

# 2020 Scouting For Food Collection Reporting

Did your unit participate in Scouting For Food? We have heard a number of units collecting an amazing amount of food for their community food pantries. Northborough Scouts collected over 10,000 items while Westborough Scouts brought in 6,800 pounds of food. How much did you collect? Please fill out our brief form below with the amount of food collected and don't forget to enter your service hours too.

Food Collection Form

To report service hours to JTE, follow the instructions below. Every person and hour counts. Please be sure to use our link to report food collected directly to the council as we do not have access to that data through JTE, only your hours reported roll up to the council score.

Instructions

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## We're Looking

Do you know a great landscaper? How about a dependable snow removal/plow?

Our new council service center in Milford is in need of both of these. If you are a licensed contractor and interested in beautifying our new home, please contact Rick Riopelle for more information.

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# Headwaters November Roundtable Powerpoint

Hello Headwaters,

We hope you are joining us for our November 5th virtual roundtable.

The Agenda for our Roundtable is:

- Welcome
- Opening
- Recharter update
- Training update
- District news
- Safety minute: Winter sports
- Breakouts
  - Cub scout breakout: Keeping your cub scouts having fun
  - Scouts BSA breakout: How to conduct socially distant ceremonies

You can follow along with our slideshow that we have included below!

November 5th, 2020 Roundtable slides

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## Youth Protection Training

# Guide

## Tips For Taking Youth Protection Training Online!

Learning Plan

Total time: 72 minutes

### Description

The safety and well-being of our youth is of paramount importance to our organization, and integral to everything we do. We must continue our commitment to providing a safe and secure environment at all times for all our youth members. After completing all three modules and passing the exam, it may take up to 24 hours to see your certificate in My.Scouting.

### Overview And Policies V2 – total time: 24m

This module will help you to recognize, respond and report the different kinds of abuse experienced by youth. Importantly, you will also know the barriers to abuse and how to utilize them to help create a safe space for youth. After completing all three modules and passing the exam, it may take up to 24 hours to see your certificate in My.Scouting.org

### Sexual Abuse V2 – total time: 25m

Child sexual abuse is considered a public health concern by experts and health organizations. This module covers the different types of sexual abuse. After completing all three modules and passing the exam, it may take up to 24 hours to

see your certificate in My.Scouting.org

## Bullying V2 – total time: 13m

Bullying is any unwanted, aggressive behavior by an adult, a youth, or a group that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated or is likely to be repeated multiple times. This module covers various forms of bullying. After completing all three modules and passing the exam, it may take up to 24 hours to see your certificate in My.Scouting.org

## YPT Certification Test V2 – total time: 10m

This exam must be passed with a 75% or better passing criteria along with the other mandatory modules to receive credit for the YPT course. After completing all three modules and passing the exam, it may take up to 24 hours to see your certificate in My.Scouting.org

