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

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Do you shop on Amazon?

Put a smile on first and identify Mayflower Council as your designated charity.

Amazon has donated over $100 Million to charitable organizations through the Amazon Smile program. The Mayflower Council is pleased to offer our supporters an easy way to help our Scouting program.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Mayflower Council, BSA.

Next time you purchase items thru Amazon, remember to log in with a SMILE! Just add a smile before amazon – smile.amazon.com, identify the Mayflower Council as your charitable organization and you are done.

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!

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Nobscot March News

Greetings Nobscot Nation!

Had enough of everything going on? I’m ready to move on! As you may be aware, our Council has cancelled all group meetings – which includes unit meetings. Many troops have gotten creative and are holding virtual meetings. All rentals for Nobscot facilities have been cancelled and monies returned. The Reservation remains open for day hiking – with all appropriate social distancing, etc applied. Dogs, as always, are to be on leashes.

Nobscot Alumni Association Workdays
We had planned our annual Spring & Fall Workdays at Nobscot. Our Spring Workday for April 25 has been cancelled. Our Fall Workday is scheduled for September 26. More info to come.

Graphic Design Help Wanted!
Nobscot needs help from someone who can provide graphic design for the planned, new interpretive wayside signs for the Ralph Sisson Nature Trail. We'll provide the copy – we need the design and final artwork. We will then have the artwork put on aluminum panels and attached to steel stanchions. Can you help? Please contact me! Larry@RedBearFam.com

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Your NAA Nobscot Hammer Crew At Work!
A new water treatment system has been installed in White Lodge at Nobscot Scout Reservation to relieve an ongoing problem of foul smelling water. The system feeds the White Lodge kitchen, Henderson Lodge showers and kitchen and the Nobscot Campmaster Corps HQ. The system was designed by Kevin Doherty owner of Knoll Environmental who volunteered his expertise to test the wells, review and analyze the historical data and design the system.

The system was installed by the volunteers of the Nobscot Hammer Crew who have donated thousands of hours of labor to Nobscot. According to Pete Lane, Hammer Head, "We're confident that this new system will resolve the water problem so our guests will have a much more pleasant experience."



The Nobscot Hammer Crew, a Committee of the Nobscot Alumni Association, typically meets every Tuesday at Nobscot to accomplish a variety of tasks including re-roofing all 11 of the Adirondack shelters, painting, splitting firewood, repairing cabins, etc. If you are interested in joining the Crew contact Pete.Lane@comcast.net

If you are interested in establishing a Hammer Crew for either Camp Squanto or Camp Resolute contact the Camp Rangers – Squanto: David Moulton David.Moulton@scouting.org. Resolute: Davis Stockton davis.stockton@scouting.org

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Tools Donations
Thank you to NAA member John Rogers who has donated a large amount of rakes, shovels and various other hand tools to Nobscot!

Wills, Trusts, Bequests, Charitable Giving….
Some of us are getting along in life and making decisions about our assets. Please consider the Nobscot Alumni Association as a beneficiary. By giving directly to the NAA

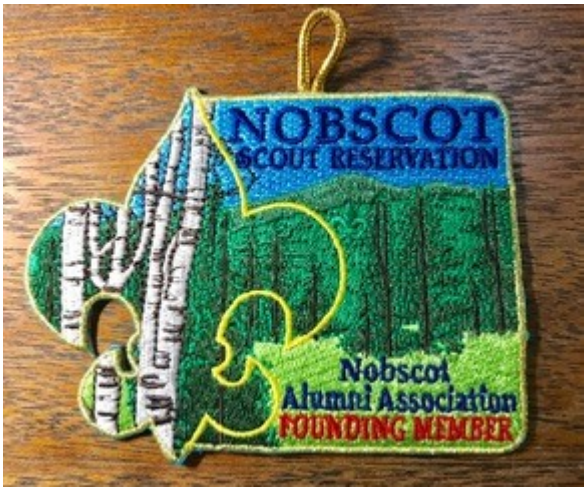
(and stating that fact) – monies will go directly to Nobscot. I'm not a lawyer so I can't advise you. But most certainly if you have any questions you can contact Jim Corcoran is our Council Development Director and can help explain how to structure your gift and how you can ensure that donated monies go directly to Nobscot.

Your Association Dues

We really, really appreciate folks stepping up to send in your Membership $. YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT! We need you! Membership Levels: Silver Oakleaf $25 annual; Gold Oakleaf $50 annual; Life Member $500 (1x fee); Founding Life Member $1,000 (1x fee). If not us, who?? If not now, when??

Need a year to pay? Two years? Not a problem. Contact me and we'll work it out.

