

Postponed – Merit Badge University 2018

Due to the anticipated weather and power outages expected, it has been decided to postpone tomorrow's Merit Badge University 2018. There are currently communities without power and many roads are unsafe. The safety of Scouts and Family is our first priority. Please stay safe and inform your Scouts, units, and leaders. We look forward to seeing you on the second Saturday, March 10th.

More information will be forthcoming.

In honor of President's Day, the Marlborough and Canton Service Centers will be closed on Monday, February 19th.

Service Center Closure – Jan 5, 2018

The council service centers in Marlborough and Canton will be closed on Friday, January 5th to allow all Mayflower Council employees to attend the services and pay our respect for our friend and colleague Debbie Carey.

Council Service Center Adverse Weather Policy

With our first major snow of the 2017-2018 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.

Tragic News: Debbie Carey

It is with a heavy heart that we share with you that Debbie Carey passed away last night. On Thursday, Debbie was at the Council Service Center in Marlborough and collapsed outside. She received CPR from the building manager and was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Marlborough. She was then flown to UMass Medical in Worcester.

Please keep her husband, Warren, and her entire family in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with this unexpected tragedy.

Debbie served the Scouting family for over 30 years and will be greatly missed.

The following arrangements have been made:

Thursday, January 4th – visiting hours

Shepherd Funeral & Cremation Service, 216 Main Street,
Kingston, MA

Friday, January 5th – Church Service and Burial Services

11:00 am – Holy Family Church – 370 Middleboro Avenue, East Taunton, MA, 02718 followed by final resting place at Plymouth County Cemetery South Meadow Road, Plymouth MA (near the Plymouth Airport).

Service Center Closure – Dec 25, 2017

The Council Service Centers will be closed on Monday, December 25, for the Christmas Holiday.

District Award of Merit Nominations

The District Award of Merit is presented to registered Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. Nominations must be made on the national

nomination form and must be received no later than January 30, 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 District's Recognition Dinner.

Scoutbook Youth Advancement Sync

Calling all unit leaders—the Scoutbook Youth Advancement sync is officially underway!

All Scouting units with active Scoutbook subscriptions have recently been invited to complete the Scoutbook Youth Advancement Sync with ScoutNet. The Scoutbook Unit Admins have been notified and given instructions on how to activate this sync by December 31, 2017.

This sync will allow units to approve advancement in Scoutbook, which can then automatically sync with the BSA national database. **Scoutbook users will no longer need to access Internet Advancement to track and report their unit advancement.**

Scout Shop staff should know that the Advancement Report from Scoutbook and the Advancement Report from Internet Advancement are both certified and should be accepted. The bottom of the Advancement Report from Scoutbook looks like this:



Starting January 1, 2018, units with active Scoutbook

subscriptions will only be able to approve advancements for Scouts who are in the advancement sync. If you have not activated your unit and/or Scouts within your unit, you will not be able to approve advancements for that Scout(s).

Note that as a unit activates the sync, the unit can un-approve Scouts who have not yet been registered (entered into ScoutNet or My.Scouting) and continue the sync for the rest of the unit. Once registration is complete for the outstanding Scouts, the unit can then approve them and they will then be included.

Check out the user guide for more.

If you have any questions about the Scoutbook Youth Advancement Sync or if your Scouting unit has not received the sync instructions, please email Scoutbooksync@gmail.com.

Eagle Scout Project of the Year Nominations

 Mayflower Council NESA Committee Is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year.

The National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout leadership service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each year, the Mayflower Council National Eagle Scout Association

Committee may select a winner from the applications received.

The recognition consists of a bronze device for the Eagle square knot, and a \$250 award. Our winner's Service Project will be submitted to the NE Region NESA Committee for consideration of their \$500 award. If the Region selects his project, he will be in consideration for the National \$2,500 award

Eligibility

You must have completed your Eagle Board in calendar 2017.

How to Apply

To download the Application for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year. [Click Here For Application](#)

A complete duplicate copy of your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook (previously submitted by you to the Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to your application. Please note this copy will NOT be returned to you.

Applications must be received in the Council office or E-mailed on or before January 22, 2018. Your completed application should be sent to:

EMAIL: mayflowernesa@gmail.com

(By US Mail to:)

NESA Eagle Scout Service Project Award

Mayflower Council BSA

2 Mount Royal Avenue, Suite 100

Marlborough, MA 01752

Send your application in today!

2017 Autumn Merit Badge College

Explore, Learn, Achieve!

The 2017 Autumn Merit Badge College is being held from 9:00 am – 3:45 pm at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlborough on Sunday, December 3rd.

Registration Deadline is 11/29/17 at midnight!

[READ MORE AND TO REGISTER](#)