

2021 National Venturing Leadership Award

Congratulations to the nine recipients of the 2021 National Venturing Leadership Award.

Two of the 9 award recipients are from the Mayflower Council. We could not be more proud of your accomplishments.

Two shining examples of leadership.



Ian currently serves as Northeast Region Venturing President. He has been a voice of calm and reason through many Venturing changes and proposed changes. Invites others into helping to push forward through difficult times.



Samantha currently serves as National Venturing Vice President. She is an outstanding role model and leader to all of the regional vice presidents, enabling them to work effectively with each other in order to be successful and provide collaboration on projects. She has worked with the National Venturing Committee to develop a fall recruitment campaign.

[Read More](#)

Update to Webelos Uniform Transition Plan

Last week, we communicated that the Webelos uniform will undergo a rolling change for fourth and fifth grade Webelos (effective for the 2021-2022 Scouting year).

Please note the decision has been made to hold off on this planned change until further notice. Any updates (if any) to uniform requirements will be communicated in future newsletters.

Awards Highlight

The BSA offers numerous awards to recognize the accomplishments of Scouts and Scouters. Some are much better known than others. Some of the lesser known awards include:

Founders Bar: Worn by youth and adults who are founding members of a new unit.

National Den Award: Recognizes Cub Scout dens for having a quality, year-round program.

National Medal for Outdoor Achievement: Earned by members of Scouts BSA, Sea Scouting, and Venturing who excel in high-level outdoor activities. There are six areas of emphasis: camping, aquatics, hiking, riding, adventure, and conservation.

Spirit of the Eagle: An honorary posthumous award to recognize the contributions of a youth Scout who lost his or her life.

March Roundtable Handouts

Below are the March Roundtable flyers. Thanks for all you do for our youth and for Scouting.

Mayflower March Training Newsletter

Nomination Forms

Philmont Informational Session

Virtual Freeze Out

Wanted: New Merit Badge Counselors

There was a recent purge of merit badge counselors from Scoutbook because many had not renewed their registration last year. With virtual merit badge events happening in the Mayflower Council, we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in renewing their counselor registration or becoming a new merit badge counselor. We do have plans to hold more virtual merit badge classes this year and need resources for class leads and assistants.

GETTING STARTED

First step for those who believe they are registered merit badge counselors, log into [my.scouting](https://my.scouting.org) or Scoutbook to confirm

you are still registered for the badges you are willing to teach. If you were able to confirm, you do not need to continue with this application.

BECOME A NEW MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR

If you are a first-time counselor, or a former counselor no longer registered as a counselor, visit this site www.mayflowerbsa.org/merit-badge-counselors. You will need an adult application (yes, even if you are registered as a leader with a unit), CORI form, (you do not need a CORI form if you are currently registered in another Scouting position) and complete the online Merit Badge Counselor Information Form to apply for the badges you wish to teach. It will ask you for your qualifications for the badges and those are reviewed by the advancement committee for approval.

ADDING BADGES TO YOUR APPROVED LIST

If you confirmed that you are registered as a counselor but want to add more

badges to your approved list, you can do so by completing the online Merit Badge Counselor Information Form.

If you no longer wish to be a merit badge counselor, you can use the online form and request to be removed.

WHILE YOU ARE WAITING FOR APPROVAL

We utilize Google Classroom for virtual merit badge sessions. We will set up the mayflowerbsa.org emails and classrooms as well as provide an orientation on the tools. If you don't have experience using Google Classroom, we do recommend that you create your own account and practice using it to add students, assignments, document uploads, etc. Then you will be ready when we launch the next event.

Be sure to subscribe to Mayflower Today, our Mayflower Council Facebook page and visit our website for details as they become available.

Headwaters Volunteer Award Recipients 2019-2020

Headwaters District has some INCREDIBLE volunteers!

We recognize these volunteers at our Annual District Dinner. Our district leadership relies on the generosity of our unit leaders, parents, and friends to nominate the great volunteers we have each year for these awards. To help remind everyone of who has received these awards in the past few years, this post includes our complete list of District Award recipients.

