Mayflower Council YouTube: What is Cub Scouts?

New video explains the Scouts BSA program designed for kids in K – 5th grade…

For those of us who grew up in Scouting wearing a blue and gold uniform, the question seems – well – unnecessary?

However, it's important to understand that a whole new generation of children is coming to Scouts BSA.

Many families were not fortunate enough to live near a pack. Or, perhaps, someone in the family tried the program and, for whatever reason, it didn't stick. Meanwhile, girls joining Cub Scouts remains a relatively new facet of the program. Maybe there was even a financial component to the decision to skip Scouting.

The reasons are myriad. So, it's important for everyone to check out Cub Scouting with fresh eyes and with a notion to expand the program to more children than ever.

Perhaps you, the reader, come to contemporary Cub Scouting with lots of questions, even though you might have once been a Weblos (We'll be loyal Scouts…) Scout.

In that (arrow of) light, the Mayflower Council presents the following video, designed to take the guesswork out of the equation and give new and old families alike an understanding of what so many of us know so well:

"Cub Scouts is a game with a purpose."

Of course, if Cub Scouts is already part of your child's world, be sure to forward this story along to a friend or family member whose kids might just be ready to put on the

blue and gold.

And if you need more info on Cub Scouts, click this link.

What is Cub Scouts

Scouting for Inspiration: Hannah Holmes

One year ago, this Scout became the first girl to earn all of Scouts BSA's 137 merit badges.

Each week at troop meetings around the country, scouts do amazing things. However, sometimes a Scout does something so unique, unprecedented, that ABC News calls.

One such accomplishment occurred last year, when a home-schooled lone scout from near Orlando, Florida, earned all 137 Scouts BSA merit badges. That's right, Hannah Holmes, an eventual Eagle Scout, became the first girl in the then 110-year history of The Boy Scouts of America to earn all of the possible merit badges available, a feat only 500 boys accomplished in the history of the Scouting movement in the United States.

When the news media caught wind of the accomplishment, they asked Hannah about filling her sash with stitching.

"My last badge was white water rafting," she told ABC news. "And it was kind of a bittersweet victory."

"After accomplishing my goal, I was happy," she explained. "But at the same time, I had so many good memories I didn't want it to end."

Meanwhile, Hannah encouraged others to pursue their goals, especially her fellow girls in Scouts BSA.

“When the going gets tough, it’s important to persevere,” said Hannah. “It’s all going to be worth it in the end.”

However, there’s no end in sight for Hannah. With numerous speaking engagements under her BSA belt and a head start on college, Holmes intends to earn a political science degree en route to a career in the U.S. Senate.

Finally, for more on girls in Scouts BSA, visit about.scouting.org/girls-in-scouts-bsa/

Then, check out Hannah’s interview with ABC.

15 Year Old Florida Girl Makes History Earning All Boy Scout Merit Badges

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Scouts Honor: Maxwell S Troop 47 Randolph

Stecker’s Eagle Scout service project revitalized birdhouses at Powers Farm Community Park

This week Mayflower Council recognizes the efforts of **Maxwell S of Troop 47, Randolph, Massachusetts**.

As a Life Scout participating in Scouts BSA’s inclusion program, Maxwell – a 21-year-old special needs student at May Center – completed his Eagle Scout service project in December.

Maxwell worked to renovate “living accommodations for some of the winged inhabitants of Powers Farm Community Park.”

On January 3, *The Journal & Sun* explained:

As a previous Eagle Scout project… bird and bat houses were placed at Powers Farm, but over time the birdhouses had deteriorated. With the mentoring of Scoutmaster Henry Colageo, Maxwell improved upon the design to make them more durable by using cedarwood, which is more weatherproof, and brass hardware.

Work in the park remains a labor of love for Troop 47, and Maxwell's efforts were bolstered by his fellow Scouts and adult Scouters.

"With guidance from Maxwell and the troop's adult leaders, on Nov. 8 the Scouts fabricated the required parts and assembled them," added the *Journal & Sun*. "Finally, on Dec. 4, the Scouts removed the old birdhouses and installed new ones."

