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and character..."

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# Powahay News

Serving the Communities of Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford and Wilton

We Did it! Powahay Fall Event with almost 700 in Attendance!



Photos: 1st left—Christian, Matt and Eddie Troop 19 Norwalk Greenbar and Host of the Boy Scout Fall Camporee. Middle— Cub Scouts prepare for the "Cubs in Shining Armour" Field Day Program. Far Right — Cubs have fun with the Knights of Gore.

**Thank you Powahay...** Leaders, Parents, District Staff and Scouts for making our Annual Fall Event a big success. Our combined Boy Scout Fall Camporee and Cub Scout Field Day had almost 700 in attendance with almost 600 camping overnight. Thanks to all the cooperation we had, we managed to park all of those cars, carry in equipment, and set up camping in some tight quarters. Take a look at the pictures on pages 6 and 10.

## Charter Renewals are Due by Saturday, Nov. 17

The Commissioners Staff will be available to assist units with the online Charter Renewal Process at:

- The November 3 Webelos College, Scofield Magnet Middle School, 641 Scofieldtown Rd., Stamford from 9 AM to 11:30 AM.
- The November 7 Roundtable, 7:15 LDS Church, 686 South Ave., New Canaan.
- In addition, there will be Saturday November 17 Re-charter Day at the Andrew Shaw Memorial Scout Cabin, 140 West Ave., Darien, 8:30 am to 11 am for those units that have not been able to complete the online process and need help.

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Powahay Community Fund Raiser - **Shoes with Heart**  
- Support the District and Micro-Entrepreneurs - Last Call!!!!... See page 5



## Roundtable Wednesday,

November 7, 2018,  
7:00 Gathering — 7:15 Opening  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints, 686 South Ave in New Canaan  
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Celebrating 12 Years  
of Publications.

## POWAHAY TRAINING

### Training Required For Rechartering

**Youth Protection Training:** All adults registering on a Unit Charter **MUST** have completed the new Youth Protection Training. Youth Protection Training can be done online at <https://my.scouting.org/>.

**All registered adult leaders** must complete Position Specific Training required by the National Council of the BSA for their registered position in order to remain registered with their respective Units. Leaders who do not meet these training requirements will not be permitted to re-register on their Unit's charter.

## Commissioner Service & Charter Renewal



Photos: Commissioners were busy at the Fall Event with Charter Renewal help and conducting unit assessments. To the left is District Commissioner Jim Mitchell, Unit Commissioner Arnold Feintuck and Assistant District Commissioner Tom Williams. To the right Commissioners meet with a unit leader.

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#### Questions:

- Jim Mitchell, District Commissioner@ [jim@powahay.com](mailto:jim@powahay.com).
- Karen Caiati at [Karen.Caiati@scouting.org](mailto:Karen.Caiati@scouting.org)
- Adam Terr, Assistant District Commissioner at



## Powahay Training

Cindy Allen  
District Training Chair  
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### Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training At the Webelos College

Saturday, November 3, 2018 — 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
Scofield Magnet Middle School 641 Scofieldtown Rd, Stamford

Make your Cub Scout Leader Position EASIER and More Fun! An enthusiastic, trained leader can make the difference between a Den or a Pack that is struggling, and one that is ready to take on the world! Find out how to use the "Leaders Guides" and other resources available. After all your Cub Scouts deserve it and so do YOU! It is also required!

#### Who should attend?

- Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders
- Cubmasters and Assistant Cubmasters
- Committee Chair and Committee Members
- Cub Scout Parents

How Do I register? Call Cindy Allen at 203-434-3732 or [cindya@powahay.org](mailto:cindya@powahay.org).



