Scouting At Home Award

Scouting At Home Award For Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers & Leaders



Mayflower Council would like to recognize Scouts and adults who are Scouting at Home with a patch that is sure to be a collector item. Requirements for Scouts and leaders to earn this award are simple.

Guidelines:

1. Complete the requirements for the appropriate rank
2. Complete online award completion form
3. Order your patch.
    - The link to order your patch will be provided when you submit your online completion form
    - Patches are $4 each
    - Our patch design is above and we think it’s so cool

4. Award is available for a limited time requirements must be completed by June 30 and patches must be ordered by July 15.
5. Contact Joe Livingston or Rick Riopelle if you have questions about the award.

We ask the parents work with the Scouts to please post a picture on social media of each requirement and share it with pictures of these completed requirements in a style like this:

Scouting taught me about my Duty to Self. Because of that I took time for myself today outside reading (insert picture reading) #mayflowerscoutsinaction

Scouting taught me to be Friendly. Because of that I cooked this delicious dessert for my family (insert photo) #mayflowerscoutsinaction

Scouting At Home Award Requirements

To earn the patch, complete the following requirements inspired by the Scout Oath and Law:

Mandatory Requirements (Complete all 3, applicable to all levels of the program)

1. *Duty to God/Country*: Stay home and only visit with friends virtually
2. *Duty to Others*: Track a chore that you do around the house
3. *Duty to Self*: Spend as much time as you can outside everyday (weather permitting)

Program level specific requirements (Complete requirements for your program)

Cub Scout Elective Requirements (complete 5 out of this list)

- *Trustworthy*: Honestly report your progress on this patch
- *Loyal*: Participate in 2 virtual den meetings
- *Helpful*: Help prepare one meal or snack for your family
- *Friendly*: Complete an activity loop or pin with your family
- *Courteous*: Invite a friend to a virtual pack event
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a family member.
- *Obedient*:Help your parents complete a home or automobile repair or project.
- *Cheerful*: Spend one hour playing a non-electronic game or games with your family
- *Thrifty*: Find a way to repurpose something in your house
- *Brave*:
    - (Bears – AOL) Camp one night out in your yard with your parent(s) or family.
    - (Lions – Wolves) 'camp out' one night in a room of your house without TV or electronics.
- *Clean*: Help clean up your yard, a room of your home, or your bedroom (as chosen by your parent)
- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion

Award Completion Form

Scouts BSA Elective Requirements (complete 7 out of this list)

- *Trustworthy*: Honestly report your progress on this patch
- *Loyal*: Participate in 2 virtual troop meetings
- *Helpful*: Cook supper for your family using basic ingredients
- *Friendly*: Lead your family in a game night(s) totaling three hours of non-electronic gaming
- *Courteous*: Perform a service project for your family approved by your parents
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a

family member.
- *Obedient*: Complete a merit badge virtually
- *Cheerful*: Entertain your family with your favorite skit
- *Thrifty*: Find a way to repurpose something in your house
- *Brave*: Teaching another scout a new skill virtually
- *Clean*: Help clean up your yard, a room of your home, or your bedroom (as chosen by your parent)
- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion

Award Completion Form

Venturing Elective Requirements (complete 7 out of this list)

- *Trustworthy*: Honestly report your progress on this patch
- *Loyal*: Participate in 2 virtual crew meetings
- *Helpful*: Perform a service project for your family approved by your parents
- *Friendly*: Cook a breakfast, lunch, supper and a dessert for your family using basic ingredients.
- *Courteous*: Create and perform a ‘safety checklist’ for your home. This should include things like checking smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and identifying hazards in the home.
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a family member.
- *Obedient*: Grant your parents 1 wish, and fulfill it without complaint
- *Cheerful*: Lead your family in game nights totaling five hours of non-electronic gaming.
- *Thrifty*: Find a way to repurpose something in your house
- *Brave*: Create a 10 minute instructional video about something that interests you. Share this video on a social media platform with the #mayflowerscoutsinaction
- *Clean*: Help clean up your yard, a room of your home, or your bedroom (as chosen by your parent)

- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion

Award Completion Form

Adult Leader Elective Requirements (complete 7 out of this list)

You thought we forgot about our amazing volunteers? Scouting has a fun opportunity for you to earn this patch as well!

