

# January Roundtable Topic: High Adventure

While almost everybody in Scouting knows about the four High Adventure Bases; Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, Sea Base, and the Summit, there are many other “lesser known High Adventure” opportunities for Units, and they may be closer than you think!

Scoutmaster from Troop 1 Northborough and Headwaters District Chair George Brenckle put together a presentation for our January Roundtable that talked about what to consider when planning a Scouts BSA trip. Have you thought about the process of choosing a High Adventure Trip? Is it going to be across the country or up the road? Is it going to happen this summer or next year? How far in advance should planning start? How about your budget, what kind of trip can you do that won't break the bank?

We shared ideas at Roundtable in an effort to start thinking outside the box when it comes to exciting program for our Scouts. There are plenty of adventures in Massachusetts state parks as well as through Boy Scout Councils in neighboring states.

Click the link to check out our High Adventure PDF to see the topics that sparked our conversations:

High Adventure is for Everybody

If your Pack or Troop has a cool trip or a fun activity that you are proud of, we want to hear about it! Post your pictures and adventure stories to our Facebook group: Headwaters District or email to [headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org) to have it posted here on our District Webpage!

Also: check out our fliers from the January Roundtable here including one for upcoming information days about going to Philmont in 2020!

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## Location Change – January Roundtable

The location of the January 8, 2019 Post Road Roundtable has changed! For this month **only** the location has been changed to the Weston United Methodist Church.

The focus for January will be the free release of Scoutbook and Journey to Excellence for 2019.

Tuesday January 8, 2019

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Weston United Methodist Church

377 North Ave., Weston, MA 02493

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## 2018 Silver Beaver Recipients

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not seek it.

We are extremely proud of our 2018 Silver Beaver Award recipients. They are shining examples of Scouting service in our Council!



**James Green**

Scouting exists because people step forward when there is need. Jim is one of these tireless soles that always keeps his thoughts on ensuring the scouts are having fun; although you might have to remind him where to be and when.

Jim has tried to fill in where needed and make sure youth get a chance to participate. When Old Colony Council's Day Camp had no physician, he filled in, serving for 5 years. When the camp lost its location, as a member of the recreation board, he secured a location for the camp in Foxborough. When the day camp director suddenly had to leave, Jim agreed to fill in and attended the last National Camp School class 48 hours later.

Recognizing that the Foxborough Charter School had no Scouting programs he spoke to parents about forming units. When parents explained that evening program was difficult, he created a pack, troop, and crew that met as after school programs. Jim Green currently serves as Scoutmaster to Troop 314 and Advisor to Crew 314 at the Foxborough Charter School.

He continues to serve in several positions – Mayflower Council Board member, Council STEM/Nova Chair, Health Officer, and Unit Commissioner. He also serves on the committees for Pack 70 – is the former cubmaster, and member of Troop 7's committee.

Jim has been the Chair of the Board of Education and the Temple Executive Board at the Temple Beth Emunah in Easton for

nearly 2 decades. During that time, he worked with the school director on grants for special needs education resulting in the only special needs religious school on the Massachusetts South Shore. Jim also created an outdoor program that encouraged youth to camp in the summer and pursue studies in the outdoors.

As a Temple Board member, he helped on 3 merger negotiations, construction of a new temple, and recruitment of three religious leaders.

On the Foxborough Recreation Board he is liaison for service projects and forest and trail use. During his tenure Camp Saint Augustine was refurbished to provide an outdoor recreation, meeting space, and day camp facility.

Jim has worked to preserve Foxborough's forest and conservation lands as part of the Recreation Board, State Forest Trails Committee and Friends of Saint Augustine Board. This resulted in new trails, a hiking map, a digital detailed map, new bridges, restoration of historic sites, clean-up of polluted areas, and a new nature education center. At the recommendation of his town he was selected by the Mass Keystone Project in 2015 for training through U Mass and Harvard University's Forest Research Center in forest conservation and community relations. He has served as a Keystone Coordinator for 4 years.

Jim attended Wesleyan University where he fell for Chery who has been his wife of 26 years. They have a son, Mitchell who attained the rank of Eagle.

