

Mayflower Council Moves to New Headquarters

Mayflower Council, Inc, Boy Scouts of America, announced that they have acquired an office building in Milford, MA to serve as their new Service Center headquarters. The building, located at 83 Cedar Street, Milford, will provide 8,100 sq. ft. of office and meeting space for the Council's 17 professional and support staff.

The Scout Shop Uniform Sale Is Back

This uniform sale helps you save on essential elements of the Scouting experience as a new Scouting year begins.

New Video Resources Can Help Den Leaders

With the pandemic limiting some in-person activities, these videos offer an easy-to-deliver virtual alternative for leaders. Your Content Goes Here

Member Care Transitioning Support to Council

On Sept. 1, Member Care Contact Center will shift to serve council employees so they can address local volunteer needs.

Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts Update

Those connected to the process for the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts should review the updated guidance.

Limited Edition Council Shoulder Patch

The Mayflower Council Stay Safe CSP sold out in only a few short weeks. We have received numerous requests to purchase one. Another order for 250 has been placed. It is the same design but the border color has been changed to orange. This

limited edition CSP can be yours for a donation of \$20.00 per CSP. Proceeds from this CSP run will be used to cover the expenses of the personal protection equipment (PPE) purchased for the camp properties, Adventure Day Camp and the council service center.

Pre-Order yours now – before they are gone!

[Order Now](#)

Scouting At A Distance Award

Scouting At A Distance Award For Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers & Leaders



Mayflower Council would like to recognize Scouts and adults who are Scouting at a distance with a patch that is sure to be a collector item. Requirements for Scouts and leaders to earn this award are simple.

Guidelines:

1. Complete the requirements for the appropriate rank
2. Complete online [award completion form](#)
3. Order your patch.
 - The link to order your patch will be provided when you submit your online completion form
 - Patches are \$4 each
 - Our patch design will be available soon and we think it's so cool
4. Award is available for a limited time requirements must be completed by September 30 and patches must be ordered by October 15.
5. Contact [Joe Livingston](#) if you have questions about the award.

Continue to follow all applicable state, local, and council guidelines. We encourage you to take and post pictures of your events and post them on social media with the hashtag [#mayflowerscoutsinaction](#) [#scoutingatadistance](#)

Scouting At A Distance Award Requirements

Cub Scout Den Requirements (complete 3 out of this list)

- Attend an in person den meeting
- Plan and practice a den skit or song
- Participate in a den campfire (can't be the same as the

den meeting from above)

- Perform at least one hour of community service with your den
- Participate in a den scavenger hunt

[Award Completion Form](#)

Scouts BSA Patrol or Venture Crew Requirements (complete 3 out of this list)

- Attend an in-person patrol or crew meeting
- Plan and attend an in-person patrol or crew camping trip
- Participate in at least two hours of community service with your patrol or crew
- Go on a 5-mile hike with your patrol
- Participate in a patrol or crew scavenger hunt

[Award Completion Form](#)

Adult Leader Required

- Ensure you are 100% trained for your current position through your My.Scouting profile (for ASM, SM, and Crew Advisors if all that is missing is IOLS an in person training submit email to your local council to be notified when this training will be offered next)

Adult Leader Elective Requirements (complete 2 out of this list)

- Facilitate an in person meeting utilizing the guidelines provided at the time based on local guidelines
- Explain Scouting to a non Scouting family or to a community group of your choice
- Share through social media or a letter to the editor explaining the values of Scouting and what Scouting means to you to help spread the positive message of Scouting
- Following Youth Protection Guidelines ensure at least 1

Scout advances a rank or earns a MB (not virtual if allowed by local guidelines)

[Award Completion Form](#)

2020 Camp In A Box Not Your Typical Summer Camp

Looking for a new way to have camp this summer while staying safe from COVID? Introducing Camp in a Box! We have partnered with five other councils to bring you this awesome program! Individuals or troops can sign up to be a part of this historic program! We will have Scouts from at least 4 different states all joining in the fun.

Each Scout gets to choose up to 5 merit badges or programs from 45 different options. For the low price of \$135, we will ship you a box of everything that you'll need for the week including camp swag, program materials, and more to be ready for the action! This is sure to be Not Your Typical Summer Camp! [Click here](#) to download the Camp Guide.

[Click here](#) to sign up today!

Scouts BSA Resident Camp

Cancelled

Dear Scouting Family:

It is with great disappointment that the Mayflower Council announces that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will not allow resident camp programs to be conducted before the summer of 2021. As we stated from the initial decision to move forward, we would only do so if we could conduct a safe program, within the guidelines of national, state, and local authorities. Based on this latest information, we will not be able to provide a resident camp experience to our Scouts this summer.

