Happy 39th Birthday
Powahay District
On April 9, 1980 the Stamford and Sasqua Districts held a joint annual meeting at the Darien Scout House to nominate a slate of officers for the new Stamford, Norwalk, Darien, Wilton, New Canaan and Vista NY District. The former Fairfield County Council was coordinating new redistricting due to a drop of youth membership.

The March District Drop-in Hike at the New Canaan Nature Center was a big success! Packs attended from all five Powahay towns. It helped that the weather was great! Not a cloud in the sky. More on page 6.

There were Lions at Scout Day at the Maritime Aquarium.

Summer Programs See page 12

Another successful Scout Day at the Maritime Aquarium
Above Evan Atkins, with Barry Morgan T9, and Peter Martin T35 teaching Environmental Science MB. More page 10.
GONE HOME
Richard E. (Digger) Odell

(Editors Note: It is with great sadness that I share with our Scouting Family the passing of Richard “Digger” Odell. Richard was an integral part of District and Council serving decades to the movement. He touch the lives of many and he will be missed. — John Hanks)

Richard E (Digger) Odell passed peacefully on Saturday, March 16, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Maureen (MacDonnell), his sons Matthew and R. Mark of CT, Raymond of WA, and Adam of NY, and his daughter Heather (Terhune) of NY, and grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by his son, Andrew, and his parents, Richard Gibbs Odell and Leona Sarosi.

Richard was an equipment manager in Stamford for more than three decades. He was registered with the Boy Scouts for more than fifty years and served as District Commissioner and Council Training Chairman. He received the Arrowhead Award, Scouters Award, Scouters Key, Key Three Award, District Award of Merit, Vigil Honor for the Order of Arrow, Council Statuette, and the Silver Beaver.

Richard was raised as Master Mason in Union Lodge No. 5. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, and the Pyramid Shrine Temple No. 9. He received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award.

There will be a Memorial Service at the Masonic Old Well - St. John’s Lodge No. 6 at 5 Gregory Blvd. in East Norwalk on Saturday, April 6th at 3:00 p.m. For information, www.NorwalkFH.com.

What does "Gone Home" mean?
A circle with a dot in the centre “ʘ” is the trail sign for “Going home”, or “I have gone home.” It is on the gravestone of Lord Baden Powell the founder of Scouting.

Scouting Around the District & Council

Photo above Scouts participating at the IHOP Fundraiser. Thank you to all that had dinner at IHOP and help support Scouting.

Congratulations Tom Williams

Photo: Council Executive Charles Flowers congratulating Tom Williams on achieving the Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award. This award recognizes completion of a training program including a thesis or project, and the achievement to improve unit service.

Hoyt Scout Reservation
Spring Clean-up Day
Sunday, April 7, 2019
from 12 noon to 3 pm
Meet lower Hoyt, Marchant Rd entrance.

We want to get Hoyt in shape for Spring and Summer programs.
• No sign up needed, just show up.
• Bring water bottle and wear work clothes.
• Bring work gloves, rake, shovel, cutters, etc.
• Scouts must be accompanied by a leader or parent.
• Scouts can earn the BSA Conservation Award
• Among the projects will be Trail maintenance.

Questions John Hanks at johnwhanks@hotmail.com

Norwalk Scouts at Scout Day at the Maritime Aquarium


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It is a convenient location and based on comments from last year’s

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Webelos crossing over to Scouts BSA - Learning to Teach Is
Teaching to Learn –!! “In springtime a young man’s fancy,” goes
the joke, “turns to baseball.” While that may be true, in springtime
a Scoutmaster’s thoughts actually turn to getting the troop ready
for summer camp, especially that new group of Scouts who just
crossed over from the pack. Experienced Scouters know that if
these boys have a positive summer camp experience, they will stay
in Scouting for a long time.

Who better to show these new Scouts the ropes than the boys
who crossed over about this time last year, most of whom should
by now be or at least close to becoming First Class Scouts? Under
the guidance of the senior patrol leader, patrol leaders, and troop
guides, let these “seasoned” Scouts teach the new boys the skills
they will need at summer camp. In this way the new instructors
will reinforce the lessons they have learned during the last year, and
show the senior Scouts they are ready to take on more responsibilities.
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teach, and the senior Scouts put their leadership skills to work, the
whole troop will be involved. The new Scouts will enjoy the positive
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thing.
We Need Your Help in Finding a New Location for Roundtable

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) will no longer charter BSA Units after January 1, 2020. For the past 12 years, the New Canaan LDS Church has been most generous in providing a location for our monthly Roundtables and District Board Meetings without charge. We have been so grateful for their support of our program and use of the church.

