February Training Newsletter

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MAYFLOWER COUNCIL

Training News

February 2020

Renew Youth Protection in 2020!

If you've been a registered adult for a few years, chances are you last took Youth Protection Training (YPT) in 2018 when the BSA required everybody to take the new version. YPT expires exactly two years after you take it, so pretty soon, a lot of people's YPT will expire.

If you wait till the end of the year, you'll risk letting it lapse—and you'll be scrambling to get into the online training system at the same time as thousands of others across the country. Save the trouble and renew sooner at https://my.scouting.org! You can also join us for in-person courses throughout the year (calendar at right).

Fixing Training Records

The records show that about half of our volunteers aren't yet fully trained for their Scouting positions... but we know more than a few people have courses missing from their records. Your district training chair and your unit's "key three" are able to enter most training courses, so please start there. You can provide proof in the form of a printout, certificate, or course director confirmation.

Credit for Training at Another Council

If you're not able to attend a Mayflower Council training course, you're welcome to take the same course with another council. However, this does not automatically mean your My.Scouting training record will be updated. Check with the person leading the training. If they send a report to the Mayflower Council office, your record will get updated. If they don't, it's your responsibility to show your completion certificate to someone who can add it to your record (see "Fixing Training Records" above).

Make sure you get the full training. For example, BALOO and IOLS both have a day and a half of required material with overnight camping (it's a national BSA syllabus we follow), and BALOO also requires an online component. Completing a shorter set of sessions can be a great way to learn skills, but it might leave you with more to finish.

Request a Training Course

If there's a training course you need and you don't see it listed on the schedule, please contact your district training chair or the council training chair (email at right). With enough advance notice, a suitable location, and a critical mass of participants, we can add most of the "classroom" courses on demand—especially YPT and Cub Leader Position-Specific. If you can get your fellow leaders to attend, we'll bring the training to you!

Recent Additions to the Calendar

Den Chief training: February 29 in Duxbury. This in-person, 2-1/2 hour course is a great way for your Scouts or Venturers to gain hands-on skills and build confidence to serve as Den Chiefs for a Cub Scout pack.

Outdoor ethics: Does your Scouts BSA troop have an "Outdoor Ethics Guide"? We'd like to help set these Scouts up to succeed by offering a half-day workshop, taught by Leave No Trace trainers. Our planned date is Saturday, March 14. Look for more info coming soon!

Training at Merit Badge University: Leaders and parents: If you're going to be at MBU and you're not already helping out, join us for training! We'll offer YPT; position-specific training for Scoutmasters, ASMs, and Troop Committee; and CPR and first aid certification.

Upcoming Opportunities



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

----------Scout Leader Skills----------

Feb 8	°**	Venturing Position-Specific *(Norwood)*
Feb 29	°**	Den Chief Training *(Duxbury)*
Mar 7	°**	Scoutmaster/ASM Pos.-Spec. *(Easton @MBU)*
Mar 14	°	Outdoor Ethics Guide Training *(Canton)*
Mar 21	°**	Troop Cmtee. Position-Spec. *(Easton @MBU)*
Mar 21	**	Youth Protection *(Easton @MBU)*
Mar 27-29, Apr 25-26	°*	Wood Badge
Apr 4-5	°**	IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing *(Plymouth)*
Apr 23	**	Youth Protection *(Whitman)*
Apr 25-26	°*	BALOO for Cub Leaders *(Bolton)*
May 2	+	Cub Leader Position-Specific *(location TBA)*
May 16-17	°*	Leave No Trace Trainer Training *(Sudbury)*

----------First Aid----------

Feb 8	°*	CPR/AED *(Canton)*
Feb 11	°*	CPR/AED *(Sudbury)*
Feb 15	°*	Red Cross First Aid *(Canton)*
Mar 7	°*	CPR/AED *(Easton @MBU)*
Mar 10	°*	CPR/AED *(Sudbury)*
Mar 14-15	°*	Wilderness and Remote First Aid *(Plymouth)*
Mar 21	°*	Red Cross First Aid *(Easton @MBU)*
Mar 24	°*	Red Cross First Aid *(Sudbury)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- *Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration:* www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- *BSA online training:* https://my.scouting.org
- *Council training chair:* Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
- *Staff contact:* Rick Riopelle: rick@mayflowerbsa.org

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!

Page 2: **In-Person Training We Offer**

The success of every Scouting program depends on having well-trained leaders. They not only bring a quality program to their units, but they also have more fun doing it. Everything we do in Scouting has a purpose. Training is the key to recognizing, understanding, and achieving the purpose behind every activity. **If you're a registered leader, there's a training course for you!**

