Normally, this is the space where we would welcome you to a new program year full of new adventures. But, this year is anything but normal due to the COVID-19 Pandemic that has changed our way of life, and stunned the nation with an economic crisis. Its effects took needed financial resources from our Council as well.

We are moving forward... because Scouting is even more important at this time!

While we are unable to hold traditional programs this fall, Powahay is developing unit level supported activities that get our Scouts outdoors in smaller safer gatherings. On page 4 you will find Starting Up the New Program Year help for Packs, Troops, Crews and Ship. Thank you for all of your efforts in maintaining a safe Scouting program. We will get through this!

John Hanks, Editor

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Jim Mitchell and Ryan Thompson
2020 Powahay’s District Award of Merit Recipients

The “District Award of Merit” is the highest award a district can present to a volunteer. It is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The 2020 recipients include District Commissioner Jim Mitchell — left and Assistant District Commissioner for Wilton and Pack 17 Cubmaster Ryan Thompson. More Awards on page 14.

Best of Luck Orr Family

(Continued on page 6)
Welcome to the August—September Edition of Powahay News!
Managing our Scouting Programs with the COVID-19 Crisis
Unit Leaders please encourage your families to join our email list at www.ctyankee.org/district/powahay/join-powahays-email-list/

SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER CALENDAR CANCELLATIONS
Due to COVID-19 Guidelines the following activities will not be scheduled at this time:
• Rescheduled District Pinewood Derby for Sept. 12. Patches are available for Packs/towns to host their own. See page 4.
• Powahay Scouts BSA Fall Camporee, Oct. 23-25. In it’s place is a Mission Impossible Troop led program — See page 5.
• Powahay Cub Scout Field Day Oct 24-25. In it’s place is a Pack led Hoyt Adventure program. See page 4.
• Merit Badge Day at the Maritime Aquarium Nov. 17. Is on hold. We are not sure if we will be able to hold this event.

I know we are all anxious to get back to a normal Scouting year. Hang in there... we will get there!
— John Hanks, Editor

An Update from our Scout Executive — Hello Scouting Family
My name is Mark Kraus, the new Scout Executive. I’m excited to join the Scouting family here in the Connecticut Yankee Council. Scouting is my passion — I’ve been a Scouter for much of my life. There’s something unique about Scouting and the young men and women who join our program. I’ve seen that in Ohio, Kentucky, California and know I’ll see that here in Connecticut as well.

While I’ve been here a short time, it’s clear our Council has untapped potential and opportunities right in front of us: our staff. I’ve had the opportunity to get to know them a bit already and am excited to announce several promotions and changes in responsibility effective September 1:
Michael Morrell is being promoted to Assistant Scout Executive/Chief Operating Officer where he will lead our field service, membership, program, and registration efforts— including our district executives. His team includes:
• Karen Caiati, Registrar
• Carolyn Cruson, Program Assistant
• Diana Knapp, Receptionist/Scout Executive’s Assistant.
• Cindy Pepe, Field Service / Membership Assistant

• Jonathan Glassman, Jim Patterson and Roger Stewart will continue serving their existing districts.

Joe Andreo is being promoted to Chief Financial Officer/Director of Development where he will lead all revenue-driving efforts including camp operations, fund development, marketing, and accounting. His team includes:
• Bill Amidon Bookkeeper / Accounting
• Greg Marty, Controller
• Christina Morrell, Development / Marketing Assistant

In addition, we are searching for a new District Executive to support Pomperaug District and a marketing & development specialist to support our marketing efforts— including social media- and fundraising efforts. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact me.

We are at an exciting crossroads for our Council and together we will transform Scouting in our area. I’m excited about the road ahead and looking forward to meeting, and working, with each of you.