## Powahay Popcorn

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#### Popcorn Schedule:

- November 5: Take Order Sale Ends ~ Show and Sell Sale Ends
- November 7 Take Orders Due Campmasters Website [www.campmasters.org](http://www.campmasters.org)
- November 9-10 Show and Sell Returns 11/9 ~ 4-7 PM, 11/10 ~ 8-11:30 AM Location TBD! Show and Sell payments due for 1% commission
- November 12: NO RETURNS accepted after this date unless arrangements have been made prior to 11/9/18 ~ NO EXCEPTIONS!
- December 7-8: Take Order Distribution 4 - 7 PM on 12/7 ~ 8-11:30 AM on 12/8, 65-145 Furniture Row, Milford, CT 06460
- December 17: FINAL payments due Connecticut Yankee Council. Campmasters High Achiever Forms due to Council. Email to [popcorn@ctyankee.org](mailto:popcorn@ctyankee.org). FINAL Prize Order Deadline ~ NO EXCEPTIONS!



# Advancement -- by Chet Wickett



**From the Advancement Archive:  
Guardian of the Gate by  
F. Darnall Daley, Jr.**

Some of you appear to be standing guard at the gate. Like good guards you are not letting anyone pass who does not have the correct password. When someone appears at the gate who does not have the correct password, you send them away. The treasure that you believe you are guarding is the SACRED ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS. You believe that you must guard the gate to make sure that no boy advances who has not only met the requirements but who has not met the requirements 110%. Your watchword is, "We've gotten soft on the Boy Scout advancement." The problem is that you have gotten your orders wrong. You are guarding the wrong side of the gate. The treasure is not behind the gate but in front of it. The treasure is the character of the boys in our care. Your duty is not to prevent boys from passing through but to make sure as many boys as possible do pass through. Advancement is a method, a tool if you will, that we use in Scouting. It is not an end in itself. The purpose of the advancement system is to build a boy's confidence and self-esteem. A boy learns something new, he is tested in that skill, he is reviewed, and he is given advancement. Whenever possible the test should be a natural part of the unit's program. For example, if the requirement is to cook a meal, the test should come when it's time to eat at a regular unit outing. Remember that we are not authorized to either add to or subtract from any requirement. The review is to be a reflection on a boy's experience in Scouting, not a retest. The advancement recognition must come as soon after the review as possible. Some of you may have heard that advancement recognition can only be received once. I assure you that is not true. Recognition can be made many times and as often as possible. Advancement is to be positive reinforcement for a boy's achievements. If done properly it will encourage a boy toward even more advancement and toward greater confidence in himself. So get out in front of the gate where lies the treasure. Guard it no more. Become an advocate for our Scouts and provide the leadership that will help them through the gate. The world will be a better place tomorrow. [End]

The above was written back in 1999 but still relevant today. So gather the youth in your units and lead them through the gate.

## The Ideals of Scouting – The Outdoors – One Means to an End, Not the End

Every Scouting activity moves and motivates our youth toward our basic aims of: character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness. We achieve mission fulfillment using the methods of Scouting. These methods are Scouting's ideals, the patrols, the outdoors, advancement, personal growth, adult association, leadership development, and the uniform. None of these methods are goals by themselves. They are merely the meth-

ods that we use. They all work together. They reinforce and enhance each other.

For example, we will have greater advancement if we make proper use of the outdoors. So, how does this work in our Scouting activities? Let's keep the "outing" in "Scouting" has long been solid advice for a good Scouting program. Therefore, some may come to think that the outdoors is the main purpose of Scouting. It is not; it is merely one method – an important one, to be sure, but not the only one – that we use to achieve our aims.

All the rank requirements involve outdoor activities. If your unit program involves lots of outdoors, then your advancement will come as a natural result. How do you achieve this? By proper planning, of course. Every unit should have an annual planning event. This might be part of several meetings devoted to putting together the next year's plan. Some units will have the troop leadership go on a special weekend trip to do the planning. Some units will have the whole unit participate in the annual planning weekend. By mixing fun with the serious business of developing the annual plan, an outdoor program is built that everyone can buy into. To make sure everyone gets a chance to get involved, use small breakout groups to plan parts of the overall plan and the report back to the unit. Make sure the plan includes a monthly outdoor event. By executing this annual plan, advancement will be a natural result. For example, if someone has a requirement to cook a meal, have them do it on the campout. Thus, their advancement is a natural outcome of the unit's program.