You can find nomination forms at this webpage here: [LINK](#)

Cubmaster of the Year

2019 – Jennifer Smith

2020 – Ryan Turncliff

Scoutmaster of the Year

2019 – Matthew Peters

2020 – Chris Botchis

Crew Advisor of the Year

2019 – Emily Sricharoenchaikit

2020 – Caroline Cronin

Committee Chair of the Year

2019 – Marie Riddell

– Jennifer Parrella

– Ed Reitz

2020 – Lauren Rowe

– Jim Rhein

Charter Organization Representative of the Year

2019 – Rob Jackson

2020 – Ted Newman

Unsung Hero Award

2019 – Keith Zontini

2020 – Bill Murphy

Spark Plug Award

2019 Recipients

Stephen Lavoie	Joan Provencal
Brian & Kelly Poirier	John Rosala
Chris Houle	Kevin Rudden
Christopher Bruno	Laureen Soumoulis
Darren Grant	Mark Derderian
Gene Papula	Mike & Nancy Giombetti
Greg Schorn	Paul Jackson
Jeff Somers	Peter & Janet Alberti
Jim Ares	Sharon McCabe

2020 Recipients

Adrianne Marzoratti	Jim Conners
Diane Gaughran	Michele Duffy
Gerald Bubb	Michelle DeCosta
Jack Wixted	Pam Ercolani
Jay Jorgensen	Pinky Jose
	Renee Schoch

District Award of Merit Recipients in Headwaters District

Al Marquez	Eric Theis	Paul Callahan
Al Vautour	Francis McCarthy	Paul Casello
Alan Koufos	George Brenckle	Paul Gadd
Andy Defrancesco	George Giannotti	Paul LeDuc
Ann Bach	Hank Rauch	Pauline Chute
Arnold Oyola	Harry Schreffler	Pete Lane
Arthur Haviland	Jay Kanavos	Peter Geromini
Bill Mills-Curran	Jeff Maloney	Polly Thayer
Bill Murphy	Jim Tashjian	Randy LaRosa
Bob Collins	Jim Watson	Ray Hirx
Brad Saunders	Joan Wordell	Rebecca Mangus
Brian VanLaarhoven	John Breen	Rick Keough
Candy Martel	John Gillespie	Robert Luongo
Charles Clayton	John Harrington	Rob Pike
Charlotte Bramley	John Houlihan	Rod Pfannenstiel
Chris Anderson	John Magoun	Ronald Johnson
Chris Miga	John Maguire	Ronald Koshko
Dan Mitchell	John Polanowicz	Rosaleen Sullivan
David Bach	Kathleen Bubier	Scott McWilliams
Dennis Rawley	Kenneth Lizotte	Shawn McConnell
Dick Mangus	Kevin Rudden	Skip Peterson
Donald Chute	Lawrence Sullivan	Steven Symes
Donald Matchinski	Leslie Jacobs	Susan Gillespie
Donna Cucinotta	Maureen Searl	Tim Howe

Eileen McCarthy	Michael Merolli	Tom Moore
Ej Dotts	Mike Barry	William Stanney
	Mike McGuire	

Life-to-Eagle Seminar Presentation

This year, 2021, the council advancement committee has committed to offering five Life-to-Eagle seminars.

These seminars are for educating our prospective Eagle Scouts to learn what needs to happen to advance to Eagle Scout. These seminars can also be incredibly helpful for Scoutmasters, Eagle coaches, advancement chairs, and committee chairs; and all districts are welcome to attend any of the presentations, the necessary information is the same for all districts, and we will touch on any small differences.

For those who attend, the slide show is available below for you to review at any time.

Click on the photo to download the presentation.