Maxwell is just one of the terrific Scouts in the Mayflower Council doing amazing things. Do you know a member of our community who deserves recognition in "Scouts Honor"?

Email us with your suggestions!

Covid Modified Requirements Ending March 1

As of March 01, 2022, all temporary changes made to Scouts BSA advancement requirements to address the COVID-19 pandemic will expire, and there will be a return to the standard rules for Scouts BSA advancement. This includes deferment of some swimming requirements for First and Second class, virtual activities for Tenderfoot, Second and First Class, and

requirement 9b of the Camping merit badge.

As always, the BSA's top priority is the health and safety of all youth participating in BSA programs. In 2020, the BSA instituted several modifications to rank requirements and merit badge requirements ("advancement modifications") to accommodate activity restrictions necessitated by COVID-19. Effective March 01, 2022, those modifications will be removed, and the standard rules for advancement and merit badges will again become effective. These requirements are published at www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/ and in the Requirements Guidebook.

Specifically, these modifications related to the swimming requirements for Second and First class ranks, virtual activities for Tenderfoot, Second and First Class, and requirement 9b of the Camping merit badge.

The Guide to Advancement, section 10.2.2.0, states that "Members must meet current advancement requirements as written for merit badges, all ranks, and Eagle Palms—no more and no less—and they are to do exactly what is stated."

New BSA Merit Badge: Citizenship In Society

New badge to be an Eagle requirement beginning July 2022

The Boy Scouts of America recently introduced a new merit badge to the list of achievements offered to youth in Scouts BSA.

The "Citizenship in Society" merit badge seeks to encourage

Scouts to delve into the meaning of “diversity, equity, inclusion, and ethical leadership.”

“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law,” said Roger Mosby, president and chief executive officer of The Boy Scouts of America to *ScoutingNewsroom.org*.

“This merit badge aligns with both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, which encourage Scouts to respect the beliefs of others, to be kind and courteous, and to help other people at all times,” added BSA’s president.

“Diversity, equity, and inclusion,” sometimes called DEI, remains an important topic in institutions across the United States and is now a worthy conversation piece in Troop Meetings. That’s especially so because the achievement will be required for Eagle Scouts beginning in July 2022.

“The Citizenship in Society merit badge is an important initiative to help Scouts learn about the diverse identities we each possess, understand different perspectives and experiences, and promote good citizenship in society,” explained Elizabeth Ramirez-Washka, chief diversity officer and vice president of diversity & inclusion, Boy Scouts of America.

You can learn more about this new opportunity by visiting www.scouting.org/dei. Scouters may also take the “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Scouting” course via Scoutbook’s online training catalog.

“[I] enjoyed getting to discuss diversity and inclusion topics with my friends in Scouting,” Maya, a 15-year-old Scout who

participated in the pilot program told *Scouting Newsroom*. “It felt like a safe environment to be open and honest about these topics.”

Meanwhile, check out this video by YouTube’s “Scouter Stan,” which gives an overview of the new BSA initiative and the Citizenship in Society merit badge.

“Scouter Stan” Video

Giving Tuesday

Get ready! Giving Tuesday Campaign has officially kicked off!

Funds raised will be designated to support the council’s Scouting in Every Neighborhood initiative. This program aids families in need and assists us in delivering the Scouting program across the South Shore and MetroWest. Funds help with registration fees, uniforms, books, awards and recognition and more. You’ll be providing youth with the chance to have fun, gain confidence and become leaders who live the Scout Oath and Scout Law. #GivingTuesday

For every gift of $25 or more, you will receive a Mayflower Council 2021 Giving Tuesday Council Shoulder Patch (CSP). This collector’s edition CSP is limited and only available during his mini campaign. November 2 – December 7. Make your gift today to ensure you don’t miss out.