You'll receive a Nobscot Alumni Association Patch with your level of membership embroidered directly on the patch



Founding Members and Life Members will receive a suitable-for-

framing Certificate along with a patch!

> *Make your check out to the Nobscot Alumni Association and mail it to the Nobscot Alumni Association, c/o Mary Tucker, Mayflower Council, 2 Mount Royal Ave – Suite 100, Marlboro MA 01752. PLEASE email me Larry@RedBearFam.com and give me a heads up that you've sent your check! Any questions please feel free to contact me.*
> *(It should be noted that because we are a part of Mayflower Council, BSA, your membership qualifies under the Council's non-profit 501(c)(3) status. Obviously, you would need to consult your tax professional for full details.)*

So which communities does our Council serve?
Abington, Ashland, Avon, Bellingham, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, Cohasset, Duxbury, Easton, East Bridgewater, Framingham, Franklin, Foxborough, Halifax, Hanson, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hudson, Kingston, Marlborough, Marshfield, Maynard, Medfield, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millis, Hull, Natick, Newton, Norfolk, Northborough, Norwell, Norwood, Pembroke, Plainville, Plymouth, Plympton, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate, Sharon, Sherborn, Southborough, Stoughton, Stow, Sudbury, Walpole, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, West Bridgewater, Westborough, Weymouth, Wrentham and Whitman.

Want to re-register as an adult Scouter?
If your registration has lapsed and you'd like to re-register,

it’s a simple process. Please fill out the two forms – one is the Adult Application and the other is the CORI check form. Print both of them out. Make sure to answer all the questions on the right-hand side of the form, and fill out the Background Check Authorization form at the end. The CORI form is two pages and requires a copy of your license or other government id. You also need to take Youth Protection Training which is an online experience. All adults have to take it. Please go to My.Scouting.org and login as a new member to take the training. Once completed, please print out the completion certificate and email all paperwork to Membership@MayflowerBSA.org or mail to: Mayflower Council, ATTN: Membership, 2 Mount Royal Ave – Suite 100, Marlboro MA 01752

Please let me know if you have any problems with all this!

BTW – any years you have already spent in Scouting count towards your new years when you re-register! If you have any questions or concerns – email me. NOTE: It’s not required for you to be registered to be part of the Alumni Association but certainly just having the liability insurance is a good reason to join!

Facebook
If you’re on Facebook be sure and visit and LIKE the Nobscot Alumni Association page! https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nobscotscoutreservation/

Larry Bearfield
President
Nobscot Alumni Association

Requesting Extensions for Advancement

- Requesting an Extension – Guide to Advancement (GTA) Section 9.0.4.0

Step 1 – Is the Scout eligible for an Extension?Rick Riopelle2021-02-05T16:35:11-05:00

Step 1 – Is the Scout eligible for an Extension?

- These extensions are available only to youth members who qualify under the three tests listed in the below explanation from the 2021 edition of the Guide to Advancement (GTA)
- "Time Extensions" 9.0.4.0 – posted below

Note from Mayflower Council:
Council Advancement Committees have been told that after Dec. 31, 2020, there is no plan to authorize COVID-19 extensions as has been allowed during 2020. It is possible, however, that as of Jan. 1, 2021, COVID-19 could become a circumstance that warrants an extension if it qualifies under the three tests listed in 9.0.4.0, below.

9.0.4.0 Time Extensions

If a Scout foresees that due to no fault or choice of his or her own, it will be impossible to complete the Eagle Scout rank requirements before age 18 may apply to the local council for a limited time extension. These should be granted only when necessary and are reserved only for work on Eagle. When a time extension is requested, the Scout should continue working on the requirements until a final decision is delivered. In most cases, unless the National Council has issued other direction, a request must meet the three tests listed below to be approved.

Sea Scouts or Venturers who foresee that due to no fault or choice of their own, it will be impossible to complete the Quartermaster or Summit requirements before age 21, must use the same tests, process, and form described in topics 9.0.4.0, 9.0.4.1, and 9.0.4.2 to request a limited time extension.

The Three tests to see if a Scout is eligible for an extension:

Test #1:
1. The member joined or rejoined (or became active again after a period of inactivity, or became refocused on advancement after a period of inattention) in time to complete all requirements before turning 18.

Test #2:
2. Through no fault or choice of the Scout, an unforeseen circumstance or life changing event with severe consequences has come to exist that now precludes completion of the requirements before the deadline.

Examples might include, but are not limited to, a hospital stay, disabling injury, significant personal or family incident or issue, natural disaster, severe unseasonable weather, or the actions of others (see below the line, “Misinformation from adults in positions of authority”). If

the circumstance is health related, it should have been unforeseen and of recent onset, or a complication or intensification of an ongoing issue.