Course	What it is	Who it's for	Time	When and where
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	A hands-on intro to outdoor skills for the Cub program, taught on an overnight campout. If your pack goes camping, at least one BALOO-trained adult must be there.	Cub Scout adults	1.5 days	2–3 times/year, spring and fall. Various camps.
Cub Leader Position-Specific Training (PST)	Classroom overview of the Cub Scouting program, advancement, leader roles, and resources to help you run a strong program. (Also available online.)	Cub Scout adults	4 hours	At least 4 times a year, mostly fall. Locations vary.
CPR/AED	American Red Cross certification in CPR and AED (defibrillator) use, valid for two years.	Adults and capable youth	3.5 hours	8+ times/year, often Nobscot or Canton.
Den Chief Training	Roles and responsibilities of a Den Chief. Includes tips, games, songs, and other fun activities for working with Cub Scouts. (Also available online.)	Scouts BSA and Venturing youth	2–3 hours	4–6 times/year, mostly fall. Locations vary.
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)	Overnight intro to skills like map/compass, woods tools, cooking, and knots/lashings. Learn new skills, reinforce old ones, and build confidence to teach.	Scouts BSA and Venturing adults	1.5 days	2–3 times/year, spring and fall. Various camps.
Leave No Trace Trainer Training	Hands-on training in the seven principles of Leave No Trace and advanced camping methods.	Adults and youth 14+	2 full days	Spring and maybe fall at BSA camps.
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	Advanced leadership development course for youth. Ideal for youth who aspire to Senior Patrol Leader, ASPL, or other key leadership positions.	Scouts BSA and Venturing youth	1 week	2 times each summer: Squanto and Resolute.
Red Cross First Aid	American Red Cross certification in basic first aid skills, valid for two years.	Adults and capable youth	3.5 hours	8+ times/year, often Nobscot or Canton.
Scoutmaster/ ASM PST	Fundamentals of running a successful youth-led troop, patrol method, and more. (Also available online.)	Scouts BSA adults	4–5 hours	6+ times/year. Locations vary.
Troop Committee PST	Learn how an effective Troop Committee can support a successful youth-led troop. (Also available online.)	Scouts BSA adults	2–3 hours	A few times/year. Locations vary.
Wilderness and Remote First Aid	Hands-on training to treat injuries in the backcountry. American Red Cross certification valid for two years.	Adults and youth 14+	2 full days	5 times/year: Nobscot/Squanto.
Wood Badge	The BSA's premier leadership skills course. Grow as a leader, apply leadership concepts and methods, and gain inspiration to deliver the promise of Scouting.	All adults	2 week-ends	1 or 2 times/year, at BSA camps.

Our in-person courses are organized and taught by trained volunteers who have been "in your shoes." Live training is a great way to meet fellow leaders, share ideas, get answers to questions, and get a chance to practice key skills. We try to offer these courses at a variety of times and locations, but we can also add certain courses on demand, if requested.

We offer other courses periodically, too. You can also take many training courses online at https://my.scouting.org. For most Scouting positions, online training covers all the requirements to be considered "trained" for your position and wear the Trained patch. See the requirements for your position in our Quick Guides at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training.

2019 Silver Beaver Recipients

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not seek it.

We are extremely proud of our 2019 Silver Beaver Award recipients. They are shining examples of Scouting service in our Council!



Gary Bernklow – Silver Beaver

Gary has been involved in Scouting for 45 years, joining Pack 39 Stow as a Cub Scout and earning both the “heavy shoulder” and the Arrow of Light. He crossed over to Troop 1 Stow and served as a patrol leader, senior patrol leader, and junior assistant Scoutmaster and earning his Eagle rank in 1984. He was also active with the Order of the Arrow during his time as a Scout, serving on the Taunkacoo executive board as a vice-chief and becoming a Vigil Honor Member of the lodge in 1983.

He was a staff member at Camp Resolute for several years and attended National Camp School. Gary is a Lifetime Member of the Camp Resolute Alumni Association and served as the chair

to the Resolute 100th Anniversary Camporee in the fall of 2019.

Gary has served as an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 1 since 1984 and has organized and led several high adventure trips for the troop to Maine, New York, Vermont, Montana (4 times), Wyoming, New Mexico, California, and is currently in the planning stages for a trip to Colorado for the summer of 2020. As a troop leader Gary has coached 69 Scouts to the rank of Eagle, including his son Connor in 2018.

During his tenure as an assistant Scoutmaster, Gary also served the town of Stow as Chair of the Finance Committee, as a selectman, and as financial officer of the Elementary School Building Committee which reconstructed the Center School.

In 2010, he formed Troop One Stow Alumni, incorporated, as a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, often referred to as TOSA, Inc. TOSA is organized exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes of supporting Troop 1 Stow by serving as its chartering organization, assuring the safety of Troop 1 members, providing financial and other support to Troop 1 Stow, and educating and training the members of Troop 1 Stow according to the guidelines and policies of the Boy Scouts of America. The organization was established to ensure the Scouting program continues in the Town of Stow and engages young adults to continue in the Scouting program. Gary serves as TOSA’s CEO.

Gary is Director Product Management at MedAptus, a medical software IT company headquartered in Boston. Gary has been with MedAptus since 2007.

Gary has been married to his wife Lori since 1993. They have two children: Connor, Eagle Scout, 19 years old and currently enrolled at the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst, and Abigail 21 years of age, attending Framingham State University and studying early childhood education.



Ronald Ehnes – Silver Beaver

Ronald has been involved with the Scouting Program since September 1953 as a Cub Scout in Pack 209 Manhattan. He was a youth member and adult leader with units in the Greater New York Council until being stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippine Islands. He served as an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 362 there and helped coordinate and participated in the re-enactment of the Battan Death March. He helped start a summer camp program with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. He was also active while serving at Phan Rang Air Base in the Republic of South Vietnam where he assisted in restoring and maintaining a Catholic Orphanage.

