | CAMP POMPERAUG

FEE: \$400; REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 23 | EARLY BIRD FEE: \$370 IF PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 4!



NYLT – LEADERSHIP THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

NYLT is an exciting week-long advanced leadership course designed to teach Scouts the tools, techniques, and skills they need to be better leaders – not only in their Scout units but everywhere in their daily lives. Scouts will take home skills, games, songs, and practices that will make their unit even better.

This unique weekend is led by Scouts, for Scouts. Participants will learn to communicate effectively, resolve conflicts, and work towards a vision. They'll work in a patrol to practice Scouting skills and grow together as a team. NYLT teaches Scouts about themselves along with diverse skills so they return ready to lead in their individual units.

Sign up soon, our course is limited to 54 participants. You can hold a spot now for a \$25 refundable deposit in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.



WHAT IS NYLT?

NYLT is not like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges. NYLT is a challenging hands-on advanced leadership training program. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this intensive training. In order to get the most benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, positive attitude, and proficiency in basic camping and outdoor cooking.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Scouts should attend NYLT once they meet all Eligibility Requirements. The course is especially useful for scouts who have an ambition to serve in leadership roles and are ready for the next level of training.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Scouts BSA members must be at least 13. They must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops and earned First Class rank before attending NYLT.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships. It is recommended that they have had at least one year of camping experience.
- Be comfortable camping and cooking outdoors
- Commit to attending the entire six-day course
- Must be a registered member of a Scouting unit.
- Have a Unit Leader recommendation
- Have a complete and current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Within last 12 months)

For more information and to register go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/nylt-2021>



POPCORN KICKOFF

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021

LOCATION AND TIME COMING SOON, SO PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL

For more information, please contact Senior District Executive Jay Messier
at jason.messier@scouting.org or 860-841-1141

INTRODUCING THE CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC

FEATURING CELEBRITY GOLFERS LIKE YANKEES & METS LEGENDS TIM RAINES, DOC GOODEN & RICH "GOOSE" GOSSAGE
BENEFITING OUR LIFE-CHANGING SCOUTREACH PROGRAM.



The Connecticut Yankee Council serves 8,000 girls, boys, and young adults ranging from 5 to 20 years of age. Of those 8,000 youth, 1,000 are beneficiaries of our ScoutReach program. The council spends \$500 on every youth, each year to deliver our Scouting programs.

ScoutReach provides assistance to deliver these programs to hard-to-serve, urban and rural communities in New Haven and Fairfield Counties. It is the BSA's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background.

To register: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/celebrity-golf-classic/>

2021 Scouts BSA Resident Camp

AT CAMP SEQUASSEN

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#new_tab



Camp Sequassen 2021 COVID Plan



Healthy Camp and Health Screening:



We will be restricting participation at camp to healthy individuals. Anyone who does not feel well should stay home. This includes everyone in our camp family: Scouts, Scouters, staff and families. Prior to camp arrival, everyone will have to complete a BSA pre-event medical screening questionnaire. Upon arrival at camp, everyone will receive a temperature check. We are developing a checklist of health screenings that will be given periodically during the week for Scouts, staff and Scouters. Visitors in camp may be limited by COVID restrictions.

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting:



Scouts, Scouters and staff will be reminded to frequently wash their hands with soap and water. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout camp. Non-porous surfaces will be frequently cleaned and disinfected throughout camp, including all buildings, program areas, latrines, and bathrooms.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):



Everyone will be required to wear a face mask indoors and when in close proximity to others outside. Anyone not following these rules will be sent home. Exceptions to this requirement will be while sleeping, swimming or boating.

Food and Sleeping Arrangements:



We are reviewing various options in food service including the following possibilities: elimination of family-style serving, reduced indoor seating, outside seating only, cafeteria style serving, as well as campsite serving. We anticipate that there may be changes in sleeping arrangements such as a reduced number of people in each lean-to and possibly in each tent. Individual use of personal tents will be considered.

