

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

Recharter Day



We are taking reservations for on-the-spot rechartering on November 20th at the council office in Milford. Your unit Key 3 will receive an email request to select your timeslot for the Recharter Day on November 20th.

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 Gene Waring (ewaring@snet.net).

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District Calendar

November	December	January
2nd - District Committee 6th - Popcorn Take Order Sale orders due 7th - Wood Badge Dinner (Deer Lake) 9th - District Roundtable 20th - Charter Renewal Day	4th - Train the Trainer (Council office) 4th - Popcorn Take Order Sale Distribution 7th - District Committee 14th - District Roundtable	4th - District Committee 7th-9th - NYLT part 1 (Deer Lake) 11th - District Roundtable 14th-16th - District Klondike Derby 14th-16th - NYLT part 2 (Deer Lake) 29th - Merritt Badge College

Silver Beaver 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 11th**.



**Wanted: A very special person to manage the
Pomperaug District Merit Badge Counselor List**

Basic computer skills required. We will provide the software and training and you provide the Windows computer.

Good thing about this job: NO MEETINGS! You can work at this whenever you want – during the day or at 3 PM. Approximately 3 - 4 hours per month. (not every month)

Not so good: You will be the one to let prospective counselors know if they are missing paperwork before they can become counselors. You will need to track Youth Protection Training for counselors every year.

Also send out mass e-mailings from the program.

The new list manager will not be expected to take on the position until after the New Year.

This is an important position that will benefit all troops throughout our district. Without you, scouts would not be able to find counselors and earn their merit badges.

Merit Badge Counselors:

Connecticut Yankee Council requires all adult volunteers to take Youth Protection Training every calendar year. This means to remain as a merit badge counselor for 2022 you must take this training in 2021.

Go to my.scouting.org to take the training and then notify Chet Bankowski, the list manager, at t163cor@yahoo.com of the date you took the training. Neither your unit (if you have one) nor council gives us this information. Please get this done by November 1st.

You are a valuable resource for our scouts and we hope you choose to continue as a merit badge counselor. Thank you.

District Positions are also available for Roundtable Commissioner and VP for Finance. If interested, please contact Gabe Zayas at fddesign@optonline.net.



STAY INFORMED ATTEND ROUNDTABLE

Send a representative from your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship to stay informed on upcoming events, program updates, trainings, and more. One of the items we will discuss is the upcoming Rechartering.

Our next Roundtable will be on Tuesday, November 9, at the First Presbyterian Church,
2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06825, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.
Entrance is through the side doors of the church hall.



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

Dylan M., Troop 788
Filip Z, Troop 788
Joseph G., Troop 65
Joseph H., Troop 88
Chase S., Troop 68

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](#))

TRAIN THE TRAINER SERIES

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF TRAINING



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

9:00-1:00 P.M.

CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER, MILFORD, CT

The T3 Training Continuum is comprised of 3 separate training courses: The Fundamentals of Training, Trainer's EDGE, and the Master Trainer Course

On December 4 we're offering the first part of the continuum *The Fundamentals of Training*. It is designed to help Scouters, regardless of their experience, present effective training. The course will also help those who might have trained for other organizations learn the BSA's training techniques. And, it will help freshen up the skills of current BSA trainers.

Upon completion of *The Fundamentals of Training*, new trainers will be able to apply the techniques they have learned across the BSA's leadership development programs, from unit level youth leader training taught by youth for youth, to position specific and supplemental training for adult leaders. Upon completion of this first part, new trainers are coached and mentored by experienced trainers as they become comfortable with and confident in their training skills.

WHO SHOULD COME?

Current or new District trainers in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing

ANYONE in Scouting who is interested and wants to learn to communicate ideas better!

Class cost is \$5 and limited to 30 registrants

For more information email Donna Wesolowski donnaweso@optimum.net

Please register by Saturday, November 20, 2021

Register here: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/828>

MEMBERSHIP BASECAMP

Be sure to visit our council web page to catch up on the latest information on membership resources.

We're on the cusp of a new, exciting era for Scouting. Our program is uniquely positioned for growth and prosperity. Our communities need Scouting and the unique leadership programs we offer.