When Ron returned from the far east, he re-engaged with Explorer Post 237 in Manhattan. He left the post in 1971. Upon being separated from the Air Force Ron was appointed to the U.S. Marshal's Service in Brooklyn, N.Y. & Delaware which made it difficult for him to participate in Scouting due to travel, overtime and warrant investigations. In December 2002 Ron and his family were invited to an Eagle Court of Honor, and his two sons were so impressed with the ceremony and Scouts that the family joined Troop 51 in January 2003.

Over his distinguished Scouting career, has received many awards – Eagle Scout Class of 1964, Vigil Honor, Scouters Key, Scouters Training Award, Scoutmaster's Award of Merit, Unit Leader Award of Merit, and the District Award of Merit. He attended Wood Badge while stationed in the Philippines through the Far East Council. In June 2019, Ron was presented with the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award which recognizes notable Eagle Scouts who have either performed distinguished service at the local, state, or regional level or who were

known nationally.

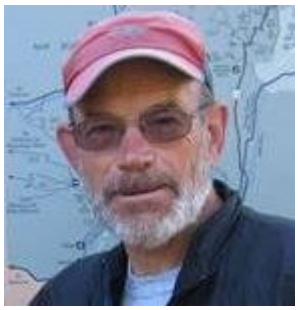
Ron is employed with the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility where he has worked since April 1987. He is assigned as an Accreditation Specialist with duties as Fire Safety, Safety and Environmental Officer. Ron is a member of the National Sheriff's Association and the National Corrections Employee's Association.

In May 1993 he received the Supervisor of the Year Award and in June 1994 he received the Father of the Year Award from radio station WCOD.

Ron serves as a role model for the Scouts, BSA religious awards program by helping Scouts of his and different faiths to achieve their own individual religious awards. He is an active member of St. Bonaventure Parish and has attended the Generation of Faith Program with his family and assists with the Religious Education Programs when asked.

Ron provides each Scout with a sense of dignity and incentive to perform on an outstanding level. He is a merit Badge Counselor within the Troop and at M.B.U. since 2003. As an Eagle Scout, he has assisted over fifty Scouts to achieve their Eagle rank by working closely with them on advice, paperwork and guidance. Ron believes in strong youth leadership especially through the patrol method and attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). In September 2011 he assisted in the organization and training of newly appointed Youth Leaders which was a great success.

Ron and his wife Karen have been married for 34 years and their two son's Michael and Justin who are both Eagle Scouts.



Peter Lane – Silver Beaver

Pete Lane was a Boy Scout growing up in western Massachusetts and attended Camp Eagle. He attended the Boy Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs in 1960.
As a Philmont Contingent Coordinator he sits on the Council High Adventure Committee. He has led 3 Philmont and 1 Sea Base Council contingents. Pete is a Philmont Ambassador and has worked many hours promoting Philmont.

He has also attended Philmont Training Center several times and has been involved for many years as a commissioner at various levels and attends commissioner college each year, again this year as an instructor.

For more than 10 years Pete has volunteered every Tuesday at Nobscot or Camp Resolute assisting the ranger working on the needs of the camps (painting, repairing, cabins and buildings). Pete also lends a hand in the camps when we have large groups that volunteer during days of caring.

Pete is a Leave No Trace Master running training class for both Scouts and adults as well as members of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). He has been regularly involved as an Outdoor Ethics advocate for the council as well as attending 2 National Outdoor Ethics conferences. Pete has worked tirelessly on promoting Leave No Trace and Outdoor Ethics to Scouts.

Pete has been a volunteer with the Appalachian Mountain Club for more than 10 years. He is an active bike and hike leader. He is also a North Country volunteer and an AMC Alpine Steward since approx. 2003. He currently is a member of the Franconia

Notch Task Group. This past year he was awarded one of the AMCs highest club wide awards for volunteer leadership.

As a member of the Catamount Trail Association Pete leads back country ski trips and is on the Board of Directors and the Trail Committee. While regularly in Vermont, Pete volunteers with the Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports Association; an organization promoting outdoors for youth and adults with disabilities.

Pete has been running the Scout Orienteering Camporee (Scout O) serving approx. 400 Scout and Scouters at Nobscot for many years. He also served as the President and then Chairman of the Board of the New England Orienteering Club.

Pete is also member of the Appalachian Trail Association, Pete was involved with organizing two ATC Biennial Conferences, one in Vermont and one in New Hampshire.

Pete is an avid long-distance hiker and cyclist. He has hiked the Appalachian Trail, the Colorado Trail, Long Trail and John Muir Trail in California. He cycled across the country with his daughter in 2004.

He is an active member of the Marlboro Congregational Church Men’s Fellowship, serving monthly meals to senior citizens and doing repair work around the church.

Pete is a Civil Engineer in having worked in Boston, Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Baltimore, Omaha NE. He returned to Boston in 1988. He has a BS from University of Vermont and MS from Drexel University.

Pete has been married to his wife Laura for 48 years this month. Laura has been active in Girl Scouting. They have three children, Jennifer, Amy, and Carleton. Both girls earned Girl Scouting’s Gold Award, and Carleton is an Eagle Scout.



Mandy Lyons – Silver Beaver

Mandy Lyons has served Scouts, BSA for 28 years, concurrent with her decades of volunteering as a Brownie, Junior, Cadet and Senior Troop leader for Girls Scouts of the USA. She has served as a unit supervisor, are programs representative and area representative to the Council committee for GSUSA as well. She was assigned to the safety committee for Hancock Elementary School, Brockton to keep children safe from strangers, drugs, and absenteeism. She has served two Jewish parent's organizations, especially chairing the school's largest fundraiser for pre-school children.

