

The Scouter

Boy Scouts ... We are more than you thought we were.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Program Launch

August 18, 1993

6:30 p.m.

Hoyt Scout Reservation
West Redding, Conn.

Plan today to attend our 1993-94 Program Launch. Bring a carpool to Hoyt and enjoy a warm summer evening complete with a cookout made especially for your volunteers involved in program leadership!

You will receive:

Good food served by "The Executive Board"

1993-94 Calendars

First information on May 1994's "Big Event"

\$10.00 Trading Post Certificate to Sign Up for Popcorn Sale

Training Information for New Leaders

School Night for Scouting Information

Scouting for Food - The Largest Food Collection in Town

District Program Information

And, a Great Time of Fellowship!

See your District Executive for more details!

Annual Business Meeting

On May 24, 1993, the Fairfield County Council reelected Council President, Elliott Netherton, and Council Commissioner, William C. Kuryla, Ph.D., to second terms in their respective positions.

Continued progress toward growth and their commitment to further Scouting in Fairfield County were cited as the reasons for their reelection.

Serving as the Nominating Committee Chairman was Gerard D. Robilotti.

Also elected as officers of the Fairfield County Council were:

James F. Billeit, Jr., Thomas E. Johnstone, Vincent M. Kiernan, Esq., Patricia E. Matteson, William J. Morgan, Robert L. Natt, Robert J. Newman, Vernon L. Thunem, Michael Weinschel, and Scout Executive Douglas L. Krofina.

In addition to the above officers, elected as members of the Executive Board were:

Andy Buchbaum, Don R. Clarke, Edmund C. De Veaux, Gary Dingus, George B. Erensen, William R. Fromm, Howard I. Gardner, Ronald Halvorsen, Michael A. Holiman, John A. Lucchesi, Stephen A. Mathias, M.D., Dalton L. McGuire, Helen E. McGuire, Robert B. Morris, Jr., Lance W. Munger, Dennis J. Murphy, Gail Nordmoe, Ed D., John E. O'Hern, Gerard D. Robilotti, Mark A. Roche, Esq., Stewart Schilb, Robert E. Sherman, D.P.M., Edward A. Tatro, Dale J. Thomas, Robert J. Trefry, Dirk Weiland, and Ronald J. Willson.

The 1992 Annual report was distributed to all in attendance. For a copy, please contact Nicole at the Council Service Center, 847-2445.

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Cub Scout Receives Honor Award at Annual Recognition Dinner

Cub Scout Oliver Pattenden was awarded "The Honor Award" for the rescue of his brother Daniel from icy waters at the Council Recognition Dinner on May 18, 1993. Oliver saved his brother on Monday, March 15 when Daniel fell through the ice in a pond near their home.

Daniel's mother heard him shouting for help and ran out to see her son in the icy pond about 5 to 6 feet deep. By the time she reached the pond, she was in a state of panic.

At this point Oliver remembered what he had just learned in his Bear Book on rescues. He told his mother he knew what to do and ran to the garage to get a broom. Oliver came back to the pond, crawled



Oliver Pattenden

The Fairfield County Council is pleased to recognize Oliver Pattenden with "The Honor Award" for demonstrating unusual heroism in saving the life of his brother at the risk of his own. In addition,

W.O.W. What a Weekend!

This past June 19 and 20, 1993, over 125 Webelos Scouts and their adult partners enjoyed a super weekend at the Webelos Overnight Woods (W.O.W.). Hoyt Scout Reservation in West Redding was the scene for this Father's Day weekend event. A full schedule of activities kept one and all busy from Saturday morning until it was time to go home on Sunday, with plenty of time left to celebrate with the family.

The 1993 edition was the 5th Annual W.O.W. Begun in 1989, by the late Mary Portis and Mary Anne DesRoches, as a Saganaw event with an attendance of 50 people. This annual event now hosts over 250 people, plus almost 50 staff members. Mrs. DesRoches continues to be an inspiration to and tireless leader of all involved.

COUNCIL CALENDAR



August

- 4-10 National Jamboree
- 18 Program Launch Roundtables, 6:30 p.m., Hoyt Scout Reservation
- 19 District Chairman's Meeting, 7:30 p.m., P.H.S., Trumbull
- 23 New Unit Organizers Training, 7:30 p.m., Scout Service Center
- 26 School Night to Join Scouting Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Scout Service Center

September

- 6 Service Center Closed Labor Day
- 11 T.R.A.I.L. Boss Training
- 16 Camping Committee Meeting
- 18 1994 Budget Development Seminar
- 22 OA Executive Committee Meeting
- 22 Training Committee Meeting
- 23 School Night to Join Scouting
- 27 Executive Board Meeting
- 28 Scouting Spectacular Committee Meeting
- 29 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 30 Deadline - Early Bird Popcorn Sign Up.

Needed for Pomperaug

One or two fiberglass or aluminum shower stalls in usable condition.

One pick up truck. 1/2 ton with winch, snow plow, four wheel drive, and dump body all in good working condition. Any valid variation of the specifications given above will be considered and appreciated. See if your local auto dealer is interested, or how about that truck your next door neighbor has been wondering what to do with.

Any leads, contact Bob Morris at 438-7934.

Does anybody know how to get government surplus any more?

Scout Executive's Column



New Program Year

As we begin our 1993-94 program year, I would like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who are continuing to offer our outstanding program to our young people. In today's world of crime and drugs, Scouting is one program which teaches values and ethics to young people.

On August 18, we will be conducting our Annual Program Launch at the Hoyt Scout Reservation in West Redding. We will be serving food and beverages at 6:30 p.m. and highlighting upcoming activities for the new year.

Among the highlights will be important information on training, unit fundraising, camping, good turns, such as Scouting for Food, and our big extravaganza for 1994, the Spectacular Scouting Event to be held May 13-15. Our 1993-94 Calendar and Program Helps will also be distributed.