This page is a resource for you to reference and share throughout the year.

Our team will be posting resources year-round to help you.

Visit : <https://www.ctyankee.org/membership-basecamp>



Win a Pizza Party!

This Challenge is a push to reach our Fall Recruitment Goals.
Starting October 28 and ends November 30th.

Any Unit that brings in 10% of its current membership OR a minimum of 5 new youth (whichever is greater) by November 30th earns a FREE PIZZA PARTY!

**new members registered before today do not count toward this challenge*

***party can take place at a meeting of your choice within 1 year of qualifying.*

Start Any New Units with at Least 5 youth and Receive a Free Pizza Party!

To qualify, all new member applications must be turned into the Council Service Center by November 30th.



Contact your District Executive with any questions:
Pomperaug: Jay Messier jason.messier@scouting.org

WOOD BADGE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

“LET US ALL GET TOGETHER TO RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS.”



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 DEER LAKE SCOUT RESERVATION
101 PAPER MILL RD, KILLINGWORTH, CT 06419
1 PM GATHERING, 1:30 PM DINNER

All who have completed Wood Badge or those who are currently working their ticket are invited.
Bring your spouse. Bring your patrol flags and totems to display and share.
Contact your Course Director if you'd like to have your beads presented at the dinner.

There will be a Silent Auction!

To donate items contact Ray Moncevicus at romaldasm@aol.com 203-915-3857 or Dr. Bob Kravecs at smdrbob1@aol.com 203-459-0939

[2021 Wood Badge Dinner Flyer](#)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

<https://www.ctyankee.org/events/wood-badge-fellowship-dinner-21/>

District and Council Dates (as of 9-27-21)

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 Adventure Park at Discovery Museum 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 10/1-2 Lime Rock Park
- Good Scout Breakfast 10/8 Holiday Inn Bridgeport
- IOLS 10/8 - 10/9 Deer Lake
- 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 10/16 – 10/17 Sequassen
- Cub-O-Ree 10/23 Old Mine Park, Trumbull

November

- District Committee Meeting 11/2 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 11/9 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Charter Renewal Day 11/20 Council Service Center
- Wood Badge Fellowship Dinner 11/7 Deer Lake

December

- District Committee Meeting 12/7 on Zoom
- Train the Trainer 12/4 Council Service Center
- District Roundtable 12/14 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield

January 2022

- District Committee Meeting 1/4 on Zoom
- 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.



CONNJAM

REKINDLE THE ADVENTURE

MAY 13-15, 2022 | ORANGE FAIRGROUNDS | CONNJAM.ORG

Come to Connecticut Yankee Council's largest camporee: a three-day long outdoor adventure. Join thousands of young men and women for a weekend of **camping, zip lining, SCUBA, Pinewood Derby racing, ultimate frisbee and more!** Closing out the weekend, we'll gather for an **awesome fireworks show and closing show!**

Questions? Contact us at connjamchair@ctyankee.org



Mark your calendars today!

Congratulations to Everyone that received an award at our Pomperaug District Awards and Recognition Ceremony. Thank you for all that you do to make this a great program for our youth.

Spark Plug

Cub Scouts - Pack 88 - Paul Barnaby; **Pack 95**- Jennifer Burbank ; **Pack 162**- Alison Sorel, Ken Sorel ; **Pack 261**- Brandee Gilmore, Laura Whitacre
Scouts BSA - Troop 62— Keith Simons ; **Troop 88**— Prasad Pinjala ; **Troop 188**— Heidi Rogers ; **Troop 203**— Eric Iken
Sea Scouts - Ship 110— Tim Taylor Sr.

