

Council Service Center Adverse Weather Policy

With our first major snow of the 2018-2019 winter the council would like to remind our community about our adverse weather policy. The council follows the lead of the Canton & Marlborough school systems when setting it's adverse weather policy. If Marlborough Public Schools close, so does the Marlborough Service Center and if the Canton Public Schools close, so does the Canton Service Center. If the Marlborough or Canton Public Schools announce a delay (1 hour delay for example) the respective council service center delays it's opening by the same time. We encourage everyone to follow the weather and school closure reports of our media partner WCVB Channel 5 in order to stay informed and up to date on school closings and weather alerts.

Pack 100 Westborough's Overnight at Nobscot

Has your Unit visited the Nobscot Scout Reservation? Pack 100 Westborough had a successful visit recently. Enjoy their pictures and story of:

The trip that was unanimously voted "The Best Overnight the Pack has Ever Had" by its participants.

First you should know that the weather was rough,

it poured cats and dogs the day before and all morning. Even with the rain the Scouts did their appointed rounds with "Scouting for Food" on the morning of the 3rd. Then the pack totaling over 80 Scouts and parents headed up to Nobscot where the camp was already set up by Cubmaster Mr. William Bramley.

As car after car pulled in, Mr. Bramley was outside directing families on where to park and helping them to the site. We had 24 people in the Henderson Cabin and another 20+ tents set up right outside.

Cubmaster Bramley led the scouts on a 2 mile hike to the top of the camp before dusk and then again after breakfast. Lion Den Leader Renee Schoch led the Lions on their own nature walk, they had a blast.

While dinner was being prepared the scouts enjoyed a long game of kickball in the field and played until there was no more light. These scouts could teach the majors a few things about sportsmanship being that the final score was 20-19.

Cubmaster Bramley is not only just a great leader but a CHEF in all senses of the word. For dinner, he made Mac n Cheese and Hot Dogs for the younger Scouts (However the big Scouts and adults took part too, as it was awesome) He had also prepared handmade kabob skewers for the big event. We have vegetable kabobs, chicken kabobs, and sausage kabobs! There were also several vegan and vegetarian options too.

Just when you thought it could not get better, desert time

came. Cubmaster Bramley with the help of the Scouts made many chocolate frosted cakes right there in the cabin. He also made an upside down pineapple cake for the adults that would rival the best bakeries in the North End. But I would be remiss if I did not mention the S'mores that were enjoyed by all.

But the food still did not stop there!

At 5:00 am, Cubmaster Bramley was up in the kitchen preparing breakfast. With the help of the oven and 2 portable stoves he brought. Mr. Bramley made the best Cub Scout breakfast that included a ton of pancakes, sausages, coffee, milk and juice.

It was fantastic that the Scouts woke up to the smell of fresh hot pancakes wafting in the air. What better way to start your day than with fellow Scouts, parents and a world class camp chef. Our Cubmaster Mr. Bramley is an inspiration to our pack and could teach a few things about fine dining in the woods.

By 11:00 am the clean up was finished, everyone helped right down to the lions who had a contest to see who could get the most trash picked up. We certainly left Nobscot in a better shape than we found it.

-Written by Mark Derderian, Pack 100 Treasurer and father of a Webelo!





Are You A Strong Leader

The Mayflower Council is pleased to announce that Kevin Paicos will be serving as our Nominating Committee Chair for the Council Board. In this role, Kevin will lead a group of volunteers to identify leaders who will serve as the governing body of the Council. We are seeking individuals who are strong leaders and believe in the ideals espoused through the Scout Oath and Law. We are also seeking diversity that reflects the communities that we serve. If you have recommendations, please forward those names, along with contact information to: nominatingcommittee@mayflowerbsa.org

Any background information you can provide on why you feel the nominee would be qualified will be most appreciated.

Youth Protection Training

Reminder...

The BSA released a new YPT program in February '18. All registered adults must take this version of YPT. We want to say thank you to all who have taken the time to do this... but also remind everyone that we need the rest of our leaders trained before the end of the year. If you haven't taken the new YPT by the time your unit renews its charter for 2019, your registration will be dropped. We need to comply with national policies and make sure all leaders are up to date on how to prevent, recognize, and respond to abuse. Our youth deserve no less!