The best news is that it's an enjoyable evening of fellowship and there is no cost to you, the volunteer. Our program budget at the Fairfield County Council pays for the Program Launch in order for all to be informed and is offset by our Friends of Scouting campaign.

So . . . come on out, have a good time, and bring back all of the information you'll need to provide another year of quality programming to your Scouts. Please be sure your unit is represented . . . better yet, bring a carpool!

Scouts and the Environment

Seventy-eight percent of today's teens are very concerned that "the environment is being so polluted that it will affect everyone's health," according to a report from the American Board of Family Practice. The concern is also expressed by young men involved in Scouting. In fact, the number of the five most popular environment-related merit badges earned over the past five years has grown by an average of 16 percent.

During the past five years, the Environmental Science merit badge has been the fourth most popular of all badges; the number of badges earned has grown by 12 percent. The Nature merit badge was earned by 17,414 Boy Scouts in 1992, a 22 percent increase. In 1992, 16, 11, and 34 percent more merit badges in Fish and Wildlife Management, Soil and Water Conservation, and Forestry, respectively, were earned. Of course, important environmental lessons are also learned while Scouts work toward many other merit badges, such as Camping, Wilderness Survival, Mammal Study, Oceanography, Gardening, Botany, and Plant Science.

Scouts and volunteers in our Councils share the concern about the environment. Our Scouts who are learning about the environment through merit badges and other Scouting experiences will be prepared to help address the environmental challenges of the future.



1993

Popcorn Fever

Highlights

- In 1992, over 60 Packs, Troops, and Posts, in Fairfield County sold 23,452 containers of popcorn. (A 70% increase over 1991!!)
- Close to \$50,000 of popcorn income was earned for the participating units' treasuries.
- A unit of 30 members each selling the national boy average of 17 containers would earn \$1.00 for their unit's treasury.
- Early-bird units who sign up receive a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Scout Shop.
- The 12-packs (economy size) are expanding to 15-packs with no increase in cost to the consumer or the unit's commission.
- A new holiday tin filled with caramel corn will be available.
- This is a "win-win" fundraiser for your unit and the Fairfield County Council. Look for more information at the August 18th Program Launch or call your District Executive.

**Sign Up Early
and Receive a \$10.00 Bonus**

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W.O.W.

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the program areas represented were outdoor cooking, axmanship, tent pitching, compass use, campsite sanitation, and fire building. Numerous experts volunteered their time to come out and work with the Cub Scouts.

In addition to the Scoutcraft areas, the boys kept busy playing a camp-wide game. This game involved getting signatures from various Scout Packs, plus District and Council members. Before dinner the adults gathered to learn more about what to expect when they and their boys joined a Boy Scout Troop.

Explorer Post 38, led by Advisors, John and Sue Kohut, again this year, served up W.O.W. burgers which everyone cooked up on their own with vegetables in aluminum foil.



After supper everyone gathered around the campfire for an hour of songs, skits, and stunts. The campfire was opening with an Arrow of Light ceremony. Campfire host, Chet Bankowski, did a super job of orchestrating the den and staff performances.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, everyone lined up for ice cream sundaes. This treat was a delightful conclusion to a fun day.

The beautiful weather continued on Sunday morning, so we opened the day with a full breakfast of pancakes, ham, and juice. Following breakfast, all assembled for a non-denominational service and a Webelos-to-Scout crossover. Everyone was dismissed in plenty of time to celebrate Father's Day with their fathers.

W.O.W. 1993 was a huge success. Many thanks are extended to all who lent a hand.

Cub Scout Registration Changes

As June 1993 the following changes went into effect in the Cub Scout registration process:

As of June 1, Tiger Cub groups will be included on the pack roster, eliminating their separate status. Charter renewal applications also will be combined.

The charter roster will show pack membership as Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts defined by grade level. (An adult partner remains required for each Tiger Cub.)

After June 1, the transfer of Tiger Cubs to Cub Scouts within the same pack will no longer require an application. Tiger Cubs automatically become Cub Scouts on June 1 of each year.

Effective September 1, as Cub Scout units charter or recharter, the registration of at least one Webelos den leader in a pack with fourth or fifth graders (or 10-year olds) will be mandatory.

Also, the registration of at least one Cub Scout den leader will be mandatory when second or third graders (or 8- or 9-year olds) are members.

With advance notice, the Council will supply gas and oil.

- The winter of 1992-93 has been exceptionally cruel to the large pines at Camp. The heavy wet snow on the bottom of the large trees has resulted in a shaving of the lower branches and the snow in the smaller trees has broken many half way up. These need to be moved to the brush pile and the trunks cut up for firewood. Again, chain saws, as well as pick-up trucks, are the required tools. With advance notice the Council will supply gas and oil.

Let's see what can be done. Remember, expenses and mileage are deductible. The Lodge or another cabin or campsite can be utilized by your group if you let the office know so that the Ranger can be forewarned.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Morris at 438-7934.

All workers qualify for a Camp Pomperaug Bridge and Tunnel Commission Patch while supplies last.

What is a Quality Unit?

by John O'Hern
Assistant Council Commissioner
for Administration

A Quality Unit is a pack or troop that has met, or exceeded, certain standards established by our National Council for what it believes to be essential for a unit to meet the aims and methods of Scouting. The standards are reasonable and any unit unable to meet them should carefully review their program, leadership, and goals.

To achieve Quality Unit status, a pack must meet six out of ten commitments and a troop, six out of nine. Three of the ten, or nine, respectively, must be met. They are: 1) a trained leader, 2) one or more trained assistant leaders, and 3) participation in outdoor activities.

