

THE POMPERAUG POST

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

Happy Holidays

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



STAY INFORMED ATTEND ROUNDTABLE

Send a representative or two from your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship to stay informed on upcoming events, program updates, trainings, speak with other volunteers, and more.

Our next Roundtable will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:30 pm, at First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield. Located at 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06825 . Entrance is through the side door by the parking lot.

There will be:

a Cub Scout breakout on “ Pinewood Derby”,
and a Scouts BSA breakout for “Intro to Den Chiefs”.

Every unit should send a representative.



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It's time to Recharter!



Pomperaug's District Recharter Day came and went!.... If you have not re-chartered yet, please make arrangements to bring your paperwork to the BSA Council Service Center, 60 Wellington Road, Milford CT.

All Key 3 in each unit should have received this information along with instructions.

Your District Commissioner is great resources to help you through this process.

Please contact:

Gene Waring, District Commissioner
(203) 985-5991
ewaring@snet.net

New or Change of Leadership Roles

The start of a new Scouting season means changes in Adult Leadership. If your unit is going through changes in leadership, we would like to know so we can update our mailing list.

Have your new leadership, committee members, and parents Join our Pomperaug District mailing List :

[Join Our Mailing List](#)

If you have an updated Adult Leader roster with the info, you can also email it to Gabe Zayas at : fdesign@optonline.net .

Here are some additional helpful links :

Using Position Manager to update registered adult positions. Position Manager allows the Chartered Organization Representative (COR) or the COR delegate to electronically change the registered positions for adult leaders within the same unit. Position Manager Job Aid .

<https://vimeo.com/551542220>

Assigning Functional Roles in Position Manager. Functional roles that can take action in Online Registration include the COR Delegate, the Key 3 Delegate, and the Registration Inquiry role. The COR Delegate can only be appointed by the Chartered Organization Representative. All other functional roles can be assigned by the Key 3 or their delegates. <https://vimeo.com/551541655>





To help better serve our District, the Service Center has a new team and e-mail address for everyone to use . Please e-mail your general questions, to FairfieldScouting@ctyankee.org and someone from the Service Center will get back to you as soon as they can.

For specific topics, please address those to the specific person.
Thank You

Fall Recruiting Membership Update

Great job reaching out to the community and sharing scouting with them. Pomperaug continues to grow. Pomperaug has already increased membership over last year. New Ships, Posts, and Clubs helped us get there. If you are interested in starting a new unit, or know the perfect place for one, let's discuss.

Thanks to all the efforts of our units, we are 22 youth away from reaching our 3% district recruiting goal. The more youth we reach, the more we can prepare for life. So every youth counts.

Cub Scouts Fall Recruiting Leaderboard:

Pack 199 Fairfield - 23

Pack 82 Fairfield - 19

Pack 167 Trumbull - 19

Congratulations to the following packs who have recruited 10 or more new Cub Scouts this year: 199, 167, 197, 82, 95, 64, 262, 261, 39, 99, 162, 166, 261, 89, 74

Congratulations to the following troops who have recruited enough members for a new patrol this year: 66, 139, 88, 34, 65, 82, 188, 90, 62, 72, 34

Recruiting resources are available at: <https://www.ctyankee.org/membership-basecamp>

Troops, it's time to be working your Webelos to Scout transition plan. Webelos should visit your troop for meetings and activities a couple of times. Youth who have not earned AOL or are not part of scouting can now join troops on March 1 of 5th grade. So you can recruit directly from middle schools and ask your new scouts to bring a friend.