All of her community and Scouting involvement was accomplished while working as a teacher – this goes far beyond the usual professional commitment. She has semi-retired from teaching the last seven years to assist her children with the oversight of the grandchildren.

Mandy has been a supporter of Fr Bacon's District, Council, and Camp Squanto Chaplaincy, and in her own quiet way demonstrates the principles of "Duty to God" and "Reverence". In her home and family life, Mandy places great importance on both the religious and cultural traditions of Judaism.

She has staffed sessions Scoutmaster Fundamentals, Cub Scout leader training, Akela, PowWow's, Baloo, IOLS as well roundtable staff. She has served on staff for three Wood Badge courses and on Junior Leader Training staff. Mandy has also served as an event chair for three Klondike Derbies.

She is the recipient the Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award, the District Award of Merit. Mandy is a brotherhood

member of the Order Of The Arrow.

Mandy and her husband Steve have been married for 42 years and have 3 grown children. She was a leader in each of their Scouting units. Her son is an Eagle Scout and is presently a den leader in his son and daughter's pack. She is still active in Troop 42 in Easton and currently helps out with her oldest granddaughter's Brownie Troop. In her spare time, she finds time to crochet hats and scarfs which are donated to one of the Brockton Elementary schools to be distributed to children in need.

Mandy is a cancer survivor, but has never faltered in her dedication to helping youth in these worthy organizations.



Debra Scollins – Silver Beaver

Debra is the mother of 5 children (3 BOYS AND 2 GIRLS) ranging in ages 23-30. Her husband, Dennis, signed up the two oldest boys for Cub Scouts in 1997 and the rest is history….
In 1998, Debra volunteered to be the Marshfield Pack 79 Treasurer for 2 years and then volunteered to be the Committee Chair for 2 more years. Pinewood Derbies, Museum of Science campouts, belt loops, den meetings, monthly pack meetings, and outdoor adventures all behind them, the boys grew older, earned Arrow of Light, and joined Boy Scout Troop 212. Debra signed up to be on the Troop 212 Committee and then became the Committee Chair for the next 5 years. She registered as a Merit Badge Counselor, as well. There were many fun outdoor campouts (summer camp at Squanto was simply the highlight), community service projects, and parades. Her youngest son, decided to join Boy Scouts, too (with a little recruiting from Ross Troiano), so Debra continued as Committee Chair for Troop

212 for the next 5 years. Once again, the Scouts had even more fun canoeing, white water rafting, attending Mass Jam, and skiing. Debra's favorite thing to do in Scouting is teach Communications, Citizenship in the Community, and Family Life at Merit Badge University (MBU). All three sons are Eagle Scouts.
Debra became a Unit Commissioner in 2011, an Assistant District Commissioner in 2013 and currently serves as a District Commissioner. She has been recognized for her contribution to scouting with the Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award, Arrowhead Honor, District Award of Merit, the Commissioner's Key, and in 2019 received the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. She is a 20-year Veteran of the BSA and a Master of Commissioner Science.

Debra earned a Bachelor's Degree in Management Science from Bridgewater State College. She currently works as an administrator for the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Brockton and has been with this agency for 20 years.

Her favorite training program was Wood Badge. She and fellow Commissioner, Stephen Trimble, completed course N1-225-13-1, sponsored by the Cape and Islands Council. Her ticket revolved around her work as an Assistant District Commissioner.

Ross started a Venture Crew in January 2015 and Debra volunteered to serve the first year as an Associate Crew Advisor and then Committee Chair for this unit for the next 2 years. In 2018, Debra volunteered to work with the District Advancement Committee and served as the Eagle Chair for 6 months, until her nomination to be the District Commissioner. Through her leadership as a Commissioner, Debra has amassed the largest roundtable staff in Cranberry Harbor's history and attracts as many as 72 attendees to monthly roundtables. Her Unit Commissioner Staff continues to grow.

Aside from Scouting, Debra has an interest biking (Falmouth Shining Sea Bike Trail), kayaking (Marshfield North River),

crocheting, traveling (US and abroad), and in local politics. Her husband Dennis is a lifetime member of the Marshfield Democratic Town Committee and Debra has helped him during the time he served as their treasurer. Debra served as a delegate at the MA Democratic State Convention in June 2014 and worked on a campaign to help elect Deb Goldberg, as State Treasurer. Debra also worked as a campaign manager for her husband, Dennis, during his 4 elections to the Marshfield School Committee. Debra and Dennis currently serve on the Hospitality Committee of the Assumption Church in Green Harbor.

2020-2021 Parent's Guide Advertising

Dear Business Leader,

Help support Scouting in your community by participating in the 2020-2021 Mayflower Council, Boy Scouts of America Parent Guide Ad Campaign!

By purchasing an "ad" in our Parent's Guide, your advertisement will be viewed annually by over 10,000 registered Scouts, parents and volunteers, benefiting both your business and the local Boy Scout Council in 62 communities throughout the South Shore and MetroWest areas of Massachusetts. Help support a good cause, which for over 100 years has helped young people make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Below are all the details to participate in the Ad Campaign. On behalf of the youth and families served by the Mayflower Council, thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

2020-2021 Parents Guide

- Business Card Ad 3.5 in x 2 in $250
- 1/4 Page Ad 4.75 in x 3.5 in $500
- 1/2 Page Ad 4.75 in x 7 in $750
- Full Page Ad 9.5 in x 7 in $1,000
- Program Partner Mayflower Council website (Sept to Sept) $1,500

Custom or multiple ads subject to negotiation.

