

Last Chance Kickoff Meeting

You asked and we listened! We will hold one additional Trail's End popcorn kickoff meeting. The meeting will be on Monday, August 19, 6:30 – 7:30pm via video conference. You must sign up to receive your instructions to log into this video conference. A bonus incentive will be given to all that attend.

Sign Up To Attend

Would You Like To Receive Your Popcorn Early?

That is right! You can have your popcorn in hand on Wednesday, September 4th (Westborough) or Friday, September 6th (Plympton). Your unit can start selling earlier than everyone else. We need lots of volunteers (must be 18+) to help sort the popcorn to get ready for Saturday morning pickups. Commitment is from 1:00 – 4:00 pm on one of those days. We could also use a few hands on Saturday morning to help load cars. Please note, if you are helping at either warehouse, you will need to wear close toed shoes.

Sign Up To Help Sort

Fund Your Scouting Adventures?

One of the best fundraisers for a scout is selling Trail's End Popcorn. It teaches your Scout important life skills, it can fund their scouting adventures, earn college scholarship money, and earn great prizes for both scouts and units.

Need to learn more, contact your District Popcorn Kernel.

Sign Your Unit Up Here

Time To Place Your Order

Start planning what you are ordering for your biggest selling season! Orders for your Show N Sell are due no later than midnight on: ***Friday, August 23rd!***

If you need to see what you ordered last year, just log on to your trails-end.com account and change the date to view the 2018 selling campaign.

When placing your order please note the following quantities in each case:

Chocolate Lovers and Cheese Lovers = 1 per case

Kettle Corn and Unbelievable Butter = 6 per case

White Cheddar = 8 per case (this is a change from last year)

Chocolatey Caramel Crunch, Salted Caramel, Premium Caramel, Classic Caramel, and Popping Corn = 12 per case

Planning Your Next Den Meeting Just Got Easier

If you're a den leader, you're going to love the latest update to Scoutbook! The Boy Scouts of America's online tool for tracking Scouting advancement just rolled out a new update that's going to make it easier than ever for den leaders to prepare for and lead meetings, track advancement and attendance, and more.

New Headwaters Eagle Scouts – April-July 2019

Please join the Headwaters District Advancement team in congratulating the following Scouts on their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout with the completion of their Boards of Review in the months of April, May, June and July 2019:

Eagle Boards of Review

April

- William D. – Troop 1 Hopkinton
- McKay C. – Troop 51 Marlborough
- Owen O. – Troop 232 Ashland

May

- Derek L. – Troop 1 Northborough

- Samuel C. – Troop 382 Westborough

June

- Daniel D. – Troop 4 Hopkinton
- John R. – Troop 4 Hopkinton
- Luke B. – Troop 44 Mendon
- Andrew M. – Troop 44 Mendon
- Gregory E. – Troop 51 Marlborough
- Ethan K. – Troop 77 Hudson
- Jack B. – Troop 92 Southborough
- Bradley D. – Troop 100 Bellingham
- Joshua K. – Troop 101 Northborough
- Isaiah B. – Troop 126 Franklin
- Bailey C. – Troop 126 Franklin
- Joseph C. – Troop 126 Franklin
- Max C. – Troop 232 Ashland

July

- Patrick B. – Troop 4 Hopkinton
- Ethan K. – Troop 4 Hopkinton
- Jacob D. – Troop 112 Franklin
- Jordan K. – Troop 232 Ashland
- Monzer K. – Troop 232 Ashland
- Carl D. – Troop 382 Westborough

It is an honor and privilege to congratulate these exceptional Scouts for their achievement. As less than 5% of Scouts become Eagles, these are truly the best of the best, the most dedicated, and the most determined to succeed!

Congratulations!



Once an Eagle Scout, Always an Eagle Scout!

What's the intent of advancement requirements?

Several requirements along the trail to the Eagle Scout rank seem very straight-forward: demonstrate tying knots, participate in a flag ceremony, sleep in a tent you helped pitch, etc. However, there's depth to each and every task a Scout must perform.

Suggested Eagle Scout News

Release



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Mayflower Council
2 Mount Royal Avenue, Suite 100
Marlborough, MA 01752

Contact: (Full name, title)
(Office and home phone numbers)

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD TO BE PRESENTED

(Full name, age), of (address), has earned the highest advancement award offered by the Boy Scouts of America, the Eagle Scout Award. This achievement is reached by only four percent of all Scouts BSA.

(Last name) will be recognized in ceremonies on (day, date, and time) at the (location).

A member of (chartered organization, Troop #), (last name) is an exceptional scout, having served as (leadership position) and receiving (Scouting honors), according to Scoutmaster (full name).

Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully plan, design, and lead a service project benefiting the community, a religious institution, or a school in order to earn their Eagle; (last name) chose to (describe project).

(Last name) joins other outstanding American citizens who have become Eagle Scouts, among them former President Gerald R.

Ford, Jr., cinematographer Steven Spielberg, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, and over 40 U.S. astronauts.

(Last name) is a member of (religious institution) and is active in (school activities, i.e.: debate team, drama club, band, sports) at (name) High School, where (he/her) is a member of the class of (year).

(He/She) is the (son/daughter) of (parents) of (city).

(date)

(photo attached)

Eagle Letters of Recommendation Procedures

On your *Eagle Scout Rank Application*, you are asked to list a number of individuals that are willing to provide a recommendation for you as an Eagle Scout candidate. You should ask each of these individuals to write a brief letter on your behalf describing your worthiness to become an Eagle Scout.

You need to request letters from:

- Your parents;
- A teacher, guidance counselor, or staff member at your school;
- A religious reference from someone at your place of worship (if none, you must have your parents address in their letter how you meet your “Duty to God” and demonstrate “Reverence”, as you promise to do when you recite the Scout Oath and Law);
- An employer , if you have or had one; and

- Two (2) other people, who know you well.

When you ask someone to write you a letter, you should give that person a copy of the document entitled *Eagle Scout Reference Letter Request* and a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. The document should be used by your reference as guidance regarding the type of information being requested and the envelope is to be used for submitting the reference letter.

The pre-addressed, stamped envelope should be addressed as follows:

- In the upper left hand corner of the envelope (return address), provide the name and address of the person writing the letter.
- The envelope should be addressed to the advancement administrator of your Unit or other contact person designated by your Unit.
- In the lower left of the envelope, provide the words: "Eagle Recommendation For (insert YOUR NAME here)".

The Unit's advancement administrator, or other designated contact person, will retain the letters UNOPENED for delivery to the Eagle Scout rank board of review.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO ASK FOR THE LETTERS.

Mayflower Council – June 1, 2018



EAGLE SCOUT RECOMMENDATION LETTER REQUEST

The Scout below must appear soon before a "Board of Review" to satisfy the requirements for the highest rank in Scouting – Eagle Scout. You, who know them best, can supply evidence of his/her adherence to the Principles of Scouting in their daily

life. Please write a frank, confidential appraisal of the Scout's dependability, citizenship, leadership, and consideration of others. Your comments will be kept strictly confidential and will be seen, not by the Scout, but only by the members of the Board of Review. After completing your letter, please place it in the provided pre-addressed envelope and mail it.

Scout's name: _____ Phone

Using the four points listed below, please give your observations concerning the Scout. Feel free to add any other observations that you think are pertinent.

The **Scout Oath** or **Promise** and the **Scout Law** are the code of ethics by which a Scout strives to live.

Scout Oath or Promise

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my
Country and to obey the Scout Law;

to help other people at all times;

to keep myself physically strong, mentally aware, and morally
straight.

Scout Law

A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous,
kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

- Describe how well he/she puts into practice in their everyday life, the principles embodied in the Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law.
- Give information relating to his/her ability and willingness to accept and "follow through" on responsibilities.
- Describe his/her attitude relative to instruction and

criticism.

- What recommendations would you make to the Scout for improvement?

Thank you very much for taking the time to provide this letter of recommendation to us. The input of people like you is very helpful to the Board of Review as it considers the Scout's readiness to become an Eagle Scout.

Mayflower Council Advancement Committee

Service Project Proposal and Report

How to Prepare Your Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal and Report

The Beginning of the Trail:

It is recommended that the applicant use this instruction document as a personal checklist to ensure that the *Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal* has been properly prepared prior to its submission to the Eagle Scout Advancement Lead for your District.

- Use the current version of the "Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook" to complete your project. Any older versions are not accepted. The Workbook is a fillable PDF document. This will bring you to the National BSA website. Follow the directions To Download the PDF.

Important Note

It is strongly recommended that you first save the downloaded

form to your computer and then reopen it using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not follow this procedure, you may have difficulty inputting data to the form and/or saving the form for future exiting.

If you choose to print out a paper copy of the Workbook and fill out the information by hand, you must fill in the information in black or blue ink (no pencil). The Workbook must appear *exactly* as it does online.

- Read pages 2 through 6 and Proposal Page A before you start and then follow the directions here and throughout the Workbook. Do not submit these pages with the proposal.