Veterans Awards

5 Year - Jennifer Burbank, Rich Cassa, Frank Dilorenzo, Paul Johnson, Dan Murphy, Denise Schoepflin
10 Year - Kathy Dilks, James Muschett, Chris Palmentiero, Brian Parent, Jeff Ransden, Sue Ransden,



15 Year - Chris Coffin, Charles Rieve, Doug Middel
20 Year - Tom Morrison, Gene Waring, John Quinlavin
30 Year -Seth Strohecker
35 Year - Bob Kravets
55 Year - Jack Boitano, Robert Sherman



Training Awards

Den Leader Training Award - Pack 95—Chris Coffin ; Pack 261— Seth Strohecker

Scouter Training Award

Cub Scouts - Pack 95—Dan Murphy

Scouts BSA - Troop 20—Hugh Welch ; Troop 88—Leslie Cheney, Ilka Neunteufel, Sue Ransden, Nathan Schindler, Jeff Velinski

Sea Scouts - Ship 101— Ilka Neunteufel

Unit Leader Award of Merit

Cub Scouts - Pack 75—Jared Mittleman ; Pack 95—Frank Dilorenzo

Scouts BSA - Troop 20—Hugh Welch ; Troop 88—Lawrence Ratner ; Troop 199—David Hinkle ; Troop 203—John Quinlavin

Unit Leader Key

Cubmaster's Key - Pack 75—Jared Mittleman

Skipper's Key - Ship 101—Peter Neunteufel



Key Three Awards

Chair Key - Brian Rapillo

Commissioner Key - Chris Boucher

Executive Key - JC Cinelli



Silver Beaver

Ed Gratrix, Seth Strohecker, Michelle Sideleau Wendt

District Award of Merit

Nathan Schindler, Benjamin Strong

Thank You!

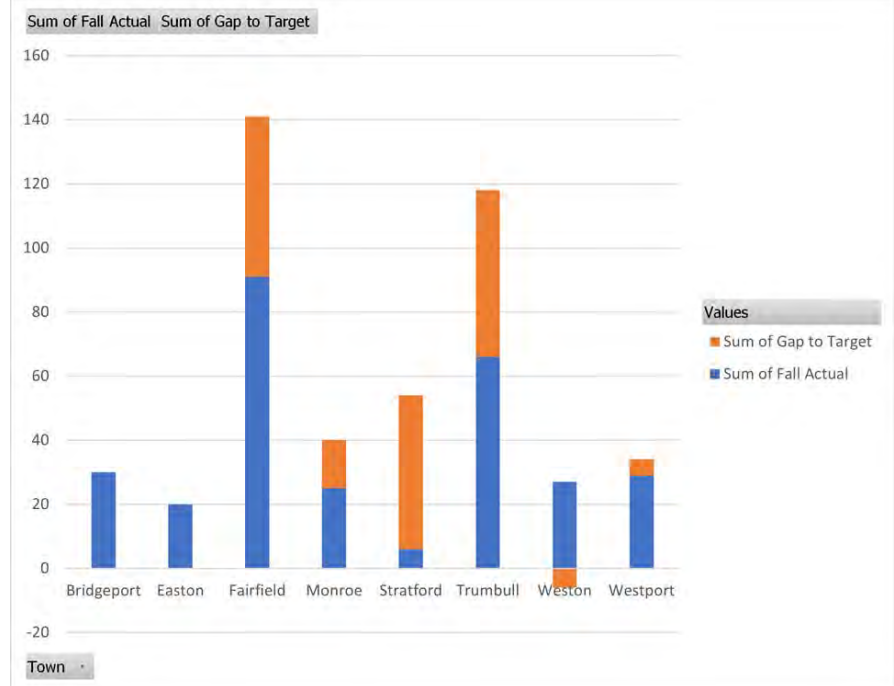
If you were not able to be there and receive your award, please get in contact with me so we can make arrangements to get it to you.

Gabe Zayas at fddesign@optonline.net.



Pomperaug Membership Update

Pomperaug units, our year-round recruiting strategies are going well and October was another great month toward our goal to grow the number of members in our district. Overall, we added more than 100 scouts to the rosters of Packs, Troops, Ships and Crews. Thank you all for your efforts. We are now more than half way to our goal in most towns, and many towns have already reached their goals. Keep up the good work.



I would like to congratulate our top recruiting units.