Yours in Scouting,
Mark Kraus
Scout Executive/ CEO

Thank You Jim Patterson
All of us in Powahay appreciates Jim’s efforts keeping us on track during these challenging times. Please reach out to Jim if you have any special needs for your unit.
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Senior District Executive
jim.patterson@scouting.org
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District Key 3
• Mike Szarpa, District Chairman, 203.957.3046 mszarpa.bsa@gmail.com
• Jim Mitchell, District Commissioner, 203.274.1628, jim@powahay.com
• Jim Patterson, District Executive, 203.814.2201 jim.patterson@scouting.org
The other day I attended an OUTDOOR Eagle court of honor. Yes, Troop 19 leadership did a great job setting up and making ready a nice celebration for five young men and their family. They were being recognized for completing the trail to Eagle. It was nice having the ceremony outside and everyone wore their face covering while maintaining the required social distance. Now in a few days, we will be holding another outdoor event. An Eagle Scout board of review. Troop 14 will make sure all have face covering and social distancing. Hopefully, we can do more of this type of review because we have a group of applications being verified by Council/National. But please know that we will do a ZOOM board if the Scout and/or parents or other adults are still not comfortable with this venue. Indoor boards will have to be held in a large enough room for social distancing. Mask must be worn. But back to the Troop 19 event… hats off to the leadership for choosing to hold the Scout event outdoors!!!!

In the past few months, we have held 15 Eagle Scout board of reviews. All were done using the ZOOM videoconferencing. They all went very well, and each Scout looked sharp in their uniform. Usually when we finish a “normal” board of review, we give back to the new Eagle Scout his Eagle project workbook and supporting documentation. With videoconferencing, this was impossible. So your advancement chair has workbooks that need to be returned. One troop did send a representative to pick up from my home a few workbooks but we have many more that need to be picked up or they can be dropped off at the Scouts home or with the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster and Scout will be getting an email in the next few days asking if they want to pick-up or have delivered the final workbook. Now that the advancement chair is comfortable moving about the area (mask & gloves!), delivery to the Moose of the Scout can be done.

We have received a bunch of notifications on a new award being offered by Scouts BSA jointly with the EPA. It is an Environmental award and the patch is very nice looking and will be a good patch for a Scout’s collection. It is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the EPA. To celebrate Scouts can earn this award between April 22, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The requirements are:

- 4 merit badges need to be earned:
  - 1 from Animal Studies (Bird, Mammal, Reptile & Amphibian, or Insect)
  - 1 from Outdoor Activities (Backpacking, Camping, Gardening, Climbing, Canoeing)
  - 1 from Earth Sciences (Energy, Forestry, Oceanography, Geology, Plant Science, Weather)
  - and the final MB is Public Health

- Then 6 hours of a Conservation/Public Health service project

As part of the advancement responsibilities is the setting up the ceremony to recognize the current recipients of the District Award of Merit, Key 3 awards and the Pioneer Award. We are currently firming up a date and looking for a suitable venue. We would like a venue large enough that the recipient’s family can attend and see their Scouter receive their well-deserved award and recognition.

Final word… I am so happy to have been handed an Eagle Scout project proposal from a Scout in Troop 190 in Norwalk. This is a girl troop. This is exciting for this advancement geek and chair and now must hold off retirement so that I can hold HER Eagle Scout board of review. Exciting!!!

Troop 19 Norwalk outdoor Eagle Court honoring 5 Eagles! Eddie Chambers, Ryan Farrell, Nathaniel Grauel, Jonathan Liao, and Christian Miller
Starting Up the New Program Year
As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our lives, it also continues to impact Scouting.

As we look forward to the fall and schools getting back into action, many of our units are also getting back to their meetings. We are pleased to announce that most of Powahay Scout units are currently active and have provided some amazing programs keeping Scouts engaged in this new environment.

We encourage all packs, troops, crews, ships, and posts not currently meeting to consider restarting activities. Units must coordinate with their charter organizations and follow local and state requirements and public health guidance, including appropriate social distancing and/or masking.

As we move forward with Scouting, we may find that not all Scouts, leaders, or parents will be comfortable with Scouting activities at this time. Please be respectful as each family determines what is best for them.

If your unit is not meeting currently, please contact your unit commissioner or Jim Patterson, District Executive, for help getting your program back up and running for the new school year. See page 13 for contacts.

Our Commissioners are actively helping units with starting up for the Fall. Here are some examples.

