

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 is a 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.

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.



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.

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

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.

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](#)

April Training Newsletter

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Trained for Your Position?

Congratulations to the nearly 100 units who have at least 50% of their adult leaders trained for their positions... and a few who've made it to 90% or more! If you haven't received your ribbon yet, you'll get it soon.

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 to learn about the requirements and how to complete them.

Upcoming In-Person Training



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

Scout Leader Skills

Apr 6** Youth Protection Training (Franklin)
Apr 6-7°+ IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Plymouth)
Apr 18** Youth Protection Training (Whitman)
Apr 27-28°+ BALOO for Cub Leaders (Bolton)
Apr 27-28°+ Intro to Backpacking (Framingham)
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 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)

First Aid

Apr 6-7°+ Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Plymouth)
Apr 9°+ CPR/AED (Sudbury)
Apr 23°+ Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
May 7°+ CPR/AED (Sudbury)
May 21°+ Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
June 11°+ CPR/AED (Sudbury)

Boost Your Outdoor Skills

April 14 is the deadline to register for **Introduction to Backpacking** (April 27-28). This new course is ideal for adult leaders who'd like to build skills and confidence to take their Scouts backpacking.

Registration is also 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.

Calling All Youth Leaders!

Coming this summer: a fun six-day overnight course filled with team-building activities, content sessions, and a patrol outpost. We're running National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) at Camp Squanto and Camp Resolute for youth in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. Participants work together in patrols to develop skills in decision making, planning, communication, and cooperation in a model unit. These skills are key to success in any youth-led unit. To register and learn more, visit www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/nylt-camp-squanto and www.mayflowerbsa.org/event/nylt-camp-resolute.

District Committee Training

Did you know the BSA has "position-specific" training for district committee members? This training will go online soon, but for now, the best way to earn it is in person. If you missed our workshop in January, come to the next edition on May 4 in Marlborough! Registration is open.

"Leave No Trace" Training, Explained

- **Awareness** training can run from 30 minutes to a full day. The BSA has online resources and a "Leave No Trace 101" curriculum, or a session can be customized. If you're signing off on outdoor ethics advancement, or you're an Outdoor Ethics Guide (youth position in a troop), take this level of training.
- **Trainer** training is a two-day course. Our council offers it in May and September. This training is recommended for anyone teaching Leave No Trace in a formal session.
- **Master Educator** is a five-day course. Master educators develop expertise and become qualified to teach LNT Trainer courses and more.

Visit www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics or contact our council's Outdoor Ethics Advocate, Pete Lane (pete.lane@comcast.net), to learn more.

Climbing and COPE Training

Are you interested in becoming a certified climbing or COPE instructor? Our neighbors at Spirit of Adventure Council are running a course for our area on two weekends in May. Age 15 and up; register by May 1.

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: Nick Keyes: nick.keyes@scouting.org

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!

My Wood Badge Ticket

Dear Mayflower Council Volunteers,

My name is Deb MacGregor. I am currently working on my Wood Badge ticket. My project is to gather the names and contact information for Mayflower Council volunteers who would be willing to help out by rendering first aid at events or by teaching for training of adult volunteers or youth members. By answering my survey you are in no way committing to any obligation other than that you are a volunteer in the council who is willing to help out at some time in the future.

I was approached by several leaders expressing that it is extremely difficult to find qualified adults to cover first aid stations at events, teach first aid at events, etc. I am gathering information to create a database that we can all use to help us get coverage when needed.

Please take a few minutes to answer my survey so that I can make this database for all to use.

YIS, Deb MacGregor

SURVEY

Scout Store Hours

Some of the hours of your store have changed.

Southborough (508-229-2396) – Effective Monday, April 1st the hours of our store will be changing.

- Monday through Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Sunday: Closed

Milton (617-361-0315)

- Monday through Friday: 9:30 am – 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
- Sunday: Closed

Lancaster (978-840-8108)

- Monday through Friday: 9:30 am – 6:00pm
- Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Sunday: Closed

Woburn (781-937-4282)

- Monday through Friday: 9:30 am – 6:00pm
- Saturday: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
- Sunday: Closed

LIVE – Youth Protection Training (YPT)

We'll be offering the live version of youth protection training (YPT) for adult leaders. All our currently registered leaders should have already taken YPT in 2018, and that certification is still good for two years. But, if you have new leaders who need this training, parents who'd like to take it, or experienced leaders who want a refresher, we encourage them to come to this live training!

It covers the same material as the online course, and it offers the same credit... along with a chance to discuss and ask questions.

Pre-registration is appreciated

April 6th in Franklin

April 18th in Whitman