Starting this fall, we will need to find a new location for our monthly Roundtables.

Who to ask: Charter organizations, Veteran Group (American Legion Halls, VFW), Community Centers, civic groups, Volunteer Fire Departments, Corporations, Schools, Churches

Roundtable meets the first Wednesday of each month:
- September 4, 2019
- October 2, 2019
- November 6, 2019
- December 4, 2019
- January 8, 2020 (a week later due to New Year’s Day)
- February 5, 2020
- March 4, 2020
- April 1, 2020
- May 6, 2020

Timing:
- 6:45 PM Set up
- 7:00 to 8:30 Roundtable
- 8:30 to 8:45 PM after meeting fellowship
- 9:00 PM everyone out of the building

Meeting Needs — About 50 to 60 people. One large room with enough room to do breakout sessions or at least two mid-size rooms

Notes:
- We have no budget to pay for meeting space
- We can provide BSA Liability Insurance
- While we would prefer one location for the year, we should also ask if they would sponsor one or two months.

Powahay District — info@powahay.com
Scouts BSA Spring STEM Camporee  
May 17-19, 2019
$25 Youth and $20.00 Adult — Fee includes patch, lunch at the Canteen, program and camping fees.  
Sign up deadline is April 29, 2019
Register at: https://archive.ctyankee.org/webpay/event/new/?form=000644
Questions: Joel DeGray at joeldegraybsa@gmail.com
Online registration is now open and a Leaders Guide can be downloaded at the above link.

The fun starts Friday, May 17. Troops can arrive at 5 PM for campsite set up. There will be a SPL/Scoutmaster Meeting and cracker-barrel and a optional outdoor movie for all other Scouts.

An action packed day is planned for Saturday, May 18. After the opening Scouts can take one of 11 merit badge or select other activities. Merit Badge sign ups are through the registration process at the above link. In the afternoon there will be a Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Games, Chess Tournament, a Challenge Hike, STEM Award Workshops, open program areas — GaGa Pit, archery and shooting sports.

In the evening there is a Gaming Party. Troops can bring a game platform (computer, Xbox, Play Station) along with a project and a screen to host their favorite (Teen or below rated) game. Troops can also host friendship campfires.

While all of this is going there will be a Star Gazing Party... starring a rarely seen “blue moon”.

Webelos Overnight Weekend — WOW  
May 18-19, 2019
For Bears becoming Webelos and all other Webelos starts 8:30 AM Saturday – Ends 10 AM Sunday  
Fees: $40 Webelos Youth $30 Adult or $20 adult no t-shirt or patch

Includes camp fee, program, meals, patch, and t-shirt.

Limited sign-ups. Registration Deadline is April 29, 2019
Register at https://archive.ctyankee.org/webpay/event/new/?form=000643
Questions John Hanks at johnwhanks@hotmail.com
Online registration is now open and a Leaders and Parent Guide can be downloaded from the above link.

Bears becoming Webelos and all Webelos are invited to experience an overnight Scout BSA campout. Have fun in the outdoors, learn camping skills, work on rank requirements, and meet Scouts and adult leaders from your neighborhood Troops.

When you get to camp, you will form Patrols and then do everything together using the Scout Patrol Method. You'll setup campsites, have a campfire, cook your own dinner, participate in lots of fun activities, and work on Webelos and Arrow of Light rank requirements.

All you'll need is a tent, sleeping bag, ground pad or air mattress and clothing for the overnight. Check in starts at 8:30 am. Saturday lunch and dinner and light Sunday breakfast will be provided.

Have FUN! Have lots of FUN! Open Program Areas — Rifle and Archery Stations, Gaga Pit. Meet the Troops and see what Scouts BSA is all about. Hikes Galore, Have Fun with STEM. Cook your own dinner.

WOW Webelos Pins sessions. Cast Iron Chef, Walkabout, Game Design, Into the Woods and Outdoor Adventurer (for AOL Webelos only)

Camporee T-shirts For Sale
For Bears and Webelos it is part of your fee. No need to order unless you want an extra.

For Troops (Scouts BSA) they are here for sale at https://archive.ctyankee.org/webpay/event/new/?form=000645

Scouts BSA Camporee & Webelos WOW Planning Meeting  
April 3 Roundtable, 7:15 PM LDS Church, 682 South Ave New Canaan. Get all your questions answered. For Leaders and Parents

Sign-up deadline is April 29, 2019, 12 Noon. All units must be registered and paid in full. Thank you.
The program function of the District committee concentrates on helping Scouting units with camp promotion; special activities, including community service; training adult volunteers; and youth advancement and recognition.