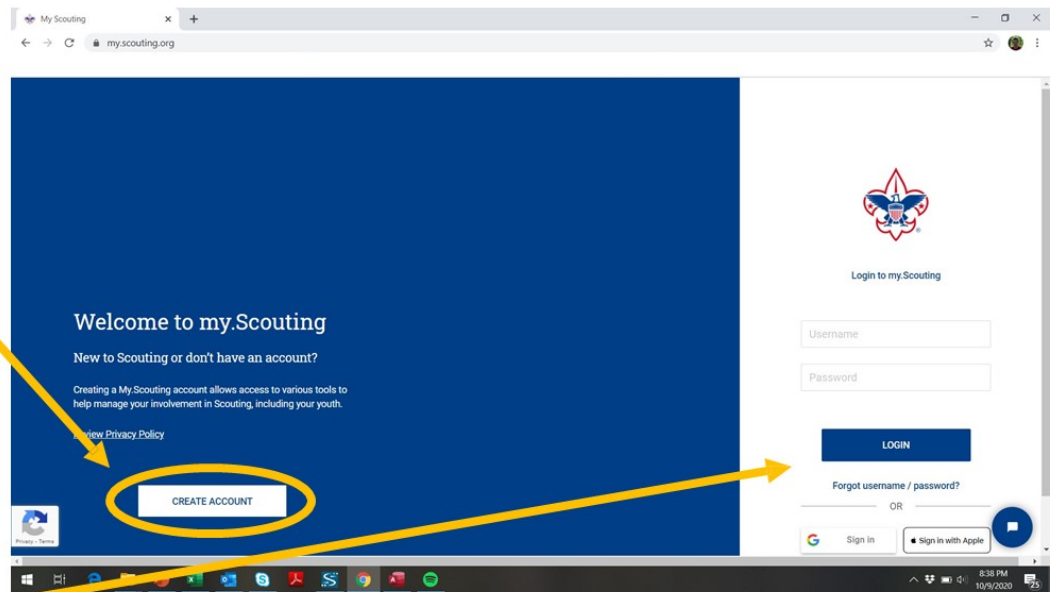
### Down Load Step By Step Guide

Go to <https://my.scouting.org> and log in with your username and password.

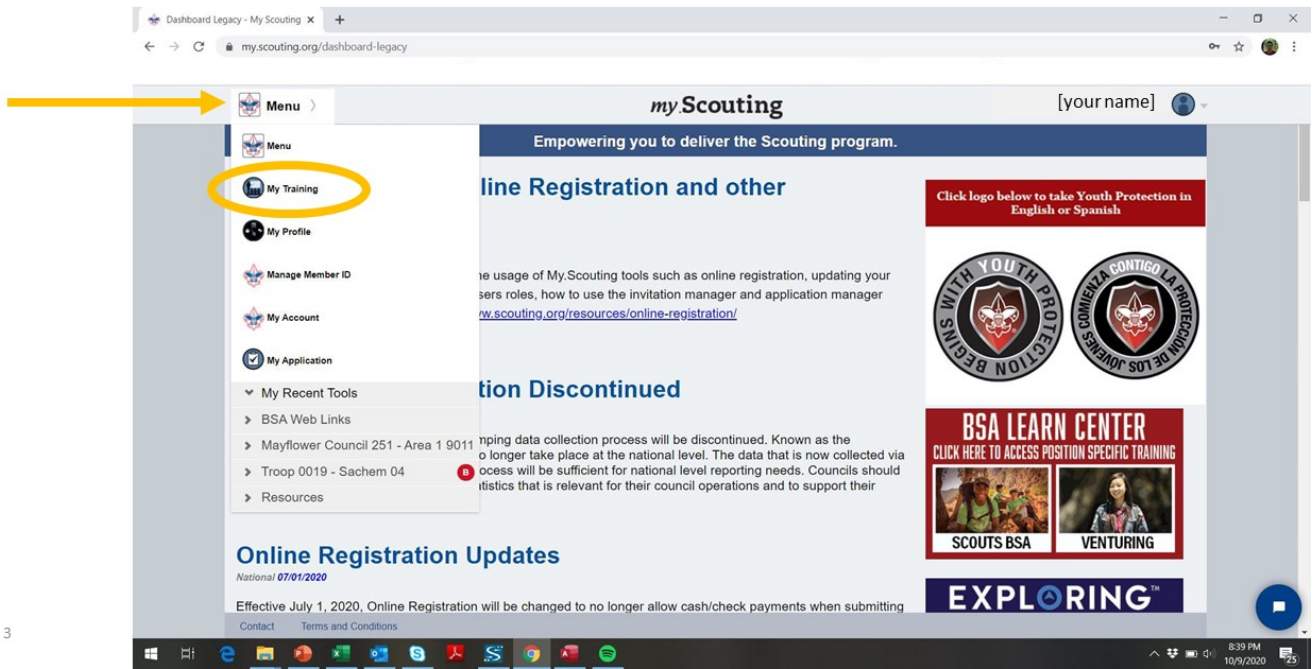
Device and browser: This training may work best on a computer/laptop, rather than a smaller mobile device. The BSA encourages users to try it in the latest version of Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge browser.

Login: If you're new, click "CREATE ACCOUNT" on the left to get started.

If you can't remember your login information but you think you've already set up a My.Scouting account, please click the "Forgot username/password" link. That's better than setting up a duplicate account that could cause problems in the future.



Click "Menu" to open the menu, then choose "My Training."