So, keep the "outing" in "Scouting." By making sure the outdoors is an integral part of your unit's program, you will increase advancement. With outdoors as the bulwark of our unit's program, we will thus fulfill Scouting's mission. Now isn't that what we're all about.

## Merit Badge Counselor List

We have 21 Merit Badge Counselors that will be dropped from the list because the counselor did not complete the new Youth Protection Training by October 1, 2018. We extended time for the counselors to complete the training but time is up. As we have been told, if YPT was not completed by 10/1/2018 they must be dropped from the list or if currently working with a Scout(s) the must stop. The youth must find a new counselor to continue the badge. We are letting the impacted troops know in advance who is being dropped. If the counselor does complete the new YPT, they will be reinstated.





Photo: Tent City at the Cub Scout Field Day

### **Cub Scout/Webelos Camping Guidelines** **By John Hanks**

(Editor Notes: Answers to the questions below provided by the Guide to Safe Scouting, Cub Scouts Leader Book, Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines, Camping and Outdoor Program Committee Guide.)

Various program resources produced by the Boy Scouts of America leave some room for interpretation when it comes to guidelines for overnight camping with Cub Scouts outside of Council-operated summer camp programs and Council and District weekend events.

Scouting is designed to be a progression of age-appropriate activities to meet the needs of Cub-Scout age youth and prepare them for the adventures of Scouting.

#### **Can a Cub Scout camp without a parent?**

Cub Scout camping should be a parent-son event. In most cases, this means each youth is supervised by his own parent or guardian. In ALL cases, each youth is responsible to a specific adult. Therefore, when a parent cannot attend, the family must make arrangements in advance for another adult who is attending to be responsible for their child. This designated adult cannot be the Den Leader in charge. A consent form is recommended.

#### **Can Cub Scout backpack and do other high adventure activities?**

The style of camping and activities included in the event

must be age appropriate and follow Cub Scout health and safety guidelines. Cubs and Webelos may not go backpacking or camp in remote wilderness settings.

#### **Can Cub Scout tent camp during winter months?**

When conditions outside are winter--like due to inclement weather, cold temperature, or snow on the ground (regardless of season), then overnight tent camping should not take place outdoors, because Cub Scouts do not have the necessary winter outdoor skills. Winter overnights are only allowed if heated indoor accommodations are used.

#### **Can Cub Scouts/Webelos participate in Boy Scout (soon to be Scouts USA) Camporee?**

Cub overnight camping at Boy Scout camporees and/or events must be carefully planned. Cub Scouts should not compete or participate in activities designed for Boy Scouts. Activities designed specifically for Cub Scouts must be planned. Webelos Dens are encouraged to participate in joint overnight campouts with a Boy Scout Troop to strengthen ties between a pack and troop. Supervision arrangements as outlined must be arranged.

#### **Can I take my Lion, Tiger, Wolf or Bear Den camping?**

Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Dens can NOT camp as Dens except as part of a Pack-Overnighter or at a District or Council organized event.



We have T-shirts left over, and we will be selling them at the November 7 Roundtable. Proceeds benefit our District FOS Goals.

### **Powahay District Refund Policy** **Attention Leaders and Parents**

There will be no refunds given for District Activities unless there are extreme circumstances. Please understand that when you register your child for our programs we purchase supplies and materials for them and so we cannot refund money for any other reason. Thank you.

We do not consider sports conflict as extreme circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.





### Friends of Scouting

Roger Williams  
Friends of  
Scouting Chair  
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Friends of Scouting (FOS) is our annual fund-raising campaign for the Connecticut Yankee Council. It provides Scouting families and volunteers the opportunity to support the Council programs and services that benefit their children and other youth. We would like to thank all of our units that have participated.

Our district goal is to provide each of our Scouting families an opportunity to participate in our Friends of Scouting Campaign. As we wrap up the current calendar year, we ask units to reach out to those families that might have missed the FOS presentation.