Without trained leadership, two deep, a unit cannot function properly or responsibly. No single leader can be available at all times, and more than one leader is mandatory for campouts, etc. Only trained leaders can do the job the Scouting way.

Outdoor activities are the essence of Scouting. "Let's put the outing back in Scouting!" Most of the variety of skills can come together in an outdoor experience. Here many are developed, used, and honed.

The other Quality Unit commitments are important, but some leeway is allowed, depending on unit emphasis. These include: a planned program, service project, advancement, membership, pack meetings, patrol method, Tiger Cubs, den leadership, and Boys' Life.

To help gauge the relative success of a unit, some sort of yardstick must be used that is fair to all. The present set of commitments is fair. To ignore them is to be naive, regardless of how well a unit is operating - they make sense. Meeting these commitments does not guarantee a successful unit, however, the vast majority of the top units in our Council have no problems in meeting them. Remember, our main objective is to offer the best possible program to the boys in our Council. Quality Units are much better prepared to do this.

At the next unit reregistration session, be sure a Quality Unit form is filled out, signed, and dated for every unit in our Council. Commissioners should help with this if needed.

For the coming year:
"Be a Quality Unit! - Be a Quality District!
Let's be a Quality Council!"

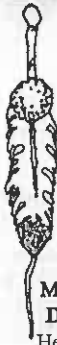
Camp Pomperaug Needs Some Tender Loving Care

Many times when we try to assemble work parties to help improve and maintain Camp Pomperaug, we find that it, the work party, conflicts with many other Scouting weekends or family plans.

There are at least three activities that any interested volunteer, his unit, family or friends could do at their own option.

They are:

- Adopt a room in the Chief's Lodge and give it a good cosmetic going over (i.e., paint the ceiling, walls, and windows in a bedroom, bath, dining area, living room, etc.) Paint, tools, and equipment will be furnished by the Council. If you desire, you may stay overnight in the Lodge. Remember, the mileage and any other incidental expenses are tax deductible.
- Trim all the brush and mature trees out of the designated areas of the dam. Both sides, upstream and downstream have to be cleared back to the soil so that we can plant mowable grass and fill in the erosion spots. Some hand tools are available, but you would need to bring gasoline chain saws and trimmers.



POWAHAY DISTRICT

Serving the communities of Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Vista and Wilton.

District Chairman:

Mike Holiman - 356-9292

District Commissioner:

Helen Holiman - 356-9292

District Executive:

Greg Kazmierczak - 847-2445

Calendar

*Scout Service Center

August

18 Council Program Launch, Hoyt Scout Reservation

September

- 6 Service Center Closed
Labor Day
- 7 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Scout Service Center.
- 8 Roundtables, Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 District Commissioners Meeting, Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 T.R.A.I.L. Boss Training
- 23 School Night to Join Scouting
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Extended Absence from Scouting

Many times Scouts become active again after dropping from other units because of other interests, moving within the community, or relocating to another part of the country. Boys who were members of a "dropped" unit also may become active again.

A proper term for such a Scout is "separated/reregistered." When this happens, the tenure for a Scout's rank is often questioned.

Upon reregistration, the boy should assume the last attained rank of verified documentation from the Council Service Center. His previous verifiable service time in that rank applies toward qualification for the next rank and should commence with his reregistration and with guidelines set down by his new unit leader. The final determination should be based emphatically on the best interests of the boy.

Council Program Launch

August 18, 1993
Hoyt Scout Reservation
6:30 p.m.

See Page 1 for more details.

Powahay District

FALL CAMPOREE

October 29, 30, 31, 1993

*International Sports/Games
Deer Lake Scout Reservation
Killingsworth, Conn.*

Full Cub Scout and Boy Scout Programs

Hopi Tihus Dolls

These funny little dolls are made by the Hopi Indians shortly before the final katchina ceremony. The men busy themselves in the kiva or underground ceremonial house preparing their costumes, and making tihus for the little girls, and small red bows and arrows for the boys. No children are allowed in the kiva at this time.

The final katchina is called the "nimon," or homecoming katchina, and comes about a month before the Hopi snake dance each year.

During the afternoon of the nimon, the tihus dolls are given to the little girls. The tihus may be the image of any one of the many katchinas which are secondary deities endowed with supernatural powers, and are largely clan ancestors.

Tihus dolls serve two purposes. They serve as object lessons to the children in their religion and also as dolls. The little Indian girls carry them around in miniature cradles just as other children do with their dolls. The tihus are usually made of branches or small trees of some soft wood, but as the green wood takes quite some time to season, it is much more convenient to make them of one of the soft woods obtainable at any lumberyard. Woods such as white pine, sugar pine, spruce, cedar, bass, or poplar are very easy to whittle.

If you would like more information on Hopi Tihus dolls or how to build one, call Greg at the Scout Service Center at 847-2445.

See how many Scouting terms you can find!

COPE	Recharter	Merit Badge	OA
WOW	Youth	Wolf	Jamboree
Advancement	Scouter	Fun	Popcorn
Boys Life	Helpful	Uniform	Training
Knife	Tenderfoot	Volunteer	Camping

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FOS Update

This month we are pleased to report that we are at 76.3 percent of our goal of \$38,000. The breakdown of our goal is as follows, as of July 22, 1993:

Campaign Phase	Goal	Amt Pledge	%
District	\$4,000	\$3,330	83.3
Community	12,000	11,256	93.8
Family	18,000	11,701	65.0
Calendar Ads	1,000	1,075	107.5
Project Sales	1,000	1,225	123.0
Phone-a-thon	1,000	425	47.5
Total	38,000	29,012	76.3

We would like to thank the following units and unit presentors during the last couple of months. As of July 22, the following units have contributed to the annual FOS Campaign.