- *Trustworthy*: Provide feedback on how Mayflower Council can better support you utilizing this form.
- *Loyal*: Attend your virtual district roundtable.
- *Helpful*: Find a way to help your neighbor.
- *Friendly*: Interact with the council's or district's Facebook pages- find a new Scouting friend and share an aspect of Scouting you are passionate about.
- *Courteous*: Help your troop engage in virtual meeting or merit badge classes.
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a family member.
- *Obedient*: Follow the Mayflower Council guidelines for social distancing while Scouting.
- *Cheerful*: Post your best tips on staying upbeat during this difficult time for other Scouts and Scouters.
- *Thrifty*: Help your Council identify a business or donor willing to help fund Scouting (social media post will be worked out with donor or business).
- *Brave*: Have a conversation with someone you disagree with. Find common ground on a topic.
- *Clean*: Pack/organize your backpack and gear for your first Scouting adventure post COVID-19. Share where you're planning to go on the council Facebook page.
- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion.

Award Completion Form

Summer Camp Pre-meeting Video

A pre-camp meeting was held virtually in March. If you happened to miss the meeting, please view the video below. You will also find questions and answers that were compiled from this meeting.

Book Your Summer Camp Experience Now

Questions and Answers

Virtual Training

Opportunities – April and May

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Virtual Training Opportunities

April and May 2020

Mayflower Council has canceled or postponed all in-person training courses until it is safe for groups to gather again. In the meantime, we've set up a series of free online workshops to help Scouts and Scouters complete training requirements and gain skills and tools to run a successful program—even in challenging times. Please join us!

Online Training Workshops

Date and time	Course	Who it's for	Details
Wednesday, **April 22, 2020** 8:00-9:00 PM Register	**Tools and Tips for Virtual Scouting**	All adult leaders	During this pandemic, many packs and troops are finding creative ways to run online den and pack meetings, troop and patrol meetings, merit badge classes, and even virtual camping trips! Join us as we share some tips and success stories from the first month of "virtual Scouting." This one-hour session will be a great chance to learn about what other units are doing, which online tools work best, and how to set your online meetings up for success. This session will be useful for packs and troops who are trying to get started online, as well as those who are already doing it but are interested in learning new tips!
Thursday, **April 30, 2020** 7:00-8:30 PM Register	**Troop Committee PST**	Scouts BSA Troop Committee Members (and anyone interested in becoming one)	Learn how an effective Troop Committee can support a successful youth-led Scouts BSA troop. This course covers all the important functions that the Troop Committee should provide. If you're a member of the Troop Committee, this course is part of the requirements to earn the "Trained" patch. This course covers the same material as the version at https://my.scouting.org, but we're going to try to include the benefits of our in-person version, with more interactivity and the chance to meet and share ideas with fellow leaders.
Sunday, **May 3, 2020** 7:00-8:00 PM Register	**Merit Badge Counselor PST**	Scouts BSA Merit Badge Counselors (and anyone interested in becoming one)	Learn how Scouts BSA merit badges work, the roles and responsibilities of a merit badge counselor, and tips for helping Scouts learn skills and grow as individuals through the merit badge process. This course covers the same material as the version at https://my.scouting.org, but doing it together means we can have more useful interaction and discussion. We'll also share ideas for teaching merit badges online during the pandemic. At the end of this course, you'll be trained for your position and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch.
Tuesday, **May 12, 2020** 7:00-8:00 PM Register	**Intro to ILST**	Scoutmasters, ASMs, SPLs, and ASPLs	Introduction to Leadership Skills (ILST) for Troops is the first stage of the Scouts BSA youth leadership training program. It's designed to be taught within each troop, led by the Scoutmaster and SPL. This course (also called "Junior Leader Training" and many other things through the years) sets your Patrol Leaders and other youth leaders up to succeed by helping them understand their roles and responsibilities in running a youth-led troop. Our one-hour webinar on May 12 is *not* the actual ILST course (the actual ILST is 4 to 5 hours of material, and it should be taught within your troop). But it *is* an opportunity for Scoutmasters, ASMs, and top youth leaders (SPL, ASPL) to learn more about ILST! We'll talk about the course materials, suggest resources, and share examples and tips from troops about when and where to run ILST and how to make it successful and fun. If you'd like to "up your game" on youth leader training, join us on May 12!

