Cranberry Harbors District Sep. Roundtable

Slides and Hammock Safety Information from our September Roundtable are posted at the links below. Our October Roundtable will be held on Wed. Oct. 4 at the Furnace Brook Middle School. Hope to see you there and thanks for your dedication to our youth.
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Slices for Scouting

A Night With Friends & Fun to Kickstart a New Year of Scouting in the Mayflower Council!

What It Is

What: Fun, easy-to-host, one-night “pizza party” launch for 2022 – 2023 “sponsored” by the Mayflower Council

When : Any date in October 2022

Where: Your unit at the venue of choice…just need a YouTube-

ready TV

Who: You, your Scouting group and prospective Scouting families

How: See the agenda for the evening below

The Agenda: What Happens At Slices For Scouting

Scouts & friends eat pizza

Watch the Mayflower Council video on YouTube

Units share a slide show

Scouts share stories & upcoming adventures

Answer questions & invite to next meeting

Give out prizes to those in attendance
Ready to join? Fill out application online

How It Works: Your Step-By-Step Guide

1: Choose a Slices for Scouting Party HostRick Riopelle2022-08-12T16:15:36-04:00

1: Choose a Slices for Scouting Party Host

Choose a parent who will lead your “Slices for Scouting” party event.

Duties will be to lead the next steps.

2. Order Your Party PackRick Riopelle2022-08-12T16:26:11-04:00

2. Order Your Party Pack

Order your Slices for Scouting Kit below!

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3: Confirm Date/LocationRick Riopelle2022-08-12T16:27:31-04:00

3: Confirm Date/Location

Determine date, time and location for the unit Slices for Scouting Party with parents/unit leadership.

The council video will go “live” on YouTube at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 1 and be available any time thereafter.

4. Promote on Social Media and Accept Requests to AttendRick Riopelle2022-08-12T16:38:29-04:00

4. Promote on Social Media and Accept Requests to Attend

1. Create a Google Form to collect names of prospective Scouts who would like to attend in response your Facebook Post. The form should include:
    - YES! I would like to attend your Pizza Party to learn more about Scouts BSA!
    - Name
    - Phone Number
    - Email Address
    - How did you hear about us ?
    - Questions/Comments
2. Promote your pizza party on your unit Facebook page and share in your community Facebook pages with a link to the Google Form. Be sure to include information on the date, time and location of your party, as well as a date for them to sign up by.SAMPLE:
   From taking your first hike in the mountains…to starting

your first campfire…Scouts BSA is about testing your limits and pushing yourself to do things you never thought possible. Don't let adventure pass you by! Check out our troop today!

Learn more at our New Member Pizza Party on Friday, October 14th from 6 to 7:30PM at First Congregational Church, 123 Main Street; Milford! Click the link below for your personal invitation!

5. Invite Your Guests via Text (Sample Copy & Image)Rick Riopelle2022-08-12T16:42:23-04:00

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Text for parents to send to friends:

Hi (NAME)! Our Scout unit is hosting a pizza party to kick off the new school year and I'd love to invite you and (SON/DAUGHTER). We'll have pizza, prizes and would love to share some of the fun we have in store to get our kids unplugged, outdoors and having fun this year!

Text for Slices for Scouting Party Host or leader to send to Scouts who dropped or have requested more information from your area (the Mayflower Council will send you a list of any prospects):

Hi (NAME)! My name is (YOUR NAME) and I'm with Scout (troop/ship/crew NUMBER). Our Scout unit is hosting a pizza party to kick off the new year of Scouting and I'd love to invite you and (SON/DAUGHTER). We'll have pizza, prizes and would love to share some of the fun we have in store to get our kids unplugged, outdoors and having fun this year!

Social Media Images to Include (right click to download)


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6. Follow Up, Confirm RSVP by September 17Rick Riopelle2022-08-12T16:43:10-04:00

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Slices for Scouting Party host should follow up with parents about attendees and prepare the pizza order.

7. Create a SlideshowRick Riopelle2022-08-12T16:44:01-04:00

7. Create a Slideshow

Assign an adult or Scout to create a short photo slideshow presentation of your unit’s adventures. This is an easy, friendly way to get your Scouts talking about the fun things you do!

