

# **“Around The Campfire” Podcast – Episode Four**

Monthly Podcast from the Mayflower Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Around The Campfire Podcast from the Mayflower Council of Scouting America for leaders and volunteers.

May 2024 episode features:

Rick Riopelle; Deputy Scout Executive discussing Scouting name change, announcements from the annual meeting and Council Procedures about incident reporting.

Andrea Watson; Director of Outdoor Programs and Properties for Scouting American discussing safe outdoor activities and providing a Jamboree 2026 update

Alyssa Budd Eagle Scout from Troop 424 discussing her Eagle Scout Project which recently won Council and Territory recognition for Project of the Year.

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## Todd Johnson of Pack 748 Medway



*Pack 748 Medway*

“Todd has the liveliest den in the pack,” wrote Cubmaster Chris McKnerney. “His Scouts like to run around and have a good time, and Todd knows how to plan for that.

“He keeps his meetings short and sweet, and the den meets outside year-round with many outings.

“Todd is incredibly patient and well prepared and contributes to pack planning and activities,” added McKnerney.

While “patience” isn’t part of the Scout Law (yet), Todd’s ability to look beyond the excitement and energy remains a crucial facet of his leadership.





*Todd Johnson, Den Leader, Pack 748*

“Todd’s planning and patience make him an excellent den leader,” added the pack’s leader. “His den meets more often than the others in the pack because he knows he has to hold the Scouts’ attention.

Meanwhile, and beyond the backyard, Johnson gets his den out and about.

“Todd is great at relating to his lively den, ” said Cubmaster McKnerney. “He takes them on many interesting outings, including trips to the town’s waste management facility, a supermarket, hikes, and even a fish hatchery.”

Congratulations and thank you to Todd Johnson of Medway for all his efforts on behalf of his den, Pack 748, and the Mayflower Council.

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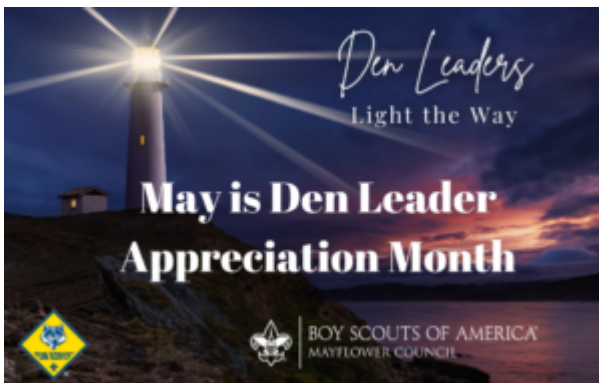
"Matt's leadership and investment in youth development is obvious in how he speaks to the scouts and guides them through the program. Word of his leadership has spread through the town, and his den is now almost twenty Cub Scouts strong!" explained Pack 55 Cubmaster Eric Young. "Matt also is a voice for inclusion in Cub Scouting and champions the power of Scouting to transform the lives of ALL youth."

And with all that said, we hear Matt will be the next Cubmaster of the pack – congratulations!

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## BSA Changes Its Name To Scouting America

*The new name reflects the continuing efforts to welcome everyone to experience the benefits of Scouting.*

**Milford, Mass. (May 7, 2024)** – The Boy Scouts of America today announced that it will be changing its name to Scouting America. This change reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to welcoming every youth in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. The name change will go into effect

on February 8, 2025, the organization's 115<sup>th</sup> birthday.

This announcement also comes as the organization celebrates the fifth anniversary of welcoming girls into Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA programs. Boy Scouts of America currently serves 176,234 girls and young women across all programs, including more than 6,000 who have earned Eagle Scout status.

"We're excited to be a part of Scouting America's national launch!" said Council Executive Juan Osorio. "Here at Mayflower Council, we've always believed that Scouting is for all young people who are ready for adventure, leadership, and service. This new name reflects that commitment on a national scale, and we're thrilled to welcome even more youth into our programs. We're especially proud of the many young women who have thrived in Scouting these past five years, with thousands achieving the prestigious Eagle Scout rank. Scouting America opens a new chapter, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for all Scouts!"



Scouting America builds on the organization's 114 years of helping America's youth. Its ongoing goal is to provide young people with a safe environment where they can learn meaningful life skills and have fun, educational experiences, fostering their growth and future outcomes as leaders, and be prepared for life. At the same time, values instilled by the Scout Oath and Law help prepare young people for lives of purpose and impact.

Mayflower Council, established in 2017, is the result of the



consolidation of Scouting programming that has served Greater Metro West and the South Shore areas of Massachusetts for over a century. Comprised of territory that was once part of the Algonquin, Norumbega, Knox Trail, Squanto, and Old Colony Councils, the Mayflower Council is rich with the traditions and history of generations of Scouts and Scouting families.

More than 130 million Americans have been through Scouting programs since its founding in 1910, and currently, more than 1 million youth, including both men and women, are served by 477,000 dedicated adult volunteers in local councils throughout the country. To date, more than 2.75 million youth have earned Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to supporting the nation's youth, Scouting America will continue to be an important asset to strengthen our communities, having provided more than 7 million hours of volunteer services for community improvement and other projects across the country.

## About Scouting America

Scouting America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®"



*"Boy Scouts of America" is*

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America's youth into its programs. Our goal is to give them fantastic experiences in the outdoors, and elsewhere, where they can grow with us in a safe environment. More than 130 million Americans have been through our programs since our founding, and currently



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To learn more about Scouting America's mission, visit [Scouting.org](https://scouting.org).