March activities included the Scout Day at the Maritime Aquarium and the District Pinewood Derby Championship.

Program Notes for April

2019-2020 Program Kick-off will take place at the May 1, 2019 Roundtable. Get all the information to start your program planning. If anyone has programs they would like to add to it to please email me.

Summer Camping

This summer we are offering a first ever Family Camp Weekend for Cub Scouts at Hoyt Scout Reservation on July 26-28, 2019. A close location for our Cub Packs. This was a request from many of our Packs for a Summer Camping experience. We need your help. A planning committee is being formed to help us make it happen. It's not a big commitment. Please email me above to join our Summer Camping Team.

Discover Letterboxing at the Spring Event

For Scouts BSA and Webelos — What is Letterboxing? Letterboxing is a modern form of treasure hunting that uses clues to find a “Letterbox.” Letterboxes are a weatherproof box — containing a logbook and carved rubber stamp and are left in remote places. Clues are written to find the boxes. Seekers follow the clues as they hunt for a letterbox. When they locate a box, finders stamp the box’s logbook with their personal stamp, and stamp their own books with the box’s stamp. The letterbox is then left where it is found so others can participate in the hunt.

Welcome to Spring!

Congratulations to all Powahay District Cub Scouts and families that participated in this year’s Powahay District Pinewood Derby Championship! We had nearly 130 racers participate this year, which was double last year’s number. Congratulations to our top three racers!

1) Albert Sturhahn, Webelo from Pack 11
2) Daniel Sandford, Bear from Pack 15, and
3) Theodore Buchesky, Wolf from Pack 55/56

All three have qualified to race in the 2019 World Championship Pinewood Derby in Times Square this summer. While the date for the event has not been set, keep your eye out for future announcements. https://www.bsagny.org/championshippinewood

In the meantime, Powahay District has an exciting lineup of events this Spring to help get your Cub Scouts outdoors. The 33rd Annual CT Yankee Council Fishing Derby at Deer Lake is coming up this Saturday April 6. We also have a District Clean-up Day scheduled at Hoyt on Sunday, April 7. Help us get Hoyt ready for camping while helping your Scouts earn the BSA Conservation Award. In May, we have the Webelos Overnight Weekend (Webelos WOW) on Saturday May 18 at Hoyt. Webelos (both Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts) at invited to join Scouts BSA Troops for a weekend Camporee of activities and events designed to introduce Webelos to Scouts BSA before the cross-over. See your Powahay District email for registration details.

In short, there are multiple opportunities for Packs to get their Cub Scouts outdoors as the weather begins to warm up. I look forward to seeing you on the trail, or in camp, in the near future. And don’t forget to nominate deserving leaders and parents for Awards that will be presented at the District Recognition Dinner in early June.

Yours in Scouting,
Steve
Webelos to Scout Springtime
There’s lots of excitement in Powahay as we graduate Webelos into our Boy Scout Troops. Early spring graduations allows for Webelos to get comfortable in the troop so that they can participate in the Troop summer camp program. It’s a proven fact that new Webelos that attend Boy Scout Summer Camp that first year will remain longer in the program.

Please remember the following:
Webelos need to complete a new youth applications so that they can fully participate in the Boy Scout Troop. They are still under Cub Scout guidelines until that happen.

As we graduate Webelos into our Boy Scout Troops it’s a great opportunity for those Webelos to invite a buddy to join him with this new troop. Remind parents that registration as Webelos and/or earning the Arrow of Light is not required to join Scouts BSA.
What is Friends of Scout? The Friends of Scouting Campaign supports the greatest youth program in the world. It is an important source of funding for the programs of the Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America.

**2019 Friends of Scouting Incentive**

**PACK INCENTIVE: Free Program Day at Deer Lake**
Requirements: Packs must complete their 2019 FOS presentation on or before April 30th, 2019. Additionally, the 2019 FOS presentation requires that 50% of the unit's registered families make a pledge to the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign and that an average gift of $50 per registered Scout family be given. Units that achieve the goal will earn a free spot at a program event day at Deer Lake Scout Reservation, date to be determined in the Spring of 2019. The percentage of registered Scouts is measured by the number of pledges recorded by the council vs. the unit's membership total. It is the unit's responsibility to track the unit's eligibility. Your District Executive will verify.

