

Unit Program Planning

To deliver the promise of Scouting, your unit needs a great program. And to deliver a great program, your unit must Be Prepared with a plan. With many units returning to in-person meetings and activities, it is a good time to review upcoming program plans and to plan for the upcoming year.

Your unit's annual program plan also helps with:

- **Developing the unit budget**
- **Setting goals** for popcorn sales
- **Recruiting youth** – Families like to see what fun activities they can expect
- **Recruiting help** – When you know what events are coming up on your unit calendar, you have more opportunity to ask parents to help out with specific tasks

Program Planning Resources

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Plans

Pack Committee Resources

Scouts BSA Unit Program Planning Tools

Venturing Annual Program Planning

Sea Scouts Program Toolbox

Exploring Program Planning Meeting Guide

Exploring Activity Library

Full-Face Snorkel Mask Use Prohibited

Full-face snorkel masks are combinations of a built-in snorkel with a mask covering the entire face. Due to several unexplained fatalities involving the use of full-face snorkel masks, their use is prohibited in all BSA aquatic activities. BSA is closely following aquatics industry efforts to further investigate the safety of full-face snorkel masks.

Full-face snorkel masks are prohibited in all BSA aquatic activities; all participants should use traditional snorkel/dive masks and tubes.



Outdoor Experience Starts This Saturday!

There is still time to register for Saturday's ***Outdoor Experience*** event at Resolute Base Camp in nearby Bolton, MA. Climb the monkey bridge, shoot BB guns, throw tomahawks or try the orienteering course. There are nine activity areas to explore including cooking, pioneering, navigation, first aid, camping and fire building. There's plenty to do and outdoor skills to learn under the guidance of a knowledgeable staff.

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Our first ***Outdoor Experience*** was a huge success with Scouts and families and we're excited to offer our next event this **Saturday, June 19.**

Learn all about Resolute Base Camp and get registered for Outdoor Experience today:

Multi-Council Membership Kick-off June 10

Learn how to grow your unit in the day of virtual Scouting, expand your program and fund your adventures for free. Since our event is being held virtually we won't do breakouts, so

you won't miss anything!

Weekend Fun Begins June 19

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Summer 2021 Camp Staff Opportunities

We are excited to be opening both camps this summer after a

very difficult year and a couple months of limited opportunities for our Scouting families as we've continued to work through this pandemic. Unfortunately, the pandemic has created an environment where the summer camp staff member pool is more limited than usual, leaving us with a handful of vacancies.

In both Resolute and Squanto, we could use a handful of additional program staff, especially in aquatics, but also in sports, Scoutcraft, handicraft, COPE/climbing, and ecology. At Resolute's Adventure Day Camp, we are also in need of den leaders. Additionally, Resolute also has a couple of key vacancies we are continuing to work toward filling, including program director (at Adventure Day Camp), climbing director, and shooting sports director.

Please consider working at one of our camps if your schedule allows it. Otherwise, please share this with others whom you are in contact with regularly and whom you believe has the capacity to serve in this role.

Resolute Staff Application
Squanto Staff Application

New Event Registration & Calendar Platform

Our council has begun transitioning to a new online event registration platform named Black Pug, which is used by almost half of all Boy Scout councils nationwide. The previous system, Doubleknot, was a major step forward when we adopted it nearly 16 years ago. After careful, thoughtful and detailed evaluation we believe the Black Pug platform will be an

improvement, addressing multiple issues brought up by our members and volunteers and improving your experience when signing up for camps and other activities and accessing the council calendar.

The transition to Black Pug has already begun. Many of our recent events and summer camp sign-ups have been utilizing the new platform. Black Pug will soon become the new platform for the council calendar providing many of the most requested features including calendar subscription links and RSS feeds. We anticipate the full integration of Black Pug into the council website to be completed by June 1.

Individuals and units will have until July 31 to archive any data on the Doubleknot system they wish to retain and we will be sunsetting Doubleknot in Mayflower Council in early August.

We are excited to be sharing this new event registration system with you and we thank you for your patience as we make this transition. We look forward to serving you better. If you have any questions or need assistance with Black Pug please contact Lisa Olson our Black Pug subject matter expert.

2021 Camp In A Box Not Your Typical Summer Camp

Susquehanna, Mayflower, Juniata Valley, Washington Crossing, Five Rivers, Westmoreland Fayette and Baden Powell Councils are excited to offer for the 2nd year, an alternative summer camping experience in 2021 – Camp in a Box 2021.