Assistant District Commissioner (ADC) Ryan Thompson is proposing a plan of continued Zoom Meetings for his Wilton Units along with scheduled field days and camping programs. ADC Adrian Ruck Norwalk is working to find alternative meeting places for units not able to meet in their regular meeting location. ADC Marc Harrison is coordinating Zoom Town Meeting to assess the needs of New Canaan Units. ADC Adam Terr is bringing Packs together—not to merge—but to share program resources in Stamford. And ADC Arnold Feintuck will be working with Darien units.

Monthly Zoom Roundtables, the 1st Wednesday of each month, is being retooled with new content and will provide sharing of programs and addressing concerns.

There is no doubt that Scouting will continue thanks to you for your leadership, commitment, and enthusiasm for the values of Scouting.

— John Hanks Editor

Cub Scout Program Notes
Plan a Hoyt Adventure Weekend and Earn the Patch

Due to COVID-19 current guidelines, we are unable to reschedule the spring Cub-O-Ree and Webelos WOW. However, Hoyt is open for day adventures and overnight Cub Scout Family Camping. It is much safer and easier to manage COVID-19 Guidelines at the unit level than larger group District events. So, we are offering this as a unit event to earn the above patch.

Bring your Pack to enjoy Hoyt Scout Reservation on 170 acres of pristine forest and fields in West Redding, Connecticut.

We have prepared a packet full of action fun for your pack:
- Advancement Opportunities: Suggested outdoor Adventure Loops for Lions to Bears and Adventure Pins for Webelos.
- Trail Map and Hiking Scavenger Hunt that ties in with Adventure Loops and Pins.
- Nature items — Leaf Identification Chart, Common animals and birds at Hoyt, Cool Bugs to learn about and Hoyt Weather Station — all tie in with the Adventure Loops and Pins.
- Games at Hoyt — Hoyt Disc Golf and Gaga ball. We have included the rules to these fun games.
- Patches are $4 and we have a limited supply.
- Questions info@powahay.com

District Pinewood Derby Update

At this time, we are unable to reschedule the District Pinewood Derby. We do have patches in hand and we would like to offer for sale.
- Packs can make this patch available to all your Scouts that raced in your Pack Pinewood Derby.
- Consider a just for fun fall Pinewood Derby Recruitment Event — make it a “Bring a buddy” offer the patch to those who race.

Patches are available at $3.00.

Questions info@powahay.com

Webelos College Nov. 14 — Cancelled

Schools are NOT available for rentals this fall and under current COVID-19 Guidelines we would not be allowed to run this event. We will be looking at ways that we can offer Webelos Activity Pins. Watch the Newsletter for details.
At this time, a rogue agent known as the Jackal, has stolen royal emeralds. That could create a major international incident if they are not recovered and returned to a small but wealthy kingdom. Your Mission... should you choose to accept it... is to recover the royal emeralds and discover who the Jackal is. Should you or any of your IM Force be caught, the Secretary will disavow any knowledge of your actions.

Due to COVID-19 guidelines with large gatherings and to keep it safe during these uncertain times, Powahay District is offering a “Camporee in a Box” for Troops to conduct camporee events either as an outdoor day event or a Troop Campout. We will then bring small troop teams to a timed (30 Minute) Zoom Tournament to determine Super Troop Award.

The Mission:

- Powahay Camporee Packet will provide 6 action stations with instructions on how to set up, run and score.
- Make it a NIGHT camporee for a fun and exciting departure from the “standard” camporee format. This camporee can be run as a day or night event and/or as a weekend campout.
- Troops are responsible for making camping arrangements.
- Troops would conduct this activity as a unit from September to October. Troop Score Card (this will be in the packet) due by November 3.
- Master of Disguise Costume Contest 1st, 2nd, 3rd Award Trophies
- Each Troop will assign two or three individuals as Judges. These can be older Scouts, Adults and/or a combination of both youth and adults.
- Troops are expected to run their event following Council COVID-19 Guidelines at www.ctyankee.org/tag/coronavirus/.
- Add your own events to make it unique for your Troop. Consider a cooking contest, conservation project, show the movie, invite AOL Webe-los, bring a buddy, add more stations etc.