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2020 –2021 Parent's Guide Advertising Order Form

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Check made payable to: **Mayflower Council, BSA**
2 Mount Royal Avenue Suite 100
Marlborough, MA 01752

or pay online at: www.mayflowerbsa.org/2020AdCampaign

Investment in Character

Circulation
Your ad will be accessible to 10,000 families in 62 communities and towns in Plymouth and Norfolk Counties as well as the South Shore and MetroWest during the 2020-2021 Scouting year.

Artwork Requirements
Please provide high resolution artwork (EPS, PDF, JPEG, TIF or PSD format) in a timely manner to avoid production delays.

Ad Timetable

Artwork Deadline: April 15th
Please forward ad artwork electronically to Jim Corcoran
Phone 508-217-6106

Or Mail to:
Mayflower Council, BSA
2 Mount Royal Avenue, Suite 100
Marlborough, MA 01752

WHAT SCOUTS ARE DOING TODAY!

- Scouts performed over 126,080 hours of service for the 62 communities we serve
- 331 youth achieved the highest rank in Scouting– Eagle Scout
- 34,466 Scouts and visitors camped at our Council properties.
- 10,014 Merit Badges were earned. The top five were Citizenship in the World, First Aid, Fingerprinting Swimming and Personal Fitness.

What the BSA News Means for Local Scouting

Dear Scouting Family,

We wanted to reach out to provide some information on a few things that have recently been in the news about the Boy Scouts of America and explain what it all means for Scouting in the Mayflower Council. As you may have heard, the national organization is exploring a potential Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. The national organization is a separate and distinct organization from Mayflower Council and so, Mayflower Council

would not be included in the bankruptcy. Nevertheless, the national organization has asked local councils to consider assisting in related negotiations and planning.

A filing by the national organization of Chapter 11 bankruptcy would have two key objectives: to equitably compensate victims who were harmed as a result of their time in Scouting and to continue to carry out Scouting's mission for years to come.

It is important for you to know that nothing is changing at this time, and no decisions have been made regarding a potential filing. We remain as committed as ever to delivering the Scouting program in our area, and to supporting the dedicated volunteers and Scouting families in our communities.

Your regular unit meetings and activities, district and council events, and all other Scouting adventures will continue as usual. Please be assured that all options under consideration by the national organization, including a potential Chapter 11 filing, will ensure that Scouting continues at all levels. Also be assured that there is no scenario under consideration in which Mayflower Council would file for a Chapter 11 financial restructuring.

Our Council President and Scout Executive have been briefed on national's situation and have designated an attorney who will work with the newly created National Ad Hoc Committee to represent Mayflower Council in those discussions.

Our participation in the Ad Hoc Committee does not obligate us to contribute funds to this effort. As stated above, our Council remains an independent nonprofit organization separate from the national organization.

Please be assured that your Friends of Scouting (FOS) and other annual donations to the Council will continue to be used to pay for necessary day-to-day expenses that are critical to

our ability to provide quality Scouting programs in our communities. Additionally, any restricted donation you have made or plan to make to our council can and will be used only for its designated purpose.

You may also be wondering why the national organization is considering these financial options now. The national organization is facing mounting financial strain from a significant increase in litigation related to past instances of abuse. One instance of abuse is one too many, and we are heartbroken that any child was ever harmed during their time in Scouting. It is important to note that the vast majority of these cases date back decades, some as far back as the 1940s, but they are surfacing now due to recent changes in numerous states' statute of limitations laws.

As members of the Scouting family, you know that the safety of children in our programs is our absolute top priority. Over many years, we have developed some of the strongest expert-informed youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization. From mandatory youth protection training to policies like two-deep leadership, no one-on-one interaction between youth and adults, and mandatory reporting of any suspected abuse, our volunteers and employees take youth protection policies and procedures extremely seriously and do their part to help keep kids safe.

In addition to our council staff, the 24/7 Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1) and email address (scouts1st@scouting.org) are also available to assist in reporting suspected abuse or inappropriate behavior. You can view all our safeguards and watch the youth protection training course that is mandatoryfor all volunteers and employees at www.scouting.org/youth-safety. In fact, this is a resource that you can share with friends and family who are interested in understanding what the BSA is doing to keep kids safe.

We know you may have additional questions about these issues and stories you see in the news. We created an FAQ to address as many of those questions as possible. If your question has not been answered in this letter or in the attached document, please feel free to reach out to us by clicking here. We will do everything we can to provide helpful, transparent responses and ensure your Scouting experience continues to be a great one.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in our Scouting programs.

Yours in Scouting,



Mike Rotar
Council President



Bryan Feather
Scout Executive / CEO

Council Annual Recognition Dinner

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 was we do

that is through nominating a Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award, the highest adult recognition a council can bestow.

Join us on Wednesday, January 29th at Lake Pearl, Wrentham to recognize these outstanding volunteers for their service to Scouting and their communities.