Pack 11	Pack 20	Pack 22	Pack 39
Pack 48	Pack 59	Pack 66	Pack 76
Pack 103	Pack 117	Pack 128	Pack 158
Pack 168	Troop 11	Troop 120	

Thank you to the families of the Scouts, unit leaders, and volunteers who coordinated the fundraising efforts this year.



Serving the communities of Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, Georgetown, Newtown, New Fairfield, Redding, Ridgefield, Sandy Hook, and Sherman

District Chairman:
Stewart Schilb - 775-4325
District Commissioner:
Denise Carlson - 426-0190
Sr. District Executive:
Rick Cassolino - 847-2445

Calendar

* Hatters Park Banquet Hall
East Hayestown Rd., Danbury

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September

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Contacts Needed!

If you have any contacts that may help us get our good news out, please let our Promotions Chairman, Helen Stockmal - 794-9019, know.

Please include any cable stations, as we would like to expand our capabilities in program.

Congratulations Troop 8

Boy Scout Troop 8 won a first prize in the 20th annual search for the country's best community projects by young Americans, according to the Colgate-Palmolive Co.

Troop 8 won a \$1,000 award for coming in first in first in the Boy Scout division of the Company's "Youth for America" campaign. The Troop won for its cleanup of the Still River last fall.

Congratulations Troop 8.

Roundtables

What Did I Get Myself Into?
What am I supposed to do with all these boys?
And what is a Roundtable?

- Don't let the name Roundtable fool you. It isn't necessarily round, and you don't need a table.
- It's a training know-how show.
- It's the Cub Scout program in action.
- It's your most effective medium for getting the program to the unit.
- It's an information source for leaders.
- It's a meeting where leaders can discuss and share what works in their dens and packs and what doesn't.
- It's Cub Scout leaders having fun while learning.

Not another meeting!
Is this really necessary?
How is this going to help me?

Come to the Roundtables to sing a song, play a game, participate in a skit, find out about theme related field trips, watch a ceremony, hear about upcoming events offered within the Council, and then sit down for small group discussions relating to your particular job within the pack. Ask questions and get answers from those who have been there... you'll find out, you're not alone!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff who brought you this year's Roundtable information via their scintillating ceremonies, delightful dainties, provoking props, and dazzling array of costumes. Many thanks go to Claire Dibble, Siggie Hepp, Carlton Kline, Dan Malinak, Don Monckton, Ellen Shanley, and Howard Sakoisky.

And "thank you" to all who attended and supported the Roundtable by being with us each month, participating and contributing to the program.

Congratulations are in order for the following Packs who have had perfect attendance this year. They are: Packs 5, 9, 33, 52, 84, 138, and 270. Nice going, and going, and going...

And thank you to the brave Scouter who "volunteered" to perform skits and songs for all of us. Packs 22, 33 (twice), 84 (twice), and 138.

Thank you to Paul Adams, Rich Barton, Jack Dibble, Siggie Hepp, Linda Malavet, Vinny Nolan, Helen Stockmal, and Kevin and Annie McShane for your donations and helping out when needed.

If I have omitted anyone, please forgive me. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer. See you in September.

Nancy-Ellen Sexton
Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner



Having fun with "Silvester" as the day opens at the Mall Show at the Danbury Fair Mall. The Show was sponsored by the United Way of Northern Fairfield County.

Summer's Over

To many of us summer is a time of fun and personal development. The summer of 1993 was full of Scouting and good times - Day Camp, the National Jamboree, Philmont, and summer camp were some of the many highlights.

My personal experience led me to three of the four activities with varying degrees of participation. I must say that it was great to see so

many of you participating as leaders and learners.

We have an exciting calendar of events starting in September.

But first is the Council Program Launch on August 18th. Please be sure to call Jessica or Nicole at the Scout Service Center at 847-2445 to reserve your spot for this information-packed evening of fellowship.

FOS Update

This month we are pleased to report that we are at 81.9 percent of our goal of \$31,000. The breakdown of our goal is as follows, as of July 22, 1993:

Campaign Phase	Goal	Amt Pledge	%
District	\$2,000	857	42.9
Community	8,000	3,931	49.1
Family	18,000	18,499	102.7
Calendar Ads	1,000	885	88.5
Project Sales	1,000	200	20.0
Phone-a-thon	1,000	1,010	101.0
Total	31,000	20,501	81.9

Joy of Movement

Girolmetti Court
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Ridgefield, Conn. 06877
Near the Junction of 116 and 35
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Monday through Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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School Night To Join Scouting



Tiger Cubs, BSA

"School Night to Join Scouting" is an excellent recruiting tool for **all** units, especially Cub Scout packs to invite new boys and their parents into Scouting.

"School Night to Join Scouting" will take place on Thursday, September 23, 1993. All boys and their parents are invited to the elementary school nearest their homes to learn about Scouting and to join a Tiger Cub Group, Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop. It is the intent that every elementary school in the Council be open on September 23; thereby permitting many boys to become mem-

bers. Recruitment flyers will be distributed in every school listing when, where, and the time of sign-up.

"School Night to Join Scouting" will give you an opportunity to not only recruit new boys, but just as importantly, to obtain much needed adult leadership. In order for School Night to be a tremendous success, we need the support of every Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop in the Council.

Each Pack and Troop will be contacted by your District's School Night Coordinator. They will be asking for your participation on this night to provide the needed manpower at the elementary school nearest you to meet, greet, and sign-up the new boys and their parents who will be joining the Scouting program.

"School Night to Join Scouting" is the first day of Scouting membership for thousands

of boys and their parents in our community. They are counting on us! Let us not disappoint our boys. Plan now to join us on September 23, 1993, and be a part of this gigantic recruitment effort. Listed below are the District School Night Coordinators, don't wait for them to call you! Call your District Coordinator now to sign up for School Night! See you September 23.