The Super Troop ZOOM Tournament
Wednesday, November 11
7:15 to 7:45 PM — 30 Minute Timed Event.
It’s “Top Secret” more details to come!

$20.00/Unit Fee & $3.00/Patch
Pay the Unit Fee by Sept. 15 and receive a t-shirt and other props.
Patch orders due by October 14.

Awards
Gold, Silver, Bronze Level Patrol Recognitions
1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Super Troop and Honorable mentions.

Questions info@powahay.com

Action Stations

1. Espionage Adventure — The Jackal has hidden a container with the royal emeralds... you will need compass skills for this station.
2. Blind Escape — An explosive device goes off blinding everyone except one person... Teamwork and cooperation is your only hope for survival.
3. Agent Rescue — A plane has gone down... the pilot is a high level intelligence officer... The patrol must act as a search and rescue team to find him and treat him for injuries if necessary.
5. Opening the Vault – You are now in front of the vault door in the enemy’s lair. In order to open it you must decipher the code you found.
6. Mystery Challenge – There is a final challenge to be found inside of the vault that will be critical for saving the free world. “Be Prepared” for anything!

T-Shirt Offer
Register and pay the Unit Fee by Tuesday, Sept. 15 by 12 noon, and receive 1 T-SHIRT. This can be presented to the “secret” Jackal in your troop. Additional t-shirts can be ordered at $15.00.
Support of Scouting

District Vice Chairman Finance
Roger Williams
rvw@optonline.net

Thank you for making Friends of Scouting a priority in your unit.

Friends of Scouting

Please remind all your members to check for company matching. In these difficult times there are still many companies that have active matching programs. We recently added Bloomberg CT to our eligible matching companies. Prior Bloomberg only had a NY affiliation. Please check if your company has such a program at the following url: https://doublethedonation.com/ctyankee. It’s FREE money!

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

It’s NOT Too Late to Sell Popcorn!

Online popcorn sales started since Aug 1st. Congrats to Cub Scouts Pack 97’s Adam A. and Scouts BSA Troop 9’s Anthony S. for being the first (and unfortunately only) youth to sell so far! Quote from Anthony, "It’s really easy, all you do is email your family, friends, etc. and they order online and it gets delivered right to their doorstep." So let’s go Powahay and sell, sell, sell. Each unit has been sent their admin login user/pass. If you have not received it yet please contact Roger Williams (rvw@optonline.net) ASAP!

We need each unit to participate in this easy way to sell popcorn. No storing of inventory, no back and forth to Council, just profit for your unit. Easy peezzy!

When asked if Craig had any departing words of wisdom, he replied; "Scouting is not a spectator sport, parents need to get in there and bear witness to the great things that your kids are going to do as Scouts and the great adults they are going to become.” Thank you Craig and Gretchen for your leadership and dedication to Scouting.

The Owaneco Lodge September and October Induction Weekends are coming up soon! We are taking the necessary precautions to make sure that the induction weekends are safe for both our members and candidates while at the same time keeping the Ordeal process as involved and similar to COVID as possible.

You can register at owaneco.org/register. The September Induction Weekend will be the 11th-13th at Camp Pomperaug, and October Induction Weekend the 2nd-4th at Camp Sequassen. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday for both events. The max capacity for each event is 100 people per state guidelines. 40 spots are available for members and Brotherhood candidates, so the sooner you sign up, the more likely you will be able to attend. Members will pay on site to avoid refund issues if capacity is reached. The cost for this event is $20.

- The traditional Ordeal schedule has been adjusted to minimize the amount of contact and for adherence to social distancing and mask guidelines
- We are trying to keep the Ordeal process as similar to before as possible, so expect a normal event just with these guidelines in place.

Hoyt 2020 Patch for Sale
Numbered and sure to be a collector item.
$20 order at hoytscoutcamp@hotmail.com

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We are back on Schedule for Roundtables. The 1st Wednesday of the month.