## **Ian Johnson**



Ian is a substantial contributor to Scouting in Westborough, serving as Cubmaster to Pack 100, Committee member for Troop and Pack 100. He has served at the unit level as a Webelos Leader and Assistant Scoutmaster.

Ian has been active on the Knox Trail Executive Board and the Mayflower Executive Board. He has also provided leadership for council activities including the Committee for Merger that resulted in the Mayflower Council. Ian has served on the Investment Committee, Development Committee, and Golf Committee at the Knox Trail and Mayflower Councils.

Ian has been a community leader in Westborough for many years. He participates on the Annual Westborough Good Scout Committee and has served as its chair. He has also served ten years on the Town of Westborough Advisory Finance Committee and has held elected office as a member of the Board of Selectmen in Westborough, since 2011, has served as its Chair, and has also served on other critical Town committees.

He is graduated from Westborough High School in 1985, and in addition to earning an undergraduate degree at Eckerd College in 1989, he received a master's of science in finance degree from Boston College. He is on the Board of Trustees, the Investment, Finance, Executive & Student Committees and the ad hoc athletics working group for Eckerd College. He and his wife, Maureen, have endowed a Memorial Scholarship at Eckerd College, in memory of his mother, Penelope Ellis.

He is also a member of the executive committee for Rangers on Track and organization that was created to upgrade the outdoor sports facilities at Westborough High School.

Ian has served as a youth soccer coach from 2012 to 2016.

Ian is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Member in the Order of The Arrow and served as a Lodge Chief as a youth.

Ian is a Senior Vice President – Alternative Investments at Fidelity Investments. He and his wife Maureen, who have recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, live in his hometown of Westborough and are raising a son, Liam, who is a Scout with Troop 100.

He has provided wise and thoughtful leadership to the Council through his roles as a Board Member, Member of the Merger Study Committee, Chair of the Budget Committee, and most recently as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.



## **Michael Josti**

Michael understands Scouting, indeed, learning from his grandfather, father, and mother. Mike is a third-generation scout and his son Troy is the fourth generation. His scouting career started 39 years ago as a Wolf Cub in Pack 146 Shrewsbury and he hasn't stopped since. Mike earned the Arrow of Light in 1981 and became an Eagle Scout in 1986.

He served as Lodge Chief to the Pachachaug Lodge and later Section Chief. He is a Vigil member of the OA. Mike served on staff for JLT-Greenbar Training and two Woodbadge courses. He attended NE-1-156 and is a member of the Fox Patrol.

Anyone who knows Mike, knows how much time that he invests in

this program. His commitment to Scouting is driven by one real desire, providing a quality program for the youth. He is not in it for the fame and glory. He is a true scouter. It is because of that level of dedication to Scouting, his family, and his job as a State Trooper, there is little time for anything else.

He is a graduate of University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and earned a BA in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice and is currently working on his master's degree. He served as director at a YMCA Camp in Chesterfield, Virginia.

Returning to MA to work at Eastern Mountain Sports as a shift supervisor and inventory specialist. He was recruited to the Nimat District Committee as the Activities Chairman and he and his wife Christine started Explorer Post 5 in Worcester, MA.

He was asked to join the constituent services staff of the 2nd Worcester, MA District State Senator and Minority Whip and later interviewed with the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and accepted a position as the Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor focusing on compliance with federal and state detention statutes and regulations.

Mike was accepted to the 75th Recruit Training Troop of the Massachusetts State Police in June of 2000. Graduated as a Trooper in December 2000. He worked as a uniformed patrol member at both the Foxboro and Revere Barracks before working at State Police General Headquarters in the Research and Development Section. He competed for one-of-27, part-time/on-call slots on the Special Operations-Underwater Recovery Team in the summer of 2002 and became the Team's equipment officer shortly afterwards. certified Emergency Response Dive Instructor for the Dive Team and is a founding member of the North-East State Police Dive Team Commanders' Coalition. In the summer of 2018, the State Police assigned him to the new Division of Homeland Security and Preparedness as they again stood up an incident management assistance team.

He works with aquatics staff and he willing dons his Trooper uniform to address camp staff about being safe and not doing stupid things when they are on nights out at both Camp Resolute and Camp Squanto.