Test #3:
3. The circumstance is beyond the control of the Scout, could not have been anticipated or planned for, and was not or cannot be resolved in time to complete the requirements.

Misinformation from adults in positions of authority
Since we teach obedience as one of the Scout Laws, it follows that guidance and direction from an adult leader carries significant weight. Adults who are misinformed about advancement requirements and timing have, at times, created circumstances that necessitated extensions. Councils must consider the circumstances of each case. If it can be established that a Scout followed incorrect guidance and direction in good faith, then Test #2—as it relates to the actions of others—may be considered fulfilled, even though the Scout has a handbook and should have read it.

Applying the three tests
Whether a request for extension meets the three tests above requires the exercise of carefully considered and debated judgement. If the council advancement committee is unsure about whether an extension should be granted, the National Council encourages local councils to find in favor of the Scout.

Step 2 – Process for Requesting and Reviewing a Time Extension – GTA Section 9.0.4.1Rick Riopelle2022-11-05T10:51:33-04:00

Step 2 – Process for Requesting and Reviewing a Time Extension – GTA Section 9.0.4.1

See “Process for Requesting and Reviewing a Time Extension,” 9.0.4.1, written below:

To begin this process, please use this form: 11.2.0.0 Request

for Extension of Time to Earn the Eagle Scout Rank

Please email AdvancementExtension@mayflowerbsa.org to let them know to expect this, and to get their guidance and suggestions on how to proceed

Who is able to get an extension? – These are available only to youth who qualify according to the three tests listed in "Time Extensions," 9.0.4.0 (please read section above).

Who can request an extension for a Scout? – A Scout, his or her parent or guardian, unit leader, or members of the unit committee may file such requests.

Who reviews these requests for extension? – The Council Advancement Committee must research and evaluate requests and recommend decisions to the Scout Executive. A subcommittee in the Council Advancement Committee will be in touch with all individuals involved in the reason for the extension. A letter from the Committee and the Scout Executive will be sent out if/when the extension is granted. This is explained in items #2 and #3 below.

How long may these extensions be? – Councils have the authority to grant Scouts only enough time to complete the requirements, but not more than a total of six months after the 18th birthday. Under most circumstances, however, three to four months has proven sufficient. This is explained in item #4 below. If a council denies a request or the Scout needs more than six months, an appeal process is discussed in "Appealing a Time Extension Denial," 9.0.4.2, this is explained in item #5 below.

Note from the BSA: Definition of a month

Note as stated on page 2 of the Guide to Advancement a month is a month regardless how many days it has. It is not defined as 30 days or four weeks. For example, the maximum extension of six months means the time period beginning on the Scout's

18th birthday up to the corresponding day six months later, for example, February 2 up to August 2 or August 30 up to February 28 (or 29th if leap year). In essence, the extension expiration date acts like a pseudo 18th birthday, prior to which all requirements must be fulfilled. Six months does not mean 180 days.

How to Request an ExtensionRick Riopelle2021-02-05T16:38:02-05:00

How to Request an Extension

1. Requesting an extension

Requests for time extensions must be submitted to **the Mayflower Council Advancement Committee via email to AdvancementExtension@mayflowerbsa.org** or by mail to the attention of the staff advisor for advancement or other council designated advancement administrator.

The form, “Request for Extension of Time to Earn the Eagle Scout Rank” (GTA Appendix, 11.2.0.0) may be used for this purpose.

Since council-granted extensions expire no more than six months after the Scout’s 18th birthday, **it is wise to submit requests well before a Scout turns 18 years old.** For the same reason, Scouts should be encouraged to continue work on advancement throughout the extension request process.

Requests must:

(a) Explain why or how the circumstances necessitate an extension

(b) indicate the number of months believed to be necessary to complete the requirements

(c) explain how that period of time was determined and,

(d) include documentation of the circumstances. (See "Time Extensions," 9.0.4.0 above on this webpage)

- If a cause is health related, a statement from a health professional must be provided. All documentation and supporting evidence submitted must be dated and include the name of the author.

2. The council's role in evaluating extension requests

The Mayflower Council Advancement Committee understands that time is of the essence. This committee meets monthly through most of the year, however, ad hoc meetings are called to discuss and vote on special case extension situations.

A request for extension will be investigated by a subcommittee of the Council Advancement Committee composed of registered adults who are familiar with Scouts BSA advancement. They will conduct interviews with as many people with knowledge of the case as possible and obtain detailed written statements from them or prepare written summaries of what is said. A thorough review will likely include the Scout themselves, Scoutmasters, parents, adults registered in the Troop, Eagle coaches, or more in the process, as necessary. This effort must also include any adults who committed errors or provided misinformation and who are reasonably available.