Gary Bernklow
Ronald Ehnes
Peter Lane
Mandy Lyons
Debra Scollins

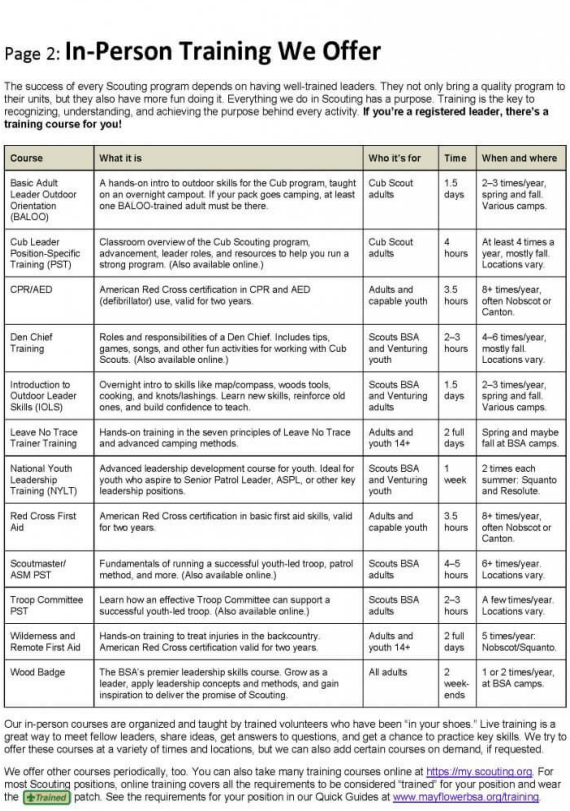
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Frequently asked questions about the Silver Beaver Award:

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.

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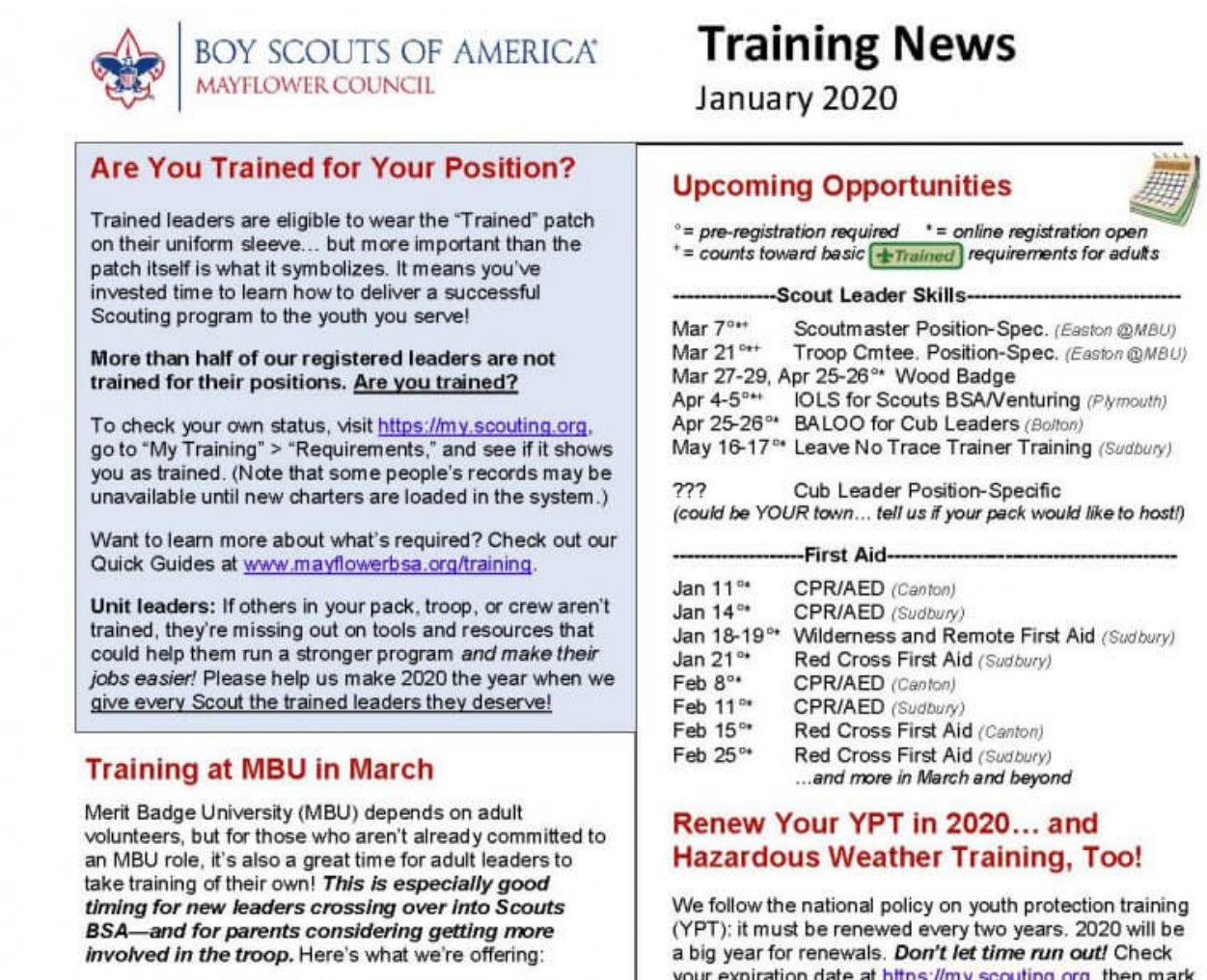
The success of every Scouting program depends on having well-trained leaders. They not only bring a quality program to their units, but they also have more fun doing it. Everything we do in Scouting has a purpose. Training is the key to recognizing, understanding, and achieving the purpose behind every activity. **If you're a registered leader, there's a training course for you!**