As his son Troy became older, he became a Cubmaster of Pack 66 and later the Scoutmaster of Troops 44 and 192 in Norwell and is currently registered as a committee member with Sea Scout Ship 323. He has served as a Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Post Advisor, and in several district committee positions including Roundtable Commissioner.

Michael and his wife Christine are raising two children, Hope and Troy who is an Eagle Scout.



**Michael Rotar**

Michael Rotar has a life-long legacy with Scouting. During the Great Depression, Mike's father was forced to withdraw from Cub Scouts because his family could not afford to pay his dues. His father committed that he would provide his family with the opportunity to participate in Scouting. As a result, Mike joined Cub Scouts at age 8 and stayed involved in Scouting until he turned 18. At age 12 he became one of the youngest in the U.S. to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Mike also enjoyed earning merit

badges and earned 75 and three silver Eagle palms before timing out. He attended the 1985 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia which included surviving the approaching Hurricane Bob, hearing the Beach Boys and waiting all day in line for a bag from a new company called Apple.

As an adult, Mike has a rich history of serving in various leadership roles in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In California, he served as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster in multiple troops chartered by the Church. Mike also served as the congregation's Young Men President from 2005 to 2009 working side-by-side with youth and was instrumental in helping many young men attain the rank of Eagle Scout. In his spare time, he coordinated Scouting for Food (2005-2008) and helped organize countless overnights.

After moving to Massachusetts in 2009, it didn't take long before Mike was involved again with Scouting as an Assistant Scoutmaster (2011-2013) with Troop 156 Weston. He served in Troop 156 as an active committee member from 2011- present and it was in this unit that Mike's son, Brennan, earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2015. In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, Mike began serving in the Boston Stake Young Men's Presidency in 2013 and served faithfully as President from 2014-2017. With his love of service and helping others, he encouraged Pack/Troop 156 to support Scouting for Food and served from 2011-2017 as the unit coordinator.

In 2012, Mike attended Wood Badge participating in course N1-330-12-2 and officially adopted the buffalo as his critter. Mike later served as staff on Wood Badge course N1-330-14-1 as a Troop Guide and N1-330-16-1 as Assistant Scoutmaster Troop Guides. Mike encouraged many to participate in Wood Badge and share in his love of learning how to more effectively serve and lead others.

In 2015, Mike joined the Knox Trail Council Executive Board on the Development Committee. In 2016, he played a key role in exploring the potential to merge with another council and developing and executing a successful plan to merge with Old Colony Council into the Mayflower Council. He became the first Executive Vice President of Mayflower Council in 2017 and assumed the role of Council President in January 2018.

Michael has worked in the retail industry for 25 years. He moved his family from California to Massachusetts in 2009 when he joined The TJX Companies as Vice President/Divisional Merchandise Manager. Currently Mike is an executive over Planning and Allocation with HomeGoods/Homesense out of the TJX corporate office in Framingham, MA.

He has been married to his wife Elisha for over 20 years. They live in Sudbury with their two children, Brennan (age 18) and Cambria (age 14) who both attend school at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.



**David Thomson**

Dave has been married to his wife Melissa for 27 years. They raised two daughters, Molly and Madison. Molly is a high school senior and will study culinary arts next fall at Johnson and Wales and Madison is completing her degree in Nursing at UMass Boston. Dave coach both girls' athletic teams and served as the President of Madison's USA Swimming swim club for three years.

Moose has continued to give back to the Boy Scout program over the years by serving on the National Camping Schools Staff as an aquatic's instructor for 29 years working at camp schools throughout the North East Region. Dave proudly worked on the staff at Camp Resolute for 16 years starting in the aquatics area, then as assistant aquatics director, aquatics director, program director, and the last six as Camp Director. Dave even work for the Girl Scouts as an aquatic's director for four years at Camp Virginia.

Dave currently serves as president of the Camp Resolute Alumni Association, and recently joined the Board of the Mayflower Council as the VP for Membership & Relationships. He serves as the Chair to the council's Aquatics Sub-Committee and makes himself available at camp opening to help with aquatics staff development. He was also the Regional Aquatics Program contact for councils.

Dave received the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award in 2018, his Eagle Scout in 1982, and received the Order of the Arrow's Vigil Honor in 1986.