Powahay	Helen Holiman	H: 356-9292
Scatacook	Ed Crater	H: 746-3237 B: 761-3001
Nutmeg	James Bailey	H: 261-9491
Saganaw	Anne Tomatore	H: 366-6597

Scouters' Campout

**No Work -- Just Play
This One's for YOU**

**Labor Day Weekend
September 4 - 5
Sat. 9:00 a.m. - Sun. 3:00 p.m.
(or stay until Monday)
Hoyt Scout Reservation**

Do you enjoy inhaling carbon monoxide on a highway that looks like a parking lot? Do you like sharing your beach towel with a well-greased stranger on a crowded beach? Why not go where you can be among friends, where there is fresh air to breathe and the kids can be off and running?

Be part of history in the making! Join us for the First Annual Scouters' Campout at the Hoyt Scout Reservation. This one's for you and yours. Bring the family and let them see who those other Scouters are that you are always running off to events with.

Bring your camping equipment (campers/RV's welcome (no electricity)) and your food and we'll supply the atmosphere. There will be softball, tug-o-war, frisbee, pillow polo, clubs and rabbits, hiking, and maybe some R & R for the weary. In the evening there will be a campfire, so come prepared with a skit or song. For the adults there will be an evening cracker barrel.

If you plan to join us, please call Council, 847-2445, by August 25 and ask for Karen to reserve your spot.

**1992 Eagle Class
Honors William J. Alley
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
American Brands, Inc.**

**June 8, 1993
Marriott Hotel, Stamford, Connecticut**



On June 8, 1993, the Class of 1992 Eagle Scouts honored William J. Alley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Brands, Inc. by naming the Eagle Class after him. Over 140 Eagle Scouts and adults were in attendance at the dinner honoring the Eagle Scouts of 1992.

William J. Alley has been an active supporter of Scouting in Fairfield County in recent years by serving on the Fairfield County Council's Advisory Board. American Brands, Inc., a diversified Fortune 100 company, also served as the Fairfield County Council's Golf Tournament host in 1993. Mr. Alley also volunteers as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Serving on the Eagle Banquet Committee were:

Chairman
Mark A. Roche, Esq.
Group Counsel
American Brands, Inc.

Don R. Clarke
Chief Executive Officer
Caldor, Inc.

Patricia E. Matteson
Sr. Vice President - Marketing
People's Bank

Robert L. Lewis
Senior Vice President
Transport & Industry
GE Capital

Andrew W. Dahl, ScD.
President & Chief Executive Officer
IVF America



**Scouting for Food
!! Save the Date !!**



The Fairfield County Council, Boy Scouts of America, wishes to thank all of you who participated in our very successful Scouting for Food Campaign last year. We are once again gearing up to strike a blow against hunger in our community. The annual Scouting for Food Good Turn will take place on the following days:

November 13, 1993

Scouts will distribute food collection bags door-to-door in their community.

November 20, 1993

Scouts will return for the bags, which they are asking residents to place outside their doors filled with non-perishable goods.

Each year, the Scouting for Food Campaign gets more successful. We could not undertake this massive effort to help those in need without the tremendous support of all Scouts and Scouters. We are asking that all units place these very important dates in your program calendar; and join us making this a successful campaign again this year.

Hunger is a problem we can do something about by working together. So gear up now for our annual Scouting for Food Campaign. More information will follow.



NUTMEG

Serving the communities of Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Trumbull, Weston and Westport

District Chairman:
Bill Fromm - 261-7726
District Commissioner:
Stewart Stern - 261-9791
District Executive:
Gloria Atkins (acting)
Fax No: 847-9726

1991 Quality District Calendar

- August**
18 Council Program Launch, Hoyt Scout Reservation, 6:30 p.m.
- September**
1 District Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.*
6 Service Center Closed Labor Day
11 T.R.A.I.L. Boss Training
14 District Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*
14 Roundtables, 7:30 p.m.*
23 School Night to Join Scouting
30 Deadline - Early Bird Popcorn Sign Up

* First Presbyterian Church, Easton Turnpike, Fairfield.

169 Survive Wilderness Plane Crash

All of the 169 Scouts and Scouters who attended Nutmeg's Spring Camporee "I Survived" (wilderness plane crash) enjoyed their experience.

The survival theme was woven through the activity stations where Scouts were challenged to use their brainpower, creativity, and available resources. This was most evident when the Scouts received their food - the leaders were instructed to provide only 75 percent of what would be needed by the unit. The Scouts were responsible for preparation (without their usual supply of pots and pans) and making sure everyone got a fair ration.

The event was a great success. Special thanks go to the Activities Committee, Camporee Chief, and to all the adults who staffed the Camporee.

Thanks to all participating units. If your unit couldn't attend this time, we hope that you'll make our next event.

FOS Update

This month we are pleased to report that we are at 75.7 percent of our goal of \$26,000. The breakdown of our goal is as follows, as of July 22, 1993:

Campaign Phase	Goal	Amt Pledge	%
District	\$1,500	\$755	50.3
Community	9,000	2,835	31.5
Family	\$13,000	15,811	121.6
Calendar Ads	500	275	55.0
Project Sales	1,000	0	0.0
Phone-a-thon	1,000	0	0.0
Total	26,000	19,676	75.7

If you would like to help with any phase of the campaign or know someone who may be able to help, please contact Bill Fromm at 261-7726 or Gloria Atkins at 847-2445. Working together as a team will help us achieve our goal.

Pack 82 Enjoys Yankee Game

Cub Scout Pack 82 of First Church Congregational of Fairfield participated in the annual Scout Day at Yankee Stadium on May 1.

We traveled to the Bronx with two full bus loads of Scouts and their families and friends taking advantage of the Yankees generous offer of half-price tickets for the game. With the exception of just a few families, almost all of our Cubs were in attendance.