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1st Place: HICO (Alex Ebbert, Brad Wade, Wayne Gagnon, Paul Dardinski)

2nd Place: Badger (Rob Koumbis, Rob Giguere, Jim Peaks, Joshua Gale)

Jones Course:

1st Place: Sparks (Weston Smith, Hugh Johnson, Doc Hicks, Gene Gsautels)

2nd Place: United Civil (Zack Drapeau, Evan Haskins, Will Alexander, Dylan Smith)







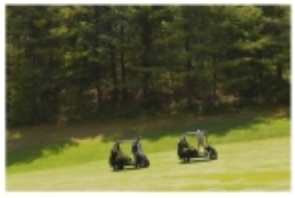













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Tuesday, June 6, 2023 Pinehills Golf Club

If you would like to be included on our invitation list, please email us.

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2022 Golf Classic

Pinehills Golf Club – Located in Plymouth, Massachusetts – just a 45 minute drive from Boston – Pinehills is spectacularly set on over 300 acres of rolling hills punctuated by dramatic, glacially carved kettles and kames. Here, you'll find two 18-hole championship courses designed by Rees Jones and

Nicklaus Design, the most extensive practice facilities in New England, and the Pinehills Golf Academy, providing quality PGA instruction. You'll also enjoy their Clubhouse, offering gracious amenities and fine dining, as well as an array of elegant settings for special events, including golf outings, wedding receptions, and social gatherings. For more information about the club, check out www.pinehillsgolf.com

This event was held on Tuesday, June 7 and was sold out!

- ***Nicklaus Course:*** **The Nicklaus Design course at Pinehills Golf Club offers a totally different and unique experience. The Nicklaus course is an exceptional course bordered by stately trees and highlighted by challenging green complexes, gently rolling fairways, and a classic variety of holes . Five sets of tees allows this golf course to play from 5,185 yards to 7,243 yards.**

> ***Jones Course*: The Jones course is characterized by Rees Jones' signature style – challenging to play, enjoyable for experts and novices alike, and respectful of the land, with built in subtleties that offer a new playing experience every time. Five sets of tees allows this golf course to play from 5,388 yards to 7,175 yards.**

Who Doesn't Love A Treasure Hunt?

An interesting piece of Camp Resolute history was recently re-discovered thanks to some historical research, impeccable timing, top-notch observational skills, and a little bit of good fortune. A memorial stone bearing an inscription dedicating the dining hall fireplace to Sir Robert Baden-Powell was recently re-discovered in a debris pile slated for disposal. The hunt for the stone is only part of the story. The stone itself and the builder of the fireplace directly connects Resolute with the founder of the worldwide Scouting movement.

What is a Unit Key 3?

> ## Unit Key 3
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> Behind every great Scouting unit is a committed Key 3. These are the three top adult individuals within each pack, troop, crew, or ship. Each member of the Key 3 needs to understand his or her role and feel empowered to serve.

The Unit Key 3 is a critical component to the success of the unit. The unit Key 3 consists of:

- **Committee Chair** – The top volunteer in the unit is the Committee Chair. They are responsible for ensuring enough qualified adult volunteers are in place to provide the program. They lead the unit committee meetings.
- **Unit Leader** – The leader of the unit meeting is the unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Skipper) and is responsible for developing and delivering the "program."
- **Chartered Organization Representative (COR)** – This person appoints the unit committee chair and approves all adult leaders. They provide resources from the chartered organization.

The Key 3 addresses unit challenges, checks on Journey to Excellence status, and adjusts program and administrative elements to ensure unit progress toward Journey to Excellence.

