Hi everyone and Happy May! I hope everyone is staying home and staying safe during the quarantine. Remember we are a Scouting family, and as such, we are all here for each other and in this together. If you need anything or just need someone to talk to please feel free to reach out to me at mszarpa-bsa@gmail.com.

On that note, I hope everyone is still having virtual meetings on Zoom or Google meets or something like that and keeping their Scouts involved. It is important to keep the Scouts

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Welcome to the May Edition of Powahay News!
Managing our Scouting Programs with the COVID-19 Crisis

All in-person Scouting activities held by units to districts and the Connecticut Yankee Council remain prohibited through May 20. We have previously communicated that our guidance supersedes all other Scouting guidance, including that from the National Boy Scouts of America. Should any guidance from your chartered organization or your local health department be more restrictive, please also follow those restrictions.

Unit Leaders please encourage your families to join our email list at www.ctyankee.org/district/powahay/join-powahays-email-list/.

Mike's Musings

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and volunteers involved, Scouting has not stopped just because we can't meet in person or go Camping. There are lots of great events being offered online, including or Scouts BSA Stem Camporee on May 9.

One thing I have noticed is the large amount of positive TV coverage the Boy Scouts of America has been receiving during this time. Whether it be the Scout in NJ who has played Taps outside the Veterans home when one of their residents passes away from Covid or the Scouts who have been making and donating masks to front line workers, or Scouts who have been collecting food for donation, all these things are making a positive impact and show the fundamentals of the Scouting program. We should all be proud of the Scouts and the Volunteers and what they have done, especially during this rough time.

So, if you are out making donations of food or masks, it is a good idea to wear your Scout uniform, not to get the credit for Scouting, but to show that you are a Scout or Scouter and proud to help in any way you can. If you live with, know of or see a front line worker (nurse, doctor, grocery store, postal carrier) let them know that I thank them for all they are doing to help us stay safe.

"The main question of life is not "what can I get?" but "what can I give?"" – Baden Powell. Wise words from Baden Powell, so in this time, ask yourself how can you and your Scouts do your best to do your duty to God and your country. To help other people at all times and to keep yourself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight?

Mike Szarpa
District Chairman

Powahay’s COVID-19 Frontline Heroes
Hector & Sonia Asuncion

Hector Asuncion is a Wolf Den Leader for Pack 97, an Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 19 and a registered nurse. Sonia Asuncion Pack 97 Committee Chair is a Respiratory Care Practitioners (respiratory therapist). Both are providing critical health care during this crisis at Stamford Hospital.

Challenging Times For Scouting

This has been challenging times both personally and professionally for the Connecticut Yankee Council volunteers and staff, as well as many others. We are buoyed by your support and amazed at all the ways the Scouting community is finding to stay connected and continue Scouting while we are forced apart. We appreciate all the creative and innovative ways that units, districts, and the council have employed to ensure continuity.

The safety of Scouts, volunteers, employees, and our communities remains our top priority. We must also plan and maintain the exceptional level of support and programs that you have come to expect as we provide for the future of our youth and Scouting. That's why we are urging you, if possible, to continue your Friends of Scouting support so we can continue to provide the necessary resources for Scouting to thrive during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.

We will get through this together and together we will ensure that Scouting continues, unabated, in the Connecticut Yankee Council. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for all the payments, additional donations, prepayments, and for those who have increased their gifts at this uncertain time. Thank you!

Online donations can be made to: https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/072/appeal/2738

Questions: Roger Williams Powahay Vice chairman Finance rvw@optonline.net
GAME ON! STEM CYBER CAMPOREE!

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Scouts At Home and Virtually from Hoyt

The event is free. Optional $2 if you want a patch.

Revised and Updated Program

Join us for Video Web Conference Stations followed by afternoon online gaming fun! We are inviting Arrow of Light Webelos to join the fun!