**TROOP INCENTIVE: Free Rank Advancement**
Requirements: Troops must complete their 2019 FOS presentation by October 31st, 2019. Additionally, the 2019 FOS presentation requires that 50% of the unit's registered families make a pledge to the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign and that an average gift of $50 per registered Scout family be given. Units that achieve the goal will earn free rank advancement through December 31st, 2019. The percentage of registered Scouts is measured by the number of pledges recorded by the council vs. the unit's membership total. It is the unit's responsibility to track the unit's eligibility. Your District Executive will verify. The free rank incentive can only be redeemed at the Milford Scout Shop when submitted on a completed internet advancement report. Inform the clerk before you check out that your unit is eligible for free rank advancement.

For Information, supplies, and support: Senior Development Director – Joseph Andreo – joseph.andreo@scouting.org 203.537.7304 Development Admin. Assistant – Christina Morrell – christina.morrell@scouting.org 203.951.0231

Western Service Area (Powahay, Scatacook, & Pomperaug) Jim Patterson jim.patterson@scouting.org 203.814.2201
Roger Stewart roger.stewart@scouting.org 203.241.6679

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**We are starting our 2019 campaign year with something a little different. Units will receive goals to achieve and with help from the District we believe they can reach or exceed them. Congratulations to all units participating.**

Want to also congratulate and thank all of our FOS team at this time.
* Anthony Szarpa
* Mike Szarpa
* Chet Wickett
* Jay Lubin
* Grant Evans
* Karen Calati
* Craig Orr
* Jim Patterson
* Adam Terr

**Family Units**
= $12,484

**District Leaders**
= $1,053

**Matching Gifts**
= $700

**Community**
= $1,319
This is the time of year when we get changes in Leadership, especially at the Cub Scout level. Let us help you get those leaders Trained for new positions.

Common sense tells us that training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit a knowledge and confidence that is picked up by people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety, and a whole lot more. A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be!

Log into www.my.scouting.org and visit the BSA Learn Center to access Position Specific Training and Youth Protection Training.

Cub Scout Leaders — Would you like group training for your Pack? Contact Cindy Allen at the above email.

Are you signed up For Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is advanced leadership training for adult scout leaders. Wood Badge focuses on preparing adults to deliver the mission of Scouting.

As a result of attending Wood Badge training you will:

- Learn contemporary leadership concepts and discover how these apply to our value-based program
- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated programs providing age appropriate activities for youth
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting, sharing in an inspirational experience.


University of Scouting

Some of Powahay Scouters at the UoS. Left photo: Robert Messinger, Jeff Helfand, and Evan Atkins. Right Photo is dom Rauccio, Marc Harrison, Chris Dooley, Steve Prostor, Susie Flaherty, Tom Williams and Jim Mitchell.
SCOUTS BSA NEWS

Darien Troops 53 and Troop 219 Food Drive
Scouts from the two troops collected food for Person to Person.

Stamford Troop 9
The Troops busy outdoor program included a ski trip with a rock climbing wall and March Campout to Durland Scout Reservation

Join Us at the April 3 Roundtable
for an update on OA elections and upcoming activities.

Order of the Arrow — Spring Picnic & Ordeal Weekends
- April 13 OA Spring Picnic Deer Lake
- May 10-12, 2019 Camp Pomperaug
- May 31-June 2 Camp Sequassen
- Registration at http://archive.ctyankee.org/webpay/event/new/?form=000648

The Order of the Arrow
now open to all Scouts.
For the first time since the founding of the OA in 1915, female youth members of Scouting, including Ventures and Sea Scouts will have the opportunity to be inducted into the OA.

Scout Day at the Maritime Aquarium Norwalk

In the photos: 1st left Lachlan I and Robert W Troop 70 New Canaan. 2nd. Middle Craig Orr and Chet Wickett. Right Mary Ellen Burns, Evan Atkins and Charles Colfer. Thank you Evan Atkins for organizing the event

“Thank you all, for your leadership and volunteer time to deliver an outstanding day of MB activities and advanced learning, reports Evan Atkins. “We served 68 youth in our MB classes and introduced Scouts BSA (and Cub Scouts) to well over 100 new families in Newman Hall. This was our 4th year of the joint program with The Maritime Aquarium. All Merit Badges were staffed with experienced instructors and some new staff to the MB program. Thanks to our veteran team of experienced MB counselors, Mary Ellen Burns, Chet Wickett, Craig Orr & Barry Morgan. Special thanks to Charles Colfer and Peter Martin for joining our MB crew. as well as our youth rep. Aidan Orr for assisting counselors in Oceanography MB. Special Thanks to John Hanks and Tom Williams for staffing Newman Hall promoting Scouts BSA with the visiting parents and kids. The neon hats were a fan favorite all over the Aquarium.”
**Activity Dates and Links**