Our commitment is to provide the safest and best high-quality camp experience for our Scouts. This strategy is constantly evolving based on the latest state and local COVID guidelines. Please contact Camp Director Joe Kierwiak at campdirectorseq@ctyankee.org with questions or concerns about camp.



Please pass this along to the families in your unit.....

Scout Volunteers needed! TERRIFICON is this summer at the Mohegan Sun Expo Center, in Uncasville CT, on July 30-August 1, 2021. The event coordinators have allowed the Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Yankee Council to set up a booth and a display for the weekend. In return, we would be providing 10-12 volunteers each day to be runners. These would be older Scouts, Eagles, OA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, etc.

They would basically be telling people where to go in the Expo Center, and help the people at the booths if they need a quick break and need someone to watch the booth, be at our display, get a bottle of water for the artists, pass out flyers, escort celebrities and special guests, bathroom break, get supplies, etc. They would also be assisting in other events, and the kid's parade. The Scouters would be in full class A uniform for the entire event.

Lunch is scheduled to be provided by TERRIFICON. Volunteers get in for FREE. It's a great opportunity to help volunteer, showcase and promote Scouting in Connecticut to our youth. People come from all over CT for this event. Here is the link to the event: www.terrificon.com

Please pass this information on to the Scouters in your units. Gabriel Zayas will be keeping a roster of volunteers for the weekend and will be coordinating the schedule. If you would be available to volunteer, yes Adults too, please contact him (cell: (203) 414-5196 or email: fddesign@optonline.net) as soon as possible with your available date or dates attending. You would be required to be there an hour earlier and stay about an hour after.

Volunteer Schedule: (includes 1hour before and after)

Friday July 30: set up shift: 10am to 12:30pm, event shift: 12:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday July 31: event shift 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday August 1: event shift 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP

JULY 23-25, 2021

DEER LAKE SCOUT RESERVATION, KILLINGWORTH, CT

Are you ready to escape into the outdoors for a mini vacation? Family Camp is ready and waiting for you on July 23-25 at **Deer Lake Scout Reservation**. This year's theme is "*Hometown Heroes*" and that means you! We're celebrating all of you who make a difference in kids' lives everyday. Join us for a family-focused, fun, low key weekend where we do all the planning for you.

Here is what we will provide for you and your family:

- Four catered meals and snack packed to go on the day of departure
- Your choice of Bring Your Own Tent or a three-sided lean to that sleep – up to six (6) first come/first served – so register soon!
- Shower and bathroom facilities with flush toilets
- A beautiful waterfront for swimming, rowing and canoeing
- Archery and BB Gun ranges
- Sports, Crafts, Hiking and Fishing
- Campfire program and outdoor movie
- An awesome staff – we've found some pretty fantastic staff members to help provide a great program for your family: Ed Gratrix, Dan Marazita, Ben Strong, Kathy Dilks and Andrea Ulery, just to name a few.

Check out this great video of Family Camp in action from prior summers! <https://youtu.be/ttAjfQ1okvc>

Fee for one Scout & one adult is \$150 (Scout/adult pair registration is required). Registration for additional family members is optional at \$85 each (3 years old & under attend at no charge). During online registration all registrants' names and all youth ages are required.

Swim tests are mandatory for all individuals who want to participate in swimming or boating during the weekend. Swim tests will be offered Friday evening to ensure you are ready to fully enjoy all programs on Saturday. As part of the online registration you will be asked to choose the time you wish to do your swim test; half hour blocks available from 5 pm – 7 pm Friday.

T-shirt sizes are requested as part of online registration. Youth sizes XS-XL and adult sizes S-XXL are available. For registrations submitted by June 15, shirt pre-orders will be filled and available at check-in. For registrations submitted after June 15, shirts will be available first come/first served on the first day of the program.

All attendees must submit a current [BSA health form](#).

For information and to register go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/cub-scout-family-camp-2021/>