★ 10 AM Opening Ceremony
★ 10:30 AM Morning Sessions
★ 12:00 Lunch Break
★ 1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions
★ 2:30 PM Optional Game On with a dedicated Minecraft Server

Highlights

Merit Badges — Space Exploration, Moviemaking, Dog Care, Robotics, Railroading, Digital Technology, and Communications Merit Badges... See page 2

Life to Eagle Process Workshop — The presentation will discuss Position of Responsibility, merit badges requirements and the leadership service project. Both morning and afternoon sessions. Parents and adult leaders are welcome to participate.

PLUS... See Pages 2 to 3

➔ The Scouting Adventure for Arrow of Light Webelos by Troop 53 Darien.
➔ A First Aid Kit Scavenger Hunt by Troop 222 Norwalk.
➔ Coca-Cola and Mentos is all you need for this station by Troop 70 New Canaan
➔ Model Rocket Workshop by Troop 35 Darien as part of the Space Exploration Merit Bade.
➔ Leadership Challenge for Scouts Star and above by the NYLT Staff.

Patrol Outdoor Challenge — We don’t want Scouts sitting in front of a computer all day for this event. We have included a troop administer program of fun easy outdoor activities as part of a patrol competition. See page 4.

Game-On with Minecraft — Minecraft has become one of the world’s most popular games. We have created our own private Minecraft server for this event allowing Scouts to play with other Scouts in our two districts. See page 3.

Special Session for parents and adult leaders:

➔ Managing Family Life & Scouting at Home for parents. See page 3.
➔ Commissioner Service — We are here to help! See page 3.

Registration is FREE

at https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/636

➔Registration requires Scout name and a proper email to receive the event links.
For security, we are not providing a public publishing of the links.
➔ Scouts can select one activity in morning, one in the afternoon and if they would like to participate in the Minecraft Game at the registration process.
➔ We would prefer Troops make a group reservation for their Scouts.
➔ Adults Leaders and Parents must register to receive the links. It is free.
➔ The $2 patch can be ordered at the registration link. We have a limited number of patches.

Questions — John Hanks at info@powahay.com
Dear Parents and Leaders:

Our Cub Scout Day Camp team is excited to welcome you this summer and they are here to help with your planning. Our Day Camp Team is putting the finishing touches on the program for your children. This summer they'll be exploring the ‘jungle.’ If your Scout has been to Day Camp before, they'll see many familiar faces on staff again this year. They will learn about jungle environments and cultures, arts and crafts, enjoy a Monsoon Lagoon sprinkler tunnel, the spirit stick, and more. Leaders and parents will get to see it all in action at the new Friday Family Program! And even better, you don't need to be a registered Scout to come, so your child can bring a friend with them! To help us prepare for your arrival, please register today!

Please keep watch our website for the very latest in updates about summer camp. We will also be sending additional emails as we get closer to camp.

Brett Keeler
Camp Director Cub Scout Day Camp

Sam Pepe
Program Director Cub Scout Day Camp

More info at
www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/cub-scout-day-camps/

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Dear Troop Leaders:

Ranger Dave is continuing with planned maintenance and set-up for you. This includes the final touches on the new Trades Building where we'll offer new merit badges in this state-of-the-art facility. We even have new Lean-tos and we have remodeled the waterfront. Meanwhile, our Program Director Migs and I are putting together the best Camp Sequassen staff ever. We are planning an epic 93 year at Camp Sequassen that will put all the uncertainty we are facing behind us. All we need is you!

To help us prepare for your arrival, please register today! Since our units aren't meeting in-person, we know that collecting deposits and payments for camp is a bit more challenging so we've adjusted our deadlines. The early registration bonus, for those collectible Camp Sequassen hats, has been extended to May 10.

Camp is something all Scouts should able to experience and we are here to help you find ways to make that happen. For families that need assistance, our campership program is available and for those Scouts who would like to earn their way (and help mom & dad), the Camp Card sale. Scouts can sell Camp Cards online to help pay their way to camp. Just visit our Camp Card page.

Part of being prepared is minimizing risks, and we are updating camp operations to minimize threats such as COVID-19. As we learn more, we continuously update policies and procedures. As camp gets closer, we will review those policies and procedures. This may require help from units even before you arrive at camp so please check our website for the very latest updates concerning summer camp.