The boys and adult leaders were all presented with Pack 82 T-shirts, compliments of the Pack, just for the occasion.

The Cubs who enjoyed the trip with their families and friends were as follows:

Tiger Cub Frankie Valentino; Wolves: Eric Benway, David Briggs, Jonathan Firgelewski, Adam Cohn, Noel Carlson, John Weselcouch, Robbie Bison, Jonathan Skog, and Andrew



Pictured above: Rev. David Spollett, co-pastor of First Church Congregational, enjoying the Yankees game with his son Andrew.

Spollett; Bears: Kevin Jalbert, Michael Jankovic, Devin McGrath, Andrew Pacifico, Sean Corby, Lee Mannion, Daniel Burr, Michael Pavone, Justin Tomczyk, Peter Murphy, and John Lawrence; Webelos: Colby Mitchell, Bryan Fogle, Kevin Finch, Scott Appleton, and Rafael Valentin. Assistant Cubmaster Ron Fogle,

who was the trip coordinator, said that the personnel at Yankee Stadium was most helpful and highly recommends that all Scouts try to take advantage of this annual event.

A bit of advice - try to book your trip early in the year. Since tickets are half-price, they tend to sell out the large groups of good seats quickly.

Council Program Launch August 18, 1993

See Page 1 for Details

District Officers

The Nutmeg District is proud to announce District Officers and Chairmen for the 1993-1994 Program Year. Please clip and save.

District Chairman	William Fromm	261-7726
District Commissioner	Stewart Stern	261-9791
District Executive (acting)	Gloria Atkins	847-2445
District Vice-Chairman	Nils Trahnstrom	374-3766
Program Vice-Chairman	Nils Trahnstrom	374-3766
Finance Chairman	Daniel Hanley	255-9054
Membership Chairman	James Bailey	261-9491
Training Chairman	Peter Gordon	261-9563
Camping Chairman	Richard Bartholomew	374-1750
Activities Chairman	David Gillis	372-7511
Advancement Chairman	Patricia Day	261-8211
Cub Outdoors Chairman	Paula Fromm	261-7726

Advancement News

Advancement Update

There will be a one session Life to Eagle Seminar offered this fall for all Life Scouts. Parents, Scoutmasters and Advancement Chairmen are also invited to attend. Troops will be notified of the date and location when that has been determined.

Meanwhile, I'd be happy to be invited to come to your troop and meet with Life Scouts.

Merit Badge FYI

Effective September 1, 1993, 12 merit badges (Citizenship in World, Computers, Drafting, Handicap Awareness, Insect Study, Lifesaving, Photography, Pioneering, Railroad, Reptile Study, Skiing, and Stamp Collecting) will be updated.

One (Rabbit Raising) will be eliminated.

Anyone working on these may continue to use the present requirements.

Anyone beginning work on them, troop librarians and merit badge counselors should take note of the new requirements.





Serving the communities of Bridgeport and Stratford.

District Chairman:
Gary Dingus - 287-1464
District Commissioner:
B.J. Cianciola - 372-5243
District Executive:
Donn Fowler - 847-2445
Fax: 847-9726

Calendar

* First Presbyterian Church, Easton
Tumpike, Fairfield.

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Scouting

Training & Recognition Awards

This is the time of year when District Training Chairmen and Commissioners are busy with paperwork. They're chasing down volunteers who have completed basic training and are due for that all-important training award. The paperwork is signed, dated, turned in, and that volunteer can look forward to a training award for which they have worked hard all through the Scouting year.

To the veteran Scouter, sometimes these awards seem trivial, but to the volunteer earning them, it's an award well-deserved. Every den leader, troop or pack leader, and commissioner has worked hard to fulfill the requirements. It has often meant one or more nights out, in a busy Scouting schedule, to attend training sessions and meetings.

Every person attending these sessions comes home with new information to apply to their particular Scouting job.

Recognition awards often recognize veteran Scouters who have been doing their job for a long time. The districts and council recognize these individuals for the time and effort they expend in making sure the boys get the program. Let's face it - in the end, it's the program getting to the boys that counts. These volunteers have been doing their jobs year-in and year-out, to the best of their ability. I'm sure every volunteer complains at one point or another about "all the nights out" for Scouting, but they realize they're doing it for the boys! If a volunteer is in Scouting for his own personal glory, he's in the wrong organization!!

So, this year, when the list of training and recognition awards seem to be too long and you're getting bored at the banquet - Stop and Remember!! These volunteers have given up a lot of their time to make Scouting a living and vital program. Let's give them the praise and thank you's they deserve.

"A Class A Clap to every training and recognition award recipient in the Fairfield County Council."

Gladiators Answer the Challenge

This year's Saganaw District Camporee, American Gladiators, showed just to what extent the pride has returned to Saganaw District. The weather was exceptional, the camaraderie was evident, and the results phenomenal. Javelins were zipping through the air, balloons catapulting at high rates of speed and distance (catapult compliments of Pack 173), and the sounds of our Scouts having the time of their life was everywhere.

Mr. James Rivers, Bridgeport Drug and Alcohol Awareness Counselor, provided much of the excitement at the opening ceremonies by bringing his assistant "Jay" to act as Honorary District Executive for the day. The Exploring Division provided exceptional exhibits in cold weather camping, nautical expertise, and chemistry for the enjoyment and bewilderment of those in attendance.

The highlight of the day was the individual unit cook-off competition. Samples of culinary delights were offered for the judges to sample. Some of these included Campfire Shish-Ka-Bobs, French Apple Pie, Woodland Beef Stew, a tossed salad with homemade dressing (to die for), and a soup dish which had more than one judge wishing for recipes.

