

Vigil Honor Nominations

The Tantamous Lodge is now accepting nominations for the Vigil Honor.

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen

once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.

Nomination Form

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Virus



Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Virus Information

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) announced on 8/19/19 that EEE virus has been detected in mosquitos collected from areas within the Mayflower Council boundaries. As a consequence of this detection the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has raised the EEE risk level for many of these areas.

EEE is a rare but serious illness spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. While EEE can infect people of all ages, people under 15 years of age or over 50 years of age are at greatest risk for serious illness.

By taking a few, common-sense precautions, people can help to protect themselves and their loved ones:

Avoid Mosquito Bites

- **Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours.** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider

rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning. If you are outdoors at any time and notice mosquitoes around you, take steps to avoid being bitten by moving indoors, covering up and/or wearing repellent. Avoid outside areas with obvious mosquito activity

- **Clothing Can Help to reduce mosquito bites.** Although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin. Sleep with mosquito netting.
- **Apply Insect Repellent when you go outdoors.** Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin. Wear mosquito repellent when outdoors, especially between dawn and dusk.

The Mayflower Council will continue to work with the Boards of Health, the MDPH and other agencies.

For the most up to date information about EEE and reports of current and historical EEE virus activity in Massachusetts visit the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito

September Training Newsletter

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Tons of Training on Tap



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

Scout Leader Skills

Sep 27-28**	IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Bolton)
Sep 28**	Cub Leader Training Fest (Franklin)
Sep 28**	Den Chief Training (Franklin)
Sep 28-29**	Leave No Trace Trainer Training (Sudbury)
Oct 5**	Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Braintree)
Oct 5-6**	BALOO for Cub Leaders (Plymouth)
Oct 19-20**	IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Wrentham)
Oct 26**	Cub Leader Training Fest (Hingham)
Oct 26**	Den Chief Training (Hingham)
Nov 2**	Venturing Leader Training Fest (Canton)
Nov 9**	Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Hudson)
Nov 9**	Troop Committee Position-Specific (Hudson)
Nov 9**	Den Chief Training (Hudson)
Nov 16**	Tread Lightly Trainer Training (Hudson)
Dec 7**	Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Foxboro)
Dec 7**	Den Chief Training (Foxboro)

First Aid

Sep 7**	CPR/AED (Canton)
Sep 14**	Red Cross First Aid (Canton)
Oct 15*	CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Oct 19-20*	Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
Nov 12*	CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Nov 19*	Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
Dec 7*	CPR/AED (Location TBA)

Quick Notes

District Committee Position-Specific Training is now online! Starting this fall, you can now earn your "Trained" status online at <https://my.scouting.org>.

Reminder: Youth Protection Training (YPT) is on a two-year cycle. Our council follows the national standard. If you last took YPT in 2018, you'll need to renew it in 2020.

Hazardous Weather Training is the only thing standing between many of our "direct contact" leaders and the "Trained" patch. (It shows up as SCO_800 in unit training records.) It's only available at <https://my.scouting.org>. The BSA has not authorized an in-person version.

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!

Kickoff for All Cub Leaders!

Join us in Franklin on 9/28 or Hingham on 10/26 for our Cub Scout Leader Training Festivals! This event includes training, resources to save you a trip to the office, and activities for youth while their parents get trained. Pre-registration is appreciated. Lunch is \$5; the rest is free!

Morning session (8:30-12:30):

- Position-specific training for your role (Den Leader, Cubmaster, or Committee Member). This is part of the requirements to earn the "Trained" patch. We're following the new national curriculum, which requires a full four hours—similar to online, but more fun!
- A variety of 1-hour workshops for people who've already taken position-specific training. Register now to tell us what specific topics you'd like us to include!

Afternoon session (12:30-2:00):

- Supplemental position-specific training for anyone who took the morning session and wants to be covered for additional positions.
- Additional workshops on topics of interest.

Making Sense of Training Records

We get a lot of questions about training records. Here are a few answers and tips:

- Every adult leader's *official* training record is the BSA's national database, called "ScoutNet."
- <https://my.scouting.org> is the way to see your official training record. Log in with your account.
- If your unit uses "Scoutbook" software, your training record in Scoutbook will NOT automatically match the official ScoutNet database. The BSA says they're working on making an automated connection eventually. Until then, update Scoutbook on your own.
- Your unit's "key three" can view *and fix* records in My.Scouting for all leaders in the unit. They can also designate a few more people to have this access. Visit https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/idg/Security_Manager.pdf for instructions on delegating access.

