# Mayflower Council Nov. 2026 Roundtable

The slide presentation from our November Roundtable is posted at the link below. Please remember the majority of our units are due to renew registration in December. The renewal window is open for these units, find it under the roster tab in my.scouting. This is a 14-month renewal as part of the process to move all units to a February renewal cycle. More Information is contained in a flyer handed out at the session, and posted below. If you have any questions or issues with your unit’s renewal, please reach out to your membership executive – contact information is provided in the slide presentation. Thanks to all who participated and please plan to join us at the December Roundtable, Wed. Dec. 2 at the First Congregational Church in Norwood.
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# Recognize Excellence in Scouting

**Are you ready to recognize the exceptional adult leaders in your Scouting community?** We’re excited to announce that nominations are now open for various prestigious Scouting America recognition awards. These awards honor individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements, leadership, and commitment to the values of Scouting. Whether it’s a dedicated Scouter who has gone above and beyond or a volunteer who has made a significant impact on their troop or community, there’s

an award to celebrate their accomplishments.

**Time is running out!** Nominations for the Scouting America awards close on **December 31, 2026**. Submit your nomination now and ensure your favorite Scout or leader is considered for this special honor.



# Silver Beaver Award

The role of adult leaders in Scouting America has been a cornerstone of the organization since its inception. From the early days of its founding to the present, adult volunteers have provided invaluable guidance, support, and mentorship to countless young people. Without the leadership of caring adults, Scouting ceases to exist and therefore, it is important that we take time to recognize those in our community who have volunteered their time and mentorship to our youth.

One way we honor these leaders is through nominating a Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award, the highest adult recognition a council can bestow. We invite you to think about those in your unit or district who have left a lasting impact on the youth of your community and consider nominating them for the Silver Beaver Award.

Nomination Form



# North Star

It is not just Scouters and adult volunteers who impact the youth of our community. In 2011 The North Star Award was established to acknowledge the invaluable support of non-Scouters who have contributed to the success of Scouting programs. This includes individuals who have donated time, money, or other resources to Scouting initiatives, as well as those who have provided guidance and leadership. We encourage you to nominate any non-scouters who have left a lasting impact on our Scouting community to be honored at this year’s recognition dinner.

Nomination Form



# Elbert K. Fretwell Award

The Elbert K. Fretwell Award is a prestigious honor in Scouting that recognizes teachers, educational support staff, and school administrators who have made significant contributions to the lives of young people by instilling Scouting values in their students. The award is named after Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, a professor of education at Columbia University, an early thinker in the Scouting movement, and the second Chief Scout Executive of Scouting America.

Nomination Form




# Alumnus Award

The Alumnus Award is a valuable opportunity for former Scouts to stay connected to the organization and continue making a positive impact on their communities. It is a recognition designed to encourage participation and involvement in Scouting America’s alumni relations programs, including NESA activities. It is awarded to Scouting alumni who promote continued engagement with Scouting America.

Nomination Form




# George Meany Award

The George Meany Award is a national recognition approved by the AFL-CIO Executive Council. It may be presented to any adult union member who has made a significant contribution to the youth of their community through Scouting. Each AFL-CIO city central labor council and each AFL- CIO state federation is permitted to give one award annually. The emphasis of this award is on the importance of being selective. There is no rule that the quota must be used every year. No honorary recognitions should be made. The purpose of this award is to recognize the recipient’s outstanding service to youth through the programs of Scouting America.

Nomination Form



# Council Duty to God Award

In Scouting America, the Council Duty to God Award is a prestigious recognition bestowed upon registered Scouters who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in supporting and promoting the spiritual foundation of Scouting at the local Council level. Overall, the Council Duty to God Award is a testament to the importance of spiritual growth and leadership within Scouting America. It highlights the organization’s commitment to nurturing the character and values of its members through a strong spiritual foundation.

Nomination Form




# Veteran Award

Honor the dedicated adults who have served Scouting America for five or more years with the Veteran’s Award. This prestigious recognition celebrates those who have consistently contributed to the organization, embodying the values of Scouting and making a lasting impact on the lives of young people. If you or someone you know meets these criteria, we encourage you to nominate them for this well-deserved honor. Please email completed form here.

Nomination Form




# Nominate Your Unit's Leaders! We Need Your Help to Recognize Our District's Best Volunteers

The **Mayflower Council Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner** in April is fast approaching, and we need your help to ensure our most deserving volunteers receive the recognition they have earned!

