

# Silver Antelope Award

Mayflower Council would like to congratulate Chris Thorp as a recipient of the Silver Antelope Award. The Silver Antelope Award is conferred by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America upon nomination by the region for distinguished service to youth. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of the Northeast Region.

Chris has received many awards during her 32 years in Scouting, including the Silver Beaver Award, Venturing Leadership Award, Order of the Arrow Founder's Award, 50-Miler Award, Scoutmaster's Award of Merit, and Scoutmaster's Training Award. She is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, a recipient of the District Award of Merit and Advisor's Key, and has earned Wood Badge. Her proudest moments occurred when she was able to accompany her son, Robert, and daughter, Jennifer, on separate trips to Philmont.

Chris has filled a number of positions at the unit level including den leader, Webelos leader, den leader coach, committee member, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Scoutmaster. She currently serves as Crew Advisor. She has served as the district committee chair and the district camp promotions chair. At the council level, she has been training chair, vice chair and chair of camping, program vice president, and lodge adviser, and is currently activities and civic service chair. She currently sits on the Area 1 committee. She also served as host council representative to National Camp School for Camp Resolute for 10 years.

Now that she is retired, Chris has joined Camp Resolute as director with the goal of ensuring that the camp became accredited by the American Camp Association like Philmont, Northern Tier, and Sea Base.

Chris credits her success in Scouting to having the full support of her family. While her husband, Tom, is not involved in Scouting, he and her children have made many sacrifices so she could fully immerse herself in Scouting, for which she is grateful. She and Tom live in Maynard, Massachusetts.

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## **Upgrades to Internet Advancement Now Live**

Good news for unit leaders who use Internet Advancement to track their Scouts' progress along the Scouting trail. The BSA has introduced an array of upgrades designed to make your life easier. The improvements make inputting advancement updates faster, allow leaders to search advancement history in a snap and give Scouters more control over printable reports – like the kind used to make purchases at the Scout Shop.

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## **Popcorn Kick-off Meeting**

**Here Comes Popcorn! We Are Ready to Kick-Off the 2019 Trail's End Popcorn Sale and We Want to See You!**

This year Mayflower Council will be having four kick-offs for the popcorn sale. They will be on June 5 (Medfield), June 11 (Framingham area), June 17 (Marshfield) or June 20 (Abington), choose the one you like the best. For the convenience of our units we have them spread out in all areas of the council.

Your unit should plan on bringing multiple representatives to learn all the information, and make it more fun.

**You want to be there for this!** Not just for the additional commission percentage (up to 5%!), but for the sheer knowledge. Trail's End is bringing HUGE changes in technology this year that will increase Scout sales and make it much easier to track a whole unit's sale.

The popcorn kick-off meetings will showcase the council plan for the year, the timeline, and the commission. Most importantly, they will show you how you can plan your unit's sale to maximize your efforts. Our highlight this year is a Trail's End smart phone app with which every unit can track all sales of all Scouts in the unit. There is a LOT more functionality built in too.

**Are you a new unit in Mayflower Council?** If so, welcome and we invite you to attend a kick-off meeting so we can show you how your unit can earn enough money in one fundraiser to support your Scouting adventures for the entire year!

**Are you an established unit but just not earning enough to support your program financially?** Join us and learn just how simple it can be to earn that extra money you need. We've got a way so simple, you don't even need to touch the product to earn money for your unit.

### **Step 1: Pick the Date & Location that Works Best for You**

Guarantee a great fall for your unit with fundraising success at one of our kick-offs. Meet your district popcorn kernel and get all your questions answered!

There are four dates and locations, choose the one that works best for your schedule.

*Here is a sneak peek of some of the exciting changes:*



## **SIGN UP TO ATTEND**

### **Step 2: Create an Account and Commit to Funding Your Unit's Adventures.**

We recommend you create an account using your unit type, number and town. Example: Pack 123 Anytown. Click the button below to get started.

## **COMMIT TO THE SALE**

We look forward to seeing you at one of our exciting kick-offs.

If you have questions, we have answers. Email us at [popcorn@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:popcorn@mayflowerbsa.org)

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# May Training Newsletter

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## Fall Training Dates Released

Check out the list below for fall 2019 leader skills training dates. Please keep these dates in mind when planning your pack, troop, or crew's upcoming schedule! We hope to confirm locations for most of these courses and open online registration by early June. Additional training dates for the 2019-2020 program year are listed on the council web calendar at [www.mayflowerbsa.org](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org).

## Upcoming In-Person Training



° = pre-registration required \* = online registration open  
† = counts toward basic  requirements for adults

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

- May 3-5/17-19\*\* Climbing/COPE Training (Milton)
- May 4\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Norwood)
- May 4\*\* Den Chief Training (Norwood)
- May 4\*\* District Committee Training (Marlborough)
- May 10-11\*\* BALOO for Cub Leaders (Wrentham)
- May 11\*\* Venturing Position-Specific (Franklin)
- May 18-19\*\* Leave No Trace Trainer (Plymouth)
- Jun 15\*\* Beyond the Basics: Advanced Outdoor Skills
- Jun 30-Jul 5\*\* Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (Plymouth)
- Aug 11-16\*\* Nat'l Youth Ldr Training (NYLT) (Bolton)
- Sep 14\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific
- Sep 27-28\*\* IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing
- Sep 28° Den Chief Training
- Sep 28° Cub Leader Training Fest
- Sep 28-29° Leave No Trace Trainer Training
- Oct 5\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific
- Oct 5-6° BALOO for Cub Leaders
- Oct 19-20\*\* IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing
- Oct 26° Cub Leader Training Fest
- Oct 26° Den Chief Training
- Nov 9\*\* Scoutmaster Position-Specific
- Nov 9\*\* Troop Committee Position-Specific
- Nov 9° Den Chief Training
- Nov 16° Tread Lightly Trainer Training

### -----First Aid-----

- May 7\*\* CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- May 21\*\* Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
- May 31\*\* CPR for Professional Rescuers (Sudbury)
- June 11\*\* CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- June 22\*\* CPR for Professional Rescuers (Canton)
- Oct 15° CPR/AED
- Oct 19-20\*\* Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
- Nov 12° CPR/AED
- Nov 19° Red Cross First Aid

...plus more courses to be added...

