

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

Merit Badge College - Help Needed:

CYC needs someone - or several someones - to organize the Merit Badge College, an event that many scouts look forward to each year. The three people who did this for the past several years have resigned and we need to replace them. There is a plan to follow so no need to start from scratch. College dates are 1/29/22, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5 (snow date) in Wallingford. We are hoping this will be an in-person event this year. Planning needs to begin soon for the Merit Badge College to be successful. If you can help please contact Chester Wickett, Council Advancement Chair, at cwickett@optonline.net. No volunteers means no Merit Badge College and many very disappointed scouts.



POPCORN SHOW & SELL DISTRIBUTION

8/27—8/28, 2021

Furniture Row Milford, CT 06460

Bays TBA , SO PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL

For more information, please contact Senior District Executive Jay Messier

at jason.messier@scouting.org or 860-841-1141

Website: www.ctyankee.org/popcorn

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Membership Kickoff

We will have an in-person kickoff event on **Tuesday, August 17th** at 7 pm at Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church, 1080 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, CT 06825 to distribute fall recruiting materials and go through how units can participate in specific marketing activities made available by council.



For questions, contact Nathan Schindler at
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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>

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.

District Calendar		
August	September	October
4th - Popcorn Kick-Off	7th - District Committee	1st-2nd - Scout Day at Lime Rock
8th-14th - NYLT Training (Camp Pomperaug)	14th - District Recognition Dinner (The Original Vazzy's)	5th - District Committee
17—Membership Kickoff (Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church)	18th-19th - Wood Badge (Camp Sequassen)	12th - District Roundtable
20th-22nd - Wood Badge (Camp Sequassen)	18th - Sporting Clays Shoot (Wallingford Rod & Gun Club)	15th-17th - District Fall Camporee
30th-Golf Tournament (Race Brook Country Club)	25th - Oktoberfest (Camp Sequassen)	15th-17th - District Webelos Outdoor Weekend



AUGUST 30
 8:00 AM Registration
 8:30 AM Breakfast
 9:30 AM Shotgun Start

RACE BROOK COUNTRY CLUB | ORANGE
 \$225 per player or \$800 for a foursome

Spend an unforgettable day golfing with friends and help change a kid's life by supporting our ScoutReach program for at-risk youth. Rarely can non-members play the famed, private Race Brook Country Club, so don't miss this special day filled with food, drinks and 18 holes of golf. You'll be making memories and making a difference.

Reserve your Spot Today!

BENEFITTING THE SCOUTREACH PROGRAM

Help change a kid's life by supporting our ScoutReach program for at-risk youth. ScoutReach covers the costs of registration, uniforms, and adventures for kids whose parents could not afford it otherwise.

Give the gift of becoming a Scout and going to camp to the deserving kids in our underserved neighborhoods. Golf in support of our ScoutReach program and make a difference that lasts a lifetime!

The Scoutreach Division gives special leadership and emphasis to urban and rural Scouting programs. Scoutreach 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.



LUNCH, AWARDS, AND AUCTION TO FOLLOW GOLF

To register go to: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/780>

SCOUT DAY AT LIME ROCK OCTOBER 1-2, 2021



A favorite annual event of Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturers and adults, there is no better way to spend an early Fall weekend than camping out and enjoying a Saturday of racing at Lime Rock Park.

Saturday's races will provide hours of racing excitement, featuring Vintage Sports Car Club of America's Fall Finale as well as the exotic sports cars of the Lime Rock Driver's Club. Come see vintage and collectible sports cars of all types spanning many years of automotive history – all in tip top condition and in action on the track.

For more info go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/scout-day-at-limerock-park-21/>



DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

AT

THE ORIGINAL VAZZY'S

513 BROADBRIDGE RD, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06610

6:30PM TO 9:00 PM

\$30 PER PERSON

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.

For questions, please contact Gabe Zayas at fdesign@optonline.net

Registration Link: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/777>



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SUPPORT THE 2021 SPORTING CLAYS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT WALLINGFORD ROD & GUN CLUB.

PULL FOR SCOUTING!

OFTEN DESCRIBED AS "GOLF WITH A SHOTGUN", SPORTING CLAYS IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO ENTERTAIN AND RECRUIT CLIENTS, BUILD YOUR STAFF'S MORALE, OR SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS WHILE RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT AMERICA'S FINEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.

Breakfast, Lunch, Shoot/Awards, and Great Auction Prizes

For more info & to register go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/sporting-clays-shoot-2021/>



COME ENJOY MUSIC, BRATS, BEER & LAWN GAMES AT BEAUTIFUL CAMP SEQUASSEN

For more info & to register go to: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/oktoberfest-2020-21/>



Congratulations to this month's newest Pomperaug District Eagle Scouts.