This special event is dedicated to honoring the selfless leaders and Scouters who have gone above and beyond to deliver an outstanding Scouting program this year. We can't do it without your nominations!

## Key Awards Seeking Nominations

We are actively seeking nominations for top district awards. Please consider nominating the dedicated Scouters in your unit, neighborhood, or district for the following:

- **The District Award of Merit:** The highest volunteer recognition a district can bestow. Nominate an individual who has rendered noteworthy service of an exceptional character to youth beyond their unit responsibilities.
- **Unit Leaders of the Year:** Recognizes outstanding unit leaders (Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors) who meet high standards of training, tenure, and

performance.

- **Spark Plug Awards:** Nominate your unit leader that has gone above and beyond to run your unit’s Popcorn sale, Best Campout, Pinewood Derby and more.

## How to Nominate

It is quick and easy to honor someone’s service! Please visit the link below to access the nomination forms. We encourage everyone—parents, unit leaders, and fellow Scouters—to take a few minutes to complete a nomination. Your time is the greatest gift you can give to recognize a volunteer.

- **Nomination Deadline:** December 31, 2026

**Don’t wait!** Help us shine a spotlight on the volunteers who make Scouting great in our district.

District Award of Merit Nomination Form
District Awards Nomination Form

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# Mayflower Council Oct. 2026 Roundtable

Slides from our in person October Roundtable, featuring Scouting and Council updates by our Council Leadership Team, are posted below. Thanks to all who participated. Announcement slides for October are posted as well. Please plan on attending our November Roundtable, Wed. Nov. 4, 7-8:30 PM at the Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield. While this is planned to be a hybrid session, we hope you will make every effort to attend in person.
October 2026 RT Presentation

# 2026 Westborough Good Scout Award Dinner

## About The Good Scout Award

The Good Scout Award is bestowed upon individuals who have demonstrated integrity and genuine concern for others in both their professional and personal lives.

The recipients need not have been Scouts but must carry the “Spirit of Scouting” into their adult lives. They are people who have been unselfish in their service to others on an individual and community basis. They seek no return for their service other than the satisfaction of aiding their fellow citizens, their community, and their nation.

The Good Scouts are people who truly capture the respect and imagination of our youth.

## Westborough Good Scout Dinner

## Wednesday, November 6, 2024

### DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

## 5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA

## Reception 6:00 pm – Dinner & Program 7:00 pm

# 2024 Honoree



## James N. Ball

As founder and president of EverRise, Jim leads his team with proficiency, confidence, and diligence. Jim grew up in Westborough, Massachusetts, watching his father run his own financial advising business out of their family's basement. Inspired by his father's success, Jim went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Massachusetts, setting out to plant his own roots and begin a career. In 1984, he established his own firm in Westborough, specializing in investment advice, insurance, business, tax, and estate planning. Today, he prides himself in having created a thriving business, working with hundreds of families in more than 30 states. The firm features an innovative team approach offering sound and informed wealth

management while striving to always provide the utmost in customer service.

Jim is a director on the board of Avidia Bank, located in Hudson, Massachusetts; committee
chairman of the Risk Committee; member of Executive Governance Committee; member of the
Westborough Community Preservation Committee. In his (little) spare time, he enjoys traveling
the world with his family, as well as reading, exercising, and listening to music.

The Mayflower Council is honored to recognize Jim with the 2024 Good Scout Award for his integrity and genuine concern for others in the Westborough community and beyond.

## You may register and pay online or fill out the mail-in registration form.
## Registration and program book ad's must be received by October 25, 2024.

If you have any questions, please email: Westborough Good Scout Committee

Sponsorship & Ad Specifications
Save the date
Invitation

# Mayflower Council Sep. 2026 Roundtable

Thanks to all who participated in our September Roundtable. Including both in-person and online participants, nearly 100 Scouters participated. Roundtables are for all Scouting Volunteers, please share invitations to future roundtables with all your unit’s volunteers.

The slides from our September session, along with a separate set of slides from the membership discussion in the main session, and from both the Pack and Troop/Crew/Ship breakout sessions are posted at the links below. Thanks also to the council membership team for preparing and delivering this material.

For advanced planning, please note that the Mayflower Council Key-3 and Senior Leadership Team will be joining us in person for the October Scouting Roundtable (Wed. Oct. 7 at the First Congregational Church, Norwood) to provide Scouting and Council updates. This will be an opportunity to hear directly from the Council’s top leadership about where we are today, the progress being made, and what lies ahead for our Council. We strongly encourage all volunteers to attend the October Roundtable in person and take advantage of this opportunity to hear firsthand from Council leadership and stay informed about the future of Scouting in the Mayflower Council.