If you need to take YPT, go to <https://my.scouting.org/> and take it today. If you have already taken the new YPT (for example, a live session this summer or fall) but you are still receiving notifications that your training is out of date, please contact our volunteer training chair (chris.lamie@gmail.com) or your district training chair and they will try to help you get your record straightened out.

November Training Newsletter

Below is the November Training Newsletter

Click on the picture to download a PDF.

Youth Protection Training (YPT)

The BSA released a new YPT program in February '18. All registered adults must take this version of YPT. We need to say thank you to all who have taken the time to do this. Our staff remind everyone that we respect the trust of our members because of the essential role you play. If you haven't taken the new YPT by the time you're still training, the deadline for 2018 year registration will be dropped. You must comply with national policies and make sure all leaders are up to date on their consent, responses, and records to adults. Our youth staff will be here!

If you need to take YPT, go to www.bsa.org/ypt and take it today. Also, we are happy to set up an in-person YPT for you with a large group of leaders who will need to get trained. See contact info below.

Wilderness First Aid: Plan Ahead!

Our second full after three Cross references and made first aid specific training has been in April 2018, January 10-13, February 9-10, March 9-10, and April 8-7. If you will be taking a group on a high-altitude trip, our national cross-reference to attend one of those courses (WFFA) is a "must" course that takes a lot of resources to put on, and we provide plenty of scheduled options to make sure everyone who needs the training has the opportunity to get it.

A Reward for Training

When you invest the time to become trained for your position, you'll receive skills, resources, advice, and answers to help you deliver a more effective program for the youth we serve. To recognize packs, troops, and crews that complete training and the leadership staff who invest the time to train, we'll get 10%, 15%, or 20% of their packs to complete basic training for the "Training" pack by the end of 2018. Training staff will be looking for your numbers, especially for leaders whose training requirements are at the completed status (list of committee members), and see "Pack Leader" at www.bsa.org/leaders to learn more.

Pleinmont Training Center

Get out there in addition to developing. Pleinmont Scout Ranch in New Brunswick, NJ, our national training center offers a wide range of sessions on how to succeed and our successful training programs. Visit www.pleinmontscoutcenter.org for a list of 2018 courses. Pleinmont ambassador New Line qlb_line@pleinmont.org can help answer questions.

Upcoming In-Person Training

* In-person registration required. ** In-person registration only. † In-person training for youth.

- Scout Leader Skills**-----
- Nov 19† Den Chief Training session
- Nov 19†† Scoutmaster Position-Specific (SPECS)
- Nov 19††† Scoutmaster Training module
- Nov 19† BSA's new Program Officer Training module
- Dec 1†† Scoutmaster Position-Specific (SPECS)
- Dec 1†† Den Chief Training module
- Jan 9†† Scoutmaster Position-Specific (SPECS)
- First Aid**-----
- Nov 21†† Red Cross First Aid (all ages)
- Dec 8†† CPR/AED module
- Jan 8†† CPR/AED module
- Jan 10-13† Wilderness and Pet First Aid (all ages)

More courses will be posted in the next few months.

How to Check Your Training Records

Every member of a pack, troop, or crew's "Key Trainer" (Training Org. Rep., Committee Chair, and unit leader) will be assigned to be registered for this position. They will have access to a tool called "Training Manager" when they log into my.bsa.org. This tool will let you view training records for all of your registered leaders. There's also a way to grant access to additional people. Your district training chair can help you get acquainted with online records if you're not familiar yet.

More to Look Forward to in Early 2019

- Club level leader training days with Position-Specific Training and new volunteer onboarding forms
- Two new channels for Cub leaders to take SAU22 leader training, including a Position-Specific option
- A new session, "New to BSA Leadership"
- More opportunities for Scoutmasters and ASMs to take Position-Specific Training and OLI
- Plenty of FREE go-fairings!
- Training for elected committee members

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Contact training: [David Sullivan](mailto:David_Sullivan) and contact registration: www.mybsa.org
 Get a copy of this training: qlb_line@pleinmont.org
 Contact training: [David Sullivan](mailto:David_Sullivan), [Cheryl Lemay](mailto:Cheryl_Lemay), chris_barnes@pleinmont.org
 Get a copy of this training: qlb_line@pleinmont.org

PUMA PATROL

Serving on the Puma Patrol will place 18-26 year old staff in the driver's seat of leading the 2019 World Scout Jamboree's cultural and social experience. As a member of the Puma Patrol you'll impact the lives of hundreds of Scouts on a daily basis as a WSJ social director and ambassador. At the World Jamboree, staff members are known as ISTs, or International Service Team.