Mark your calendar:
- September 2, 2020
- October 7, 2020
- November 4, 2020
- December 2, 2020
- January 6, 2021
- February 3, 2021
- March 3, 2021
- April 7, 2021
- May 5, 2021

Due to COVID-19 Guidelines we will be offering ZOOM Roundtables until further notice.

June 2, 2021– No roundtable District Annual Dinner.

Roundtable Staff:
- John Hanks Agenda & RT Program Set-up
- Adrian Ruck ZOOM Master and Host
- Steve Prostor Cub Scout
- Craig Schorr Scouts BSA
- William Shannon Scouts BSA
- Jim Mitchell District Commissioner

Have ideas for roundtable topics you would like to see covered? Would you like to share a program from your unit? Send us an email at info@powahay.com

Roundtables provide unit leaders with the skill to do and the will to do what is needed to ensure that every member of every unit has a great Scouting experience.

Roundtables exist to:
- Provide information
- Capture information
- Offer current program training
- Provide networking opportunities

Roundtables are a collaborative effort coordinated by Unit Service (commissioners) and supported by professionals and district operations (Program, Membership, and Finance). Active participation by unit representatives increases the value of attendance for everyone.

September 2 Agenda — 2020-2021 Program Kick-off
7:00 PM – Room Opens (socializing and informal discussions)
7:15 -- Opening – Steve Prostor
  ➔ Welcome, Pledge, Oath & Law
Join Session Topics
  ➔ Remarks – Key 3: Mike Szarpa, Jim Mitchell and Jim Patterson
  ➔ Restart Scouting Checklist & COVID-19 Updates
  ➔ Brief Updates
    ➔ Membership – Fall Recruitment: Jim Patterson/Susie Flaherty
    ➔ Program – Upcoming Activities: John Hanks
    ➔ Finance – FOS & Popcorn: Roger Williams
  ➔ Not confirmed yet, but we hope to have our new Council Executive Mark Kraus join us for a Meet and Greet Session.
7:45 – Breakout Sessions
Cub Scout Breakouts (Training & Discussion) – Steve Prostor
  ➔ Getting Parents Involved – NEW Video Content from BSA
  ➔ Open discussion – upcoming activities, recruitment follow-up, and sharing and networking
Scouts BSA Breakouts (Training & Discussion) – Craig Schorr/William Shannon
  ➔ Leader Recruitment and Succession Planning – NEW Video Content from BSA
  ➔ Open discussion – Advancement Updates, upcoming activities, recruitment, and sharing and networking.
8:15 – Closing – Craig Schorr
  ➔ Why I’m a Scouting Leader – NEW Video Content from BSA
  ➔ Scoutmaster Minute
The chart to the right shows current unit membership numbers. These are the youth numbers that units rechartered at and any additions up to August.

As we start the new program year, we know these numbers will decrease due to Scouts aging out, moving, or those that have quit. We recommend that you conduct a membership inventory. This will provide you with actual membership numbers to set goals and you may reactivate Scouts back into the program.

Why a Membership Inventory?
1. Provides a roll call in which each unit member is contacted to determine quality of program received, to follow up on absent and inactive members, and to see if everyone is registered.
2. Invites each member to continue the program for another year and thus increases tenure of members.

The membership inventory is a part of the unit’s charter renewal and will assist the unit in building strength with a quality program.

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Select a unit adult to lead the inventory.
2. Invite your commissioner to assist.
3. Using the unit roster conduct an inventory of youth and adults who are still active.
4. All inactive members are listed and assigned to various persons who will contact them to attempt to reactivate them. Be sure to brief the callers on what to say when they make their calls.
5. Agree on a plan to recruit new youth and adults so the unit can reregister with no loss in membership. One of the criteria for the Journey to Excellence Unit Award is to renew the unit’s charter on time.
6. Now make every effort to recruit additional youth and adults.
7. Also be sure to register any youth who are participating but are not yet registered.

From Powahay Commissioners
Conducting a Unit Membership Inventory

Need help with conducting a Membership Inventory? Please contact us at:
Jim Mitchell, District Commissioner, jim@powahay.com
Adam Terr, Assistant District Commissioners—Operations, adamterr@optonline.net

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We invite your unit to be a part of this historical publication.

