

# Swim Tests

Do you need your BSA Swim test? Join us at Camp Resolute or Camp Squanto. We have three dates available. Space is limited.

September 5th – 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

September 8th – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

September 9th – 5:30 – 7:00 pm

- Each registrant will be given a time slot in 15 min increments and must adhere to COVID restrictions.
- Please arrive on time and in your bathing suit, there are no changing areas.
- Be prepared to do you your swim test and immediately exit the water, there is no free swim time.
- Please wear a mask at all times when not in the water and maintain social distancing.
- Upon arrival there will be a pre-screening of COVID related questions.

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and must be followed as listed below:

## SWIMMER'S TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the individual's head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke (elementary backstroke). The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

## BEGINNER'S TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the individual's head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to the starting place.

## NON-SWIMMER TEST:

This is reserved for anyone that attempts one of the swim tests above and does not complete it to a satisfactory degree, subject to the test's administrator (Lifeguard or Scout Leader). Anyone who does not attend swim tests is automatically assigned a "Non-Swimmer" classification. Please do not sign up for these swim tests if you are planning to attempt a non-swimmer test, you will be sent home.

Guide to Safe Scouting; what do Swimmers vs Beginners vs Non-Swimmers do?

Guide to Safe Scouting online version

Age appropriate Guidelines for Scouting activities

Sign Up For Camp Resolute

Sign Up For Camp Squanto

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# The Scout Shop Uniform Sale Is Back

This uniform sale helps you save on essential elements of the Scouting experience as a new Scouting year begins.

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# **New Video Resources Can Help Den Leaders**

With the pandemic limiting some in-person activities, these videos offer an easy-to-deliver virtual alternative for leaders. Your Content Goes Here

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# **Member Care Transitioning Support to Council**

On Sept. 1, Member Care Contact Center will shift to serve council employees so they can address local volunteer needs.

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# **Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts Update**

Those connected to the process for the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts should review the updated guidance.

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# Mayflower Council August Roundtable

Thank you everyone that attended the Council-wide roundtable held on Thursday, August 20.

Below are the slide presentations from each of the sessions that you can now download.

Opening Announcements

## **Cub Scouts**

How to Meet: Den Leader Outdoor COVID Meeting Guide

Keep Your Pack Sound: Fundraising with COVID Restrictions

## **Scouts BSA**

Rank Advancement in the Virtual World: Scout to First Class

Rank Advancement in the Virtual World: Star to Eagle

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# Council-wide Art Contest

**Show off your inner Norman Rockwell!**

Do you have an eye for artwork? Do you want to have your work recognized by the council for a whole year? Get creative and

use your favorite style of art, whether it is pop art, expressionism, cartoon, black and white, color, whatever you like.

We will pick 5 ultimate winners, one from each of the divisions (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venture, Explorers, and Ship). Winners will have their submission framed and displayed at the Council Service Center for a whole year, featured on the Council website, and will receive a special shout out in Mayflower Today and facebook!

Entries due by September 30, 2020.

For detailed contest rules and to submit your artwork please visit the link below!

Submit Your Artwork

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## **Virtual Merit Badge Offerings – August-Round 2**

The Mayflower Council has secured merit badge counselors to teach a few merit badges virtually. Scouts can now sign up for the following virtual merit badge offerings.

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.

**Communication** – Have you ever thought about how to improve your skills of holding a conversation? Can you teach a skill and give a speech about a topic you like? This Eagle Required Merit Badge is for you to think about how we communicate with

others! You must attend all sessions. Tuesday's, August 18, August 25, September 1 and September 8 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

**Citizenship In The Nation** – Now is an important time to take Citizenship in the Nation. Join us to have conversations about the founding principles of the United States, how our local representatives work with others around the Country, and how our Scouts can do their best to do their duty to their country! This course runs for 2 consecutive weeks. You must attend all sessions. Wednesday's – August 19 and 26 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

**Citizenship In The World** – What does it mean to be a Citizen in the World? How well do you know governments around the world and how they work together? Do you know what an Ambassador does? How about World Wide Scouting? Join us for this Eagle Required Merit Badge and learn all about it! This course runs for 5 consecutive days. You must attend all sessions. Monday thru Friday, August 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 from 10:00 -11:00 am.

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## **Council Service Center Closed**

The Mayflower Council staff will be participating in a National staff development conference on Thursday, August 13 and Friday, August 14.

The Council Service Center will be closed during this time to allow our staff full participation.

Thank you for your understanding.