

Sachem District Jan. Roundtable

Thank you to all who participated in our January Roundtable! Announcement Slides from the session are posted here. Our next Roundtable is Feb. 1 at the Abington Senior Center. We hope to see you, and some new faces join us!

January 2023 RT Master

Congratulations To Our On Time Recharter Units

Congratulation to the following units that completed their unit recharter on time this year (by November 15). Completing their unit's charter renewal by November 15 allowed our staff to review and reach back out to them if there were issues. Their charters will be the first ones to post in January.

- Crew 355 Newton
- Pack 36 Randolph
- Pack 41 Marlborough
- Pack 47 Plymouth
- Pack 59 Whitman
- Pack 140 Wellesley
- Pack 355 Newton
- Pack 4480 Kingston
- Troop 1 BT Stow
- Troop 17 BT Brockton
- Troop 42 BT Easton

- Troop 51 BT Manomet
- Troop 64 BT Plymouth
- Troop 88 BT Bridgewater
- Troop 99 BT Franklin
- Troop 100 BT Westboro
- Troop 126 BT Franklin
- Troop 355 GT Newton
- Troop 355 BT Newton

Our council's Membership & Unit Service Team is committed to helping all of our units recharter by December 31. If your unit needs assistance don't hesitate to contact us.

Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA) was established during the BSA's 100th Anniversary in 2010 with the first recipient to receive the award a year later. The award was created to recognize notable Eagle Scouts who had either performed distinguished service at the local, state, or regional level or who were known nationally, but had not yet met the 25-year tenure as an Eagle for the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Often, worthy candidates for the NOESA have inspired others through their actions and have devoted a lifetime to their profession, avocation, community, and beliefs, at great sacrifice to themselves and their families.

The NOESA has gained prominent standing among Scouting recognitions. Previous recipients include famous authors, explorers, television personalities, military flag officers, scientists, government officials, and prominent businessmen.

The selection of recipients is made by the local council NESA committee (which may utilize a NESA awards sub-committee), Scout executive, and council president. Each recipient's actions and accomplishments should elevate the stature of Eagle Scouts in the public eye. Therefore, not all nominations are acted upon, and a substantial percentage of nominations are declined.

Nomination forms should be emailed to: nesa@mayflowerbsa.org or mail to:

Mayflower Council, BSA, 83 Cedar Street, Milford, MA 01757

Nominations are due annually by December 1.

[Apply Here](#)

Service 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 that have been selected for the ESSPY include projects that have benefited underprivileged children, recognized veterans, been international in nature, and have required significant time and resources.

The selection of recipients begins at the local level and is conducted through the council NESA committee (which may

utilize a NESA awards sub-committee). The council NESA committee 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.

Mayflower Council NESA committee will present a \$250.00 scholarship. The winner will then be placed in the regional level.

Please submit the form below to NESA@Mayflowerbsa.org for consideration.

Regional ESSPY recipients are selected by each council's regional NESA scholarship committee. Regional recipients will receive \$500, to be available for their future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or facility. (Local council will also receive a \$500 award.)

The recipient of the national award is then selected among regional recipients by a special selection committee of the National Eagle Scout Association. National recipients will receive \$2,500, to be available for their future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or facility. (Local council will also receive a \$2,500 award.)

**All nominations are due annually by
January 31.**

Apply Here

BSA Systems Maintenance Update

System Maintenance – Saturday, November 5, 2022 – from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

The My.Scouting and Scoutbook systems will be down this Saturday beginning at 9:00 AM for a system upgrade. All features will be offline during this time. This includes all My.Scouting tools, the training site, Online Registration, Internet Rechartering and Advancement along with Scoutbook.

Daniel Carter Beard Award – Jim Quinlan

Congratulations to Jim Quinlan on his receiving the Daniel Carter Beard Award from Plymouth Lodge of Masons. Established in 2001, the Award recognizes the strong relationship the Freemasons have had with Scouting since it's founding in 1910. The award is presented to Scouters who are Freemasons and act as role models to our youth in Scouting. Jim is a member of Cranberry Harbors District as a Committee Chairman of Troop 9, Committee Chairman of Venture Crew 1620, and Founder/Committee chairman of Ship 1822 – all located in Plymouth. In his free time Jim assists with district training. Daniel Carter Beard was a Freemason and a Founder of the Boy Scouts of America. Jim is only the 17th member of Mayflower Council and it's legacy councils to receive the Daniel Carter Beard Award.

Online Registration for Adult Leaders

Now available! Updates have been made to the national registration system that allows us to accept adult applications online. Now your unit can skip the paper and use a much more efficient and secure method to register adults.

In compliance with Massachusetts law, our council's policy is to ensure that adult volunteers have the required Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) before registering with the BSA and working with youth. This process is separate from the online registration system and should be completed before registering, just like submitting hard-copy adult applications.

The unit (chartered org. rep. or assigned delegate) approves online adult applications. Please watch the video below for review. If a volunteer is approved by the unit but doesn't have the required CORI completed, we will suspend registration until the CORI has been verified. The applicant and unit key-3 will be notified if registration is suspended.

With this in mind, online adult applications are live and **effective January 1, 2023: adult applications are to be completed and submitted using the BSA Online Registration System.**

Please be aware that online registration is not currently available for youth-to-adult transfers. Paper applications are still needed for this function, but you can email the electronic version of the adult application to membership@mayflowerbsa.org.

We know that some will recognize this as another significant change to their routines. However, we all know that a Scout is Brave (and Cheerful).

Please contact the Membership & Unit Service Team if you have any questions or join us during any of our upcoming Live Office Hours, where we can answer all your questions.



