Free Bowling For Your Kids All Summer

Score free family fun at a local bowling alley this summer!

If you're looking to get your kids off their devices, look no further because we have found a great option for you – and it's free!

The Kids Bowl Free Summer Bowling Program is available in our community and we thought that your family might enjoy this great deal. Each child (whose age does not exceed the limit set by the participating bowling center) receives 2 FREE Games of Bowling Every Day All Summer and last summer over 2,800,000 kids enjoyed this great program.

This is a fun option to get you and your kids out of the house for some good old-fashioned fun. The program is offered at 19 bowling centers in Massachusetts, including Abington, Milford, Hanover, and Kingston in our council, so there is a good chance you'll have this program at a bowling alley right near you.

With this program, each child will receive coupons for two free games of bowling daily throughout the entire summer. To register your kids, head over here and select the bowling center closest to you.

The Kids Bowl Free Program also offers a great deal for parents and older siblings. You can get an optional Family Pass which allows up to four adults to bowl two free games right alongside the kids all summer long. If you will be purchasing a Family Pass, you can save an additional 13% off with code LUCKY13 at checkout.

After you sign your child up to bowl for free, you will be

> *directed to a page offering Family Passes – you do not need to purchase this for your child to bowl free as he or she has already been signed up (look at the very top of the page where it says congratulations). This is purely an option to get the rest of your family discounted bowling so you can play along with your child.*

Questions about the Kids Bowl Free Program, get your answers here.

Free Norman USA Custom Cordless Window Shade

Keep your kids safe with a hot freebie!

For the rest of 2022, every household in the United States (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) with a child under the age of eight (8) years old is eligible for one FREE custom-made cordless Honeycomb shade.

Window blinds are among the top five hidden hazards in U.S. homes according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Norman continues to take an industry stand against free-hanging lift & tilt cords and complies with some of the highest global product safety standards, including current Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards for window coverings and are an active participant in the WCMA "Best for Kids" rigorous certification program.

> *"Our aim is to increase awareness for parents and caregivers of the risks associated with free hanging corded*

window coverings and make them aware of safer cordless alternatives. We intend to support this campaign by giving away in an excess of 10,000 shades per month, valued at more than several million dollars.” – Norman President, Ranjan Mada.

In order to access the free custom-made cordless honeycomb shade, patrons must visit www.normanchildsafety.com and fill out the required information. Please allow three weeks for delivery as each shade is custom built for each household.

Common Questions:

- **How to qualify for a Free Cordless Honeycomb shade?** Households with at least one child under the age of eight (8) years old and live in the 48 contiguous United States of America.
- **Where do I order this shade?** Visit www.normanchildsafety.com and follow the ordering instructions.
- **What are the limitations to this free cordless Honeycomb shade?** It is a custom-made shade for each household’s window and is offered in 2 color choices. There are certain size limitations that are specified on the www.normanchildsafety.com.
- **Is there a daily limit?** There is a daily promotion limit. If they are no longer accepting orders for the day, be sure to check back tomorrow!

For additional information on the safety commitment and giveaway, please visit www.normanchildsafety.com. There is a limit of one free Honeycomb shade per household. Additional shades can be purchased through an authorized Norman retailer near you, which can be found at normanusa.com/where-to-buy/.

Scouting is Part of You

If you have been watching this spot on *MayflowerBSA.org*, it comes as no surprise that ScouterStan on YouTube is a favorite stop on the "InterWebs."

Stan Richards, an Orlando-based Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver award recipient was part of a professional Scouting family. He continued his Scouting journey when his son became a Cub Scout. Later, Richards joined a district commissioner staff and now spreads his love of Scouting via YouTube, beginning that career via a Wood Badge project in 2006.

7 Knots Every Scout Should Know ™ – First Knot Tying Video on YouTube – Scouting Knot

Now six seasons into his ScouterStan show/podcasts, Richards, a unit commissioner in his council, recently posted a pick-me-up video for any Scouters feeling the weight of nearly three years of tough headlines, pandemic-planning, virtual meetings, and canceled plans.

The video "Scouting is a Part of You" takes things down to brass tacks and reminds all of us who "wear the shirt" why we do what we do and why it is so important.