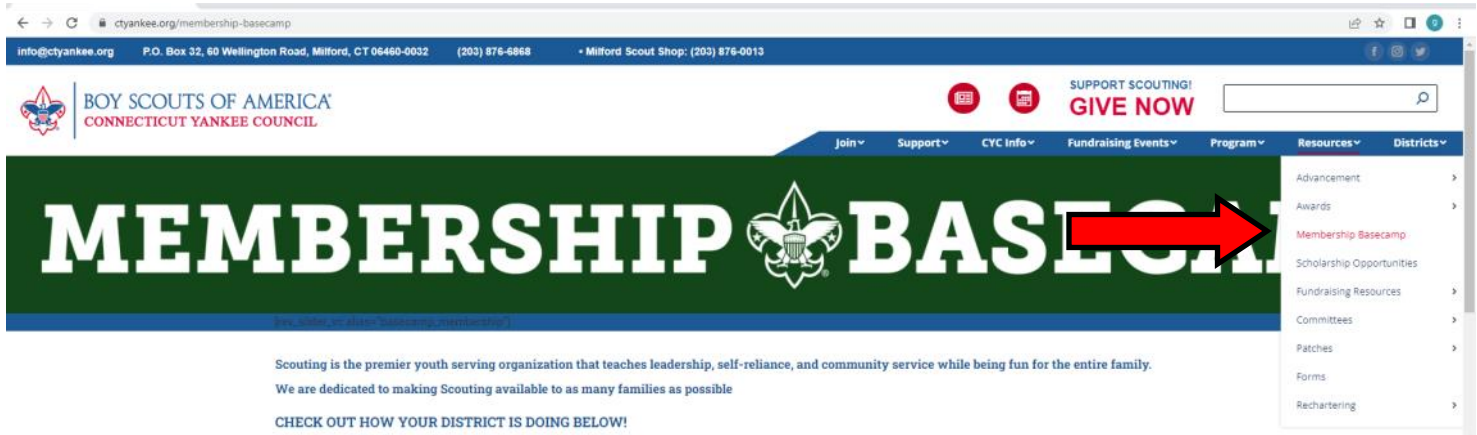
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Membership Resources

Visit our CYC Membership Basecamp page for links to membership information:

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

On the CTYankee.org site, scroll over to “RESOURCES” then down to “MEMBERSHIP BASECAMP”



If your Unit is recruiting, we would like to know!

Please let us know of any past recruiting events you have held if you have not used our Basecamp site to request flyers or assistance from the Service Center.

Email “ fairfieldscouting@ctyankee.org ”

For upcoming recruiting events, please use the “ REQUEST RECRUITMENT MATERIALS” button in the membership Basecamp website...

...or click here: https://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aXLqvQKfZVaNSPI

If your event is in a few weeks, we may be able to help with promoting on Facebook and provide geofencing to help reach more families in your area.



Our District provides excellent programming to our youth and volunteers.

See how else you can help by clicking here: <https://www.ctyankee.org/support/>

2023 Youth Registration Fees*

PLUS \$25.00 for each NEW YOUTH member

Current Month	Regist. Fee	Ops Fee Youth	Insurance Fee	Youth Total	Scouts' Life (Optional)	Total with Scouts' Life
January	\$75.00	\$48.00	\$12.00	\$135.00	\$15.00	\$150.00
February	\$68.75	\$44.00	\$12.00	\$124.75	\$13.75	\$138.50
March	\$62.50	\$40.00	\$12.00	\$114.50	\$12.50	\$127.00
April	\$56.25	\$36.00	\$12.00	\$104.25	\$11.25	\$115.50
May	\$50.00	\$32.00	\$12.00	\$94.00	\$10.00	\$104.00
June	\$43.75	\$28.00	\$6.00	\$77.75	\$8.75	\$86.50
July	\$37.50	\$24.00	\$6.00	\$67.50	\$7.50	\$75.00
August	\$31.25	\$20.00	\$6.00	\$57.25	\$6.25	\$63.50
September	\$25.00	\$16.00	\$6.00	\$47.00	\$5.00	\$52.00
October	\$18.75	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$36.75	\$3.75	\$40.50
November	\$12.50	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$26.50	\$2.50	\$29.00
December	\$6.25	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$16.25	--	

2023 Adult Registration Fees

Current Month	Regist. Fee	Ops Fee Adult	Insurance Fee	Adult Total	Scouts' Life (Optional)	Total with Scouts' Life
January	\$45.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$69.00	\$15.00	\$84.00
February	\$41.25	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$64.25	\$13.75	\$78.00
March	\$37.50	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$59.50	\$12.50	\$72.00
April	\$33.75	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$54.75	\$11.25	\$66.00
May	\$30.00	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$60.00
June	\$26.25	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$39.25	\$8.75	\$48.00
July	\$22.50	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$34.50	\$7.50	\$42.00
August	\$18.75	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$29.75	\$6.25	\$36.00
September	\$15.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$30.00
October	\$11.25	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$20.25	\$3.75	\$24.00
November	\$7.50	\$2.00	\$6.00	\$15.50	\$2.50	\$18.00
December	\$3.75	\$1.00	\$6.00	\$10.75	--	