Headwaters March 2021 Roundtable Documents

Headwaters District Roundtable was held on Thursday March 4th:

Helpful Links:

1. Link to our reminder email with the powerpoints, links to topics and forms – [HERE](#)
2. Links to our Powerpoint:
 - Slide presentation
 - Activity flyers:
 - Virtual Freeze Out
 - District Nomination Forms
 - Philmont Information Session
 - Safety Moment:
 - Guide to Safe Scouting
 - Incident reporting
 - Advancement
 - BSA Advancement COVID-19 FAQ webpage
 - BSA Guide to Advancement
 - Scoutbook!
 - 2021 February Cub Scouts Roundtable –

Advancements

The BSA also has Advancement Educational Presentations PowerPoint Presentations—for group instruction or individual review. This is great to let parents or advancement coordinators of any unit or any Scout learn about the complex advancement procedures and practices!

[LINK HERE](#)

We hope you join us for roundtables, connect with our district and other unit leaders and volunteers, and represent your unit!

Silver Beaver & North Star Award Recipients

Mayflower Council is proud to honor and recognize our 2020 Silver Beaver Award recipients and North Star Award recipient. They are shining examples of Scouting service in our council!



Paul Callahan



Peter Lanciano



James McKnight



Charlie Murphy



Michael Stecker



North Star Recipient Patrick Maher

March Training Newsletter

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Spring Training Priorities

Our current training offerings continue to be limited as we abide by restrictions on group gatherings, council-run activities, and overnight camping. The state's recent relaxing of restrictions gives us more options, but we still need to proceed wisely and safely to protect our volunteers. We appreciate everyone's understanding!

Here's where we're focusing planning efforts this spring:

1. BALOO. BALOO training is still required if you take Cub Scouts camping. We know several packs who've been stuck because of this BSA rule. That's why the first overnight training we run will be BALOO. **Please save the date—May 1-2!** We don't know yet if we'll be able to run a full in-person BALOO with modifications (smaller groups, less shared equipment, changes to cooking, etc.) or if it'll be a hybrid approach. But we commit to running a course that covers all the BALOO requirements on that weekend. Registration opens soon!

2. Wilderness First Aid. Philmont recently announced that at least one adult leader on every trek this summer must have current WFA certification. So we're working to make sure there's a way to take WFA this spring. We've found a newly available BSA-approved course that combines online learning with a modified hands-on skill session. **March/April/May dates to be announced.** Spots will be limited, so we'll give preference to people who need it for treks this summer.

3. CPR. CPR is a pre-requisite for WFA. We know there's also a lot of demand for recertification. We've been developing a plan to run CPR training with partial online learning and physically distanced manikin practice. **March/April/May dates to be announced.**

Upcoming Training



* = pre-registration required * = online registration open
* = counts toward basic  requirements for adults

Mar 30	Scoutbook Software Basics and Q+A
May 1-2*	BALOO (camping skills for Cub leaders)
TBA*	CPR
TBA*	Wilderness First Aid
Sept 25-26*	Leave No Trace Trainer
TBA*	Wood Badge (fall 2021 options)

In the Meantime...

- We encourage everyone to take as much training as they can get online. It's available 24/7 at <https://my.scouting.org>.
- If you're looking for official position-specific training, almost all of it can be done online. We hope to be able to offer in-person versions when it's safer to do so—hopefully by the fall!
- If you're looking for IOLS training (outdoor skills for Scouts BSA leaders) or Leave No Trace trainer training, we're aiming to run these overnight courses in the fall.
- Keep an eye on the weekly council newsletter for announcements about additional online sessions.

Find Your Local Training Contact

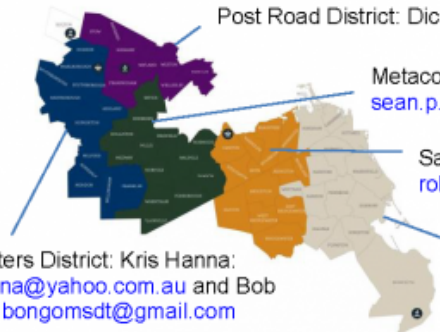
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