Video Tutorials



Transfer Between Councils Now Available Online

The attached user guide is for for parents and/or volunteers to transfer between councils using the online registration system. This allows you to login and transfer from one council to another, and once the application is approved and the overnight sync is run all the training and advancement records for the member will follow.

2022 Westborough Good Scout Award Dinner

Westborough Good Scout Dinner

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA

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

2022 Honorees



**Amber Bock,
Superintendent,
Westborough Schools**

Amber Bock's professional experience includes over thirty years of leadership experience in the public school setting. Currently she is the Superintendent of the Westborough Public Schools where she has led the district for the last eight years. Prior to that she was the Assistant Superintendent for six years in the Weston Public Schools, following fifteen years of work as a principal in Sutton and then the Wellesley Public Schools. Amber's teaching experience in the Newton Public Schools as well as Elyria Ohio combine with her years of leadership experience to provide her with a range of professional experiences in varied districts and communities.

Amber is an active member of the Westborough community, serving on a range of personal and professional projects to support Westborough as a connected and caring community. She serves on the boards of Westborough Connects, The Good Scout Committee and a variety of town committees. Amber teaches for the MSAA Leadership Program instructing future educational leaders for their Leadership Licensure Program, and provides private leadership and instructional coaching. Amber brings a depth of experiential knowledge about the importance of developing strong collaborative relationships with families and with the broader community. Over her career she has led varied program initiatives that have brought parents and faculty together to forge partnerships to solve problems collaboratively.



**Karen Henderson, General
Manager, Westborough TV**

Ms. Henderson, a longtime Westborough resident and active volunteer, has served since 2014 as General Manager of Westborough TV, the town's local access television station. She was previously involved in national training and website management at the HR and benefits firm Watson Wyatt Worldwide.

Originally from Guilford, CT, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Vermont. While at UVM, she met her now husband, Scott Henderson, and the couple relocated in 1995 to his hometown of Westborough where they have raised their children. Ms. Henderson and her family reside in the Parkman Parsonage, a local historical landmark home built in 1750 for the first Reverend of Westborough, Ebenezer Parkman.

Ms. Henderson is the current President of the Board of Trustees for Project Graduation Westborough, serves on the Board of Directors for the Charlotte Spinney Vision Scholarship Program, and is a member of both the Superintendent's Advisory Council and the Westborough Athletic Boosters Association. She was an elected member of the Westborough School Committee for six years (2006-2012), serving twice as chair, and then completed a partial term when appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill a vacancy in 2013. She has actively participated in a variety of parent groups at every school level: as a member of the Armstrong Parent Group, and as a member and President of both the Mill Pond and Gibbons Parent Groups. Ms. Henderson was a member of the town's Cable Advisory Committee from 2012-2014, and currently serves on this committee as an advisory member. Over the past 20 years, she has made time to volunteer in classrooms, coach several youth soccer teams, and chaperone school events. Since 2017, she and her family have been entrusted with the task of watering the Westborough Garden Club's 28 downtown planters from spring through fall to help beautify Westborough's downtown.

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.

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 20, 2022.

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

Sponsorship Opportunities
Program Ad Specifications
Register Online Here
Mail-In Registration

Scouts Honor: Dante D Earns Legion Eagle Award

Earlier this summer, the Venturing Crew 29 and BSA Troop 64 Scout earned the accolade during the American Legion Camporee at Gardner's Camp Collier.

Recently, the Mayflower Council was thrilled to learn that Dante D. received the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Award at the American Legion Camporee, held June 17-19, 2022, at Camp Collier in Gardner, Mass.

"My Eagle Scout Project was to re-side the tool shed at my middle school, Mullein Hill Christian Academy, and to clean up the surrounding area," explained Dante in the write-up of his project, which garnered the attention of the American Legion.

"Before I could start any work on the shed, I had to take measurements to see how much siding I would need to cover the shed," added the Scout. "Then I had to research and see which siding would be the best based on durability, longevity, appearance, and cost."

No Eagle Scout Project is easy. But Dante's was especially detailed. **Author's note:** *Dante's dedication while completing the task is evidenced by the no less than six Scouters who wrote in this summer to mention it and his American Legion award.*

"I contacted a local contractor to ask him if he could donate any materials for the project," explained Dante in his documentation. "He helped me come up with a list of needed materials, such as corner pieces, flashing, and other smaller items that would be required to finish the project.

"Once I had a list of the needed supplies and a budget, I

contacted local businesses to get donations not just for materials for the project but also for other items such as food and water for the volunteers.”

Working in a short amount of time, Dante made the most of his materials and volunteers.

“The work happened over two days,” continued the Scout. “On the first day, we removed any protruding objects and replaced any of the rotting wood found at the base of the shed.

“On the second day, we finished siding the shed,” he wrote. “Then we had to wrap the shed in Tyvek wrap to prevent future water damage to the shed or siding. We then began to side the shed, having two groups of people, one cutting the siding and the other placing it onto the building.

“We also placed down a rock bed around the perimeter of the shed and pulling weeds. Once this was all done, we put up some signage and did some touch-up painting around the roof and door of the shed,” wrote Dante.

The results speak for themselves. The work performed by Dante and Co. will have a significant impact.

With the shed re-sided and no longer exposed to the elements, the school’s equipment – the bulk of it being landscaping equipment and machinery – would not be damaged. The new siding also extended the shed’s longevity, helping the school save money on buying and repairing damaged gear.

As a result of Dante’s hard work, the Massachusetts American Legion later recognized him as their Eagle Scout of the Year.

[Click here to learn more about Eagle Scout Projects \(and the Mayflower Council\).](#)