Annual Unit Charter Fee: \$100

*Effective August 1, 2022

National Fees Increase

The National Boy Scouts of America organization sets the fee amounts to register as a member of Scouting. BSA has increased the youth membership fee by \$3 effective August 1, 2022 in all programs except Exploring. Here are the new national fee amounts:

- \$75 for youth in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting
 - \$25 new member fee (one-time only, upon joining Scouting for the first time)
 - \$45 for youth in Exploring
 - \$45 for adult members in all programs (includes cost of background check)
- \$100 for a unit charter fee

The Council insurance fee of \$12 per person and Council Operations Fee of \$48 for youth and \$12 for adults will remain the same.

Note:

- Youth who cross over from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA do not have to pay the new member fee
 - Youth who transfer from one unit or program to another do not have to pay the new member fee
 - Youth who are new members joining Exploring do not have to pay the new member fee
- Adults who are new volunteers (in any program) do not have to pay the new member fee



Recruiting new Scouts and Parents

When to do Recruiting

Recruiting is **year-round**...but most commonly the two main times are in the spring (May) and the fall (September). Units throughout the District have started planning successful recruiting events and activities leading up to this exciting time!

Cub Scouts Spring Recruitment

Don't forget, preschoolers can join the Pack as Lions at the end of the school year. So, by having a sign-up in May, you can concentrate your efforts on the preschool and kindergarten classes. Benefits to having families sign up in May/June include:

- **Giving the new families a chance to get acquainted with the Pack casually over the summer.**
- **New Scouts can get a head start, especially if they go to Day Camp.**
- **New Lion, Tiger, and all other den leaders can be recruited and trained in the summer, making September go much more smoothly.**
- **The new Lion and Tiger Dens can start selling popcorn early with the rest of the Pack.**

Note: spring recruiting should be used as a supplement to fall recruiting not a replacement. Also, when your Pack recruits in the spring, make sure the new scouts have several activities over the summer, you can earn the national Summertime Pack Award!

Scouts BSA Troop Open House

The Scout Troop open house allows a troop to swing open its doors and roll out the red carpet to welcome guests. It provides a forum to show off Scouting activities and the troop's accomplishments. It is an effective tool to reach youth who have never tried Scouting. Hosting a troop open house is a five-step process that has been tried and proven in Troops throughout the nation. Each of the following five steps is vital to the event's success:

1. Present a school rally to fifth- and sixth-graders. Give them something they can go home with.
2. Mail the parents of interested youth a personal invitation to the Troop open house, and an invite though social media.
3. Follow the invitation with a telephone call, or email to the parents. Host the open house for youth AND their parents.
4. Organize a Troop or district activity to involve new Scouts right away. Youth join Scouting for the fun and outdoor adventure.
5. Parents want them to join for completely different reasons—character building and leadership training.

Following this plan for conducting a Troop open house will help you address the wants and needs of both youth and their parents.

We need the help of every leader assisting their own unit or possibly another one nearby. It's a complete team effort! The question is: Will your unit grow significantly? Steady growth is the best indicator of a healthy unit. Will positive, helpful, and new parents be recruited to fill every volunteer role? The spring is a great time to recruit new leaders! They can begin their adventure as registered leader in a more relaxed setting with school out and fewer activities going on.

Please contact your Vice Chairman for Membership with any questions you may have, or for any assistance with your recruiting efforts. If your unit is planning on holding a spring recruiting event, and you would like some recruiting materials put together, please let us know. We can help coordinate materials, lawn signs, flyers, base camp canopy, peer to peer cards, etc. Happy recruiting!

SAVE THE DATE!

Merit Badge College 2023 will be in person.

January 28, February 4, 11, 25 and snow date March 4. Place is Easton Country Day School, Easton. Watch for more news on the CYC web site.

NEEDED: MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS FOR MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

We will be in-person for 2023 at Easton Country Day School in Easton. Saturday morning dates are 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25 and snow date 3/4.