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Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	A hands-on intro to outdoor skills for the Cub program, taught on an overnight campout. If your pack goes camping, at least one BALOO-trained adult must be there.	Cub Scout adults	1.5 days	2–3 times/year, spring and fall. Various camps.
Cub Leader Position-Specific Training (PST)	Classroom overview of the Cub Scouting program, advancement, leader roles, and resources to help you run a strong program. (Also available online.)	Cub Scout adults	4 hours	At least 4 times a year, mostly fall. Locations vary.
CPR/AED	American Red Cross certification in CPR and AED (defibrillator) use, valid for two years.	Adults and capable youth	3.5 hours	8+ times/year, often Nobscot or Canton.
Den Chief Training	Roles and responsibilities of a Den Chief. Includes tips, games, songs, and other fun activities for working with Cub Scouts. (Also available online.)	Scouts BSA and Venturing youth	2–3 hours	4–6 times/year, mostly fall. Locations vary.
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)	Overnight intro to skills like map/compass, woods tools, cooking, and knots/lashings. Learn new skills, reinforce old ones, and build confidence to teach.	Scouts BSA and Venturing adults	1.5 days	2–3 times/year, spring and fall. Various camps.
Leave No Trace Trainer Training	Hands-on training in the seven principles of Leave No Trace and advanced camping methods.	Adults and youth 14+	2 full days	Spring and maybe fall at BSA camps.
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	Advanced leadership development course for youth. Ideal for youth who aspire to Senior Patrol Leader, ASPL, or other key leadership positions.	Scouts BSA and Venturing youth	1 week	2 times each summer: Squanto and Resolute.
Red Cross First Aid	American Red Cross certification in basic first aid skills, valid for two years.	Adults and capable youth	3.5 hours	8+ times/year, often Nobscot or Canton.
Scoutmaster/ ASM PST	Fundamentals of running a successful youth-led troop, patrol method, and more. (Also available online.)	Scouts BSA adults	4–5 hours	6+ times/year. Locations vary.
Troop Committee PST	Learn how an effective Troop Committee can support a successful youth-led troop. (Also available online.)	Scouts BSA adults	2–3 hours	A few times/year. Locations vary.
Wilderness and Remote First Aid	Hands-on training to treat injuries in the backcountry. American Red Cross certification valid for two years.	Adults and youth 14+	2 full days	5 times/year: Nobscot/Squanto.
Wood Badge	The BSA's premier leadership skills course. Grow as a leader, apply leadership concepts and methods, and gain inspiration to deliver the promise of Scouting.	All adults	2 week-ends	1 or 2 times/year, at BSA camps.

Our in-person courses are organized and taught by trained volunteers who have been "in your shoes." Live training is a great way to meet fellow leaders, share ideas, get answers to questions, and get a chance to practice key skills. We try to offer these courses at a variety of times and locations, but we can also add certain courses on demand, if requested.

We offer other courses periodically, too. You can also take many training courses online at https://my.scouting.org. For most Scouting positions, online training covers all the requirements to be considered "trained" for your position and wear the Trained patch. See the requirements for your position in our Quick Guides at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training.

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Training News
January 2020

Are You Trained for Your Position?

Trained leaders are eligible to wear the "Trained" patch on their uniform sleeve… but more important than the patch itself is what it symbolizes. It means you've invested time to learn how to deliver a successful Scouting program to the youth you serve!

More than half of our registered leaders are not trained for their positions. Are you trained?

To check your own status, visit https://my.scouting.org, go to "My Training" > "Requirements," and see if it shows you as trained. (Note that some people's records may be unavailable until new charters are loaded in the system.)

Want to learn more about what's required? Check out our Quick Guides at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training.

Unit leaders: If others in your pack, troop, or crew aren't trained, they're missing out on tools and resources that could help them run a stronger program *and make their jobs easier!* Please help us make 2020 the year when we give every Scout the trained leaders they deserve!

Training at MBU in March

Merit Badge University (MBU) depends on adult volunteers, but for those who aren't already committed to an MBU role, it's also a great time for adult leaders to take training of their own! ***This is especially good timing for new leaders crossing over into Scouts BSA—and for parents considering getting more involved in the troop.*** Here's what we're offering:

Upcoming Opportunities

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----------Scout Leader Skills----------

Mar 7°*+ Scoutmaster Position-Spec. *(Easton @MBU)*
Mar 21°*+ Troop Cmtee. Position-Spec. *(Easton @MBU)*
Mar 27-29, Apr 25-26°* Wood Badge
Apr 4-5°*+ IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing *(Plymouth)*
Apr 25-26°* BALOO for Cub Leaders *(Bolton)*
May 16-17°* Leave No Trace Trainer Training *(Sudbury)*

??? Cub Leader Position-Specific
(could be YOUR town… tell us if your pack would like to host!)

----------First Aid----------

Jan 11°* CPR/AED *(Canton)*
Jan 14°* CPR/AED *(Sudbury)*
Jan 18-19°* Wilderness and Remote First Aid *(Sudbury)*
Jan 21°* Red Cross First Aid *(Sudbury)*
Feb 8°* CPR/AED *(Canton)*
Feb 11°* CPR/AED *(Sudbury)*
Feb 15°* Red Cross First Aid *(Canton)*
Feb 25°* Red Cross First Aid *(Sudbury)*
…and more in March and beyond

Renew Your YPT in 2020… and Hazardous Weather Training, Too!

