

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

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
JANUARY 7-9 AND 14-16, 2022
DEER LAKE SCOUT RESERVATION
FEE: \$460; REGISTRATION CLOSSES DEC. 24**



NYLT – LEADERSHIP THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

NYLT is an exciting 2 weekend 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 2 weekend course 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

For more info: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/nylt-winter-2022>

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District Calendar

December	January	February
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	1st - District Committee 5th - Merritt Badge College 8th - District Roundtable 12th - Merritt Badge College 26th - 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 December 10th.



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

Merit Badge College:

This year's Merit Badge College will be held on January 29th, February 5th, 12th and 27th with March 5th set as a snow day. Stay tuned to the CYC Council website for registration information.

Merit Badge Changes and Additions

MEDICINE MERIT BADGE BEING REPLACED

Scouts who have begun work on the Medicine merit badge may continue working on it until they are finished or turn 18. After Dec. 31, 2021, Scouts may not begin working on the Medicine merit badge and should instead work on the **Health Care Professions** badge. Hard-copy editions of the Health Care Professions merit badge pamphlet should be available in mid-November.

NEW MERIT BADGE CITIZENSHIP IN SOCIETY

This will be Eagle required July 1, 2022

CYC is now creating the requirements for counselors and those will be in the next newsletter. For now, we do know that counselors will be required to take Diversity Training available on my.scouting.org. Counselors should have skill in listening and guiding discussions with scouts without advocating a particular point of view. Scouts taking the badge must be of high school age. If you think you are qualified and are interested in becoming a counselor for this badge contact Pat Day at patriciaday@att.net for further information or go to: http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/merit_badge_reqandres/CitizenshipSociety_ScoutReqs.pdf?_gl=1*172b4qk*_ga*MTIxNzI1MDUx

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.



May 13-15, 2022 Orange Fairgrounds, Orange CT



Rekindle your spirit for adventure and action with ConnJam. With dozens of activities- from rock walls to BSA SCUBA to chess and Pinewood Derby races, ConnJam has something for everyone. Check out all the activities at connjam.org . Registration for ConnJam 2022 is now open! Sign up now to secure your spot at the largest Scouting event in Connecticut.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

WHAT YOU'LL PAY:

- \$30.00 Early Fee (by January 16, 2022)
- \$35.00 Regular fee
- \$20.00 Day Participants
- Cub Scout Family Fee: \$120 Early Bird (by January 16, 2022) and \$130 Regular Fee
- \$100 Unit Reservation Deposit
 - Secures a unit site & \$30/ person fee
 - Fees fully paid by March 31 (then \$35)
 - Unit deposit applies to the overall balance

HOST AN ACTIVITY

We're looking for units to host activities and programs during ConnJam. If your unit has a fun activity they can do, let us know

[CONTACT US](#)

JOIN THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Help make ConnJam a memorable event for thousands of Scouts by joining the Program Committee!

[JOIN THE TEAM](#)

[VISIT CONNJAM.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS](http://connjam.org)



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.

Our next Roundtable will be on Tuesday, December 14, 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.



Pomperaug District Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 7:30pm via Zoom

All committee members should attend.

We will be voting on the slate for the coming year.



Information coming soon.

Keep checking the website for updates. <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/pomperaug-district-klondike-derby-22/>

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.

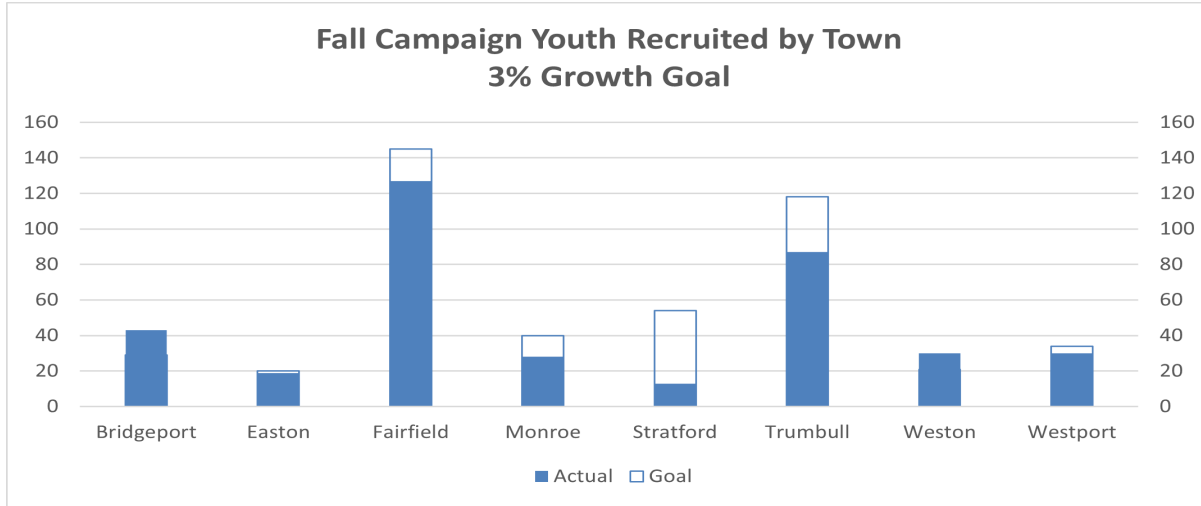
This page is a resource for you to reference and share throughout the year.

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

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

Pomperaug Membership Update

Pomperaug units, our year-round recruiting strategies are going well and November was another great month toward our goal to grow the number of members in our district. We are less than 30 youth from the +1 goal. To achieve 3% growth, we only need 84 more youth. That's just over 1 per unit. We can do this. In November we added 83 more youth members. Incredible!



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

November Top 3

Pack 89 Fairfield
Pack 64 Trumbull
Pack 167 Trumbull

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

November Top 3

Troop 34 Bridgeport
Troop 82 Fairfield
Troop 88 Fairfield
Troop 103 Bridgeport
Troop 168 Trumbull

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 10 Fairfield, 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 261 Trumbull, Pack 401 Fairfield.

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District and Council Dates (as of 12-1-21)

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 Hoyt
- Merit Badge College 1/29 , 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, (3/5 snow)

February

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

March

- District Committee Meeting 3/1 on Zoom
- 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
- District Pinewood Derby TBD

May

- District Committee Meeting 5/3 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Roundtable 5/10 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- 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.

Pomperaug District Contact Sheet

(as of 11/16/21)

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