However, being nominated for the Silver Beaver isn't just about one's contribution to scouting. Dave is a professional educator and has been shaping the minds of young people since he graduated from Framingham State in 1989. He has been a teacher, a Middle School Principal, Assistant School Superintendent, and now Superintendent of the Norwood School System. Dave was voted Massachusetts Middle School Principal of the year in 2010.

He has served as President of the of the Massachusetts Secondary School Principals Association (2009- 2010, and served as a member of the Executive board of MSSAA for 10 years. He also was elected to serve as a board member for the National Association of Secondary School Principals for four years. He is an active member of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, as well as the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

His commitment to the education of our children is ever present in what he does. Dave has served as an Adjunct Professor at Worcester State teaching methodology and meeting the needs of diverse learners, as well as the American International College teaching courses in Curriculum, Math Instructional Methodology, and Integration of Technology in education. It has been important that he share his perspectives on education with others.

Dave received his Doctorate in education leadership in 2013 and which focused on the new evaluation system used by the commonwealth for its teachers.

David truly exemplifies the exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish dedication and interest to support his community, youth, and Scouting.

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## **HEADWATERS JANUARY ROUNDTABLE HANDOUTS**

If your Unit was not able to attend our January 3rd Roundtable, do not worry. We are making all the event flyers, training newsletters and other information available!

Click [here](#) for PDF of all January Roundtable Handouts

Our January Roundtable featured:

- Upcoming Klondike Derby in February
- Summer Camp Opportunities for Packs and Troops
- Breakout sessions for Packs to discuss what makes a good Blue and Gold Dinner and Troops to learn about opportunities for Youth Leadership Training
- District leadership and Commissioners remind everyone to reach out if you have any rechartering questions or paperwork to turn in. To get in touch email: [Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org)
- Our Chapter of the Order of the Arrow, Taunkacoo Chapter, held their Chapter meeting

Questions, comments, or ideas for the District's leadership?

Send an Email to: [Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org)

Our next District Roundtable will be:

February 7th at 7:00 pm

at Milford High School Class Rooms (not the cafeteria this Month)

31 W Fountain St  
Milford, MA 01757

# January Training Newsletter

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### Training News January 2019

**Starting a Girl Troop? Get Trained!**  
Training is the key to understanding the risk involved and using it to your advantage, and a successful and safe troop. There's a great training program in place to serve the needs of new Girl Troops, as the requirements are really the same as for leaders of Boy Troops.

- Every adult leader must be Youth Protection trained
- To be considered "trained," Board members and Assistant Scoutmasters must take OMA/SA Proctor Specific Training and PFT (one of its sessions), OSA (training session), and Hazards Mitigation (online)
- Troop Committee members and head Eagle Scouters should take their own version of PFT, available online. See below for a list of Troop Committee PFT at Merit Badge University of BSA.

To learn more, visit our "Quick Guide" at [www.scoutsusa.org/girls](http://www.scoutsusa.org/girls). Let's get all our new troops started on the right path to success!

**District Committee Training Workshop: January 12 in Mansfield**  
If you're part of your district committee, you've probably "learned" for your position, understood your role on the committee, done some work independently from other districts, and learn what resources are available to help us through our district. This BSA training session offers the best way to do it in person. Visit it after the training of at least one more time in the 2nd half of 2019 to be announced in the eastern portion of our council.

**Training Recognition Coming Soon!**  
As a parent, we'll be awarding your child and leader awards to units who get 100%, 75%, or 50% of their leaders to complete Cadet training for the "Trainee" award. Visit website for the results for the leaders who appear on your team 2019 chart. That means we need to visit for leaders to get processed. We're focused on recognizing many packs, troops, and crews in February!

**Take Your Training to the Next Level at the Philmore Training Center**  
Did you know in addition to backpacking, Philmore Scout Camp is now offering a variety of BSA's national training center? It offers a wide range of sessions on new topics and new successful training programs. Visit [www.philmoretainingcenter.org](http://www.philmoretainingcenter.org) for a list of sessions 2019 sessions. Consider signing up!