8. Prepare to Party!Rick Riopelle2022-08-12T16:45:11-04:00

8. Prepare to Party!

Party packs will be delivered the week of September 22.

It will include your $30 Dominos gift card which should cover at least 3 medium pizzas. (You may need to order more.) It will also include prizes, quick start guides and more. Instructions & tips for a successful event will also be

included.

9. Follow Up After the Party (Sample Copy)Rick Riopelle2022-08-12T16:45:53-04:00

9. Follow Up After the Party (Sample Copy)

Follow up with prospective Scout parents with the following:

Hi (NAME)! It was so great to have you at our pizza party! I hope you enjoyed it. Do you have any further questions? I'd also like to invite you and (SON/DAUGHTER) to our upcoming Scout meeting on (DATE/TIME) at (LOCATION/ADDRESS). It's going to be super fun!

Scouts BSA Boy Troop Mayflower Council YouTube Video

Scouts BSA Girl Troop Mayflower Council YouTube Video

Pizza – Party – Prizes

Hosted by You, Sponsored by the Mayflower Council



Deadline to Register: September 18, 2023

Register Your Scout Unit Today!

What you'll receive:

- $30 gift card to order Dominos pizza
- Prize pack including fun giveaways, stickers & more
- Event "how-to-guide"
- Quick start guides
- Online application QR code

Keys to Success

Keep it Personal: Have each parent invite one other new parent/child

Keep it Simple: You may elect to have a game or activity or keep the "party" as simple as you like.

Keep it Small: this allows for more conversation and questions with new parents & Scouts.

National BSA Member Fee Increase 2023

Dear Scouting family,

We received the following very important message from our national council and wanted to share it with you in its entirety.

BSA's emergence from bankruptcy represents a pivotal milestone in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA)'s financial restructuring case and solidifies a path forward for survivors and the

Scouting movement.

To preserve its mission, the BSA has had to take some extraordinary steps over the past three years to reposition the organization for the future. The BSA has streamlined its professional staff and volunteer structure, reducing costs throughout the movement while maintaining essential services to support the local councils who were critical partners during the bankruptcy.

To position Scouting for the future, the BSA will be required to increase the national annual membership fees for both youth and adults. This has been a difficult decision that involved the engagement of key stakeholders, but is essential to building a strong, safe, and vibrant Scouting program for our nation's youth.

Effective **August 1, 2023**, the BSA will implement the following national membership fees which were approved by the National Executive Committee:

- **$80** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants ($5 increase)
- **$60** for all adult volunteers ($15 increase to provide general liability insurance and enhanced background checks)
- **$25** one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting (Not prorated and no change in fee)
- **$30** for Scoutreach (Not prorated)
- **$25** for Merit Badge Counselors (New Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- **$50** for Exploring participants Youth & Adult ($5 increase)
- **$100** for a unit charter/affiliation fee (no change in fee)
- **$15** for *Scout Life* magazine

New Annual Membership Fee Process Announced – BSA Will No Longer Prorate Fees for New Members beginning August 1, 2023

Beginning August 1, 2023, all new youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle and BSA will cease prorating fees. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee and will renew their membership on the anniversary date of joining Scouting. All proration of membership fees will be eliminated. Each registered member of the BSA will receive an email notice with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary date they joined Scouting. Unit leaders will receive a copy of the email and should stay engaged in the membership renewal process just like rechartering.

It is important to note, existing members will renew their membership during their normal registration/recharter cycle through March 2024. Moving forward all members will renew on their anniversary date.

- Existing members' Anniversary date will be their unit recharter month.
- New members' Anniversary date will be the month they joined.

This new process will help streamline the rechartering and membership renewal process for units and councils. *Additional information on this membership renewal process will be forthcoming in the very near future*.

Rules and Regulations – Local Council Annual Registration or Program Fees

Under the Rules and Regulations of the BSA, a local council may charge an annual registration or program fee to youth members, adult program participants and Scouters whose primary registration is with the council in an amount not to exceed the amount of the applicable individual registration fee for their position established by the Executive Committee. In the

new Annual Membership fee structure, a local council may charge a maximum of **$80 per youth** and **$60 per adult**.

What does the National Membership Fee cover?