Pack Leaderboard

Year to Date Top 3

Pack 75 Weston
Pack 401 Fairfield
Pack 39 Westport

October Top 3

Pack 34 Bridgeport (tie)
Pack 39 Westport (tie)
Pack 95 Fairfield (tie 3rd)
Pack 401 Fairfield (tie 3rd)

Troop LeaderBoard

Patrol+

Troop 38 Bridgeport
Troop 63 Monroe
Troop 65 Trumbull
Troop 66 Easton
Troop 67 Trumbull
Troop 68 Trumbull
Troop 72 Stratford
Troop 82 Fairfield
Troop 88 Fairfield
Troop 168 Trumbull
Troop 188 Fairfield
Troop 203 Trumbull
Troop 788 Weston

October Top 3

Troop 71 Stratford (tie)
Troop 72 Stratford (tie)
Troop 139 Westport

The following units have recruited enough members to match their numbers at the end of last year.

Congratulations, but don't stop there!

Units Matching End Of Year 2020

Troop 34 Bridgeport, Troop 38 Bridgeport, Troop 39 Westport, Troop 62 Monroe, Troop 63 Monroe, Troop 68 Trumbull, Troop 71 Stratford, Troop 72 Stratford, Troop 90 Fairfield, Troop 139 Westport, Troop 168 Trumbull, Troop 188 Fairfield, Troop 203 Trumbull, Crew 90 Fairfield, Ship 84 Fairfield, Ship 110 Bridgeport, Pack 34 Bridgeport, Pack 38 Bridgeport, Pack 39 Westport, Pack 75 Weston, Pack 82 Fairfield, Pack 95 Fairfield, Pack 99 Fairfield, Pack 103 Bridgeport, Pack 164 Trumbull, Pack 166 Easton, Pack 167 Trumbull, Pack 177 Stratford, Pack 401 Fairfield.

This fall, we have recruited or transitioned 294 scouts. To meet our goal for growth over last year, we need to add 124 more members. To aid you in your task, Council has created a Pizza Party Contest for November. (see page 6)

Nathan Schindler, Vice Chair of Membership, Pomperaug District, (860) 578-4364, n.s.schindler@gmail.com

The Boy Scouts of America Introduces New Citizenship in Society Merit Badge



Irving, TX – November 1, 2021— Today, The Boy Scouts of America (BSA), one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, announced the launch of the Citizenship in Society merit badge, its newest merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program (ages 11-17). The new merit badge encourages Scouts to explore important topics around diversity, equity, inclusion and ethical leadership and learn why these qualities are important in society and in Scouting. Beginning July 1, 2022, the Citizenship in Society merit badge will be required for any youth seeking to achieve the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.

“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law,” said Roger Mosby, president and chief executive officer of The Boy Scouts of America. “This merit badge aligns with both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, which encourage Scouts to respect the beliefs of others, to be kind and courteous, and to help other people at all times.”

The Citizenship in Society merit badge is the latest initiative as part of BSA’s ongoing commitment to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. Developed by BSA’s Office of Diversity and Youth Development Office, with input from a dedicated group of Scouting volunteers, BSA youth and professional staff, the merit badge pairs Scouts with merit badge counselors who will help guide Scouts on their journey of self-discovery and facilitate discussions as Scouts seek to further understand the diverse world we live in.

“The Citizenship in Society merit badge is an important initiative to help Scouts learn about the diverse identities we each possess, understand different perspectives and experiences, and promote good citizenship in society,” said Elizabeth Ramirez-Washka, chief diversity officer and vice president of diversity & inclusion, Boy Scouts of America.

The new merit badge complements existing merit badges, such as the American Cultures, Citizenship in the Community, Disability Awareness and American Heritage merit badges, which require Scouts to learn and grow their understanding of diverse perspectives and spur positive action.

“As part of earning the Citizenship in Society merit badge, I learned that it’s important to understand different opinions and perspectives to become a good leader so that you’re prepared to handle any situation that comes up,” said Maya, a 15-year-old Scout who participated in the pilot program. “I also enjoyed getting to discuss diversity and inclusion topics with my friends in Scouting, as it felt like a safe environment to be open and honest about these topics.”

For more information on the Citizenship in Society merit badge, please visit www.scouting.org/dei.