Param P., Troop 65

Matthew Schreder., Troop 788

Charles B., Troop 199

Listed below are resources from our CYC website to help with advancement.
<https://www.ctyankee.org/programs-and-activities/resources/advacenment/eagle-scout-process/>

Important documents that a Life Scout should download, review and complete are:

Eagle Scout Rank Application ([PDF](#))

Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook ([PDF](#))

Advancement / Life to Eagle Process ([Resources](#))

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If you have any good news or articles you'd like to share for an upcoming Pomperaug Post, please send your information to Gabe Zayas at fddesign@optonline.net.



District and Council Dates (as of 8-5-21)

July 2021

- TerrifiCon 7/30 – 8/1 Mohegan Sun Expo Center

August

- Popcorn Kickoff 8/4 TBD
- Fall Membership Kickoff 8/17
- NYLT 8/8 - 8/14 Pomperaug
- Wood Badge WE I 8/20 - 8/22 Sequassen

September

- District Committee Meeting 9/7 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Dinner 9/14 The Original Vazzy's in Bridgeport
- Wood Badge WE II 9/18 - 9/19 Sequassen
- Camp Sikorsky 9/17-19 Sikorsky
- Sporting Clays Shoot 9/18 Wallingford Rod & Gun Club
- A Night at Black Rock 9/23 Black Rock Yacht Club
- Oktoberfest 9/25 TBD

October

- Scout Day at Lime Rock 9/1-2 Lime Rock Park
- IOLS 10/8 - 10/9 Deer Lake
- Baloo 10/1 - 10/2 Hoyt
- District Committee Meeting 10/5 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 10/12 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Fall Camporee 10/15 – 10/17 Sequassen
- Webelos Outdoor Weekend 10/15 – 10/17 Sequassen
- Cub-O-Ree 10/22 Old Mine Park, Trumbull
- Good Scout Breakfast TBD

November

- District Committee Meeting 11/2 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 11/9 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Charter Renewal Day 11/20 TBD
- Wood Badge Fellowship Dinner 11/7 TBD

December

- District Committee Meeting 12/7 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 12/14 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield

January 2022

- District Committee Meeting 1/4 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 1/11 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- NYLT WE I 1/7 - 1/9 Deer Lake
- NYLT WE II 1/14 - 1/16 Deer Lake
- Klondike Derby 1/14 – 1/16 Sequassen
- Merit Badge College 1/29 , 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, (3/5 snow)

February

- District Committee Meeting 2/1 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 2/8 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield

March

- District Committee Meeting 3/1 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 3/8 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Scouting for Food – 3/26 & 4/2
- University of Scouting – 3/19
- Spring Roundup Membership Kickoff – TBD

April

- District Committee Meeting 4/5 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 4/12 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Baloo 4/30 - 5/1 Deer Lake
- Fishing Derby 4/2 Deer Lake

May

- District Committee Meeting 5/3 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 5/10 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Pinewood Derby 5/21 TBD
- ConnJam 5/13 – 5/15 High Plains Community Center, Orange

June

- District Committee Meeting 6/7 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 6/14 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Dinner 6/18 TBD

Below is a portion of the Council email in regards to the registration increase.

New fees are effective August 1, 2021.

Both on the National and Council level, the Boy Scouts of America has worked hard to keep annual membership fees as low as possible but with rising costs and FOS participation declining, the fees for Connecticut Yankee Council will be as follows for 2022 re-charter:

\$72 National Membership fee for Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/ Venturing/ Sea Scouts.

\$45 National Membership fee for Explorers.

\$45 National Membership fee for Adult Volunteers .

\$25 National one-time joining for Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/ Venturing/Sea Scouts.

\$48 Council Operations fee for Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/ Venturing.

\$12 Council Operations fee for Adult Volunteers.

\$12 Council Insurance fee for youth and volunteers .

Connecticut Yankee Council will continue to accept for consideration, confidential Operations Fee waiver forms requesting assistance from families that are unable to pay the Operations Fee. It is our intention that all youth will always be able to participate in our programs, regardless of economic circumstances.

We can no longer rely on the legacy Family FOS campaign to meet our financial obligations. With this Operations Fee increase we will no longer be running a traditional Family FOS campaign through the units but rather do a targeted letter writing and direct ask campaign of historical donors who have supported the Council previously and continue to add new donors through cultivation.



2021 BSA National Membership Fees

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

\$72/YR	Participants in kindergarten through age 20.
\$45/YR	Participants age 10 - 20.
\$45/YR	All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).

Additional fees might be charged by local councils and units.

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

EFFECTIVE



ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)
New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT RECHARTER FEE

\$75/YR

For all new and rechartering units.