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Date and time	Course	Who it's for	Details
Sunday, **May 17, 2020** 7:00-9:00 PM Register	**Cub Leader Basic Training: Part 1 of 2**	All Cub Scout adult leaders	Join us for the official "position-specific" training for all Cub Scout positions! If you haven't taken the online training at https://my.scouting.org yet, join our webinar version instead. We'll try to include a lot of the interactivity that we get when we do this training in person, including the chance to meet and share ideas with fellow leaders. The national curriculum covers almost 4 hours, so we've split it into two evenings. After you complete both parts, you'll be considered trained for your position and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch. Part 1 includes aims and methods, pack and den structure, advancement, and other basics of the Cub Scouting program.
Sunday, **May 24, 2020** 7:00-9:00 PM Sunday, **May 31, 2020** 7:00-9:00 PM	**Cub Leader Basic Training: Part 2 of 2**	All Cub Scout adult leaders	This is the second half of the training we're starting on May 17. In Part 2, we'll split into breakout sessions with more detailed topics for each position (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee). We'll also come together to talk about ways to build stronger dens and packs with active programming and family involvement. We're offering Part 2 twice to make sure to provide an extra opportunity for anyone who can't make it on May 24. Also, if you want to get trained for more than one position, you can attend on both May 24 and May 31 and join a different breakout group each time.

What About Other Training Courses?

Adult leaders can still take many training courses available on demand from the BSA at https://my.scouting.org. Scouts BSA and Venturing youth can take Den Chief training online at www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training. We normally run in-person versions of many of these courses, but some are hard to deliver well in a custom webinar. For example, our in-person Den Chief course focuses on hands-on group activities (crafts, wide games, role plays), and it's hard to do this well online. For this reason and others, we encourage you to take the standard BSA training for now.

A few other training courses like BALOO, IOLS, and Wilderness/Remote First Aid require a lot of physical hands-on skill practice. It's just not possible to meet the learning objectives effectively in a virtual setting. Regrettably, this means we can't offer these training courses right now. We look forward to offering live courses again when it's safe to do so!

What Else Can I Do From Home?

1. **Renew Youth Protection Training (YPT)!** This two-hour training expires every two years. If you've been registered as a leader for a while, chances are you took it in 2018 when the BSA made everyone take the new course. That means you need to retake it in 2020. Get it done! Visit https://my.scouting.org.
2. **Take other position-specific training (PST) online.** If you're a Cub Scout leader (any position), Troop Committee member, Merit Badge Counselor, or many other positions, you can complete basic training for your position at https://my.scouting.org. See the requirements to be Trained for your position in our Quick Guides at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training. Every Scout deserves trained leaders!
3. **Fix your training records!** Some old courses may be missing, especially for longtime Scouters. Log into https://my.scouting.org to check your training completions. If something is missing, please contact your district training chair or the council training chair (see below) to start. We generally ask for proof via certificate or course director confirmation.
4. **Earn a training knot!** See application forms with requirements at www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx (scroll down to "Training Awards"). Forms can be signed electronically or scanned and emailed to awards@mayflowerbsa.org. From there, they'll be routed to your district training chair for approval.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- *Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration:* www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- *BSA online training:* https://my.scouting.org
- *Council training chair:* Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
- *Staff contact:* Rick Riopelle: rick@mayflowerbsa.org

April Roundtable: Remote Programming Ideas

Hello Headwaters,

Below are some of the notes and topics that were discussed at our Virtual District Roundtable at the start of the month. We had a long conversation about remote programming ideas and what both Troops and Packs can be doing to keep their Scouts engaged and connected.