In total, 186 Scouts and Scouters were in attendance. In the Webelos Division, Pack 173 of Stratford amassed a staggering 156 points out of a possible 210, proving that when a Scout in Saganaw steps up to the challenge, he can really perform. Additionally, the Webelos of Pack 45 in Bridgeport stymied the Course Directors by combining for 157 points overall.



The Order of the Arrow Campfire.

When all was said and done, Troop 67 was heralded as "Grand Champion" of the Camporee. Troop 8 earned the first place spot for their second consecutive camporee victory, with Troop 179 taking second place, and Troop 75 earning third place honors.

I wish to extend a sincere thank you to Bridgeport Hydraulic for providing such excellent service and to Mr. Paul Kallmeyer, Director of Public Works for the Town of Trumbull, who was constantly on the move to guarantee that all was well for our Scouts to have a day to remember.

Incidentally, if you think this one was good, plans for the Fall Camporee are already in the making and will prove to surpass your wildest expectations. As you see, we have our pride hanging out for all to see, and for me, I knew it was there and that we in Saganaw were coming down the homestretch to prove it. Thank you one and all for being there and making this a success.

The best is yet to come!

Steven A. Blackman, Sr.
Spring Camporee Chief



James River is shown above with honorary District Executive, Jay, during the "District Executive's Minute"

FOS Update

The 1993 Saganaw District's Friends of Scouting Campaign has met our goal!!! Our goals and results as of July 22, 1993:

Campaign Phase	Goal	Amount Pledged	%
District	\$500	\$684	136.8
Community	7,000	1,440	20.6
Family	5,000	9,939	198.8
Calendar Ads	500	2,025	405.0
Project Sales	500	320	64.0
Phone-a-Thon	500	- 0 -	- 0 -
Total	14,000	14,408	102.9

Council Program Launch

August 18, 1993
Hoyt Scout Reservation

Exploring

Serving the communities of Fairfield County.

Exploring Chairman:
Lindsey Ferguson - 351-9300
Exploring Service Chairman:
Harold Evans - 262-8098
Program Chairman:
Karen Lord - 729-3034
Exploring Executive:
Dan Cooley - 847-2445

Calendar

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September

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Meeting, Scout Service
Center, 7:30 p.m.
14 EOA Meeting, Scout
Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
22 Quarterly Leaders
Meeting
30 Deadline - Popcorn Early
Bird Signup

Bill Silva to Preside Over EOA

Explorer Officers' Association elections were held at the Spring Fling in May. The following Explorers were chosen to represent Council Posts and Ships through the 1993-94 Exploring year.

President: Bill Silva, Post 33;
Vice President: Tim Spahn, Post 33;
Secretary: Colleen Sauer, Post 38;
Treasurer: Erich Lenz, Post 58

Each of these newly elected officers brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the Association. The Exploring Division Committee members applaud their success and look forward to working with them.

Outgoing EOA Officers - Annette Filiatrault, Post 310, President; Mike Arnold, Post 33, Vice President; and Bill Silva, Post 33, Secretary, are congratulated for a job well done. They were assisted by numerous EOA members who also deserve credit for their support and input to the Exploring program.

Thanks everyone.

Spring Fling in Review

The Explorer Officers' Association (EOA) proved its stuff at the '93 Spring Fling. It's planning and preparation ensured a good time was had by the 60 (more or less) Explorers who attended.

The weather was extraordinarily beautiful, the cuisine was bountiful and delicious, just the ticket for appetites stirred by nonstop games, mixers, service projects, and other forms of recreation. There was also ample time for relaxing by the lake or enjoying the solitude of the outdoors.

Special thanks to Posts 33, 38, and 310 for providing the entertainment. Their efforts kept the enjoyment meters pegged the entire weekend. Those who didn't attend can only wonder what they missed. The rest of us can savor the memories.

David Antedomenico and his crew, mainly Mrs. Antedomenico and Mrs. Hyer, ensured Saturday and Sunday meals were gourmet delights - they were so good the Camp Ranger (Dora) abandoned her own cooking to join us. Tang, the beverage of choice, was drunk in massive quantities from tumblers provided by WEBE 108 FM.

Everyone joined together Saturday morning to perform service projects. Their combined efforts had a great impact on the appearance of the camp. Downed trees were removed from camping areas, steps were repaired, grassy areas raked, and the supply log cabin was painted inside and out. Great effort! Way to go Explorers!

Explorer Training Schedule

Explorer Training Chairman, S.D. Broder, has announced the Sea Exploring/Exploring adult leader training schedule. For the remainder of the year, the following are scheduled:

- August 22 Explorer Officers' Association Training
(this session is for youth leaders)
- September 22 Explorers Adult Leaders Quarterly Meeting
- October 24 Post (adult) Leaders Workshop
- November 17 Explorers Adult Leaders Quarterly Meeting
- November 21 Adult Explorer Leader Basic Training and Sea Explorer Leader Specialized Training
- Adult leaders are strongly encouraged to attend the adult sessions. EOA members and wannabes definitely should attend the EOA session. Mark your calendar now. You will receive more information in the mail or you can call Mr. Broder at 853-9291

1994 National Explorer Leadership Conference

Deep within a dark cave in Southern Indiana an Explorer yells "on rappel." Another Explorer at a nearby airport identifies the instruments on the cockpit of a small plane, while at the same time other Explorers are competing in a National Explorer sailing competition, testing their accident management/CPR skills, having a scuba diving competition, a mock trial for want-a-be lawyers, racing against time in the fireman's competition, or building a balsa wood bridge to test engineering skills. These are just a few of the 40 competitive events that Explorers who attend the 1994 National Explorer Leadership Conference will compete in and earn valuable prizes. Each cluster will present a minimum of \$2,000 in scholarships and prizes.