The Year 2020 will be a historical year with the Covid-19 Pandemic. Powahay District is presenting a 2020 Yearbook to be published by the end of the year. This was originally planned as part of Powahay’s 40th Anniversary Celebration but now takes on a historical keepsake for our Scouting community.

The “Time Capsule” would be a printed and digital Yearbook. **We invite your unit to be a part of this historical publication.**

**Yearbook Highlights**

**Unit Page** — Each Pack, Troop, Crew, and Ship will be provided a unit page (2 pages for large units) to feature photos, names of their Scouts and some background information on their unit.

**Content written by a Youth Yearbook Staff** featuring our year in review, Scouts in action, Powahay’s 40th. Anniversary, and more!

**Two Youth Contests:**
- Design the Cover Contest — Have your artwork displayed on the front cover of Powahay 2020 yearbook! Create an illustration that shows our theme of “2020 Time Capsule”.
- Essay Contest — Write a letter to a future Scout! Top entries to be published in the Yearbook.

**Support and Tribute Ads** — We’re including reasonable priced ads to help defray the cost of the Yearbook and to benefit the Connecticut Yankee Council. Honor a Eagle Scout, remember a loved one or Scouter, pay tribute to a unit leader or other adults in your unit, and for parents it’s a great way to show your pride in your Scout son or daughter.

**Time-line:**
- Unit Commitment by Mid September
- Staff in place by end of September. Zoom Meetings scheduled as needed.
- Unit Page Content due by Oct. 31.
- Month of November layout the yearbook and take orders.
- December to the printer.
- Mid January distribution of the Yearbook.

**YES — Our Unit will participate in the Yearbook Project!**

We are looking for a commitment of at least 12 units (Pack, Troops, Crews and Ship) to make this feasible to develop. Please email us your commitment today!

**We need your help.** Join our committee both youth and adults:
- Editorial Staff
- Design, layout, and printing
- Finance – budget and selling ads

**Youth Staff** — For High School age Scouts who are looking for a creative outlet, looking to learn the pressures of deadlines, looking to learn the basics of reporting, or learn graphic art design then the yearbook team is the place to be. Looks great on your school resume as well. Staff Zoom Meetings will be coordinated.

**Adult Staff** — To coach and guide our Youth Staff.

For More Information, to Email your Unit Commitment and/or to volunteer to be on Staff

John Hanks at info@powahay.com

**Tribute Ads Available**
- Honor a Scout, a special youth/adult, or a Unit Leader
- Remember a family loved one and/or deceased Scouter.
- Honor a COVID-19 frontline Hero.

Business Card, 1/4 Page, 1/2 Page and Full Size Page Ads Available

YEABOOK IT!

It’s the biggest story of the year.

And you’re in it.
Darien Scouts Remain Active During the Pandemic

Cub Scouts in Pack 55, 56, and 161 held their Pinewood Derby on Saturday, July 18. The original derby day was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, but pack leaders were eager to reschedule the favorite annual event as soon as it was possible to hold it outside. Scouts who took part followed mask and social distancing regulations.

Despite the pandemic restrictions, Darien Scouts have remained active throughout the past months, holding virtual weekly meetings through the school year and recently starting to meet in person while following all social distancing procedures.

Troops 219, 35, and 53 got creative early on, organizing virtual campouts, where Scouts camped in their backyards and connected online to share opening and closing ceremonies and campfire stories. Service to the community remains a priority as the troops created and distributed over 2,000 face shields to healthcare workers in the spring, placed flags at the veterans cemetery and created online tributes for Memorial Day, and have been moving forward on numerous Eagle projects for local benefactors.

While summer camp at Camp Sequassen was canceled this year, Scouts were able to participate in a virtual camp week through the Connecticut Yankee Council, Camp Pheneox with online merit badge instruction and outdoor activities they can engage in with their families.

As restrictions on gathering were lifted, our troops have begun to host campouts in small groups, using individual tents and maintaining social distancing requirements. Weekly bike rides are scheduled on Saturdays through July and August. Merit badge instruction and rank requirements are being conducted online or small groups, allowing Scouts to build skills and work towards rank advancement even while much else is on hold.