**April 7, 2019** Hoyt Spring Clean-up 12 noon to 3 pm

**May 17-19, 2019** Scouts BSA STEM Camporee — Hoyt Escape Weekend [https://www.ctyankee.org/district/powahay/scouts-bsa-spring-camporee/](https://www.ctyankee.org/district/powahay/scouts-bsa-spring-camporee/)

**May 18-19, 2019** Webelos Overnight Weekend WOW — Hoyt Escape Weekend [https://www.ctyankee.org/district/powahay/webelos-wow/](https://www.ctyankee.org/district/powahay/webelos-wow/)

**May 17-18, 2019** BALOO Cub Scout Leaders at Deer Lake [https://www.ctyankee.org/events/baloo-basic-adult-leader-outdoor-orientation/](https://www.ctyankee.org/events/baloo-basic-adult-leader-outdoor-orientation/)

**June 5, 2019** Powahay District Recognition Dinner (save the date.)

**June 22, 2019** Connecticut Building Trades Merit Badge Workshop [http://www.ctyankee.org/btmbworkshop](http://www.ctyankee.org/btmbworkshop)

**Order of the Arrow — Spring Picnic & Ordeal Weekends**

- April 13 OA Spring Picnic Deer Lake
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**Summer Programs**

- Boy Scout (Scouts BSA) Summer Camp at Camp Sequassen. More info at [https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/boy-scout-resident-camp/](https://www.ctyankee.org/scout-info/boy-scout-resident-camp/)

**Training**


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Pack 8 Stamford First Pinewood Derby

Pack 8 From the Yerwood Center had their first Pinewood Derby. **A big thanks to Pack 11 and Troop 9** for making this exciting day possible. The leaders from Pack 11 set up their track and ran the race. The Scouts from Troop 9 spoke to the Cub Scouts and their parents about all of the opportunities that Scouting provides. Thank you for making a difference in the community! — Jim Patterson

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**Fishing Derby**

Deer Lake Scout Reservation

101 Paper Mill Rd., Killingworth CT

April 6, 2019

For the price of $18 you will get a hearty pancake breakfast with sausage and a beverage, a morning of fishing with a two-trout limit and a commemorative event patch.

More info here [https://www.ctyankee.org/events/fishing-derby/](https://www.ctyankee.org/events/fishing-derby/)

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**CHARGE UP YOUR SUMMER WITH CUB SCOUT CAMPS**

[https://www.ctyankee.org/camp/charge-up-your-summer-with-cub-scout-camps/](https://www.ctyankee.org/camp/charge-up-your-summer-with-cub-scout-camps/)

**Cub Family weekends**

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY & SEARCH FOR LOST TREASURE!**

Yo Ho! A Pirate’s Life for Us! Listen up ye landlubbers & scurvy dogs! It’s time ye joined our pirate crew! A weekend full of pirate challenges & deeds for the whole family. Don yer pirate costume & cast off on a Pirate Quest. Survive a desert island shipwreck, sword fight black-hearted fiends, sing shanties, hear tall tales of crews long past, partake in skulduggery & treasure quests. Solve riddles, defeat traps, and learn to speak fluent pirate, as we explore the secrets of Camp. Spend the day shooting archery, playing sports, taking nature hikes, BB guns, & doing crafts. At Deer Lake Scout Reservation enjoy swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and at Hoyt Scout Camp enjoy a huge inflatable water slide! At the end of the day, gather around the campfire & sing pirate songs.

The price includes patch, meals, and an all-day schedule of camp activities presented by our talented staff dedicated to giving you a weekend of family memories to cherish.

**TWO SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM**

July 12-14 at Deer Lake Scout Camp, Killingworth

July 26-28 at Hoyt Scout Camp, Redding

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**Cub Scout Day Camp**

**JOIN US AT CUB DAY CAMP FOR AN UNDER THE SEA ADVENTURE**

Dive beneath the ocean depths and experience a whole new world! Trust us, your Scout will O-fish-ally be hooked on Cub Day Camp. Throughout the week campers will explore the unknown mysteries of the deep, discover lost cities, and ‘sea’ what interesting creatures swim below.

Day camp is a week-long (Monday-Friday) camp held at six different local facilities around our council. Cub Scouts can participate in many types of activities including archery, sling shots, BB’s (select camps), field sports, nature, STEM, Scout skills, crafts, advancement, and more.

Camp price includes a T-shirt (extras available), water bottle, and patch. A talented trained staff leads all camp activities.

**SIX SESSIONS — Two convenient to Powahay**

Hoyt Scout Camp, Redding – July 29-August 2

Cranbury Park, Norwalk – August 5-9