Contact Roger Williams [rvw@optonline.net](mailto:rvw@optonline.net) or Jim Patterson, [jim.patterson@scouting.org](mailto:jim.patterson@scouting.org) for pledge cards or to schedule a follow up FOS presentation.



### Shoes With Heart

Jim Patterson  
Area Scout Executive  
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Photo: Jim proudly showing Powahay District 2017 Journey to Excellence Award

### Powahay Community Fund Raiser - Shoes with Heart - Support the District and Micro-Entrepreneurs - Last Call!!!

We are partnering with Shoes with Heart which is an organization that will take our lightly worn shoes (sneakers, dress shoes, cleats, etc.) and donate them to micro-entrepreneurs throughout the world. The micro-entrepreneurs then sell the shoes in their local villages. Shoes with Heart will pay us if we meet our goal!

This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets, raise money for the Powahay Community effort and support micro-entrepreneurs! We need your shoe donations by Wednesday, November 7th. The following provides the methods to turn in your units shoe donations:

Attend the Roundtable at 7pm on Wednesday, November 7th – LDS Church (682 South Avenue, New Canaan)

Consolidate all of your units shoes at one location (typically one of the unit members home) and contact myself, Mike Szarpa ([mszarpa.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:mszarpa.bsa@gmail.com)) or Roger Williams ([rvw@optonline.net](mailto:rvw@optonline.net)) to pick them up.

Please reach out to the members of your units and encourage them to donate their lightly worn shoes. We have almost two weeks to complete our goal of 2,500lbs of shoes! For more information on Shoes with Heart, please click on the following link <https://shoeswithheart.com/>.

### Best Wishes Robert Messingner

Robert Messinger, Unit Commissioner, District Photographer, and former Cubmaster is moving to Florida for the winter months and relocating to another area of Connecticut in the Springtime. Robert hopes to support weekend activities on his return. Powahay thanks Robert for his service to Scouting and our district and wish him the best. Robert was awarded the 2018 District Key 3 Award.



### November to December Calendar 2018

**November 3, 2018 — Webelos Adventure College.** Join us for Powahay's 8th Annual Webelos College, Scofield Magnet Middle School, 641 Scofieldtown Rd., Stamford.

**November 7, 2018 — Roundtable, 7:15 PM** at the LDS Church, 678 South Ave., New Canaan.

**November 10, 2018 – Drop-In Hike** Audubon Greenwich, Greenwich ([www.greenwich.audubon.org](http://www.greenwich.audubon.org)) – Fall Hike 3PM

**December 2, 2018 — Chess Tournament 1 to 3:30 pm** at the Darien Scout Cabin, 140 West Ave., Darien.

**December 5, 2018 — Roundtable, 7:15 PM** at the LDS Church, 678 South Ave., New Canaan.

**Saturday, December 15, 2018 – Drop-In Hike** Sherwood Island State Park, Westport ([www.ct.gov/deep/sherwoodisland](http://www.ct.gov/deep/sherwoodisland)) – Winter Hike

### Coming in 2019:

→ January 25-27: **Boy Scout Klondike Derby** at Hoyt

→ February 2: **Cub Scout Polar Bear** at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center.

→ March 23: **Scout Day at the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium**

→ March 30 **District Pinewood Derby** at Stepping Stone Museum for Children (note earlier date).

→ May 17-19: **Weekend Escape** at Hoyt

- Boy Scouts (Scouts USA) Choose your adventure. Plus STEM activities and merit Badges

- Webelos Overnight Weekend for Bears becoming Webelos and all other Webelos.

→ June 5: **District Recognition Dinner**



## Powahay Cub Scout News





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## Thank You Knights of Gore



Knights of Gore battling it out.