The results of the investigation are then reported to the council advancement committee to deliberate and vote on a recommendation to the Scout Executive, who has final authority on the extension decision (see item #3 below).

All documentation, statements, notes, and any other information collected are retained. They are retained for any situation including the successful rank advancement through a board of review, where this material must be included, OR in the event of a denial and subsequent appeal. (See item #5 below, "In the event of denial.", for information and form)

3. The Scout executive's role

If after receiving the recommendation of the council advancement committee, the Scout Executive **approves** an extension, a letter is sent to the Scout, his or her parent or guardian, the unit leader, and the petitioner who initially submitted the request. A copy of the letter is placed in the council's unit file. The letter will include the following: **(a)** the date the extension expires—no later than six months after the 18th birthday (see above, "Definition of a month"), **(b)** a statement that the Scout must complete the requirements prior to that expiration date, and **(c)** a requirement that a copy of this letter must be attached to the Eagle Scout application when it is submitted to the council. The board of review and submission of the Eagle application and other paperwork may take place after the expiration date. The Eagle application is entered into the BSA system.

In the event the Scout Executive **disagrees** with the council advancement committee's recommendation—whether about approval, the length of an extension, or **denial**—the Scout executive is consults with the advancement committee chair in order to clarify any misunderstanding of advancement policies and procedures or any recommendation requires more supporting evidence. If agreement is not reached, the Scout Executive's decision stands. See item #5 "In the event of denial" for more steps that can be taken after that.

4. Extensions of more than six months

A six-month extension allows for completion of time-oriented requirements such as position of responsibility, active participation, and those found in some required merit badges. Council's are given guidance from the BSA that in the unlikely event a Scout requires more than six months, the Council must deny the request.

5. In the event of denial

If a Scout is denied an extension, a letter is prepared and sent to the Scout, his or her parent or guardian, the unit leader, and the petitioner who initially submitted the request. The letter will explain the reason for the decision and how to appeal it to the National Council. A copy of the letter is placed in the council's unit file. Only the Scout or his or her parent or guardian may initiate an appeal of an extension denial.

See "Appealing a Time Extension Denial" GTA section 9.0.4.2 and form from the GTA: 11.2.1.0 Appeal of Extension Request Denial

Scouts with disabilities – choosing between extension or registration beyond the age of eligibilityRick Riopelle2021-02-05T16:39:21-05:00

Scouts with disabilities – choosing between extension or registration beyond the age of eligibility

Note from Mayflower Council: Requesting an extension for Rank advancement is typically because of an unforeseen, sudden circumstance that hinders a Scout that would have otherwise been able to finish their rank advancement. Registration beyond the age of eligibility is for Scouts that have permanent and severe disabilities that gives them special consideration to continue as a participant in the Scouting program (advancement, activities, training, etc.) beyond the age of 18. The age of eligibility is defined as (18-y-o for Scouts BSA, 21-y-o for Venturing and Sea Scouts)

Please read the descriptions below from the GTA to understand if your Scout should request an extension or registration beyond the age of eligibility:

In most cases, Scouts are expected to overcome life's ordinary trials. Cause for an extension requires an extraordinary

circumstance uncommon to the Scout. Known circumstances, such as moderate learning disabilities or ADD/ADHD, that the Scout has faced over many years and has coped with in the past should **not** suddenly become an issue shortly before the Scout's 18th birthday. Council advancement committees, however, **might consider exceptions** and grant extensions to Scouts with significant disabilities that do not meet the level of severity or permanence required for registration beyond the age of eligibility, but are such that they essentially preclude advancement within the timeframe allowed.

Scouts with permanent and severe disabilities such as those described in section 10, "Advancement for Members With Special Needs," have the opportunity to be registered beyond the age of eligibility. (See link: "Registering Qualified Members Beyond Age of Eligibility," 10.1.0.0.) They do not need to request an extension, but please read the documentation required for the Council to review and deliberate in order to grant this registration.

Examples from Section 10.1.0.0 of the GTA of conditions that, if severe, may be criteria that qualify a youth for registration beyond the age of eligibility:

- Autism spectrum disorders
- Blind or sight-impaired
- Deaf or hard of hearing
- Cognitive disability
- Developmental delay
- Down syndrome
- Emotional or behavioral disorder
- Physically disabled
- Traumatic brain injury
- Multiple coexisting disabilities

- This is the form necessary to Request for Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility, No. 512-935
- When starting this form, please

email AdvancementExtension@mayflowerbsa.org to let them know to expect this, and to get their guidance and suggestions on how to proceed.

Advance copies of these topics and forms are also published at www.scouting.org/advancement.