Michael Morrell, Director of Camping
www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/scouts-bsa-resident-camp

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There is no risk for families and units of losing money by signing up for Camp now. In the event that Scout Camp does not open or has a shortened season due to COVID-19 and your child’s week(s) are canceled, all camp fees paid will be refunded.
Eagle Matters – To date, we have done eight Eagle Scout boards using video conferencing. They have gone very well. We still have about five more to hold and we are currently scheduling two of the five. Please remember that the Scout is in uniform and before we begin the board, we introduce the board to the parent(s). It is important that they know who is on the board and give their okay. One item that is important is getting the Eagle Scout service project workpapers including photos to the board members. Even though I am supporting the importance and need for the post office, the Scout can create a .pdf and email to the board members.

Finally - We have had a few Eagle Scout service project proposals dropped off in the bin. They were approved in just a couple days. With the good weather expected soon and I am sure the slowing opening of our community assets, projects will be able to be safely worked on and completed. Social distancing rules obviously will apply. So please do not let your Life Scouts delay or use the covid-19 as an excuse not to find and get approved a project. Signatures can be obtained through emails or scanning or faxing the signature page. The Scout is not required at this time to physically meet the approvers in order to obtain a approving signature.

Joseph Nathanson - Eagle Scout
Troop 9 Stamford

On Tuesday evening, April 14, 2020, Joe Nathanson successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to Joe, the Nathanson family, and Troop 9 Stamford. Due to the current health crisis and social distancing guidelines, Joe's Eagle Board of Review was conducted virtually using a ZOOM video conference.

Joe provided leadership for his Eagle Scout project, to build and install four “BUDDY BENCHES” at Newfield Elementary School as part of the principal’s “Kindness program”. Joe and his team of volunteers from Troop 9 and Stamford HS, logged 178 hours for the overall project.

During his Troop 9 tenure, Joe has served in leadership roles as patrol leader, Asst SPL and SPL. He particularly liked having a positive impact on new scouts. Joe has earned 23 merit badges.

Among Joe's most memorable events were his High Adventure trip to Florida Sea Base to do SCUBA diving with his scouting friends for 10 days. Joe also attended the 2017 BSA National Jamboree – saying "it was incredible to be there and see so many thousands of people all involved in Scouting.” His most memorable Troop 9 trip was his first winter KLONDIKE camping trip. Surviving that really cold weekend gave him the confidence to know he could take on future challenges in the outdoors.

As a senior at Stamford HS, Joe has maintained an excellent academic record, and was inducted into the National Honor Society. His extracurricular activities include playing baseball and working as a reporter for the Round Table high school newspaper. As a senior, Joe has taken over the role of Sports Editor and anchors the “Sports Center” school wide broadcast. This latest role has helped shape Joe's ambitions for the future to major in sports management and communications in college. Joe will be attending Elon University in NC. He is one of 15 students accepted into a special scholarship program "Elon Sports Vision", that is a program similar in quality of ESPN Sports. Good Luck Joe! You may want to get his autograph now, before he becomes a famous Sports Broadcaster on TV.

Submitted by Evan Atkins, Troop 9 Eagle Scout Advisor

Photo—From Webelos to Eagle
Joe Nathanson.
“Scout me in”, As you are aware, all Council training events have been cancelled thru May 20th at this time, pending further health safety review. Since you are “social distancing” at home, why not take advantage of virtual training classes and distance learning during the COVID-19 health crisis.

“My every Scout deserves a Trained Leader”. There are many opportunities to take BSA eLearning training courses required for your troop committee and uniformed leaders positions to comply with BSA Re-charter requirements.

Current - Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required, please check your troop adult training records to ensure all adults have current YPT training for this year, be sure to include those HS Seniors turning 18-21 as well on your adult check list.