The biennial National Explorer Conference will be held at Indian University in Bloomington, Indiana, dates are July 17 - 21, 1994. The conference fee is \$270 with non-air conditioned rooms and \$275 with air conditioned rooms. Indiana University sets in the beautiful rolling, heavily wooded

hills of Southern Indiana and offers great facilities for the diversity of this conference.

Detailed competition guidelines and registration materials are available from the Council Service Center or by calling Dan Cooley at 847-2445.

Make plans today to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime Exploring experience.

Captain's Cove Hosts Sea Explorers Expo

Owner of Captain's Cove and sponsor of Ship 110, Kaye Williams, gave the welcoming remarks at the June 12th Sea Explorer Expo. Over 100 people from area Councils attended.

Activities included demonstrations on ship maintenance, unit activities, canoe building (by Troop 268), knot tying, etc. But the most fun was just hanging with people whose enthusiasm for nautical things was more refreshing than a sea breeze.





Family Campaign Honor Roll

The Friends of Scouting Campaign enrolls financial contributors who wish to support the Scouting program. Specifically, the campaign helps pay for:

- camping facilities
- special needs Scouting
- Trading Post
- liability insurance
- Day Camps and activities
- newsletters
- audiovisual aids
- membership recruitment
- essential records
- inner-city outreach
- professional staff
- much more

The Family Division of the Friends of Scouting Campaign asks families of Scouts if they will give to the program which has given so much to their sons:

Key:

C=Cub Scout Pack S=Boy Scout Troop E=Explorer Post
P=Explorer Ship V=Varsity Team

Below are the units who have reported results as of July 22, 1993.

*Honor Units-Units which contribute \$500 or more. (Receive \$25.00 gift certificate to Trading Post.)

**President's Club-Units which contribute \$1,000 or more. (Receive \$50.00 gift certificate to Trading Post.)

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C022	S015	C024	S024
C025	S019	C026**	S033*
C028*	S020	C033*	S042
C039*	S036	C052*	S0052**
C048	S044**	C054	S054
C055**	S047	C074	S076*
C059	S048	C116	S116*
C061	S053	C124	S137
C066	S070	C135**	S167
C068*	S086	C137	S370
C070	S101	C138*	S770
C076*	S286	C142	
C101		C156	
C161		C170	
C360		C270	

Nutmeg		Saganaw	
C063*	S063*	C008*	S008*
C080	S066	C032	S032
C082**	S068**	C070	S038*
C088	S082**	C075*	S070
C089	S088	C172**	S071
C090*	S100*	C173*	S103
C092F	S103	C177*	S177*
C164	S163	C202*	S179
C167	S199		
C261	S268		
C468	S788		

Exploring	
E655	E966

Grant from Kraft General Foods

To ensure that inner-city youth of Fairfield County continue to be actively involved in the Boy Scouts, Kraft General Foods in White Plains has donated \$15,000 to the Fairfield County Council.

The grant is critical to the cities of Bridgeport, Danbury, Norwalk, and Stamford, where the Fairfield County Council has been running a deficit to bring Scouting to the community.

Pictured outside of the Yerwood Center in Stamford are (front row,

left to right) Gilbert Burgess, troop leader and Program Specialist for the Fairfield County Council, and Scouts Andre Bryant, Tyrone Spearman, Kenny Thfersner, and Mathew Steadman, all from Stamford. Behind them, Ed Tatro (left), Director of Information Services for Kraft General Foods, a Stamford Resident, stands beside Douglas L. Krofina, Scout Executive of the Fairfield County Council.



500 Consecutive Scout Clip Art for IBM Months of Camping & Compatible P.C.s

During the weekend of March 5-7, 1993, Troop 12 of the Yocona Area Council, Tupelo, Mississippi, celebrated their five hundredth consecutive month of campouts—that is really putting the "outing into "Scouting!" This uninterrupted camping streak began in 1951 during President Truman's second term in office. All former Troop 12 Eagle Scouts, as well as friends and supporters of the Troop, were invited to the rendezvous.

In addition to celebrating this historical benchmark, Troop 12 marked the retirement of Scoutmaster Paul Eason. Mr. Eason served as Scoutmaster for more than forty-six years. Under Mr. Eason's leadership, 270 young men attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Do any troops in our Council have unusual records that they would like to share? If so, please send them to the Council Service Center.

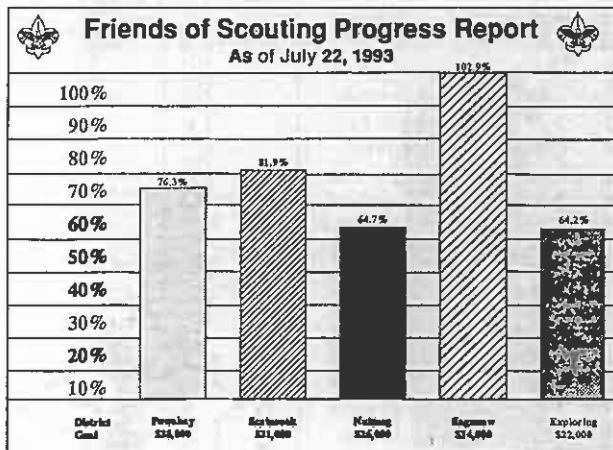
A collection of clip art covering many Scout themes is available for only a \$5 handling fee. The collection of 182 black and white images includes Cub Scout ranks, Webelos activities, Boy Scout rank and merit badges, Eagle, Exploring, and general BSA graphics. Included is a booklet showing pictures of all the images.

The graphics are in PCX format. Most software that accepts graphics can handle PCX. In the rare case where it cannot be used, utilities (not included) exist to convert PCX to some other format.

To order, determine what type of diskette your computer uses, include the number of diskettes shown for the chosen format and send your name and address, diskettes, and \$5 handling fee to the Scout Service Center.

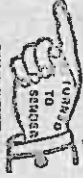
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