Headwaters District is also here to help your Unit! We can help you host meetings for your Unit or for your Committee. Get in touch with Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org to talk with our Key 3 (listed on our District Webpage) and we can help set up a Google Hangout meeting.

Resources for Units:

- Check out our Webpage on Scouting From Home: https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/scouting-at-home/
- Check out our Webpage on Covid-19 updates: https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/covid-19
- Share your cool ideas for Scouting from Home on our Facebook Page!
    - https://www.facebook.com/groups/167191867249406/?ref=bookmarks
- **Share what your Unit does on social media and tag #MayflowerScoutsinAction**
- Troops: Life Scouts can petition extensions to work on Eagle Scout – see this link HERE: https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/petitioning-advancement-extensions/

Ideas for Remote Programming from April Roundtable:
(These ideas were suggested by those in attendance in the chat)

- April is Child Abuse Prevention month, some Units are going to try presenting the Learning For Life videos to the troop via Zoom. https://www.youtube.com/user/lfldigitalvideo/playlists
- Are people talking with their Unit about the current COVID19 situation? If so, how deep into it do you go
    - Asking people in the Health care field to join a virtual meeting is a Win-Win! They get to tell young people and families about health safety and your Scouts get informative programming
- Scavenger Hunt idea, have Dens, Patrols or Scouts attend a Zoom call and tell them common household items that they need to go and get and return to the screen – patrols or dens earn points for who gets them the quickest
- Kahoot is a great way that you can create trivia games that all your Scouts can join with a personalized room code: https://kahoot.it/
- A good website for Merit Badge Requirements and workbooks: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp
- Drawful 2 is free from Microsoft right now https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/drawful-2/c1mp1qhqfvj5?SilentAuth=1&wa=wsignin1.0&activetab=pivot:overviewtab
- Multiplayer .io games at https://poki.com/en/online-worlds – we tried skribbl.io with uno as a backup
- One ScoutMaster set up a Minecraft server the Scouts use but adults manage
- Another online virtual play space that kids are used to is Roblox
- Houseparty: https://houseparty.com/ has a drawing

feature, also trivia – we're going to try Houseparty for patrol meetings
        - Watch Parties with Facebook and Netflix too! You can host a virtual "Campout" with a communal movie night
- Jackbox games is a party pack of different games that people can join with a personalized room code – Drawful is a fun game for all ages – be aware that some games can be more mature – https://jackboxgames.com/drawful-two/utm_source=social&utm_medium=d2free&utm_campaign=d2free&utm_content=d2free

- Does your Unit have ideas of how to continue doing some Community Service?
        - "We were talking, the adults of Troop 100, about doing separate days of trail cleanup, 1 family at a time kind of thing"
        - "At our Committee Meeting, recognizing that we will be socially distant for Earth Day and that many are out walking, to encourage our scouts to take a trash bag and do their own clean up – perhaps a prize for the most trash collected at month's end."

Share your ideas with us!

We'll be hosting another Virtual Roundtable on May 7th. Check our Council Calendar for a link and more information. Check your emails from our Roundtable Commissioner Nick Keyes –

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

Camping At Home Challenge

We are happy to announce the Mayflower Camping at Home Challenge!

Show us your best at home campsite for the chance to win a $50 campership to any Mayflower Council Camp in 2020.

Challenge Guidelines:

- Set up a campsite in your backyard, basement, living room, or wherever works best for you!
- Post a picture, video, or time-lapse of your setup on Facebook or Instagram. We want to see your most creative and practical campsites.
- Tag Mayflower Council in your Facebook (@mayflowerbsa) or Instagram (@mayflowerbsa) post, and don’t forget to add the hashtag #mayflowerscoutsinaction
- Our favorite Camping at Home submission will be featured on the Mayflower Council social media, and will receive a $50 campership to any Mayflower Council Camp in 2020

This challenge Runs Saturday April 18 at 8:00 PM – Saturday April 25 at 11:59 PM

Virtual Merit Badge Offerings

The Mayflower Council has secured merit badge councelors to teach a few merit badges virtually. Scouts can now sign up for the following virtual merit badge offerings. More offerings will be coming soon.