If you took a training course but it's not showing up in your record, this could be happening for several reasons:

- Software glitch or multiple My.Scouting accounts
- Took training long ago, before there was a database
- Took training but it wasn't entered into database
- Took training with another council who didn't send us the records

A member of your unit "key three" can fix your record. Your district training chair can also help. Please show a copy of your training card or certificate to get credit.

Popcorn Pickup Locations

We have two distribution sites.

If you are in the Post Road District, Headwaters District or Metacomet District, you will pick up at:

Cumberland Farms
165 Flanders Road, Westborough

If you are in the Sachem District or Cranberry Harbors District, you will pick up at:

Sysco Boston
99 Spring Street, Plympton

Pickup Dates and Times: Please ensure someone from your unit picks up the popcorn during these times.

Show N Sell: Saturday, September 11th
8:00 – 9:30am

**Take Orders: Saturday, November 20th –
8:00 am – 9:30 am**

Before you leave you *must* sign your order indicating you have received all product. We will not be held responsible for missing items once you have signed your order.

Want Your Popcorn Early?

That is right! You can have your popcorn in hand on Wednesday, September 8th (Westborough) or Friday, September 10th (Plympton). Your unit can start selling earlier than everyone else. We need lots of volunteers (must be 18+) to help sort the popcorn to get ready for Saturday morning pickups. Commitment is from 1:00 – 4:00 pm on one of those days.

We could also use a few hands on Saturday morning to help load cars. Please note, if you are helping at either warehouse, you will need to wear close toed shoes.

Sign Up Today to Help Sort

Last Chance Kickoff Meeting

You asked and we listened! We will hold one additional Trail's End popcorn kickoff meeting. The meeting will be on Monday, August 19, 6:30 – 7:30pm via video conference. You must sign up to receive your instructions to log into this video conference. A bonus incentive will be given to all that attend.

Sign Up To Attend

Would You Like To Receive Your Popcorn Early?

That is right! You can have your popcorn in hand on Wednesday, September 4th (Westborough) or Friday, September 6th (Plympton). Your unit can start selling earlier than everyone else. We need lots of volunteers (must be 18+) to help sort the popcorn to get ready for Saturday morning pickups. Commitment is from 1:00 – 4:00 pm on one of those days. We could also use a few hands on Saturday morning to help load cars. Please note, if you are helping at either warehouse, you will need to wear close toed shoes.

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Fund Your Scouting Adventures?

One of the best fundraisers for a scout is selling Trail's End Popcorn. It teaches your Scout important life skills, it can fund their scouting adventures, earn college scholarship money, and earn great prizes for both scouts and units.

Need to learn more, contact your District Popcorn Kernel.

Sign Your Unit Up Here

Time To Place Your Order

Start planning what you are ordering for your biggest selling season! Orders for your Show N Sell are due no later than midnight on: ***Friday, August 23rd!***

If you need to see what you ordered last year, just log on to your trails-end.com account and change the date to view the 2018 selling campaign.

When placing your order please note the following quantities in each case:

Chocolate Lovers and Cheese Lovers = 1 per case

Kettle Corn and Unbelievable Butter = 6 per case

White Cheddar = 8 per case (this is a change from last year)

Chocolatey Caramel Crunch, Salted Caramel, Premium Caramel, Classic Caramel, and Popping Corn = 12 per case

Planning Your Next Den Meeting Just Got Easier

If you're a den leader, you're going to love the latest update to Scoutbook! The Boy Scouts of America's online tool for tracking Scouting advancement just rolled out a new update that's going to make it easier than ever for den leaders to prepare for and lead meetings, track advancement and attendance, and more.

Suggested Eagle Scout News Release



From: SCOUTING AMERICA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mayflower Council
83 Cedar Street
Milford, MA 01757

Contact: (Full name, title)
(Office and home phone numbers)

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD TO BE PRESENTED

(Full name, age), of (address), has earned the highest advancement award offered by Scouting America, the Eagle Scout Award. This achievement is reached by only four percent of all Scouts BSA.

(Last name) will be recognized in ceremonies on (day, date, and time) at the (location).

A member of (chartered organization, Troop #), (last name) is an exceptional scout, having served as (leadership position) and receiving (Scouting honors), according to Scoutmaster (full name).

Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully plan, design, and lead a service project benefiting the community, a religious institution, or a school in order to earn their Eagle; (last name) chose to (describe project).

(Last name) joins other outstanding American citizens who have become Eagle Scouts, among them former President Gerald R. Ford, Jr., cinematographer Steven Spielberg, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, and over 40 U.S. astronauts.

(Last name) is a member of (religious institution) and is active in (school activities, i.e.: debate team, drama club, band, sports) at (name) High School, where (he/her) is a member of the class of (year).

(He/She) is the (son/daughter) of (parents) of (city).

(date)

(photo attached)