## Boost Your Outdoor Skills

Registration is open for **Beyond the Basics** (June 15). Adult leaders can join us at Camp Squanto for a "choose your own adventure" with opportunities to learn advanced rope skills, orienteering, cooking, woods tools, etc., from experienced Scouters. It's a great chance to build skills beyond what we teach at BALOO and IOLS.

## Tons of Training Available Online

If you're not trained for your position yet, do yourself and your Scouts a favor and become trained! Read our "Quick Guides" at [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training) to learn about the requirements and how to complete them. For many positions, all the basic training you need can be completed online. You'll find online training for:

- All Cub Scout leader positions
- Scoutmasters and ASMs (must also take live IOLS)
- Venturing Crew Advisors (must also take live IOLS) and other Venturing adult leaders
- Merit badge counselors
- Chartered organization representatives

Other online courses include Youth Protection, Hazardous Weather (now required for any "direct contact" leaders to become trained) and courses on various other skills and safety topics. Visit <https://my.scouting.org> and log in through your account.

## CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers (CPR Pro) Added to Schedule

"CPR Pro" is a more advanced version of the CPR training that our volunteer Red Cross-certified trainers typically offer. We've added courses on May 31 and June 22 and will likely add another later in the summer. This training is good for a two-year certification. Registration is open through [www.mayflowerbsa.org](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org). CPR Pro is especially useful for two groups of people:

- Summer camp waterfront staff.
- Anyone seeking BSA Lifeguard certification, which requires you to "Show evidence of current training in American Red Cross First Aid and American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent."

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration: [www.mayflowerbsa.org/training](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/training)
- BSA online training: <https://my.scouting.org>
- Council training chair: Chris Lamie: [chris.lamie@gmail.com](mailto:chris.lamie@gmail.com)
- Staff contact: Nick Keyes: [nick.keyes@scouting.org](mailto:nick.keyes@scouting.org)

**EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!**

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# **New Nobscot Trail Crew**

Saturday, April 27 marked the launching of the new Nobscot Trail Crew.

On their first day, the founding Crew members spent time receiving outstanding training on Nobscot history, tools, trail management and first aid. Afterwards, they hiked to Tipling Rock practicing practical trail work along the way.

The Nobscot Trail Crew adult advisors, Chuck Hurwitz, Pat Maher and Stroker Rogovin are all Eagle Scouts, Vigil Honor Members and collectively have over 120 years of Nobscot experience. In addition Stroker is a long-time member of the AMC Board of Advisors. Trail Crew Members received t-shirts and will earn a Trail Crew patch, Certificate and free membership in the Nobscot Alumni Association. The next meeting will be announced. In the meantime, if you're interested in joining this ongoing, elite crew contact Alumni Association President Larry Bearfield.

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# **Paper Recycling Day**

Tax season is now over and Sachem District is holding a Paper Recycling Day Fundraiser on May 4th.

A truck from New England Security Shredders will be at the Crescent Ridge Dairy in Sharon located at 355 Bay Rd, Sharon, MA 02067 from 12:00 noon until 4:00 PM.

A minimum donation of \$10 per box is suggested (although

remember it is a fundraiser for the council's Investment in Character Campaign).

You will receive a voucher for \$1.00 off the purchase of any ice cream or sundae with your donation.



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## Staffing Update

Mayflower Council is pleased to announce the addition of Davis Stockton to the Mayflower Council staff.

Davis will be serving as the Ranger for Camps Resolute and Nobscot.

Davis joins us from Twin Rivers Council in Albany, New York where he served as a Camp Ranger and most recently held staff positions with Westchester-Putnam Council in Hawthorne, New York

Davis will be a resident at Camp Resolute starting in mid-May.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Davis.

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## How Hiring!

The New England Scout Shop in Southborough (Route 9) is now looking to interview and hire a new Part-time Sales Associate.

The opportunities are “Seasonal” with the possibility of becoming a permanent position. Work shifts we would need to fill are one to two days a week and include weekdays and Saturdays.

Previous sales/customer service experience is a plus.

The skill set enabling you to sew using a sewing machine would be outstanding and make the possibility of even more hours/shifts being available to you.

If you are interested, please stop by the Scout Shop for an application and to schedule an interview.

New England Scout Shop  
23 Turnpike Road (Route 9)  
Southborough, MA 01772

Open weekdays 9:30 AM – 6 PM  
Saturdays 10 AM until 2 PM  
CLOSED Sundays

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# Membership Form Update

## Important Update from the National Council regarding membership forms:

New registration applications no longer have duplicate copies included. This was a conscious decision based on a units' access to member information through BSA's online systems. Units have access to both youth and adult leader information through both my.Scouting and Scoutbook, which is now free for every unit.

Both of these systems update overnight after the registration is posted by the council through ScoutNET, or immediately after an online application is approved by the unit. Additionally, privacy of personal information is a constant growing concern today and removing these additional copies helps to keep individuals personal information from being non-securely passed around or disposed of by volunteers.

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## Doubleknot Instructions For Leaders

This guide is for Leaders needing to register your Packs, Troops or Crews for events, activities and summer camp.

Click Link to Download: Doubleknot Instructions