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# More Options for Your Next Stay!

**Exciting News: Elevate Your Outdoor Experience with Our New Premium Campsites!**

We are thrilled to introduce a brand-new option for your upcoming camp stays! To give your unit more flexibility and enhanced comfort, we are rolling out Premium Tent Sites across our camps, providing prime locations and upgraded amenities for your next weekend adventure.

Whether you prefer our classic outdoor experience or a few extra perks, we have the perfect spot ready for you.

## What's Changing? Standard vs. Premium Sites

To ensure every group has the exact camping experience they need, our tent sites are now organized into two tiers:

- **Standard Tent Sites – Still 100% Free**

  Our commitment to accessible outdoor adventures remains as strong as ever. A minimum of 25% of tent sites at every camp will remain designated as Standard, continuing to be *completely free* for In-Council units.

- **New Premium Tent Sites – $50 / Weekend (In-Council)**

  Looking for a top-tier site? Upgrade your stay to a Premium site! For **$50 per weekend**, your group can enjoy choice campsite locations paired with upgraded amenities and added conveniences.

***Note on Out-of-Council Reservations:*** *Out-of-Council pricing*

*remains unchanged and continues at the rates established.*

*Head over to our online portal today to explore the new tiers and lock in the perfect campsite for your next weekend trip!*

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# Joint Statement Mayflower & HNE Scouting Boards

Joint Statement from the Boards of Directors of Scouting America Heart of New England Council and Mayflower Council

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# Mayflower Council June 2026 Roundtable

Thanks to all who participated in our council's roundtable program this year, and special thanks to those who prepared presentations. The slides from our June Roundtable are posted at the link below. During out measuring success discussion, we addressed post event analysis. Troop 48 was kind enough to share their "After Action Outline Questions" which are posted for your review/use. Also posted are information sheets from Membership on the new Unit/member renewal process being implemented this year and from Safety with an update on allowed activities. Roundtable presentations are archived on the Council website, you will find them under "related posts"

on the link for this month’s slides. A list of main topics for 2025-2026 is posted for your convenience. Information on the 2026-2027 roundtable information will be promulgated over the summer.
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# Check Out Our New Health & Safety Landing Page!

At Mayflower Council, nothing is more important to us than the well-being, growth, and safety of our youth. Whether our members are heading out for a weekend camping trip, learning new skills at a weekly meeting, or giving back to our community, ensuring a safe and secure environment is always our top priority.

To help keep everyone informed and prepared, we are absolutely thrilled to announce the official launch of our brand-new, centralized **Health & Safety Landing Page!**

## Explore the New Page Here: 251sa.org/healthandsafety

We have designed this dedicated space to serve as your ultimate resource for all things safety. It is packed with up-to-date guidelines, essential health forms, and crucial safety protocols to ensure that our adventures remain both incredibly

fun and completely secure.

## An Important Step for Our Entire Community

To make sure we are all aligned and prepared, **we highly encourage all of our volunteers, families, and youth leaders to take a few moments to thoroughly review the important information on this landing page.**

- **For Families:** Get peace of mind by understanding our emergency protocols, safety standards, and finding quick links to necessary forms before our next big event.
- **For Volunteers & Leaders:** Access vital safety checklists, training resources, and standard operating procedures to help you lead confidently and keep our scouts safe in the field.

By staying informed, we work together to build a culture of safety that allows our Scouts to push their boundaries, learn resilience, and explore the great outdoors with confidence.

Thank you to our amazing community of families and leaders for your continuous support, dedication, and commitment to making our Mayflower Council a safe, welcoming, and vibrant space for everyone.

Head over to **251sa.org/healthandsafety** today, check out the new resources, and let’s get ready for another safe and unforgettable season of Scouting!

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# Mayflower Council Roundtable May 2026

Slides from our May 2026 roundtable are now posted at the link below. In addition, the information sheet on food safety is included. The May “breakout” session solicited comments on roundtables (topic & speaker suggestions, how to improve attendance, etc.). If you have additional suggestions, please use the “parking lot” link: https://forms.gle/wzkXpA6JZY22H885A.
The link will remain open through the June session, and is also included in the May presentation. Thanks for your participation.
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