If your troop plans to schedule “On the water” activity, including canoe, or kayak trips, sign up for BSA Aquatics, Supervision and Small Craft Safety course, taught by Andrea Ulery. It is scheduled during 2 Saturdays in June. Upon completion you will earn 3 year CERTIFICATION for both SWIMMING Instructor/ Supervision and SMALL CRAFT Instructor / Supervision for Scouts BSA - Aquatics, Canoeing and Kayaking activities. Course fee: $40.00 please see the link below: Register NOW, seating is very limited. Check pre-reqs on website.

https://www.ctyankee.org/events/2020-aquatics-supervisor-training-course/

• Session 1- classroom instruction for both topics, likely virtual video content JUNE 6, 2020 @ Council Service Center or ONLINE 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm
• Session 2: Practical skills training and testing at Camp Sequassen. JUNE 23 @ Camp Sequassen, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 pm

Training are now available at my.scouting.org, click "BSA Learn Center” E-learning versions of some courses may be found below in the E-learning section. BSA Learn Center Notes -- It is important that your my.scouting.org profile contain your Scouting ID Number to be properly credited for your training. Email us at info@powahay.com if you do not know your ID Number. At the end of the course always print out and save the certificate for a backup.

How do you get started?

BSA Learn Center Required Training Courses at https://my.scouting.org/

• (S24) Scouts BSA Scoutmaster/ASM Specific Training Indoor
• (WS11) Scouts BSA Troop Committee Training -- For Troop Committee Chairs and Committee Members
• (D72) Charter Organization Representative (COR) Training found at the BSA Learn Center under Non Unit Specific Training
• (D76) Merit Badge Counselor
• (Y01) Youth Protection Training

Facilitator-led Courses:

• (S11) Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is being offered Oct. 9-10, 2020 at Hoyt Scout Reservation www.ctyankee.org.
• Wood Badge adult leader- ultimate training August 23-25 and September 20-22

Scouts BSA Training
Evan Atkins
atkins.evan23@gmail.com
Greetings Cub Scouts!

On behalf of your District volunteers, we hope that you and your family are healthy and “doing your best” to safely navigate through these challenging times.

While Covid-19 social distancing has postponed or cancelled many of the activities our Scouts enjoy, we are grateful that Scouting has found multiple ways to both continue and thrive.

We are, after all, trained to “Be Prepared”!

Here are several of the many virtual events that your Scout, their siblings and friends can take part in over the next several weeks:

- **CT Yankee Council’s Virtual Outing for Scouting Earth Day 2020 2K/5K/10K**, is both a fundraiser for Council and a great way to get outdoors with your family. [https://www.ctyankee.org/events/virtual-outing-for-scouting-2020-earth-day-2k-5k-10k/](https://www.ctyankee.org/events/virtual-outing-for-scouting-2020-earth-day-2k-5k-10k/)

- **Scouting at Home (SAH) Recognition Patch.** Cub Scouts can earn a special patch for doing two Scouting at Home activities: 1) CyberChip training for their rank and 2) One SAH activity of their choice. Click here for more details: [https://www.ctyankee.org/events/scouting-at-home-recognition-patch/](https://www.ctyankee.org/events/scouting-at-home-recognition-patch/)

- **Powahay & Scatacook STEM Cyber Camporee (open to AOL Scouts),** which takes place on Saturday May 9, includes a session with a Private Minecraft server for Scouts from our District to play against other Scouts.

And finally,

- **Resources for Scouting at Home.** Powahay District has assembled numerous resources for conducting Scouting at Home (Thank you John Hanks!). Click on the below link to begin exploring these activities (organized by rank): [https://www.ctyankee.org/district/pawahay/pawahay-resource-page/](https://www.ctyankee.org/district/pawahay/pawahay-resource-page/)

Stay tuned for more virtual activities and event announcements over the comings weeks as social distancing rules are adjusted over time.

Please consider using these virtual events as an alternative to your Spring recruiting events. Many of these events are open to siblings and friends. Let’s use this as an opportunity to market the values of Scouting more broadly within our communities.

Until next month, be safe and look for good turns daily!

YIS,

Steve Prostor
**Cub Scouting At Home Activity — Bird Watcher Award**

Spring is here and the birds are singing!