We appreciate your continued patience and understanding over the past 7 weeks, as we pursued all available options and program modifications to offer a safe resident camp experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff was looking forward to greeting you and bringing you another year of fun, but this will have to wait until next year. All along, our first priority has been the health and safety of our Scouts, their parents, our leaders, staff and all their extended families and communities.

While this news is disappointing, we are providing a Scouts BSA virtual camp option offering each Scout the opportunity to choose up to 5 merit badges or programs from 45 different options. Plus, we will ship you a box of everything that you'll need for the week including camp swag, program materials, and more to be ready for the action! [Click here](#) for all the information and to sign-up.

We will be issuing full refunds to each troop by the end of the month and there is no need to contact the council service center for the refund of the camp fees paid. We ask for your patience as we work through processing all of the refunds. Check our council [COVID-19 website](#) for additional updates.

This decision by the Commonwealth does not affect our ability to operate our Cub Scout Adventure Day Camp at Camp Resolute. We are continuing with our plans to offer that program for our Cub Scouts.

We know you are eager to get back to our camps, which is why we have already begun planning bigger and better resident camp programs for next year.

Take care and be well,

Mike Rotar
Council President

Joshua Paulin
Council Commissioner

Bryan Feather
Scout Executive / CEO

Changes to Council Activity Fee Aug. 1, 2020

Dear Scouting Families,

Families today have many options, but Scouting continues to stand out as a safe and fun atmosphere where a kid can be a kid all while preparing them to become an even better adult.

As we look toward the future of Scouting, the Mayflower Council is committed to providing a wholesome and cost-effective Scouting experience.

Our activity fee is being increased out of necessity to support critical safety components of our organization like youth protection resources, criminal background checks, technology upgrades and insurance coverage rates which have risen substantially over the past few years.

The Mayflower Council staff and board volunteers have worked tirelessly to keep the cost of Scouting as low as possible for our families. Our council is fiscally sound; however, it is crucial that we continuously review our financial structure in order to guarantee the longevity of our local programs.

Over the past three years, our council has maintained the activity fee and subsidized rising core costs – the greatest being insurance coverage – to keep fees as low as possible. Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to subsidize these costs at past levels.

Additionally, COVID-19 coupled with the challenges created by a National BSA bankruptcy, has required our council to consider how these external factors will impact Scouting in the MetroWest and South Shore.

As a result, the Mayflower Council has been forced to make dramatic changes to expenses because of the decreases in our traditional revenue sources.

ACTIONS & TRENDS

- Family participation in our annual Investment in Character fundraising campaign has fallen from 16% to only 5%.
- Due to COVID-19 camp restrictions we have absorbed \$406,000 in camp loss of revenue
- We have reduced our expenses by 31%
- The Mayflower Council Staff has been reduced by 10%

The decision to increase our activity fee was not made lightly, but it is necessary to fulfill our promise and

continue to offer the level of Scouting our families are accustomed to without any decline in service. Many factors went into increasing the council activity fee and it was imperative that the information was conveyed in a timely manner to our units and families.

The activity fee will allow the Mayflower Council to provide:

- Medical and accident insurance coverage as well as local liability insurance for all registered members.
- Free tent camping at Camp Resolute, Camp Squanto and Nobscot Scout Reservation.
- Camp fees that are as low as possible while enhancing camp properties.
- Free required training course for adult leaders.

For a comprehensive list of how the Mayflower Council supports units and Scouting families [click here](#).

After careful consideration, and approval by the Mayflower Council Executive Board, beginning on August 1, 2020, the activity fee will be increased from \$30 to \$36 per youth member (50 cents per month) in Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Exploring. (the previous activity fee excluded Lions, 18 – 21 year old Venturers and Explorers.) The fee will not apply to adult members and will be prorated on a monthly basis. The new fee will not apply to existing members until their unit recharter for 2021.

One hundred percent of the recently increased annual National registration fee goes to the National Boy Scouts of America Council to support Scouting for you. Including: Scoutbook; Youth Protection Training; liability insurance; program development and much more.

If you have questions on the council activity fee or the National BSA membership fee, please do not hesitate to reach out to your district executive or email us at communication@mayflowerbsa.org.

We thank you for your commitment to Scouting in the Mayflower Council and urge you to continue to be an advocate for Scouting as our programs are preparing thousands of youth across the MetroWest and the South Shore of Massachusetts, for life.

Yours in Scouting,

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