# 2021 Silver Beaver Award Nominations

In Scouting, we say "it's about the youth" and none of our adults are involved for the recognition, but every now and then we need to say thanks especially to those volunteers whose leadership and example has left a lasting positive impact on the program and the broader community. One way we do that is through nominating a Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award, the highest adult recognition a council can bestow. Take a few moments to reflect on volunteers within your unit or district and consider nominating them for the Silver Beaver Award.

**A detailed nomination form is available by clicking here and all nominations must be received by Friday, December 4, 2020.**

Completed nominations should be emailed to: awards@mayflowerbsa.org. The awards will be presented at the Council's Recognition Dinner to be held sometime in the Spring of 2021.

**Frequently asked questions about the Silver Beaver Award:**

## **Overview**

To recognize registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a council. The award is presented by the National Court of Honor on behalf of councils.

## **Who Can Earn This Award?**

Anyone may nominate any deserving registered Scouter to the council, which selects recipients for the following year. Each council may process their own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver awards presented each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.

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# **Headwaters Recharter Info 2020**

## **Rechartering time is here!**

Earlier this month every Unit's Committee Chair and Charter Organization Representative should have received an email with

your Unit's personal rechartering code. Using that code, you can follow the steps at Mayflower Council's Rechartering Webpage to begin this year's re-chartering.

**An important Note: The Mayflower Council Office in Milford MA is NOT available for unscheduled stop-ins. Please go to the link above for applications and paperwork that you need. If you need items from the Council office, please get in touch with Rob Hillman.**

**To begin:**

1. Make sure you have your Unit's code. If you do not see the email, please send an email to Headwaters to get in touch with our District Key 3 who can provide your specialized code.
2. Next: Make sure to select: BEGIN RECHARTERING FOR PACKS, TROOPS, CREWS, SHIPS & POSTS to start this year's rechartering. Once you have started it, you can use the other link to CONTINUE PREVIOUSLY STARTED PACK, TROOP, CREWS, SHIPS & POSTS, but for the first login this year, you must BEGIN.

Help From your Commissioners:

Our District Commissioner Corps has put together a plan and helpful documents to assist you and your Unit with this year's rechartering.

**Here is what is being provided:**

- Weekly Zoom opportunities to sit with Unit Commissioners and review re-charter documents
  - Click here to sign up for a Re-charter Review Zoom Meeting
- Drop off points in almost every town in the District for paperwork drop off/review
- 2 months of time to complete all necessary paperwork: Everything is Due by December 11th
- Guidance documents, Tutorials, and FAQs

- Program Activity Fee Waiver – a waiver form for families to fill out to waive the Mayflower Council Program Activity Fee (\$36 per Scout)
- Please review the PowerPoint below and click the link below to sign up for a Recharter Review Zoom meeting with a commissioner!
  - Click this link for the Headwaters Rechartering Process for 2020 PowerPoint PDF

Questions? Email: Headwaters

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# Headwaters October Roundtable Powerpoint

Hello Headwaters,

Thank you for joining our October 1st Roundtable.

The Agenda for our Roundtable is:

1. A fireside chat with our Council Key 3
2. Some discussion of Rechartering (opened for Unit Key 3 members on my.scouting.org as of October 1st)
3. Journey To Excellence
4. Youth Protection Training
5. Breakout sessions for Cub Scout Units, and Scouts BSA Troops/Venture Crews

You can follow along with our slideshow that we have included below!

October 1st Roundtable slides

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# **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.

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## **September Training Newsletter**

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## Pandemic Update

Mayflower Council suspended all in-person training courses in the spring. We'd love to be back out there delivering in-person training sessions all across the council now, but until the pandemic is under control, we're operating in a modified capacity to minimize risk to our participants, our trainers, and their families.

Right now, we offer two main avenues for training:

1. **Online training from the BSA:** It's available 24/7 at <https://my.scouting.org>. We know it's not as interactive as in-person training, but it's the most convenient option. Right now, it's also the safest.
  - o If you need to renew your **Youth Protection Training (YPT)**, this is the way to do it.
  - o You can complete **Position-Specific Training** (for the "Trained" patch) for almost every Scouting position through BSA online.
2. **Local webinars:** Our volunteer trainers are continuing to run a series of online training sessions. Please see the calendar at right, and check the weekly Mayflower Council news email for additions to the list. These sessions include:
  - o "Live" versions of certain **Position-Specific Training** courses. For example, we'll run basic training for Cub Scout leaders this fall. It's a good way to (virtually) meet fellow leaders, share ideas, and be able to ask questions.
  - o Webinars on **other timely topics of interest** (see "Scoutbook" training, for example).