The national membership fee helps cover the cost of essential services to the local council and units. Services include expanded liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, enhanced criminal background checks, a variety of program resources, youth protection and leader-specific training, and the development of intellectual property for national, council, and unit programs. As BSA moves forward, the organization will continue to look at the membership fee structure and how we deliver the Scouting program for future generations.

Across the country and in each of our communities, we know that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make in youth today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow. Our dedicated volunteers, staff, and Scouting families make this possible. Thank you for continuing to support one of the most valuable opportunities available to young people today.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is driving the youth and adult membership fee increase?

- General Liability Insurance costs to protect volunteer leaders, staff, charter organizations, units, and youth.
- BSA restructuring costs.
- Enhanced Criminal Background check processes and investments in Youth protection and safety programs.

What steps has the National Service Center taken to manage costs?

- Completed a new staff structure and streamlined both the professional workforce and the volunteer structure, while maintaining essential services.
- Reduced the National staff workforce to support essential services.
- Reduced expenses throughout the National organization.

What is the new membership fee for youth and adults? Will the fees go up again?

- The new adult membership fee is $60, and the youth membership fee is $80 annually.
- The BSA will continue to evaluate the membership fees and keep our councils and unit leaders informed of any further changes to the fee structure.

What benefits and services are provided to the local council with the new fee?

- Expanded GLIP protections for Chartered Organizations and volunteers.
- Enhanced Criminal Background checks.
- Investments in BSA safety resources and training.
- The employment of a new Youth Protection Executive and support staff.
- The National Council provides the following essential services to councils:
    - The use of BSA Intellectual Property – Youth Safety, Cub Scouts, Scouts, BSA, Venturing, Camp Standards, Training and Program development etc.
    - Legal
    - Human Resources
    - Information Technology – Rechartering, Scout Book
    - Accounting Resources
    - Council Services Support

- Membership & Marketing Support
- Crisis Communications and support
- Safety & Membership Standards Support
- A variety of training support for youth and adult leaders
- Health Insurance & Benefits

What benefits and services are provided to the unit with the registration fee?

- Expanded General Liability Insurance protections for the chartered organization and unit leaders in the event of an incident.
- Program research and development including, Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Exploring.
- Access to Youth Protection Training, Incident Reporting and Scouts First Helpline: 1- 844-Scouts1.
- Access to leadership specific training for adult leaders.
- Investments in program literature and resource development.
- Ability to purchase Uniforms, Insignia and Recognition for youth and Adults.
- Provides access to Membership, Marketing, and Brand Center resources.
- Provides important technology support including Scout Book, on-line registration, on-line advancement, and rechartering, My. Scouting, BeAScout, and BSA Brand Center for digital assets.
- Access to the four BSA High Adventure Properties including Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier High Adventure Base, and the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Mayflower Council understands that you may have more questions, and we will welcome them at our Summer Membership

Roundtable Series taking place in the coming months. You can register by clicking the date for July 11 and August 16.

Cranberry Harbors District Jun. Roundtable

Slides from our June Roundtable are posted below, along with the discussion questions from our breakout videos. Thanks for your participation this program year. Please plan to attend our 2023-24 program year kickoff, look for information on facebook and in your email in August.
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Cub-Scouts-Roundtable-Parent-to-Leader-July-2022-
Scouts-BSA-Roundtable-Breakout-Discussion-Adult-Roles-in-Scouting

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Gone Camping! Mayflower Council Summer Hours

This weekend marks the unofficial start of summer 2023. As such, the Mayflower Council Service Center will soon switch to a “Camping Season” schedule.

Our Service Center in Milford, Massachusetts, will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

After that, and through Labor Day, the Service Center will be

by appointment only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Tuesday and Thursday. Many of our unit and membership service personnel will be visiting communities and camps throughout the summer, so chances are you can catch up with us much closer to home.

Find a listing and email any of our council primary contacts via this page.

VOA Officer Applications

Applications to become a 2023-2024 officer are being accepted until Monday, June 5th!

The mission of the Mayflower Council Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) is to promote and support the Venturing program, utilizing a standard organizational structure that enables Crews to grow their membership and advance leadership opportunities through communication, program, and administration. This mission is met through a team of officers supported by an Advisor that keeps the VOA organized. This forum provides a voice for youth to help strengthen the Venturing program. The VOA holds several meetings during the year and hosts a few events that help to bring the crews, districts, and the council together. Each event may have a different goal: training, adventure, recognition, fun—or all of the above.