We desperately need counselors, especially for Family Life, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Personal Management, Communications, Environmental Science, Sustainability, Fingerprinting, Animation, Art, and Chess.

If you can help, please contact John Davenport (jjdlegaleagle@aol.com)
or Adam Gerstein (agerstein.bsa@gmail.com).

Powder Horn 2023

Friday, September 22, 2023 at 7:00am to Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 5:00pm.
Camp Sequassen

Watch for more news here and on the CYC web site.

To register click here: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/956>

Wood Badge Fellowship Dinner

[Woodbadge Fellowship Dinner](#)

Nov 6th 1pm
Deer Lake 2022

Winter NYLT - -Winter 2023

[Winter NYLT](#)

Jan 6-8 and Jan 13-15 2023
Deer Lake

Trainers Edge 2023

[Trainers Edge](#)

March 4th
Milford Service Center

University of Scouting 2023 (Save the date)

March 18
Easton Country Day School
Registration going live jan 1

IOLS Spring 2023

[Spring IOLS](#)

May 20-21
Redding location TBD

BALOO Spring 2023

[Spring BALOO](#)

June 3-4
Hoyt Scout Reservation

NYLT Summer 2023

Date and location being secured soon

Wood Badge 2023

[Wood Badge 2023](#)

Aug 25-27 Sequassen
Sept 30-Oct 1 Hoyt Scout Reservation

IOLS Fall 2023

October 7-8
Hoyt Scout Reservation

BALOO Fall 2023

TBD

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**JANUARY 6-8 AND 13-15, 2023 | DEER LAKE SCOUT RESERVATION
FEE: \$495; REGISTRATION CLOSES DECEMBER 30 | EARLY BIRD FEE: \$465 IF PAID IN FULL
BY OCTOBER 31!**



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.

Sign up soon, our course is limited to 48 participants. You can hold a spot now for a \$25 refundable deposit in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/nylt-winter-2023>

To register click here: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/948>

WOOD BADGE: THE BSA'S BEST LEADERSHIP TRAINING

AUGUST 25-26-27 AT CAMP SEQUASSEN AND SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1 AT

HOYT SCOUT RESERVATION



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.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ctyankee.org/events/wood-badge-2023/>

To register click here: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/937>

[Merit Badge Counselor List](#)

The new Merit Badge Counselor List has been completed as a Google Sheet. All Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs have been given access to the Sheet and should have received an email from aamidon@snet.net explaining its use.

All Merit Badge Counselors should have received an email from the same address with an Excel version of the spreadsheet asking you to review it and reply with any corrections.

If you didn't receive an expected email, please check your Spam folder and add Anne Amidon with the above email to your contacts.

[Merit Badge Counselor List Manager](#) [Anne Amidon – email: aamidon@snet.net](mailto:aamidon@snet.net)

To all Merit Badge Counselors:

Please check with your Troop leaders to make sure that you are still on the Merit Badge Counselor list - they have access to the current list. I've had a few people contact me because they aren't on the list. If you're not on the list and should be, please send a completed Merit Badge Counselor Information form and a screen shot of training completions from my.scouting.org (in particular I need Merit Badge Counselor trainings and your most recent YPT Certificate Test).

Please note that ALL Merit Badge Counselors must redo YPT every year in our council. If the effective date of your most recent YPT Certification test is NOT in 2022, you need to retake YPT and send me a copy of the certificate.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Anne Amidon
aamidon@snet.net

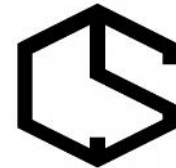
SAVE THE DATE!



Scouts BSA Units

Pomperaug District Klondike will be held

January 20—22, 2023 at Sequassen



Back in Time

Your Time Machine is broken! Hurdle through different eras to find the parts to fix your engine and bring your patrol back to the present!

More details to follow

Popcorn Fundraising Information



Selling popcorn with Scouting is a great way to teach Scouts how to be entrepreneurial, raise money to fund their adventures, and be visible in their community- all while having a blast! Plus, this year we have great prizes for Scouts and units to earn. So get selling!