We follow the national policy on youth protection training (YPT): it must be renewed every two years. 2020 will be a big year for renewals. ***Don't let time run out!*** Check your expiration date at https://my.scouting.org, then mark

Silver Beaver Awards Announced

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 was we do that is through nominating a Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award, the highest adult recognition a council can bestow.

Silver Beaver Honorees Selected

Please join the Mayflower Council in congratulating this years Silver Beaver Honorees.

Presentation of the Silver Beaver will be made at the Council Annual Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA. We hope you can join us to recognize these outstanding volunteers as they are recognized for their outstanding service to scouting and their communities.

Gary Bernklow
Ronald Ehnes
Peter Lane
Mandy Lyons
Debra Scollins

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.

December Roundtable

Below are the event flyers, training newsletter and other information from the December Roundtable.

2019 Museum of Science Overnight

2019-2020 District Award of Merit Form

2019-2020 District-Awards Form

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Scouts BSA Klondike – Hosted by the Sachem District

Webelos Klondike Flyer – Hosted by the Sachem District

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December 2019

Hey Cub Scout Packs: Host a Training Course!

We hear a lot of reasons why adult leaders don't get trained. It's too far away. I won't know anybody there. I need child care. Or *nobody invited me*.

Here's a solution: host a training course right where your pack meets! Yes, you can absolutely do this. "Position-specific training" takes 4 hours to complete, so find a time that works for you, contact the training team, and we'll send trainers. We just ask that you provide a free location, a "critical mass" of at least 6 participants, and a few weeks' notice so we can line up volunteer trainers and advertise the course to neighboring packs. We can also work with you to provide activities for Cub-age youth while their parents get trained.

A few packs have already done this, and they got great results.

Finally, don't forget to personally invite each of your leaders to this training event! It means a lot more when the invitation comes from a fellow leader within the pack who they know and trust.

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Thanks for Making Time for Training

Please join us in a big "thank you" to...

- More than 400 adult leaders in our council who took the time to take in-person position-specific or supplementary training during 2019.
- Many more who took position-specific training online.
- All of you who sent your *youth* leaders to courses like NYLT, Den Chief training, and Venturing ILSC.
- 75 leaders who volunteered their time as trainers in 2019.

Our Scouts Need (and Deserve) Trained Leaders!

Did you know that fewer than half of our "direct contact" leaders across the council are trained for their positions? Direct contact leaders include Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, etc.—the people whose role is to work directly with Scouts. Training is key to helping direct contact leaders understand and deliver a safe, fun, and successful program. It also provides ideas and resources to help make every Scouting job easier.

Our role on the training team is to train leaders. We run courses across the council throughout the year, but they're only successful if people come to them. If leaders feel that training is valuable, they will find time to do it. So we ask for your help! Please help us spread the word. Personally invite and encourage your fellow leaders to become trained. Recognize and reward those who do. And set the example by being trained yourself.

We'll be making a bigger push for training in 2020. You'll help us, won't you?

New Additions to the Schedule

- Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Position-Specific Training during Merit Badge University in March.
- We've added several CPR and first aid courses in Canton to serve the southern and eastern portions of our council. Our courses are a great way to get official Red Cross certification at a big discount.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- *Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration:* www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- *BSA online training:* https://my.scouting.org
- *Council training chair:* Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
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EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!

Celebrating 400 Years!

Scouts in the UK have developed a program that celebrates the Pilgrims leaving England and landing here in present day Massachusetts.

The year 2020 is the 400th anniversary of that event. Scouts in the UK have contacted units in Plymouth, MA to partner with over the next year. There are currently 20 units that have signed up indicating that they would like to take part in the program.

This program is a number of activities based on many of the things that the Pilgrims did once they arrived in present day Plymouth. There are skills that are divided from easy to more difficult and available for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA or Venture Crews.

Troop 51 has spearheaded this program and is in touch with Scouts in the UK. Please see the flyer below for contact information.



The Peregrine Challenge was created by the Scouts in The United Kingdom to Commorate the 400th Anniverasry of the departure of the Mayflower from Plymouth, UK. They have invited the Scouts from Plymouth USA and beyond to join in this celebration with them.

Detailed information is provided on the FB Group Page. You may also request the PDF by emailing t51manomet@gmail.com

USA Units with be partnered with UK units to build closeknit relationships – think skype, carepackages, future hosting, and more!

The challenge has been set up so that it mimics the tasks and challenges the Pilgrims would have done on their voyage and as settlers. Each challenge has three levels of intensity, just chose what best fits your unit.

We ask that you keep a "ship's log" to keep track of where you are in the challenge. Leader participation is greatly encouraged in the FB Group. (It's a private group.)

Particiapting Scouts and Leaders will receive a patch and so much more in the way of new friendships.

The Peregrine Challenge

To Commemorate the Mayflower 400th

Join the FB Group: Peregrine Challenge - Scout District

All Scouts Welcome to participate!

A yearlong event leading up to 2020!

Three levels of difficulty to choose from to meet all ages levels.

USA – UK Scouts

Participate wherever you are!

T51manomet@gmail.com with questions

Official Kick off Date is November 1st.