The next few weeks are very active for our state when it comes to birds in Connecticut. The month of May brings migrating birds back to Connecticut. All birds are in their top breeding plumage and also singing. Each bird has a unique song.

It’s a great time of year to learn about birds and it makes for a fun Scouting at Home Activity.

We invite Cub Scouts to earn the Cub Scout Bird Watcher Button by:

- From the Bird Watcher checklist, check the box and record the date for each bird you see.
- **Working with a parent make a poster of your favorite spring bird with some interesting facts about the bird.**
- Learn about your favorite bird song.

This is a unit administered award. Parents can let their Cub Leader know that the requirements have been completed and leaders can reserve buttons to John Hanks info@powahay.com. No charge for the buttons. Limited supply — until we run out.

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**Contest —** Have a parent take a photo of the Scout holding the poster and then email photo to info@powahay.com for publication in the newsletter and **Best Poster Contest** — 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes awarded with a BSA Official Binoculars — perfect for Bird Watching!
Powahay Cub Scouting At Home Activity — Cub Investigator

Cub Scout Investigator

- Make a Badge
- Solve a Mystery
- Earn the Cub Scout Investigator Button

1. Print and cut out the badges.
2. Have the Cub Scout fill in their information and take their fingerprints.
3. They can draw or provide a photo for the “official photo”.
4. Laminate the cards using clear contact paper or clear packing tape.
5. Punch a hole in the top, and use string or yarn to make into a necklace.
6. Cub Scouts can then study their fingerprints to determine which type of print they have.

Solve A Mystery — With a parent visit
https://kidscharacterbuilding.com/character-traits/mysteries-for-kids and read and solve one of the mysteries.

“Enthralling mysteries for kids that will test your skills as a detective. Captivating stories that will keep boys and girls busy while they learn important moral values. Written to stimulate the imaginations of elementary grades students.”

This is a unit administered award. Parents can let their Cub Leader know that the requirements have been completed and leaders can reserve buttons to John Hanks info@powahay.com. No charge for the buttons. Limited supply — until we run out.

Just for Fun: Fill in the blanks with their choice of: three nouns, five adjectives, one exclamation, one verb, two plural nouns, and one number. Place the words in the story blanks as you read to create a silly mystery.

The Case of the _______ Leader

It was a dreary day in March when I arrived at my _______ to find a/an _______ den of Cub Scouts waiting for me. I tried to calm them down, but, well, you know Cub Scouts. I said, “Have a/an _______Scouts, and tell me how I can help.” The Cub Scouts pointed to the _______ den _______ who was sitting next to them. “Something happened to our den leader!” they _______. I could see we had a problem. The leader’s hair was ________, with tons of craft supplies like _______ and _______ sticking out of it. “Did you just come from a den meeting?” I asked. The Cub Scouts nodded. “__________,” I cried. “I know just what happened. This is a very _______ problem. It seems like a case of hyper-craft-itis. Your leader needs a ________-hour suspension of all craft activities. You’re lucky you came to me to solve this mystery when you did, Cub Scouts. Good work.
CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL RECRUITER AWARD

The Connecticut Yankee Council is proud to recognize youth members who successfully recruit other youth to join Scouting with the new Recruiter Award. To qualify, a youth member must:

- Tell someone who is eligible to join about Scouting.
- Invite that person to a Scouting meeting, activity, outing or service project.
- Tell that person how to join.

The unit must attach this form with the BSA youth application for the new Scout joining. When submitted to the Council Service Center for registration, a Recruiter Award will be issued at that time to the unit for presentation.

Unit Type (circle one): Pack / Troop / Ship / Crew / Post / Club

Unit Number: ___________  Town: ________________________________

District: (circle one): Quinnipiac / Pomperaug / Scatacook / Powahay

Name of Scout Recruiter: ____________________________________________

Name of New Scout Recruited (application attached):

_________________________________________________________________

Name of Unit Leader: _____________________________________________

Unit Leader Cell Phone: ___________________________________________

Unit Leader Email Address: _________________________________________

Unit Leader Signature: ____________________________________________

Date: _______________