[Click For More Information](#)

Pomperaug District Contact Sheet

(as of 5/1/22)

District ChairGabe Zayas fddesign@optonline.net

District CommissionerGene Waring ewaring@snet.net

Program Vice ChairJC Cinelli jcinelli@gmail.com

Membership Vice ChairNathan Schindler n.s.schindler@gmail.com

Fund Development Vice ChairMichelle Sideleau Wendt michelle.sideleau.wendt@gmail.com

District DirectorBill Reynolds bill.reynolds@scouting.org

Service Center..... fairfieldscouting@ctyankee.org



AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BSA:

UPDATE TO SCOUTS BSA YOUTH JOINING REQUIREMENTS

The BSA has been looking at the barriers to joining for today's families and we want to simplify this for any youth who wants to participate in our programs. The joining requirements for the Scouts BSA program currently state:

*Youth can be Scouts if they have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, **OR** have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, **OR** are age 11 but have not reached age 18.*

Beginning April 18, 2022, the Scouts BSA program joining requirements will be changed to the following:

YOUTH CAN BE SCOUTS IF THEY ARE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OLD, CURRENTLY IN THE FIFTH GRADE AND REGISTER ON OR AFTER MARCH 1ST; OR HAVE EARNED THE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD AND ARE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OLD, **OR ARE AGE 11 BUT HAVE NOT REACHED AGE 18.**

Pomperaug District Event Calendar (as of 10-1-22)

August 2022

- District Committee Meeting 8/9 on Zoom
- Fall Membership Kickoff TBD
- NYLT 8/7- 8/13 Pomperaug
- Wood Badge WE I 8/19 - 8/21 Sequassen

September 2022

- District Committee Meeting 9/6 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 9/13 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Fairfield County Leadership Dinner 9/14 Country Club of New Cannan
- Wood Badge WE II 9/17 - 9/18 Sequassen
- Sporting Clays Shoot 9/17 Bristol Fish & Game Club
- Camp Sikorsky 9/30 - 10/2 Camp Sikorsky
- Powderhorn - Cancelled
- Scout Day at Lime Rock 9/30 - 10/1 Lime Rock Park

October 2022

- A Night at Black Rock 10/6 Black Rock Yacht Club
- Council Golf Tournament 10/4 Hudson National Golf Club
- IOLS 10/14- 10/15 Deer Lake
- District Committee Meeting 10/4 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 10/11 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Fall Camporee 10/21– 10/23 Sequassen
- Webelos Outdoor Weekend 10/22 – 10/23 Sequassen
- Cub-O-Ree 10/30 Old Mine Park, Trumbull

November 2022

- District Committee Meeting 11/1 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 11/8 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Charter Renewal Day 11/19 Council Service Center
- Wood Badge Fellowship Dinner 11/6 TBD

December 2022

- District Committee Meeting 12/6 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 12/13 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield

January 2023

- District Committee Meeting 1/3 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 1/10 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Klondike Derby 1/20 – 1/22 Sequassen

February 2023

- District Committee Meeting 2/7 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 2/14 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield

March 2023

- District Committee Meeting 3/7 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 3/14 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Scouting for Food – 3/11 and 3/18

April 2023

- District Committee Meeting 4/4 on Zoom
- Spring Roundup Membership Kickoff – TBD
- District Roundtable 4/11 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Fishing Derby - TBD
- District Pinewood Derby 4/22 - TBD

May 2023

- District Committee Meeting 5/2 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 5/9 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- Spring Camporee 5/19 - 5/21 Deer Lake

June 2023

- District Committee Meeting 6/6 on Zoom
- District Roundtable 6/13 First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield
- District Awards Dinner—TBD

Upcoming District Calendar

December	January	February
6th—Pomperaug District Committee Meeting 13th - Pomperaug District Roundtable	3rd —Pomperaug District Committee Meeting 10th—Pomperaug District Roundtable 20-22 — Klondike at Sequassen	7th—Pomperaug District Committee Meeting 14th—Pomperaug District Roundtable



Pomperaug District Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 7:30 pm via Zoom
All committee members should attend.

Interested in helping out or joining our committee?
Contact Gabe Zayas @ fdesign@optonline.net



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https://www.instagram.com/pomperaug_district/

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