Darien Scouting has continued to work through unprecedented challenges to provide Scouts with fun activities and community service opportunities while keeping them on track to meet leadership goals. This was without the benefit of funding usually provided by the annual giant tag sale fundraiser. In its place, to give back to the community and to raise funds for this year’s programs, a smaller online benefit auction was recently conducted.

All units in Darien are chartered to the Andrew Shaw Memorial Trust. http://www.darienscouts.org/
New Canaan Scouts BSA Troop 70 visited New Canaan’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Monday morning to learn about emergency preparedness and management as our town deals with the aftermath of the August 4th tropical storm. The ten Scouts visiting were given a tour by CERT Deputy Director Peter Bergen (photo, blue shirt), and were shown how the EOC operates to coordinate response to evolving needs during emergencies. Peter answered many thoughtful questions from the boys, and explained the importance of CERT training available for anyone eighteen or older. Several Scouts are currently working on their Emergency Preparedness Merit Badges, and were interested in how younger people could be of help during many types of emergencies. Troop 70 is grateful to Peter for his willingness to inform and educate the Scouts, and we appreciate the invitation with assistance from Chief Jack Hennessey, and our First Selectman Kevin Moynihan.

Congratulations Aidan, Ben, William and Gerry from Troop 45, Kieran from Troop 31. They were among the top Scouts in the Firebird Challenge at Camp Phoenix! In the photo above is Scoutmaster Steve Prostor and Father Robert Kinnally, Pastor at St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in New Canaan, the Chartered Organization for Troop 45. Photo to the right is T45 Wookiee Warrior Patrol.

Troop 31 New Canaan at Camp Sequassen

New Canaan Troop 31 visited Sequassen on Aug 15 for an afternoon on the water with SUP, canoes and row boats. Scouts learned lifesaving techniques from camp counselors. It was a great day! Scouts and Camp Staff followed mask and social distancing regulations.

Celebrating 40 Years of Powahay District With a Hike in New Canaan

Our district namesake Powahay, pronounced “po-WA-hay,” with accent on the second syllable was one of the last Native American sachem that was forced to give up their land to the early settlers. Powahay was the grandson to Chief Ponus who ruled over much of what is now Fairfield County, and made New Canaan his home and is buried there as well. Powahay, described as “bright face” was Chief Ponus favorite grandson and is also believed to be buried in New Canaan. A monument honoring Chief Ponus can be found at the intersections of Ponus Ridge and Davenport Ridge. One of Steve Prostor’s drop in hikes for 2020 was to visit the monument and then take a hike at nearby Colhoun Meadow, New Canaan https://newcanaanlandtrust.org/colhoun/. Packs can make their own arrangement to visit the monument and do the nearby hike. Be cautious of traffic when visiting the monument or make it a drive-by.

John Hanks, Editor
“Scout me in”, 2021 “BSA Re-charter” season is starting again. All Units require trained leaders in place to successfully Re-charter. Since you are “social distancing” at home, why not take advantage of virtual training classes and distance learning opportunities during the COVID-19 health crisis. Additionally, CYC & Districts will be hosting “In-person -sociably distanced” training opportunities over the coming months. See the schedule below.

“Every Scout deserves a Trained Leader”. Like our youth members, there are many opportunities to take BSA eLearning training courses required for your Pack & 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.

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/ Try this site for TRAINING ACCESS: https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/
- (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: “In-person -socially distanced” training opportunities:
- SM/ASM SPECIFIC Training. (S24) Scouts BSA Scoutmaster/ASM Specific Training being held on Friday night October 9th 2020 at 7PM CAMP SEQUASSEN. Rob Lynch Director.
- IOLS & BALOO TRAINING (S11) Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) & CUB SCOUT BALOO is being offered concurrently on Oct. 10-11, 2020 at CAMP SEQUASSEN www.ctyankee.org.
- IOLS-SPRING (S11) Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is being offered in the SPRING at Hoyt Scout Reservation www.ctyankee.org.
- 2021 Wood Badge adult leader- ultimate training- Course Director: Bob Lincavicks. DATES: August 20-21 and September 18-19 at Camp Sequassen. Register Today! . . HEALTH & SAFETY NOTE: We are planning to hold the 2021 Wood Badge course consistent with the guidelines of the State of Connecticut
- (YLTC) YOUTH LEADER TRAINING: is scheduled for this WINTER – Details to follow.