Space is limited, please sign up as soon as possible. Each course is only $10.00.

Click on the merit badge you are interested in to sign up.

Animation – Interested in digital animation? Have you ever made your own? Want to try for the first time? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Animation Merit Badge! Dates: April 21, April 28, May 5 (possible May 12).

Digital Technology – Interested in the cyber world? Do you know the difference between a bit and a byte? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Digital Technology Merit Badge! Dates: April 28, May 5, May 12, & May 19.

Entrepreneurship – Do you have a new business idea? Do you want to talk to someone who started their own business? Want to learn how to make that idea a reality? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Entrepreneurship Merit Badge! Dates: April 22, April 29 & May 6.

Genealogy – Do you know your Family tree? Do you know how to trace your heritage and family ancestry? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Genealogy Merit Badge! Dates: April 23, April 30 & May 7.

Indian Lore – Are you interested in Native American culture? Do you know about American Indian names, tribes, games, art or songs? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Indian Lore Merit Badge! Dates: April 21 & 28.

Scholarship – Your school classroom might be your kitchen table these days, but you still put in the work to prove you’re a Scholar! Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Scholarship Merit Badge! Dates: April 22 & 24.

After you sign up, the councelor will email you with information how to log in.

We’re Excited to Welcome You to Camp!

Dear Leaders:

We all learned early in Scouting that every Scout should Be Prepared. Who would have thought it would be as relevant as it is now during the COVID-19 situation? Scouting has helped prepare us to be ready for challenges. We’re all learning new ways to work, teach, learn, and play. The Mayflower Council is doing everything we can to adapt to the times so Scouting can carry on and continue to be a vital part of our and the Scouts lives. This includes getting ready for summer camp. Our teams at Camp Resolute, Adventure Day Camp and Camp Squanto are excited to welcome you this summer and we anticipate a fantastic experience. The pre camp meetings have been held and if you were unable to attend, a recording of one is available at the Mayflower Council website. That recording is available here: Camp Kickoff

Right now, our rangers are continuing with planned maintenance and set-up for you. The camps are coming back to life after the winter and camp directors are putting together the best camp staffs ever. We are planning an epic year at our council camps in an effort to put all the uncertainties we are facing today behind us. All we need is you!

Registration is open right now and will remain open. Since our units aren’t meeting in-person, we know that collecting

deposits and payments for camp is a bit more challenging so we've adjusted our deadlines. The early bird registration discount for Adventure Day Camp and Adventure Overnight continues until May 15 and for the Scout resident camps until May 31.

Camp is something all Scouts should be able to experience and we are here to help you find ways to make that happen. For families that need assistance, our campership program is available. Please visit our campership form, Mayflower Campership , to apply in confidence.

There is no risk for families and units of losing money by signing up for Mayflower Camps now. In the event that camp does not open or has a shortened season due to COVID-19 and your troop or campers are unable to attend during your scheduled time, all camp fees paid will be refunded.

Part of being prepared is minimizing risks, and we are updating camp operations to minimize threats such as COVID-19. As we learn more, we continuously update policies and procedures to comply with local and national directives. As camp gets closer, we will review those policies and procedures and will clearly communicate changes or adjustments to you. This may require help from units even before you arrive at camp so please check our website for the very latest updates concerning the Mayflower camps. The Mayflower Council continues to update Mayflower Council COVID-19 Information so check in regularly.

In the meantime, stay home, stay well, and stay tuned for further updates.

Yours in Scouting,

Camp Directors
Chris Thorp, Adventure Day Camp
Rick Poirier, Camp Resolute
Rich Carlson, Camp Squanto

April Roundtable

April Training Newsletter

2021 National Jamboree

2020 Tread Lightly Trainer Course

2020 Summer Camp Staff

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Thank you for shopping with a SMILE and giving back to Scouting.

Play Family Feud with your Patrol

Troop 314 Scoutmaster Paul has collected answers from Scouters around our district. Top 100 answers on the board!

Download the attached excel file to have the categories and answers for your virtual game of Family Feud, Scouting Patrol edition!

Patrol-Feud-Survey-ResultsDownload