Role of the Unit Key 3

- **This group meets frequently** to discuss the unit, its challenges, coming events, and progress toward completing their action plan and Journey to Excellence goals.
- **Ensures that a monthly program and unit budget plan are in place and on track.** These items are critical for unit success. Encourage long-range planning for a positive experience for all.
- **Support systems that will ensure a well-organized unit are**: the monthly Unit Key 3 meeting, monthly committee and leader meetings, and regular parent meetings.
- **Encourages a unit-wide communication system.** Communication takes many forms: newsletter, phone tree, email, website, app. Whatever fits the unit.
- **Encourages training of all registered adults in the unit.** Encourages them to take This Is Scouting and Leader Specific Training for their position prior to their first meeting. Vigorously enforces Youth Protection Training. Makes sure the adult leaders are aware of training opportunities. Through the district commissioner, enlists the help of the training team to bring adult leader training to the unit if necessary.
- **Helps unit leaders get additional training as needed.** Through the unit and district commissioners, requests progressive specialty training as needed. Topics might include recruiting youth members, information on Friends of Scouting, advancement, etc. While it is the responsibility of the district committee, it may be necessary to conduct sections of this training at the unit level.
- **Encourages participation in district activities.** Encourages attendance at roundtable, district activities, and camping opportunities. Keeps the district and council calendars in mind when helping the

Unit Key 3 schedule unit meetings and events.

My.Scouting.org – Accomplish A Wide Varity of Things

You can use My.Scouting.org for a wide variety of things. Parents can use it to transfer their Scout from one unit to another (how-to PDF), such as when a Webelos moves from a pack to a troop. Adult leaders can use it to take position-specific training. The Key 3 can use it to accept online applications and must use it to complete the annual rechartering of their unit.

In addition to these functions, this portal provides all adults access to their personal account data, a place to update contact information, and…yes, the ability to complete YPT. Make sure your My.Scouting.org profile contains your BSA member ID number; that way, your training record will automatically update when you finish an online course. BSA member ID numbers do not transfer from one council to another, but you can include both in your profile if you have IDs from multiple councils.

When setting up a My.Scouting.org account, be sure to link it to your Mayflower Council BSA member ID number. Forgot your ID number, your username or your password? Not sure if you have a member ID number or a My.Scouting.org account? Contact the Membership & Unit Service Team (membership@mayflowerbsa.org) before you create a new account– we can check to see if you have a member ID number, provide your username, and reset your password.

In the “BSA Web Links” section of My.Scouting.org (under “Menu”), you’ll also find links to Internet Advancement, the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course, and Service Hours Reporting. Unit leaders have access to their unit roster and other information designed to help in managing the unit.

One last note: depending on the leadership position for which you are registered, you may not see every tool that someone else has available on their dashboard. So, it’s important that when your unit recharters at the end of each year, they accurately record your leadership position.

If you have trouble logging in to My.Scouting.org, contact Office Manager Lisa Olson for assistance.

Scoutbook

Scoutbook is an advancement tracking tool. From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like none other. And Scoutbook is your go-to tool to ensures not a moment is missed – tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way. It also has messaging, help forums, service, hiking, camping tracking and calendaring features.

Important Reminders for Scoutbook:

- Adding or transferring a scout or adult to your unit’s Scoutbook account does not register them with your unit and doesn’t mean they have a valid membership. All Scouts and adult leaders must complete an application, either online or submit a paper (or PDF version) of the application. This is true whether a person is new to Scouting, changing from one pack, troop or crew to another, or even changing adult leader positions.
- Once an application is processed, the individual should appear in your unit’s Scoutbook in approximately 24-48 hours. Wait for this sync to occur, instead of manually adding anyone.
- Scoutbook doesn’t allow duplicate emails, so the same email address can’t be used for two accounts.
- Your Scoutbook login is the same as your My.Scouting.org login. If you aren’t sure if you have a login, you can’t remember your login, need a password reset or you’re

getting an error, contact Office Manager Lisa Olson.
- Scoutbook Guide: help.scoutbook.scouting.org
- Scouting Forums: discussions.scouting.org

New to Scouts BSA? Get the Quick Start Guide!

If you're new to Scouts BSA, we've created a digital "10 Essentials Quick Start Guide" for you. These are 10 easy steps with videos, links, etc. to get you and your Scout started on your incredible journey with us! (Unit leaders: please add a link to the guide in your "Be a Scout" welcome message to new members. Feedback is always welcome too!)

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