Cub Scout Leader Training
All adult leaders are first required to take Youth Protection Training. When that is completed, training for each position in Cub Scouting is available on-line. Visit www.scouting.org/training/.

Three Steps to Becoming a Trained Leader
- STEP ONE: SET UP A MY.SCOUTING ACCOUNT: Visit my.scouting.org and create an account. Once you have an account you can access online training.
- STEP TWO: TAKE YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING: The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members.
- STEP THREE: POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING: The BSA Learning Center is at my.scouting.org. Select your position and a learning plan will be created for you. The plan includes modules that are designed to allow you to complete them at your own pace.

Leaders who complete Youth Protection Training and Position Specific Training earn the right to wear the trained patch on the left sleeve of their uniform, beneath the patch representing the position for which they are trained.

Adam Pack 97 Norwalk travels through Ancient Greece at CYC at Home Cub Camp Adventure.
Fall Recruitment In A Nutshell

GOOD NEWS!
Units are recruiting new youth during these challenging times! With sports and other activities on hold, parents are looking for alternative programs.

September & October
Unit Open Houses - In Person & Virtual
♦ TWO in September & ONE or TWO in October
♦ Social Media Advertising (F R E E)
♦ Can be a REGULAR Unit Meeting/Activity
♦ Get Outdoors; Go Camping (Where SAFE)
♦ Bring a Friend; Bring a Stranger (Make a Friend)

School Recruiting—September
CHECK WITH YOUR SCHOOL(S) . . . ASAP
♦ Open House? - In School or Virtual or Parking Lot
♦ Flyers in the School?
♦ Show BSA Videos in Classrooms?
♦ School & PTO/A Social Media Pages?
♦ Plan A & B & C for Meeting Locations
♦ Ask for Help from Unit Commissioner, District Executive, Town Membership Coordinator

We are looking for parents to serve as School Coordinator for each of our schools.

Don’t forget Yard Signs

Social Media — Facebook Events
Council is offering free Geofencing Facebook Recruiting Events. Information is needed two weeks in advance of your event.

If a Scout signs up a buddy they can earn the Recruiter Patch (pictured above).

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Let’s recruit this fall

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Announcing Powahay 2020 Award Recipients

Each year, Districts around the country have an opportunity to recognize Scouters whose commitment to the program exceeds what anyone could expect or hope for. In Powahay District, we have several awards that we use for this recognition.

The Key-3 Award is presented to volunteers who go above and beyond the call of service for the youth of the Powahay District. It is presented by the District Key Three (District Chairman, District Commissioner and District Executive). This year our Key-3 recipients are:

- Susie Flaherty
- David Yika
- Craig Schorr

The District Award of Merit is the highest award a district can present to a volunteer. It is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. I am proud to announce that this year’s District Award of Merit recipients are:

- Jim Mitchell
- Ryan Thompson

The Pioneer Award is a special award presented annually by the Powahay District to long time Scouters who continue to provide exceptional Service to Scouting at a point in their life when they could easily "retire" from Scouting. This year recipient is:

- Adrian Ruck

I could not be happier that we have chosen these Scouters as our recipients, as each one of them are truly deserving of these awards. Powahay is much a stronger District because of each of their efforts, and as Chairman, I personally could not be more appreciative of the time and energy that they have each given to Scouting.

An Award Presentation is being planned for the Fall — date to be announced.

Yours in Scouting
Mike Szarpa
District Chairman

“The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others.”
Robert Baden-Powell

Journey Back In time Cub Summer Camp

Adam a Bear in Pack 97 Norwalk shares the fun he had participating in Connecticut Yankee Council’s Scouting at Home Cub Scout Summer Camp program.

Thank you CYC Camp Staff for this fun program!