

BSA Background Check Update – Additional Info

This week the National Council sent out an email about BSA's efforts to strengthen our youth protection practices by requiring periodic background re-checks for adult leaders. We want to clarify what is needed from you, and how this will be handled in our Mayflower Council.

- **Every registered leader needs to review, sign, and turn in** the "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization" form in order to renew their membership for next year.
- **If your primary registration is with a unit**, please give the form with your original signature to your unit leader who will submit it with the recharter paperwork.
- **If your primary registration is NOT with a unit**, please give the form with your original signature to your district executive, mail it to the Marlborough Service Center, 2 Mount Royal Avenue – Suite 100, Marlborough, MA 01752 or you may email it to membership@mayflowerbsa.org.

FAQ on the background check disclosures & authorization form

POPtuber Is Here

WEEKLY DRONE



GIVE-AWAY

Now is the time to DRONE up some online business! We will be giving away a drone to our weekly highest online seller in each of the 5 districts! That is 5 drones per week!

STARTS TODAY!

Be the highest online seller in your district, during the dates listed below and you will receive an email stating you are the winner. We will list your unit, number, and first name on our facebook account, MayflowerPOP and on Mayflowerbsa.org/popcorn.

If you haven't set up your account, there is still time to do so. It will only take 10 minutes.

Click on the picture to download the flyer

Poptober

WEEKLY DRONE GIVE-AWAY!

Now is the time to DRONE up some online business! We appreciate how dedicated you are and we would like to recognize our highest online sellers. *One winner in each of the 5 districts will win a drone!*

If you have not set up your account yet, it's very simple to do.



Create Your Online Fundraising Page

It takes less than 10 minutes to register, personalize your Scout page, and start selling. www.trails-end.com/registration



Share with Family and Friends

Our built-in sharing capabilities via email, social, and text message make sharing easier than pitching a tent.



Receive Support

Family and friends visit your fundraising page, where the average order value is \$65, and place orders on your behalf.



Track Your Online Fundraising Orders

See who's supported your fundraiser, send them thank you emails, and request additional support.

Contest Dates:

Week 1: Wednesday, Oct 9 thru Tuesday, Oct 15 - Winner announced: Wednesday, Oct 16
Week 2: Wednesday, Oct 16 thru Tuesday, Oct 22 - Winner announced: Wednesday, Oct 23
Week 3: Wednesday, Oct 23 thru Tuesday, Oct 29 - Winner announced: Wednesday, Oct 30
Week 4: Wednesday, Oct 30 thru Tuesday, Nov 5 - Winner announced: Wednesday, Nov 6
Surprise winners being announced on Oct 9. Current highest online seller in each district.

Winners will be notified via email. All winners will be posted on www.mayflowerbsa.org/popcorn and [MayflowerPOP facebook](#).

New Headwaters Eagle Scouts – September 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 Board of Review in August 2019:

- Andrew D. – Troop 1 Hopkinton
- Carson B. – Troop 2 Marlborough
- Michael O. – Troop 126 Franklin
- Isaac T. – Troop 101 Northborough
- Ben S. – Troop 99 Franklin
- Garrett G. – Troop 1 Southborough

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!

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October Training Newsletter

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Get Trained!



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

Scout Leader Skills

Oct 5**	Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Braintree)
Oct 19-20**	IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Wrentham)
Oct 26**	Cub Leader Training Fest (Hingham)
Oct 26**	Den Chief Training (Hingham)
Nov TBD*	Troop Committee Position-Spec. (Weymouth)
Nov 2**	Venturing Leader Training Fest (Norwood)
Nov 2-3**	BALOO for Cub Leaders (Plymouth)
Nov 9**	Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Hudson)
Nov 9**	Troop Committee Position-Specific (Hudson)
Nov 9**	Den Chief Training (Hudson)
Nov 16**	Tread Lightly Trainer Training (Hudson)
Dec 7**	Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Foxboro)
Dec 7**	Den Chief Training (Foxboro)
Jan 4**	Scoutmaster Position-Spec. (Framingham area)

First Aid

Oct 15**	CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Oct 19-20**	Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
Nov 12**	CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Nov 19**	Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
Nov 23**	CPR/AED (Canton)
Dec 7**	CPR/AED (Foxboro)

New Dates for BALOO

Due to the EEE threat, we postponed the overnight BALOO training course scheduled for October 5-6. The new date will be November 2-3 at Camp Squanto in Plymouth. Registration is open until October 28. This is a great chance to boost your camping skills in a fun, hands-on environment. When your pack goes camping, at least one leader on the trip must be BALOO trained.

Tread Lightly! Training

Join us on November 16 for Tread Trainer: a workshop we offer once a year to focus on outdoor ethics in relation to motorized recreation. Participants will gain knowledge to recreate responsibly and teach others. Register by November 3!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration: www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- BSA online training: <https://my.scouting.org>
- Council training chair: Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
- Staff contact: Rick Riopelle: rick@mayflowerbsa.org

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!

Recognition Knots



We recognize our Scouts for their achievements... Let's recognize our adult leaders, too! Registered leaders are eligible to receive the Den Leader, Cubmaster/ Scoutmaster, or Scouter (any position) training knots after becoming trained for their positions, serving for a certain period of time, and completing a few additional requirements. Here's how to do it:

1. Find the requirements. Go to www.scouting.org/training/adult and scroll down to "Training Awards" near the bottom.
2. Complete the requirements, fill out the form, and get it signed (usually by your unit committee chair).
3. Send the signed form to awards@mayflowerbsa.org. It will be routed to your district training chair for review and approval. You can also give the form directly to your district training chair.
4. Tell us when you'd like to receive your knot. Some leaders like to get their knots at a district roundtable or the annual district dinner, but we can also give the knot to the unit to present at a pack/troop/crew event.

Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Crew Advisors can also receive the Unit Leader Award of Merit knot. See requirements and instructions at www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/unit-leader.

Kickoff for All Cub Leaders!

Join us in Hingham on October 26 for our second Cub Scout Leader Training Festival! This event includes training, resources to save you a trip to the office, and activities for youth while their parents get trained. Pre-registration is appreciated. Lunch is \$5; the rest is free!

Morning session (8:30-12:30):

- Position-specific training for your role (Den Leader, Cubmaster, or Committee Member). This is part of the requirements to earn the "Trained" patch. We're following the new four-hour national curriculum.
- A variety of 1-hour workshops for people who've already taken position-specific training. Register now to tell us what specific topics you'd like us to include!

Afternoon session (12:30-2:00):

- Supplemental position-specific training for anyone who wants to be covered for additional positions.
- Additional workshops on topics of interest.

Resolute 100th Anniversary Camporee Update

*Message from the Camp Resolute 100th Anniversary
Camporee Chair*

Thank you all for registering your units for the Camp Resolute 100th Anniversary Camporee. As most of you are already aware, the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus remains a serious concern in Massachusetts.

There is a strong possibility due to the danger of the virus, and presence of a healthy mosquito population at Camp Resolute, participation at the 100th Camporee may be limited to a Saturday only event. The organizers believe this would be a prudent compromise in the event Camp Resolute does not experience a frost prior to the date of the event. Participants should be aware that the town of Bolton's risk level has been assessed as "moderate" by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Obviously this is not an ideal situation, but all of the activities are currently scheduled for Saturday and while removing the overnight component of the outing would be disappointing, we believe the program will still be top-notch. There may be minor schedule changes necessary such as moving the scheduled campfire to a bit earlier, but that aside, all of the program activities, awards, contests, and fun will still occur.

We will continue to monitor the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus situation and update as new information becomes available. Even as a day only event, the "Camporee" promises to be a wonderful celebration of Camp Resolute history and a

great time for your Scouts.

Gary Bernklow

Camp Resolute 100th Anniversary Camporee Chair

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An Update on Scouting Registration Fees

As a valued member of our Mayflower Council Scouting family, we know we owe it to you to be transparent and communicate information we receive promptly.

Late Tuesday afternoon, the National Council informed us that registration fees for the Scouting program will increase effective January 1, 2020. This change is primarily due to increasing liability insurance costs associated with delivering a quality program across the country.

While we do not know the exact amount, the National Council committed to having the amount finalized in the next six weeks, once the National Board reviews the recommendations from a task force of volunteers and professionals assigned to review this matter. Unfortunately, this change will impact registration fees to be collected at rechartering.

We sincerely apologize for the timing and the inability to convey the amount of the new registration fee at this time, but felt compelled to quickly communicate what we learned as soon as we learned it. We recognize the timing of this fee increase creates challenges as units have already begun collecting fees for their 2020 registration renewal process.

Thank you for all you do to support and deliver Scouting to the youth of the Mayflower Council.

Yours in Scouting,

Michael Rotar
Council President

Bryan Feather
Scout Executive / CEO

Mark Niedzielski
Council Commissioner

Registration Fee Frequently Asked Questions Document

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- Justin D. – Troop 126 Franklin

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Upcoming Overnight Training Events Cancelled

Important message from the Mayflower Council Training Team

Because of the ongoing concern over the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus, the Council Training Team will NOT be running the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course that was scheduled for September 27-28 at Camp Resolute or the Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation (BAL00) course

that was scheduled for October 5-6 at Camp Squanto.

Overnight camping and outdoor activities are an integral part of the required curriculum for both of these training courses, and after considering the long-range weather forecast, the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) risk map, and feedback from many sources, we determined that we're not comfortable with the risk that these activities pose. Mayflower Council Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Virus Information post.

For now, we're keeping the October 19-20 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course in Wrentham open, as there's a better chance of a mosquito-killing frost before 10/19.

We will re-evaluate the risk as we get closer to the course dates.

Course directors will notify registered participants for the September Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and October Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) courses and provide options for rescheduling.

We will add capacity to the October 19-20 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course and look for a later date for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO). We will also offer these courses again in the spring. Paid participants (those from out of council) can receive full refunds. We apologize for the inconvenience but appreciate your understanding as we seek to take reasonable precautions to keep all members of our Scouting family safe.

Please contact Lisa Olson if you would like to reschedule your September Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) to the October 19th date.

Refund Request

Need More Popcorn

Didn't order quite enough popcorn? Are your Scouts goals higher than you planned? Are you Scouts doing such a great job that you need more popcorn? We have you covered! We will get you what you need to help your Scouts reach their goals!

Please fill out the attached form and let us know what you need.

Additional Product Order Form

September 2019 Roundtable Flyers

The handouts from this month's Roundtable meeting:

Shadow Box Form

Scouting For Food

Camp Resolute – 100th Anniversary Camporee

Philmont 2020

Training Newsletter

Webelos Woods

Sachem Fall Camporee