## Stamford Pack 11 Webelos Take A Hike



On Sunday, 10/14, the Stamford Pack 11 Junior Webelos took a 3.5 mile hike at the Zofnass Family Preserve / Westchester Wilderness Walk. At a pack meeting a couple nights before, we assembled first aid kits; and at the beginning of the hike, we assigned duties such as first aid leader, trail leader, map reader, and snack leader. We planned to follow the Blue trail, but a different map labeled it as the Purple trail. We decided to follow the "Blurple" trail. Most of the 14 member den was able to participate, as well as several siblings, parents, and even grandparents!



## Wilton Pack 22 Makes history

1st Popcorn Show & Sell by Wilton Gentleman Webelos & Girl Tiger Scouts !



## Cub Scout News

**Steve Prostor**

**Cub Scout  
Activity Chair**

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Welcome to November! At Powahay, we have an exciting month of activities in store for you, but before we cover that, I just wanted to personally thank everyone that either participated in or volunteered at the 2018 Powahay Field Day at Hoyt Scout Reservation ("Hoyt!") on October 20.

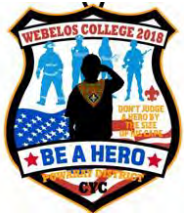
At Hoyt ("Hoyt!") we had a huge turnout with 14 Packs attending comprised of 264 Youth and 231 Adults registered (495 total) and 406 that camped overnight. What a sight! And the weather during the day turned out great. Thank you

For November, we have Webelos College happening on Saturday November 3 (161 Scouts registered), Scout Day at West Point on Saturday November 10, a District Drop-in Hike at Audubon Greenwich (<http://greenwich.audubon.org/>) on the same day, Saturday November 10 (3pm start) followed by an early Thanksgiving (Thursday November 22) and, rumor has it, some Rain-gutter Regatta races happening across the District!

November also is a very busy time for Packs with Popcorn sales ending, Re-chartering (Saturday November 17) and the need to complete your Journey to Excellence (JTE) Scorecard. All three topics will be covered at this month's District Roundtable which will be held on Wednesday November 7 at the LDS Church in New Canaan (715pm start). I hope to see you there.

Have a great month everyone!  
Steve





## Powahay's 8th Annual Webelos Adventure College

Saturday, November 3, 2018  
8:15 AM to 12:30 PM

Scofield Magnet Middle School  
641 Scofieldtown Rd., Stamford

Registration is now closed and we cannot accept any more sign-ups. We're asking leaders and parents to review the requirements that their Webelos have signed up for. All requirements can be found in the Webelos Handbook. We are sorry but no refunds for cancellations. See page 4 for District Refund Policy.

### Fall Camporee Photos



### Attention Boy Scout Leaders:

Special Roundtable - November 7 to reorganize Powahay's Order of the Arrow Chapter. With OA elections just around the corner, our OA Chapter has NO active members. We are asking Scoutmaster to bring your youth and adults OA members to the Nov. 7 Roundtable -- 7:15 to 8 PM. Chapter Advisor Roger Williams will lead a discussion on what we need to do to revive our chapter.



### We have added a new event for the Fall... Chess Tournament

Powahay is offering United States Chess Federation (USCF) Ranked and Non-ranked Tournaments for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Ventures.

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**Cost \$25.00 — Online Registration Coming Soon**

1:00 PM — Check-in, 1:30 PM to 3 PM — Game Playing  
At the **Andrew Shaw Memorial Scout Cabin**, 140 West Ave., Darien.

Join us at for an exciting Chess program! A chess tournament is a series of chess games played competitively to determine a winning individual. The Chess Tournament is not just for Boy Scouts working on the merit badge but for Cub Scouts and Venturers as well.

There is no age restrictions but players must have game playing experience. This is not for beginners. Parents are not permitted to coach and/or assist their son/daughter in play.

The Tournament is being run by the Chess Club of Fairfield County LLC - 710 West Avenue Norwalk, CT 06850 - [fairfieldcountychess.com](http://fairfieldcountychess.com):

- CCFC will provide all necessary staffing, chess sets and clocks, and will generate pairings between rounds for all of the designated sections.
- CCFC will be responsible for submitting the results to the US Chess Federation for rating.
- CCFC will provide trophies.