**New Training: Intro to Backpacking**  
Are you interested in building your leadership skills to prepare for an upcoming trip? **Registration is now open for our new "Introduction to Backpacking" session on April 20th!** For just \$10 (the cost of a tent stake), we'll give you ample hands-on training to build your confidence and confidence to those leading on or trail camping.

**Upcoming In-Person Training**  
\*\* registration required \*\* \*\* online registration open \*\*  
\*\* youth board train \*\* \*\* training requirements for adults \*\*

**Scout Leader Skills**

Jan 12	Scoutmaster Proctor-Specific (online)
Jan 12	District Committee Training (onsite)
Feb 07	Scoutmaster Proctor-Specific (online)
Feb 07	Scoutmaster Proctor-Specific (onsite)
Mar 10	Troop Committee Proctor-Specific (online)
Mar 10	OSL Leader Position Specific (online)
Apr 07	OSL for Scouts BSA (onsite)
Apr 07	OSL for Scouts BSA (online)
Apr 21-28	Intro to Backpacking (onsite)
Apr 21-28	Scoutmaster Proctor-Specific (onsite)
May 01	Dan Cook Training course (on)
May 18-19	BAU for OSA (onsite)
May 18-19	Leave No Trace (onsite)
Jun 16-20	YOUTH LEAD Training (PFT) (onsite)
Aug 19-20	Scoutmaster Proctor-Specific (PFT) (onsite)

**First Aid**

Jan 12	CPR/AED (online)
Jan 12	Introduction and Review First Aid (onsite)
Feb 07	CPR/AED (online)
Feb 07	Introduction and Review First Aid (onsite)
Feb 20	Red Cross First Aid (onsite)
Mar 27	Red Cross First Aid (onsite)
Mar 27	CPR/AED (online)
Mar 27	CPR/AED (online)
Mar 27	Introduction and Review First Aid (onsite)
Mar 27	Red Cross First Aid (onsite)
Apr 14	Introduction and Review First Aid (onsite)

More first aid opportunities in April and beyond.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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**EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINING (LACERS)**

# IT WAS SO COLD-Troop 1 Northborough's NH Trip

It was cold.

*How cold was it?*

It was so cold that when we made scrambled eggs, the eggs froze in the bowl before we could scramble them. We had to put the bowl in a pan of warm water to keep them liquid until we could cook them.

That said, the eggs and the sausage were delicious. You just had to eat really, really fast before they got cold.

We shortened the trip and came home on Saturday. But that was after sleeping out on Friday night with a low temperature of 6 degrees Fahrenheit. Everyone managed to stay reasonably warm and was pretty well prepared. But it's always a challenge when your water freezes before you can use it.

Greg, Kaz, Satoshi, Ken, Calvin, Michael, Landen, Jared, Colin, Ben, and Will all showed they could deal with some pretty harsh conditions, and that is what it is all about. They all stretched themselves and succeeded. They all demonstrated the Scout Motto – Be Prepared! I suspect that not many young men of 12 to 17 would be nearly as successful given the same conditions. In fact, probably not many modern adults would be as successful either.

And I guess we can be thankful that we are not living in 17th or 18th century New England where Friday night and Saturday morning would have been just that – a “normal” Friday and Saturday. Instead we got to get back into our warm cars, drive home and take hot showers. You never appreciate modern technology as much as when you come home from a winter camping trip.

Our Scouts rated the trip pretty high despite the cold (although all were in support of the decision to cut it shorter than planned) and all indicated a desire to learn more about winter camping and winter hiking.

A big thank you to Kevin Conway, Tim Howe, Tim Wig, and Ted Newman for braving the elements with our Scouts and driving.

-Mr. George Brenckle

PS – It was fun watching the outside temperature go from the single digits up to 27 degrees as we drove south back into balmy Massachusetts!

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## **Christmas Holiday Council Service Hours**

The Marlborough and Canton Service Centers will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th in honor of Christmas.

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## **Shadow Box Program**

A special opportunity exists to help support the capital development of our Camps, which provide facilities and programs for youth and adult members of our Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Exploring Programs.

Shadow Boxes are available for sponsorship by units for hanging unit plaques, pictures, ribbons, etc. in the dining centers. Plaques maximum size of (6" x 20") will be hung by hook and eye (see photo). A plate will be affixed to the box with your units number and town.