Jamboree Hosts

Front Door to the WSJ Puma Patrol ISTs will form a team with 200 other young adults from the three host nations, Canada, Mexico and the United States, as one of two groups of Rovers, dedicated to making the jamboree a success. We embody the host spirit—fulfilling the unique responsibilities of welcoming Scouts from around the world to our home in the Summit.

We'll help contingents get settled, answer questions, and keep

everyone in great spirits. Our goal is to brighten a participant's experience during every interaction, through random acts of kindness and leadership through customer service.

Jamboree Social Directors

Young People Leading Young People. Puma Patrol ambassadors need a "can-do" attitude, high energy, and excellent communications skills. Participants will find us on a daily basis in each of the Summit's 16 sub-camps.

We're looking for the folks who love to emcee campfires, lead team development games, facilitate evening reflections, or break down barriers between cultures. Think about an experience at a summer camp, high adventure base, or NYLT – we'll embody those "commissioner", "ranger/foreman/interpreter", or "guide" roles in helping people access their adventure and connect with the people around them!

Jamboree Pathfinders

Facilitating the Mountaintop Experience

We will also help jamboree participants navigate daily adventures to the highest point at the Summit, Mt. Jack. As part of this unique trek, Puma Patrol ISTs will ensure participants are prepared for their hike, support public safety responses to lost Scout or inclement weather situations, and help with Mt. Jack information platforms and campfire programs.

Apply to become a Puma Patrol IST

Boy Scout/Venturing Peer

Recruiting Drawing

MORE FUN WITH FRIENDS – NOVEMBER PEER-TO-PEER RECRUITMENT DRAWING

Scouting is even more enjoyable when Scouts can participate with their friends. This is designed to encourage Scouts to bring in new membership by inviting their friends to participate in what the Scouting program has to offer.

Scouts who successfully recruit a friend to join Scouting in November will have a chance to win one of these great prizes:



GRAND PRIZE

Discovery WiFi Drone

One Prize Winner



SECOND PRIZE

Sennheiser Wireless Headphones

Two Prize Winners



THIRD PRIZE

UFO Quadcopter Drone with LED Lights

Three Prize Winners

Both the Scout and the new member recruited will receive a prize. Contest is open to Boy Scouts and Venturing.

Here's How It Works:

- Scout invites a friend to “check-out” Scouting and

- attend a meeting or event
- Friend joins a Scouting unit and completes an application
- Application and applicable fees are turned into council service center and online entry form is completed
- Scout is entered into the prize drawing. The more friends a Scout recruits, the more chances to win!
- Scout is eligible to wear the Recruiter Strip on their uniform – First one free with an entry during the campaign. Normally available for \$1.79 w/tax at the Scout Shop.
- Be a Salesman for Scouting: Recruit new members with a personal invitation!

To help entice potential new Scouts to join your unit, give your current Scouts Bring-A-Buddy cards to hand out to their friends and classmates. Bring-A-Buddy cards are available to download below. Include event date, time, place, and contact information.

Bring-A-Buddy Cards

Troop and crews are encouraged to hold events, parties, ice cream socials, etc. where they invite a friend to join them and give their friends a taste of Scouting!

Scouting For Food Collection Reporting

Thank you to all of our units for participating in the 2018 Scouting For Food initiative. We ask you to please take a moment to fill out the google form below. This data is used for tracking purposes of community service and Scout service

hours.

2018 Scouting For Food Tracking

A special Thank You to *Channel 5 WCVB TV* for serving as this years media sponsor, Cumberland Farms and Consigli Foundation.

2019 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 Monday, December 3, 2018.

Completed nominations can be sent via email or dropped off at the Canton or Marlborough Service Center. The awards will be presented at the Council’s Recognition Dinner in January.

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.

Location Change for Training Events

Due to circumstances beyond our control the location for tomorrow's Den Chief Training, Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Training events has changed. The new venue will be United Church of Christ – Abington, 10 Bedford St., Abington, MA 02351. Please share this update with anybody you know who may be planning to attend. We apologize for any inconvenience.