Any questions on the Chess Tournament please contact [info@powahay.com](mailto:info@powahay.com)



# Powahay Boy Scout News

2018 Fall Camporee Wrap-up — Hosted by Troop 19 Norwalk



**Troop 9 Stamford**  
**1st Place Super Troop**  
**3rd Place Super Patrol Whales**



**Troop 53 Darien**  
**2nd Place Super Troop**  
**2nd Place Patrol Faze**



**Troop 14 Norwalk/Troop 5 Stamford**  
**3rd Place Super Troop**  
**1st Place Super Patrol Faze**







## For Fun and Know-How

**Roundtable Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 686  
South Ave in New Canaan**

**On the Agenda:**

### **7:00 to 7:15 — Gathering**

- Shoes With A Heart Collections
- Turn in new applications

### **7:15 to 7:25: — Opening:**

- Welcome
- Quick Announcements
- Program Note – We have youth members coming in for the Boy Scout split session, so we are moving our joint session to an 8 PM period. This will allow our youth members an early departure for homework.

### **7:30 to 8:00 – Split Session**

#### **Cub Scouts – Steve Prostor**

- Recruiting update
- Popcorn update
- Re-charter reminder
- JTE Scorecard review
- Upcoming events
- New Leaders -- Cindy Allen is available to work with Den Meeting planning.

#### **Boy Scouts – William Shannon/Craig Schorr**

- Reorganizing Powahay's OA Chapter (combined youth and adults meeting) and OA Elections Presented by Roger Williams.
- Upcoming events

### **8:00 to 8:25 -- Special Joint Session – Return to the Opening Cub Scout Room**

- Scoutbook will replace Internet Advancement. Learn about the benefits of this program. Presented by Paul Dickinson
- Fall Event Feedback – Your comments and suggestions on this combined Boy Scout and Cub Scout annual event. Moderated by John Hanks and Steve Prostor
- For the Good of the District – Units concerns and needs. District Key 3

### **8:25 – Closing**

Roundtable will end at 8:30 PM as a courtesy to our attendees and presenters. We will offer a brief after the Roundtable Fellowship from 8:30 to 8:45 PM.

### **Troop 125 Wilton Celebrates 50th Year**



Photo: SPL Michael Sullivan, Scoutmaster Sean Heiligenthaler, and Committee Chair Will Klancko show a Connecticut General Assembly Citation commemorating Troop 125 50th Anniversary.

Troop 125 celebrated their anniversary at a recent Court of Honor with rank advancement and a history of the troop presented by Steve Gorenbergh, former Scoutmaster of 11 years. Founded in 1968, Troop 125 boasts 119 Eagle Scouts in its proud history.

### **Membership Update from Jay Lubin**



(Photo—Jay helping out at the Fall Event.) National registration of Cub Scouts girls exceeded 55,780 last week. Connecticut Yankee Council has 39 girls, across 14 Packs in 4 Districts. That is lower than I'd like to see, based on our peer councils. Our numbers should be at least doubled.

Powahay has proposed girl troops in Norwalk, Stamford, and Darien. PLEASE let me know when you have scheduled your recruiting night(s) and open houses

so I can keep track (and hopefully attend).

Recruiting tip. For Family Scouting and for Scouts BSA – ask your youth to bring a friend or two to the next Den, Pack or Troop meeting. That includes boys and girls. While it is true that **GIRLS ARE MORE LIKELY TO INVITE A FRIEND**, ask all your youth to ask their friends. And then thank those youth who DID bring a friend. Perhaps some sort of recognition?

Believe it not, it's that time of the year to start thinking about Scouts BSA Resident Summer Camp. Please let me or Myke Morrell know ASAP when your Troop would like a presentation on Camp Sequassen. EVERY WEEK next summer is open to girls, especially week 7. The sooner a Troop registers online, the better chance you will have to select a favorite camp site.

THANK YOU for all that you do for Scouting. You are making a difference in the lives of the young men and women who we serve.

Jay Lubin  
Council Membership Chair