See the Shadow Box Form for more details.

Purchase Your Shadow Box Now

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***A letter from Bryan Feather, Scout Executive/CEO, Mayflower Council, BSA***

To: Mayflower Council, BSA Scouting Community

Re: Update to Wall Street Journal News Article- December 13, 2018

Earlier this week, the Wall Street Journal printed a news Article titled:

*Boy Scouts of America Considers Bankruptcy Filing Amid Sex-Abuse Lawsuits.... Nonprofit has hired law firm Sidley Austin for assistance in a possible chapter 11 bankruptcy filing*

**Please note- this article is about the National BSA (BSA) and not the Mayflower Council, Inc.**

In a communication released yesterday, BSA reaffirmed its focus on keeping children safe and delivering our nation's foremost program of character development and values-based leadership training. For a copy of that statement, [click here](#)

BSA stated its commitment to the social and moral responsibility to fairly compensate victims who suffered abuse

during their time in Scouting, and the deep care and concern for all victims of child sex abuse and the proactive steps to help victims heal and prevent future abuse. BSA stresses that at no time in BSA history has the organization knowingly allowed a sexual predator to work with youth and will always seek to act swiftly when alerted to abuse allegations.

**In a conference with all Local Council Scout Executives, BSA committed to communicate transparently and stated there are no imminent actions or immediate decisions expected by BSA in light of the Wall Street Journal news story. In other words, the BSA has NOT filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. The BSA has hired a law firm to advise and work with the BSA on matters related to litigation amid Sex-Abuse Lawsuits.**

I have assembled a few items of information from a Mayflower Council perspective that may be helpful while considering the news story.

- The strength of Scouting for over 100 years has been its local domain. Each Scouting Unit (Troop, Pack, Crew, Post) is owned by its chartered partner which is typically a place of worship, service club, community organization or educational institution. Each local Scout Council is incorporated in the specific state where it operates.
- The Mayflower Council, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) entity incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Our Camps, Volunteer Service Center, bank funds and investments are owned or controlled solely by the Mayflower Council, Inc. Contributions and funds provided to the Mayflower Council, Inc. stay in this area and are used to support program delivery in the 62 cities and towns we serve.
- The nature of the relationship for a local Council with the national BSA organization is that our Council is the holder of a charter to conduct the Boy Scouts of America programs in our defined territory.

- The Mayflower Council continues to offer Scouting and Learning for Life programs of the highest caliber to the greatest number of young people possible. We do so in a safe environment with a commitment to background screening of all staff and volunteers as well as a mandatory Youth Protection Training. <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection>
- Council's receive no funding from the national organization; in fact, we pay fees to BSA as a part of our charter agreement and for specific services. We receive value back from the national organization, but we operate as a financially independent not-for-profit organization.
- Areas where we partner with BSA, for business purposes, include several insurance programs, services for IT and expertise related to camping, Youth Protection and so on. Also, important to note is employee benefits such as healthcare and retirement are funded by each Council but through programs controlled and operated by National BSA.
- The Mayflower Council is one of the strongest Councils in the BSA from perspectives of fiscal health, program quality, board and volunteer dedication and staff commitment.

We have great confidence the National BSA can navigate the difficult waters that it, and many other long serving institutions, face with over a century of service to our nation. The Mayflower Council will continue our primary focus of bringing high-quality Boy Scouts of America programs to over 11,000 Scouts in the 62 cities and towns we serve.

Scouting is thriving in this area! This is due in large part to you with your contribution of time, talent and treasure.

You are welcome to call or email with thoughts or questions.  
Thank you

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# Scouts BSA Information Session

Join our Facebook live Scouts BSA Information session on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7PM on Mayflower Council's Facebook page.

Fellow Scouters interested in starting a Scouts BSA girl troop, finding a troop for their female Venturers looking to start on the path to Eagle, or Webelos leaders looking to visit troops are welcome to attend!

This meeting is intended to help connect Scout leaders from troops, crews and packs to network, gather information, exchange ideas, answer questions, and brainstorm.

Here are some topics to be covered at the meeting:

- Starting a successful unit
- Recruitment ideas and suggestions
- Planning and executing fun camping trips

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