The video and its text are below:

Scouting is a Part of You

"Scouting is a part of you. You know how important it is for all of today's youth. Scout leaders work hard for the benefit of others to achieve. All the while, remembering your commitments to the Scout Oath. Living an exemplary life, and putting the Scout Law into action in all that you do. You truly know that leadership is more than anyone ever thinks it is. It's living and acting as the example, and not the exception. The young people you work with will always remember

you. How you act with others will leave them smiling, and thinking about how to do better. Leaders often face many challenges and need to know they are not alone. Use all your skills and resources you have to make things better for all Scouts and Scouters. Occasionally, the difficulties cannot be resolved. When this happens your leadership is more of an example than you might think. Your character in accepting things you can not change will prove your wisdom. Always looking forward to solutions that help others find a better path. Mentoring Scouts and helping them make good decisions can only benefit everyone. As you know, Scout leaders are there, for all scouts, no matter what. One day, when your good turn is done… You can look back on all the young lives your leadership has influenced. Their success was made possible by your guidance… your leadership. When you recall all their success, remember you are a part of it. Never forget them shaking your hand and looking up at you. This is what it's all about! You have made a real difference, and you have made a better world for being there. Scouting is a part of you… Now go make the world better for being a Scout leader."

Meanwhile, speaking to the level of commitment necessary to be a Scouter, Stan posted a new video entitled, "Making the Most of Your Time in Scouting."

Again, Stan spoke from the heart, honestly and purposefully, to give a lot of information on creating a fantastic program for our youth.

Making the Most of Your Time in ScoutingAre you interested in volunteering for your local units or the Mayflower Council? Email me here and I will help you learn how.

Cranberry Harbors District April Roundtable

Thanks to all who participated in our April Roundtable, especially to those participating in-person. Slides from the session, including all activity/event/announcement slides not presented live due to time constraints, are posted below. In addition, the new BSA National policy guidance on Unit Fiscal Policies and PayPal/Venmo use are posted. It is HIGHLY recommended that all units review these documents. Safety moment notes are included as well.
AprRT_Slides_Final_Post
Fiscal-Policies-and-Procedures-for-BSA-Units-3-22-2022-FINAL
Paypal-and-Venmo-Reporting-Update-3-23-2022
AprilSafetyNote-Risk-Zone-Drivers-Pledge

Youth Applications Online Transition

As we continue our work to enhance the traditions of Scouting here in the 21st Century and augment the privacy and safety of our membership, the Mayflower Council will soon look to move most membership functions online. Long story short, the days of youth paper-based membership applications are coming to an end.

Mott Receives National Recognition

While we're all in it for the youth of Massachusetts; however it's great when our leaders and volunteers are recognized for their hard work.

Recently, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge (No. 1476 Plymouth) reported Plymouth's Michelle Mott was awarded "the Marvin M. Lewis Award" by the Elks National Scouting Committee.



WickedLocal.com posted:

Eight years ago, Mott's son joined Pack 47 in Plymouth, Cranberry Harbors District, Old Colony Council, now part of Mayflower Council. Within the first year, Mott was serving as den leader for her son's Tiger Den. She continued as den leader with her son for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light rank. Mott also became more involved in Pack 47 eventually becoming the Cubmaster, serving for three years. She also volunteered on the Cranberry Harbors District Committee. For the past four years, she has been involved with

the Activities Committee helping to organize District and Council events ranging from 200-750 scout attendees. Chuckwagon, Webelos Woods, Webelos Klondike and Polar Challenge are some of the many events she has helped organize.

"Although fully position trained with many awards and recognitions, Mott had planned to end her tenure as a scouting volunteer when her son crossed over into a troop," added WickedLocal. "However, the BSA made changes that affected Mott. In 2018, girls were allowed to join Cub Scouts and form girl dens, which meant Mott was going to repeat the journey she had made with her son, Adam, except this time with her daughter, Rachel.

"During all this, Mott continued to expand her Scouting skills and training."

Due to her hard work, Mott received the Lewis Award, which recognizes Elks members that:

- Have brought Scouting to more youth
- Have assisted local Elks lodges in forming Scouting units
- Are fully trained in the skills of Scouting and are outstanding role models
- Have contributed significantly to Elks and Scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community
- Have offered Scouting to all youth regardless of race, creed or income level, and have been instrumental in organizing Scouting units, especially in inner-city or other low-income communities

For the full article from WickedLocal.com, click here. And join us in congratulating Michelle Mott for all that she does for Scouting and the Elks.If you know of a Scouter who deserves some recognition, be sure to email us here at Mayflower Council.

Extensive New Member Marketing Campaign

At their February 16 council executive board meeting, $250k was approved for a major marketing campaign to help entice new members to join Scouting in Mayflower Council. The campaign is being directed by the Council Marketing Committee and managed by Mittcom, a local marketing firm who excels at integrated campaigns unitizing social platforms. The executive board agreed to direct the funds from the council endowment fund.