Camp-in-a-Box 2021 provides the opportunity to select from 45 merit badge offerings (tentatively) and/or participation in the New Scout Program.

The Scout will have the opportunity to complete all or most of the requirements for each merit badge offered. Seventeen of the merit badge offerings provide the Scout the opportunity to complete all of the requirements to earn the merit badge. Twenty-eight of the merit badge offerings provide the Scout the opportunity to complete most of the requirements to earn the merit badge but will require completion of selected requirements after Camp-in-a-Box. After Camp-in-a-Box, some councils may provide in-person opportunities to complete some of the remaining requirements, but not all. Thus, the Scout will likely have to coordinate with a local counselor to complete many or all of the remaining requirements.

Scouts will have the opportunity to enroll in up to five offerings in a week – all merit badges or a combination of New Scout Program classes and merit badges.

List of Tentative Merit Badges

American Business	Chess	Family Life	Leatherwork	Salesmanship
American Heritage	Cit. in the World	Fingerprinting	Mammal Study	Scholarship
Animation	Coin Collecting	First Aid	Music	Small Boat Sailing
Archaeology	Collections	Game Design	Nature	Space Exploration
Archery	Communication	Gardening	Painting	Stamp Collecting
Art	Digital Technology	Genealogy	Photography	Textile
Basketry	Electricity	Indian Lore	Public Health	Theater

Bird Study	Electronics	Kayaking	Pulp and Paper	Weather
Canoeing	Energy	Law	Safety	Woodcarving

Tentative Schedule

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Period</u>					
10:30 – 11:55 am	Session 1	Session 2	Spirit Day	Session 3	Session 4
1:00 – 2:25 pm	Session 1	Session 2	Work	Session 3	Session 4
2:30 – 3:55 pm	Session 1	Session 2	on	Session 3	Session 4
4:00 – 5:25 pm	Session 1	Session 2	Merit Badges	Session 3	Session 4
6:30 – 7:55 pm	Session 1	Session 2	At Home	Session 3	Session 4

Planned class size limit

The maximum size limit for any class will be 15 Scouts, with a few classes limited to 10 Scouts.

Cost

The all-inclusive fee for a Scout participant will be \$135.

GUIDE FOR SCOUTS/UNIT LEADERS/ AND PARENTS

Register Now

A New Twist On Summer Camp

Mayflower Council is excited to offer Scouts BSA Summer Experience, a re-imagining of the traditional Camp Resolute summer camp program in a daytime-only format. Open to all youth 10 1/2 to 17, Summer Experience delivers a fresh take on the camp we all love using the new Resolute Base Camp. There will be plenty of activities; all of your summer camp favorites are here including waterfront, shooting sports and COPE climbing!

Resolute Base Camp is an outdoor adventure space designed for children and adults of all ages to build character, explore nature, and create lifelong memories through seasonal and year-round programs.

Registration for Summer Experience is open NOW.

Learn more and register today!

Adventures Begin at Resolute Base Camp!

The all-new Resolute Base Camp kicked off on Saturday, May 8 with a weekend program called Outdoor Experience. Participants were excited to be the first ones to climb the monkey bridge, shoot BB guns or throw tomahawks.

With eight activity areas to visit, over 40 Scouts and their families had a fun-filled day at Resolute Base Camp in Bolton, MA. From cooking, pioneering and camping to first aid and navigation, there was plenty to do and outdoor skills to learn

under the guidance of a knowledgeable staff.

Following a strict Covid-19 check-in protocol, participants were formed into groups and rotated to each of the activity areas throughout the day. This assured that Covid-19 restrictions were being adhered to, but also allowed each group to visit all areas.

A special shout out to Troop 126 Franklin and Pack 39 Stow for joining us and thanks to all our volunteers for helping to kick off programs at Resolute Base Camp!

Outdoor Experience is an exciting new program offered on most weekends throughout the year. Units can work towards specific advancements and awards while non-Scouts can participate in fun outdoor activities and skills development. Registration for our next Outdoor Experience on June 5th is opening soon.

Scouts BSA Summer Experience is a re-imagining of the traditional week-long “residential” summer camp feel in a daytime-only format. The Summer Experience takes advantage of new Resolute Base Camp facilities while building on the legendary history and traditions of Camp Resolute.

Adventure Day Camp is back this summer! Get set for fun, adventure and a whole lot of new experiences at our week-long camps! Located just across Little Pond from Resolute, we offer weeklong day programs developed especially for boys and girls entering grades 2-5 in the fall of 2021.

Learn all about Resolute Base Camp and get registered today!