### **About Mayflower Council**



Headquartered in Milford, Massachusetts, the Mayflower Council serves the Metrowest and South Shore areas sharing the fantastic benefits of Scouting to over 6,900 youth and 2,900 volunteer adults in 2023. The Boy Scouts of America continues to prepare young people for life by providing the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. Learn more about the Mayflower Council at [www.mayflowerbsa.org](https://www.mayflowerbsa.org).

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## **Den Leader Appreciation Month**

**We know our den leaders truly light the way for our youth, creating the safe adventures, learning, and fun**

**that makes Cub Scouts the perfect activity for boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade. Mayflower Council has marked the month of May as Den Leader Appreciation Month.**

**Mayflower Council highlights one of these fantastic den leaders every Wednesday in May**



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## 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 [...]

Do you know a Den Leader who deserves some recognition? Fill out our form; maybe you'll see a familiar face in our next announcement...

*Sincere thanks to all of our Den Leaders for all you do!*

## Join us for a Den Leader Appreciation Extravaganza!

**Calling all den leaders!** It's time to celebrate the incredible individuals who make Scouting adventures happen – you, our den

leaders!

These special events are dedicated to showing our heartfelt thanks for the dedication, creativity, and endless patience our den leaders bring to their roles.

**RSVP Today!** Click on the event below to RSVP

- May 14, 5-7:30pm: Dairy Queen, 21 North Main St., Bellingham, MA
- May 15, 4-6pm: New City Creamery, 534a Boston Post Rd, Sudbury, MA
- May 15, 5-7pm: Panera Bread, 1401 Washington St., Hanover, MA
- May 15, 6-8pm: Ben & Jerry's, 1265 Worcester Rd., Natick, MA
- May 22, 5-7pm: Panera Bread, 400 Franklin St., Braintree, MA
- May 22 6 pm to 8 pm Panera Bread, 1301 Belmont St, Brockton, MA
- May 29, 5-7pm: Kravings Pizza and Ice Cream, 979 MA-109, Millis, MA

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## **Cranberry Harbors District May 2024 Roundtable**

Slide presentation from our May Roundtable, and the presentation on Charter-Membership-Renewal-Changes are linked below. If you have further questions/comments, please submit on the "parking lot" form – link is in the roundtable presentation. Next roundtable is Wed. June 5, hope to see you



there.

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Charter Membership Renewal Changes

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Mayflower Council celebrates the work of Pack 100  
Westborough's Lions Leader



Christina Carlson  
of Pack 100  
Westborough

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"Christina is an AMAZING Den Leader! She is enthusiastic and incredibly organized, dedicating a lot of time and effort to

organizing great meetings that our Lions love! She's great with our youngest Cubs and is very kind and inclusive," says the nomination from her den. "Christina shows her dedication to the Scouting mission by providing outstanding den meetings and always thinking of new activities that engage the Scouts."

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## **"Around The Campfire" Podcast – Episode Three**

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April 2024 episode, hosted by Rob DiFazio, features:

- Social Media Tips with John Bishop, Council Brand Ambassador
  - Find Social Media Guidelines [HERE](#)
- Laura Moriarty, Sr. Development Director discussing Popcorn Fundraising
- Logan Ferraro previewing the upcoming Pinewood Derby on 4/27, Chuckwagon Derby on 5/11 and the Hike0Ree on 5/18

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# Lodge Dues Online Payment

## Pay Your 2024 Dues Online

Tantamous Lodge members are able to pay their \$13 annual membership fee online! Please follow the link below to pay that fee via the BlackPug portal!

[Click Here to Pay Your Dues Today](#)

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# Alyssa B. Earns 2023 Eagle Scout Project Prize

## Troop 424 G Marshfield Scout also took regional accolades...

**Marshfield, Mass.** – The Mayflower Council NESA Committee proudly announces Alyssa B. of Troop 424 Marshfield as the distinguished winner of the council's 2023 "Adams Eagle Scout Project of the Year."

The National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award (ESSPY) to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by an Eagle Scout candidate to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity through completion of an Eagle Scout project.



Examples of projects selected for the ESSPY include undertakings that have benefited underprivileged children and recognized veterans, have been international, and require significant time and resources.



*Working on the project with fellow Marshfield Scouts.*

Alyssa's project created an octagonal fire pit pergola for the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield. The structure included six hanging porch-style swings, a multiuse whiteboard, a firewood holder, a stone fire pit, and four benches. The entire project measured 24 x 24 feet.

The selection of recipients begins locally through the council NESA committee. The council selects a recipient for their respective council from the list of submitted nominations and then forwards a worthy candidate to the National Eagle Scout Association for regional consideration.



As such, Alyssa's exceptional dedication and commitment have earned her recognition beyond Massachusetts and the Territory Project of the Year, catapulting her to the national stage.



*Alyssa B. takes photos of the completed pergola.*

Following in the footsteps of previous winners, including Owen E. from Troop 193 Easton in 2022 and Eric H. from Troop 28 Cohasset in 2021, Alyssa's remarkable achievement marks the third consecutive year of Mayflower Council representation at the national competition.

As the Mayflower Council looks toward the future, the 2024 application period promises to continue the tradition of excellence established by Alyssa and her predecessors.

Congratulations to Alyssa B. and all those who have contributed to this remarkable achievement.





*Alyssa B. of Troop 424 G Marshfield*