Becoming a VOA officer will give you the chance to meet other Venturers, serve others, and build friendships and networks. Positions open include: President, Vice President of Program, Vice President of Administration, and Vice President of Communication. If you have any questions on specific responsibilities or more, do not hesitate to reach out to us

via email.

Access the VOA Officer Application

Council Venturing Leadership Award Nominations

Do You Know an Exceptional Venturer? Nominate them for the Venturing Leadership Award!

To recognize Venturers and Advisors who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law, the Mayflower Council may present individuals with the Council Venturing Leadership Award.

Qualifications

- Be registered and involved as a Venturer for at least one year.
- Hold a leadership position or an office at the unit, district, council.
- Show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers.

Guidelines

- The nomination form linked below must be used for Council Venturing Leadership Award consideration.
- The nomination form must be submitted by June 5, 2023.
- Youth nominations may be submitted for up to one year past the youth’s 21st birthday.

- For Questions or Letters of Recommendation Submissions: contact Aaron Christian.

Nomination Form

The Doctor Is In (The Spotlight)!

Dr. Sara Grady is the complete package, from land-loving Cub Scouts to shore-loving horseshoe crabs, this amazing volunteer has every living creature's best interest in mind.

Tiger Den Leader for Pack 47 Plymouth, Sara is a watershed ecologist and – when she is not with her unit – can most often be found in the water, in the woods, on a trail; any place in nature, really.

Of course, those who take a "hike" with Dr. Sara know she will traverse 100 yards in 10 minutes and share more knowledge about plants and animals than they ever thought possible. All of which makes her a perfect person to lead a Den.

Moreover, as a SuperNOVA mentor, Dr. Grady has been an invaluable Mayflower Council resource the past few years, helping to run stations at Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (meanwhile earning BALOO, mind you), volunteering at the Klondike Derby, Webelos Woods, and the Wilderness Survival Camporee.

Currently, Sara works on her Wood Badge ticket by improving the "nature trail" at Camp Squanto.

However, everyone also knows Sara's hidden talent: a beautiful

singing voice often used acapella.

One wonders if both Tigers and and tiger sharks alike would respond equally well to her dulcet tones!

Thank you, Sara, for all your hard work on behalf of your council, district, and unit. Like so many den leaders, you truly shine bright for all of our Scouts.

Fabled Fabion

Adam Fabion paces Pack 56.

A proud Eagle Scout, Adam Fabion of Pack 56 in Holdbrook returned to Scouting when his son joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger.

Of course, Adam immediately became a den leader and started helping to plan the Pack events. Moreover, like many adults in Scouting, Mr. Fabion loves taking the kids hiking and exploring in the woods.

Now that his daughter is also a Cub Scout, Adam again became a den leader and continues to work hard to create unforgettable experiences for the Scouts of Pack 56.

However, Adam’s commitment to Scouting hasn’t stopped with the Cubs in his den and pack – he is also the Committee Chair for Troop 56 and an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 13 G.

Thank you for all your hard work, Adam! Den leaders like you light the way for the next generation of Scouts.

Mary Millette of Den 1 in Pack 3104 in Hudson

Mary the Mentor

Now in her third year in charge of Den 1 (her son Ben's den; older brother Connor recently crossed over to Scouts BSA, Troop 77 in Hudson), Mary says this year's highlights include volunteering with "Kylee's Care Kits" and the "Feed A Neighbor" programs. "I like connecting scouting to our community and providing opportunities for the Scouts to make a difference," she explained.

Next up was the "Super Science Adventure" and working toward the Up and Away Nova award. "It was great to see the parents and kids work together on science experiments," added Mary. "This year, we did so much with science between this adventure and the Nova award. I am blown away by what my scouts know and the ideas they bring to the table."

Finally, attending "Snore and Roar" at the Roger Williams Zoo was very high on Millette's list.

"But getting to know my scouts and their families" remains the ultimate highlight for Mary.

"We have such a great group of kids," she explained. "They are funny, eager to learn and help, and have such great ideas."

Congratulations to Mary and her Pack 3104 Den 1 Bears!