There are a few things we can't do. For example, National does not allow us to create our own "webinar" versions of IOLS, BALOO, or YPT. IOLS and BALOO are outdoor camping skills courses where it's just not possible to achieve the learning objectives without a hands-on outdoor component. As for first aid training, we follow the policies of the American Red Cross, which still requires in-person skill verification to get (re)certified.

We are investigating whether we can run IOLS or BALOO later this fall. Obviously there would be many modifications in terms of numbers, facilities, equipment, and group teaching to be able to do it safely. A team of volunteers is currently reviewing whether it's possible to do this while staying true to the goals and requirements of the training. We're also following news from National (which is testing an IOLS "hybrid" course) and other nearby councils (some have canceled altogether; others are trying to plan limited fall offerings). We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we try to fulfill our mission without putting people at risk.

## Upcoming Online Opportunities



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

- Sept 3\*      New Member Coordinator Workshop
- Sept 8\*      Tips for Success with Scoutbook
- Sept 27\*     Cub Leader Position-Specific (Part 1 of 2)

Dates to be announced:

- Cub Leader Position-Specific (Part 2 of 2)
- "Be A Scout"/Membership Tools
- Den Chief Workshop (*maybe... working on it*)
- Merit Badge Counselor Training

## Changes to My.Scouting Interface... But Records Have Not Been Lost!

In late spring, the BSA rolled out some changes to the way you find training courses on My.Scouting. The point of this reorganization was to group individual training segments into a "learning plan" for each position, make it easier to find segments you still need to take (for example, Hazardous Weather isn't hidden in a different place like it used to be), and have credit carry over so you don't have to take the same segment twice for two different positions.

Many Scouters noticed that after this change, their "learning plans" did not list all their previous completions. We heard a lot of questions and concerns about this. Our contacts at National confirmed that this is a known problem, and they were not able to transfer all those completions when they made the switch. **But there's good news!** The training you took in the past **will** still show up on your official record—which is what really counts. Here's how to check your official record:

1. Go to <https://my.scouting.org>.
2. From the menu, choose "My Training."
3. Click "Completions."

We checked this for everyone who asked, and the official records still looked complete. The main case where this won't work is if you have two different My.Scouting accounts or member IDs that still need to be merged.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration: [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training)
- BSA online training: <https://my.scouting.org>
- Council training chair: Chris Lamie: [chris.lamie@gmail.com](mailto:chris.lamie@gmail.com)
- Staff contact: Kat Nussbaumer: [kat@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:kat@mayflowerbsa.org)

**EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!**

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# Swim Tests

Do you need your BSA Swim test? Join us at Camp Resolute or Camp Squanto. We have three dates available. Space is limited.

September 5th – 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

September 8th – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

September 9th – 5:30 – 7:00 pm

- Each registrant will be given a time slot in 15 min increments and must adhere to COVID restrictions.
- Please arrive on time and in your bathing suit, there are no changing areas.
- Be prepared to do your swim test and immediately exit the water, there is no free swim time.
- Please wear a mask at all times when not in the water and maintain social distancing.
- Upon arrival there will be a pre-screening of COVID related questions.

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and must be followed as listed below:

## SWIMMER'S TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the individual's head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke (elementary backstroke). The 100 yards must be swum continuously and

include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

#### BEGINNER'S TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the individual's head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to the starting place.

#### NON-SWIMMER TEST:

This is reserved for anyone that attempts one of the swim tests above and does not complete it to a satisfactory degree, subject to the test's administrator (Lifeguard or Scout Leader). Anyone who does not attend swim tests is automatically assigned a "Non-Swimmer" classification. Please do not sign up for these swim tests if you are planning to attempt a non-swimmer test, you will be sent home.

Guide to Safe Scouting; what do Swimmers vs Beginners vs Non-Swimmers do?

Guide to Safe Scouting online version

Age appropriate Guidelines for Scouting activities

Sign Up For Camp Resolute

Sign Up For Camp Squanto