

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

Have You Checked-Out the BSA Brand Center?

Download and customize a wide variety of brand-approved assets from the BSA Brand Center. Items available include email templates, fliers, postcards, posters, social media images, pictures, videos, web banners, and more.

Here's how to welcome girls into Scouts BSA

Use These Guidelines to Help You Know the Right Way to Refer to Scouts BSA and the Girls Who Will Join

Time To Renew!

To date, nearly half of the units in the council need to log onto the Internet Rechartering System to review and submit their charter renewals for 2019. It's important to finish this process soon to avoid any lapses in registration and ensure all members are registered properly. Need assistance.....

If your unit needs assistance and/or its access code, please contact your unit commissioner, district commissioner or district executive.. You can always email, Council Registrar John Fortini for assistance. Thanks!

For More Information on Internet Rechartering

Health and Medical Records

We hear this question often “Is a medical form required for this activity?” The answer is yes! All Council and District activities like Camporees, Klondikes, Chuckwagons, etc are required to collect a medical form for every youth and adult participant. These forms are filed by unit and returned to the unit leader or designee at the end of the event.

The Boy Scouts of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts require that we retain health forms collected for summer camp up to 36 months. These forms are maintained in a secure, offsite facility.

As a rule, all units should collect an Annual Health and Medical Record for all youth and adult members as well as parents who are regular participants. These should accompany the unit on weekend outings and field trips. These forms should be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

See the attached for more information regarding this policy as well as the link to determine which form is appropriate based on your activity.

Mayflower Council and BSA National Health and Medical Records

December Training Newsletter

Click on image to download

Thanks for a Strong Year of Training

- Please join us in a big "thank you" to...
 - More than 300 adult leaders in our council who took the time to take our new position-specific or supplemental training during 2018.
 - Many more who have provided excellent training online.
 - All of you who kept your youth leaders in excellent (like BSA's) Den-Chief training and Venturing SLC training. Thanks to you who volunteered that time all leaders in 2018.

Our goal for 2019 is to get even more leaders trained. It is an investment that pays off for every youth we serve.

Registration Open for Wilderness First Aid. Don't be Left Out!

Registration is now open for wilderness and wilderness first aid (WFA). We're offering 8 face times in early 2019:

- January 12-13 at Redwood Respiration
- February 18-19 at Camp Rowan
- March 24-25 at Redwood Respiration
- April 8-9 at Camp Rowan

The 16-hour course is for adults and youth ages 14+. It will include a Red Cross certification that's good for two years. You can also use this course to qualify, if you're leading a high-adventure trip next year, please plan to attend it in May with the April 8-9 Redwood Respiration Redwood Respiration class. Seats at a higher price.

Each course will be capped at 20 participants, so sign up online www.bsa.org/training/courses as soon as you can to reserve your spot. You need current CPR certification in order to attend (see courses at night).

Intro to Backpacking

Are you interested in boosting your backpacking skills to prepare for an upcoming trip? Join us for the Intro to Backpacking course on Saturday, December 15th. This course will introduce you to the basics of backpacking and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and receive feedback from our experienced leaders.

Head-Up About Online Training

The BSA will update the entire position-specific training course for Cub Scout and Day Scout Scouts USA leaders in January 2019. If you're working through the modules for your position, finish them in December! Digital programs will not carry over to the new version. If you've already finished, there's no need to worry.

Youth Protection Training (YPT)

The BSA released a new YPT program in February 18. All registered adults must take the version of YPT in order to stay registered as a leader in 2019. If you haven't done it yet, this is coming out. Please go to www.bsa.org/training and take a look. You can speak to a person 7/11 for you if your town has a large group of leaders who are need YPT. We'll contact you before and please give us ample notice to get a substitute leader.

Upcoming In-Person Training

* A prerequisite required. ** An online registration option. *** A second round later. **** Prerequisite for adults.

Den Chief Training

- Dec 20th Den Chief Training (online)
- Jan 5th Scoutmaster Position-Specific/Cumulative
- Feb 20th Scouting Position-Specific/ Cumulative
- Mar 2-3rd Scoutmaster Position-Specific/ Cumulative
- Mar 30th Cub Leader Position-Specific/ Cumulative
- Mar 31st Troop Committee Position-Specific/ Cumulative
- Apr 8-9th ILC for Female BSA/Venturing Programs
- Apr 20-22nd Intro to Backpacking (Plumerville)
- Apr 27-28th Scoutmaster Position-Specific/ Cumulative
- May 2nd Den Chief Training (online)
- May 18-19th BSA/BSA for Cub Leaders (online)
- May 18-19th Leave No Trace Trainer (online)
- Jul 28-30th Nat'l Trail-Camp Training (BFLT) (Plumerville)
- Aug 11-12th Nat'l Trail-Camp Training (BFLT) (Plumerville)

First Aid

- Dec 8th CPR/AED (online)
- Jan 12th Wilderness and First Aid (Redwood)
- Feb 17th CPR/AED (online)
- Feb 24th Wilderness and First Aid (Redwood)
- Feb 25th Red Cross First Aid (online)
- Mar 2nd CPR/AED (online)
- Mar 2-3rd Wilderness and First Aid (Redwood)
- Mar 24th CPR/AED (online)
- Mar 25th Red Cross First Aid (online)
- Apr 8-9th Wilderness and First Aid (Redwood)
- May 18-19th Wilderness and First Aid (online)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact us at scoutmaster@mayfieldbsa.org and online registration www.bsa.org/training/courses.
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EVERY LEADER NEEDS TRAINING

Headwaters Roundtable Handouts December

If your Unit was not able to attend our December 6th Roundtable, do not worry. We are making all the event flyers, training newsletters and other information available!

Click here for PDF of all December Roundtable Handouts

Check the PDF for Nomination Forms for the District Award of Merit and other District Awards! All of these are due by February 8th 2019.

Our December 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
- 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

Our next District Roundtable will be:

January 3rd at 7:00 pm at Milford High School, 31 W Fountain St
Milford, MA 01757

December Roundtable Handouts

The handouts from this month's Roundtable meeting:

Mayflower Training News – December 2018

District Award of Merit Nomination Form

District Awards Nomination Form

2019 Webelos Klondike

2019 Klondike Derby

2019 Mountain Man

Our November Roundtable featured:

- Our Council Key Three came by for a fire-side chat with our District leaders. We all discussed the Council Executive Board's goals for the future and what matters, concerns and questions are facing our Pack and Troop leaders right now.
- A presentation was made about the Rechartering Process!
 - What can your Unit be doing right now to start? Check your youth roster and registered adult positions and training
 - Get your questions answered and get started at our Council Recharter Webpage
 - Two recharter workshop and turn-in days have been scheduled
 - November 27th
 - December 5th

If you need to get in contact with your District Leadership, email us at Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org

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Christmas At Squanto

Please join the Camp Squanto Alumni Association at the Casoni Museum on December 1st from 1:00 – 3:00 PM for their 6th Annual Winter Open House!

- Get a better understanding of our museum, check out the new displays, and find out how to become part of our museum staff
- Have a cup of coffee & Christmas munchies and exchange camp stories with old friends ... and, make new ones!
- Take a walk around camp

Bring your family!