# Changes Coming in My.Scouting

A new Position Manager tool, found on the Organization Manager page of My.Scouting, will be rolled out in the next few days. This new tool updates and replaces the current Organization Security Manager and gives any currently chartered unit the ability to change leader registrations without having to fill out applications and take them to the council service center.

Position Manager will allow Chartered Organization Representatives and their designees to change any leader positions, except the Chartered Organization Representative, with the drag of the mouse. It will require an overnight sync, and then the new leadership position will be updated in the unit.

The assignment of functional assignments like key 3 delegates and membership chair can be done in Position Manager, too. The below job aid will illustrate the new tool and its features.

Position Manager Job Aid

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# Virtual Little Philmont 2021

## Join Hundreds of Other Scouters at the Virtual Little Philmont 2021 Event and Get a Taste of the

# Philmont Experience

Friday, May 21 from 9pm-10:30pm EDT
Saturday, May 22 from 10:30-2pm EDT

Virtual Little Philmont 2021 provides a unique opportunity to hear from leading Scouters who continue to deliver high-quality programs for our youth. Several topics will be addressed with a variety of focused break-out sessions on subjects like recruiting, involving parents, leading a troop, helping Scouts stay engaged "after Eagle," utilizing digital tools to reach your Scouting audience, and more. This exciting event can be a catalyst for increased knowledge and energy within the Latter-day Saint Scouting community.

We'll open the event on Friday evening (May 21st) with a fireside chat with Rex Tillerson, former BSA National President, former U.S. Secretary of State and former Chairman/CEO of ExxonMobil.

We'll continue the event on Saturday morning (May 22nd), addressing various topics necessary to continue Scouting with energy, increased knowledge, and enthusiasm. Come join us!

Register Now
Facebook Page
Website Link

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# Chaplain Aide Training Available

Chaplain Aide training will be offered to Scouts of ALL FAITHS on Sunday, May 2 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM at the Holy Name of Jesus

House of Studies on 51 Illinois Court in Worcester. This in-person training is also open to adult Scouters on a space-available basis (Scouts have first call on space). The course, offered by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS), will be conducted following all current COVID safety protocol, with masks required and temperature checks conducted. The course should be of interest to Scouts BSA troops who are interested in enhancing their use of this youth leadership position within their troop structure and will assist in strengthening the Duty to God component, which is crucial within the advancement and programming activities spelled out by the BSA in cooperation with local and national youth ministry leaders of all faiths. Please pre-register by sending an email to John Atlas, Chairman of the DCCS.

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# 2021 National Venturing Leadership Award

## Congratulations to the nine recipients of the 2021 National Venturing Leadership Award.

Two of the 9 award recipients are from the Mayflower Council. We could not be more proud of your accomplishments.

Two shining examples of leadership.



Ian currently serves as Northeast Region Venturing President. He has been a voice of calm and reason through many Venturing changes and proposed changes. Invites others into helping to push forward through difficult times.



Samantha currently serves as National Venturing Vice President. She is an outstanding role model and leader to all of the regional vice presidents, enabling them to work effectively with each other in order to be successful and provide collaboration on projects. She has worked with the National Venturing Committee to develop a fall recruitment campaign.

Read More

# Update to Webelos Uniform Transition Plan

Last week, we communicated that the Webelos uniform will undergo a rolling change for fourth and fifth grade Webelos (effective for the 2021-2022 Scouting year).

Please note the decision has been made to hold off on this planned change until further notice. Any updates (if any) to uniform requirements will be communicated in future newsletters.

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# Awards Highlight

The BSA offers numerous awards to recognize the accomplishments of Scouts and Scouters. Some are much better known than others. Some of the lesser known awards include:

Founders Bar: Worn by youth and adults who are founding members of a new unit.
National Den Award: Recognizes Cub Scout dens for having a quality, year-round program.
National Medal for Outdoor Achievement: Earned by members of Scouts BSA, Sea Scouting, and Venturing who excel in high-level outdoor activities. There are six areas of emphasis: camping, aquatics, hiking, riding, adventure, and conservation.
Spirit of the Eagle: An honorary posthumous award to recognize

the contributions of a youth Scout who lost his or her life.

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# Wanted: New Merit Badge Counselors

**There was a recent purge of merit badge counselors from Scoutbook because many had not renewed their registration last year. With virtual merit badge events happening in the Mayflower Council, we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in renewing their counselor registration or becoming a new merit badge counselor. We do have plans to hold more virtual merit badge classes this year and need resources for class leads and assistants.**

## GETTING STARTED

**First step for those who believe they are registered merit badge counselors, log into my.scouting or Scoutbook to confirm**

you are still registered for the badges you are willing to teach. If you were able to confirm, you do not need to continue with this application.

## BECOME A NEW MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR

If you are a first-time counselor, or a former counselor no longer registered as a counselor, visit this site **www.mayflowerbsa.org/merit-badge-counselors**. You will need an **adult application** (yes, even if you are registered as a leader with a unit), **CORI form**, (you do not need a CORI form is you are currently registered in another Scouting position) and complete the **online Merit Badge Counselor Information Form** to apply for the badges you wish to teach. It will ask you for your qualifications for the badges and those are reviewed by the advancement committee for approval.

## ADDING BADGES TO YOUR APPROVED LIST

If you confirmed that you are registered as a counselor but want to add more

**badges to your approved list, you can do so by completing the online Merit Badge Counselor Information Form.**

**If you no longer wish to be a merit badge counselor, you can use the online form and request to be removed.**

## WHILE YOU ARE WAITING FOR APPROVAL

**We utilize Google Classroom for virtual merit badge sessions. We will set up the mayflowerbsa.org emails and classrooms as well as provide an orientation on the tools. If you don't have experience using Google Classroom, we do recommend that you create your own account and practice using it to add students, assignments, document uploads, etc. Then you will be ready when we launch the next event.**

**Be sure to subscribe to Mayflower Today, our Mayflower Council Facebook page and visit our website for details as they become available.**

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# Life-to-Eagle Seminar Presentation

This year, 2021, the council advancement committee has committed to offering five Life-to-Eagle seminars.