Note that there is no minimum size to an Eagle Scout Service Project. Projects will be evaluated primarily on impact; that is, the extent of benefit to the beneficiary and the leadership to be provided by the Life Scout. There must also be evidence of planning and development.

- Decide on whether to have a “project coach”, recognizing that the BSA strongly recommends you do. If you decide to have a project coach, the person must be registered with the BSA (in any adult position) and be current in BSA Youth Protection training, and may come from the unit, District or Council level. For more information on project coaches see page 6 of the Workbook.

A project coach is just that – a coach. The coach’s role is to evaluate a plan and discuss strengths and weaknesses with the scout, the coach does not have the authority to dictate changes or withhold approval. If your Troop does not have an approved coach, email your District Eagle Scout Advancement Lead (email addresses are provided below).

The following Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal pages must be filled in and submitted to Mayflower Council for approval

prior to initiation of the work on the Project.

- **Proposal Cover:** Insert your name and a name for the Project.
- **Proposal Page B – Contact Information:** Fill in all the lines. For Your Council Service Center use: Mayflower Council, 83 Cedar Street, Milford, MA 01757. Phone: 1-508-872- 6551. For the “Council or District Project Approval Representative”, use the Council address and put the name and email address of the District Eagle Scout Advancement Lead for your District:

District Email

Cranberry Harbors:

cranberryharborsadvancement@mayflowerbsa.org

Headwaters: headwatersadvancement@mayflowerbsa.org

Metacomet: metacometadvancement@mayflowerbsa.org

Post Road: postroadadvancement@mayflowerbsa.org

Sachem: sachemadvancement@mayflowerbsa.org

- **Proposal Pages C through E – Proposal:** Read all instructions, fill in all sections and answer all questions. Include additional information (e.g. maps, diagrams, sketches, photos, etc.) if you believe it will help reviewers visualize the project.
- **Proposal Page E – Tour/Activity Plan:** Tour and Activity Plans are no longer required for Eagle Scout Service Projects.
- **Proposal Page E – Signatures:** Signatures are required of the Scout (see Candidate’s Promise on Proposal Page E), your Unit leader, your Unit Committee Chair or designee, and the representative of the beneficiary. When the beneficiary representative signs the Proposal, he/she must check the box confirming that you gave them the last two pages of the Workbook entitled: *Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project – Information for Project Beneficiaries*.
- After signatures have been secured, except for the

Council or District Approval, scan the Project Proposal pages (Cover and Pages B through E) to create a new PDF file and email this to your District Advancement email listed above under contact information. A member of the District Advancement team will contact you to schedule a time to meet to discuss the Project Proposal. After the District Advancement Lead signs the Proposal, You can begin the Project.

If the Project Proposal is not approved, you will receive information stating the reasons for that decision and suggestions for revisions that will render the Proposal acceptable.

- **Fundraising Application:** It is recommended that you file a Fundraising Application with your Eagle Project Workbook, even if money or material contributions come only from yourself, your parents or relatives, your scouting unit or its chartered organization, parents or members in your scouting unit, or the project beneficiary. Please make sure you have discussed the fundraising process with your unit leader and especially the beneficiary since you may be raising money in the name of the beneficiary. More information about Eagle Service Projects and fundraising can be found [here](#).

Continuing on the Trail:

- **Final Plan Cover and Pages A through E:** Prepare a Final Plan for the project. This section is very important for planning and organizing the Project. Though not subject to anyone's approval, the more effort you put into addressing the items listed in this section, the easier the Project will be to implement. Remember, you will be asking others to volunteer to assist you in carrying out the Project – they will expect you to be prepared. It is recommended that you share the Final Plan with your project coach or Unit leader so they can give advice to

help you organize the Project.

- **Project Report Pages Cover through Page C:** This section is your final report on the Project. Provide written responses to all questions after the Project is completed.

Keep detailed records of the Project, from start to finish. Record what you did and when, every time you work on the Project, including your planning. All hours expended working on the Project should be included in the Table provided on Project Report Page B. Complete all sections of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook prior to the date of your 18th birthday.

- **Project Report Page C – Signatures:** Sign the Candidate's Promise on Project Report Page C and secure the signatures of your Unit leader and representative of the beneficiary. Note: All signatures must be dated prior to the date of the Scout's 18th birthday.
- Complete an Eagle Scout Rank Application Form per the instructions provided in the document entitled *"How to Complete and Submit Your Eagle Scout Application Form"*. This document is available online at the Mayflower Council website (www.mayflowerbsa.org).

Additional Information on the Eagle Scout Rank can be found in Section 9 of the "Guide to Advancement". This is available online at www.scouting.org.

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