These seminars are for educating our prospective Eagle Scouts to learn what needs to happen to advance to Eagle Scout. These seminars can also be incredibly helpful for Scoutmasters, Eagle coaches, advancement chairs, and committee chairs; and all districts are welcome to attend any of the presentations, the necessary information is the same for all districts, and we will touch on any small differences.

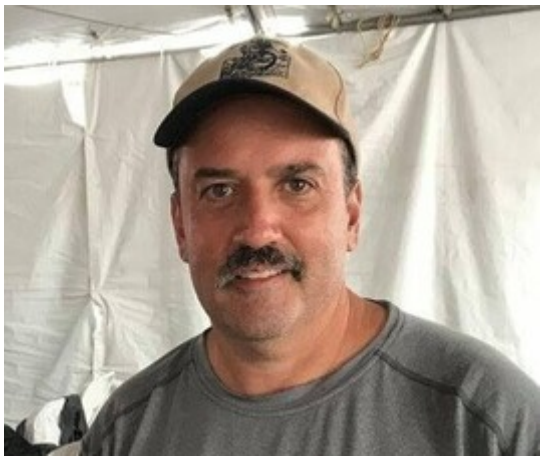
## For those who attend, the slide show is available below for you to review at any time.

Click on the photo to download the presentation.



# Silver Beaver & North Star Award Recipients

Mayflower Council is proud to honor and recognize our 2020 Silver Beaver Award recipients and North Star Award recipient. They are shining examples of Scouting service in our council!



Paul Callahan



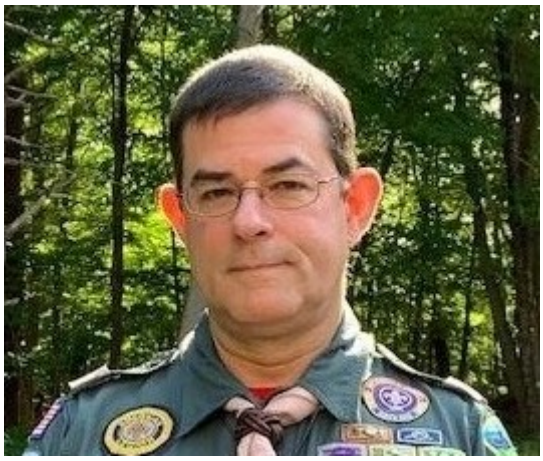

Peter Lanciano



James McKnight



Charlie Murphy



Michael Stecker



North Star Recipient Patrick Maher

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# March Training Newsletter

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MAYFLOWER COUNCIL

# Training News
March 2021

## Spring Training Priorities

Our current training offerings continue to be limited as we abide by restrictions on group gatherings, council-run activities, and overnight camping. The state's recent relaxing of restrictions gives us more options, but we still need to proceed wisely and safely to protect our volunteers. We appreciate everyone's understanding!

Here's where we're focusing planning efforts this spring:

**1. BALOO.** BALOO training is still required if you take Cub Scouts camping. We know several packs who've been stuck because of this BSA rule. That's why the first overnight training we run will be BALOO. **Please save the date—May 1-2!** We don't know yet if we'll be able to run a full in-person BALOO with modifications (smaller groups, less shared equipment, changes to cooking, etc.) or if it'll be a hybrid approach. But we commit to running a course that covers all the BALOO requirements on that weekend. Registration opens soon!

**2. Wilderness First Aid.** Philmont recently announced that at least one adult leader on every trek this summer must have current WFA certification. So we're working to make sure there's a way to take WFA this spring. We've found a newly available BSA-approved course that combines online learning with a modified hands-on skill session. **March/April/May dates to be announced.** Spots will be limited, so we'll give preference to people who need it for treks this summer.

**3. CPR.** CPR is a pre-requisite for WFA. We know there's also a lot of demand for recertification. We've been developing a plan to run CPR training with partial online learning and physically distanced manikin practice. **March/April/May dates to be announced.**

## Upcoming Training



° = *pre-registration required* * = *online registration open*
⁺ = *counts toward basic Trained requirements for adults*

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| Mar 30 | Scoutbook Software Basics and Q+A |
| May 1-2° | BALOO (camping skills for Cub leaders) |
| TBA° | CPR |
| TBA° | Wilderness First Aid |
| Sept 25-26° | Leave No Trace Trainer |
| TBA° | Wood Badge (fall 2021 options) |

## In the Meantime…

- We encourage everyone to take as much training as they can get online. It's available 24/7 at https://my.scouting.org.
- If you're looking for official position-specific training, almost all of it can be done online. We hope to be able to offer in-person versions when it's safer to do so—hopefully by the fall!
- If you're looking for IOLS training (outdoor skills for Scouts BSA leaders) or Leave No Trace trainer training, we're aiming to run these overnight courses in the fall.
- Keep an eye on the weekly council newsletter for announcements about additional online sessions.

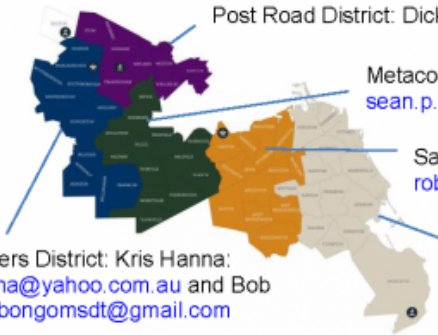
## Find Your Local Training Contact

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