# Den Leader Appreciation Month

We know our den leaders truly light the way for our youth, creating the safe adventures, learning, and fun that makes Cub Scouts the perfect activity for boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade. Mayflower Council has marked the month of May as Den Leader Appreciation Month.

Mayflower Council highlights one of these fantastic den leaders every Wednesday in May

# Den Leader Appreciation: Dana Rowen

We want to send a massive shout-out to an truly outstanding leader, Den Leader Dana Rowen of Pack 49 Norwood! Dana Rowen of Pack 49 Norwood As Mayflower Council continues our Den [...]

# Den Leader Appreciation: Mike Cluett

Let's hear it for Den Leader Mike Cluett of Pack 41 in Abington – truly one of our very best! Mike Cluett of Pack 41 Abington As we continue to celebrate Den [...]

## Den Leader Appreciation: Gregory Lomanno

Celebrating a Rockstar Leader: Gregory Lomanno of Pack 113 Earns Den Leader of the Week Honors Gregory Lomanno of Pack 113 Medfield Let's give a huge shout-out to the awesome Den Leader [...]

## Den Leader Appreciation: Deirdra Borges

More Than a Leader: Deirdra Borges Fuels Growth and Fun in West Bridgewater's Pack 23 Deirdra Borges of Pack 23 in West Bridgewater It's Den Leader Appreciation Month in the Mayflower Council, [...]

Do you know a den leader who deserves some recognition? Fill out our form; maybe you'll see a familiar face in our next announcement…

*Sincere thanks to all of our den leaders for all you do!*

# Den Leader Appreciation: Deirdra Borges

## More Than a Leader: Deirdra Borges Fuels Growth and Fun in West Bridgewater's Pack 23

It's Den Leader Appreciation Month in the Mayflower Council, and we're thrilled to spotlight the incredible contributions of our dedicated leaders! Today, we proudly recognize Deirdra Borges of Pack 23 in West Bridgewater as our first Den Leader of the Week for May 2025.

Deirdra Borges of Pack 23 in West Bridgewater

Deirdra's journey with Pack 23 began in 2021 when her son, John, joined as a Tiger. Recognizing an immediate need for leadership within his den, Deirdra stepped up without hesitation. More than just a leader, she has consistently surpassed expectations, fostering an environment that is both engaging and focused. Under her guidance, her den has flourished and is now enthusiastically working towards their Arrow of Light, undoubtedly preparing them for a successful transition to Troop 25 next March 2026.

What sets Deirdra apart? Her exceptional preparedness! Each of her meetings is thoughtfully planned and infused with a spirit of fun, so much so that the Scouts joyfully absorb valuable life lessons without even realizing it. Her initiative extends

beyond den meetings; she has also established the Pack 23 Hiking Club, further enriching the scouting experience for our young members.

Thank you, Deirdra, for your outstanding dedication and the positive impact you have on the Scouts of Pack 23! Your commitment truly embodies the spirit of Scouting.

Remember, nominate your best den leaders here. *Congratulations, Deirdra, and thank you!*

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# "Around The Campfire" Podcast – Episode Eight

Monthly Podcast from the Scouting America Mayflower Council.

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April 2025 Around The Campfire Podcast from Scouting America Mayflower Council. Topics & guests include:

- **Tom Pendleton; Director of Outdoor Programs and Properties for Scouting America** to discuss updates for the 2026 National Scout Jamboree to be held **July 22 through 31st, 2026** at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. **Find out more HERE.**
- **Ryan Piazza; Camping Director for the Mayflower Council** shares all of the fun & excitement at our Camps for Summer 2025. **Learn more about Summer Camp opportunities HERE**
- **Jack Colamaria; Staff Advisor** for the 2026 National Jamboree talks about the Council's plan for the 2026

Jamboree.**Check out this LINK for more information.**

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# “Around The Campfire” Podcast – Episode Seven

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March 2025 episode features:

- Meet our new team member **Dirk Correia**
- Updates about Order of the Arrow Elections and the Eagle Scout Application with **Aaron Christian**
- Spring Recruitment Information – Check out the video.
- Programming Update for the Spring with Satina Craffey – Register for events at **mayflowerbsa.org/events**
- Development Update with **Jim Corcoran; Development Director for Mayflower Council**
- New Member Coordinator Training – *Email Rob DiFazio for details about the March 31st and April 9th Watch Parties*

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# Celebrate Scouting Council Recognition Dinner!

Mark your calendars for the **2025 Annual Council Recognition**

**Dinner** at the stunningly renovated **Belvedere at Lake Pearl**! This is your chance to celebrate the remarkable achievements of Scouters and community members who have made a significant impact.

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# Own a Piece of Camp Squanto History!

## Camp Squanto’s 100th Anniversary

### *Celebrate a century of Scouting tradition with a piece of history!*

**Limited Edition Patch Sets**

**100th Anniversary CSP & Flap Set**: Own a symbol of this milestone.
**Price**: $50
**Details**: This set includes a special 100th Anniversary CSP (Council Shoulder Patch) and OA (Order of the Arrow) Flap.
**Patch Set Includes**:

- Camp Squanto 100 CSP
- OA Lodge Shoulder Flap

Order Your Set Today!

**Camp Squanto Landmarks CSP Set**: A collector's set featuring iconic landmarks of Camp Squanto.
**Price**: $150
**Details**: This set comprises four unique CSPs, each showcasing a different landmark within the camp.
**Patch Set Includes**:

- Camp Squanto 100 CSP
- OA Lodge Shoulder Flap
- #1 Squanto Totem Pole
- #2 Dining Hall
- #3 Casoni Museum
- #4 Waterfront

Order Your Set Today!

**Very Limited, Numbered Patch Sets**: A special set of six commemorative patches; each patch in the set features a gold metallic border and honors the history of Camp Squanto.
**Price: $250**
**Details:** These very special patch sets will be numbered, from number 6 up to number 100, and will be distributed in a first come, first served basis.

Each patch set will include the following six (6) patches with a gold metallic border:

- Camp Squanto 100 CSP
- OA Lodge Shoulder Flap
- #1 Squanto Totem Pole
- #2 Dining Hall
- #3 Casoni Museum
- #4 Waterfront

Pre-orders are being taken until Friday, May 30th, 2025. Complete sets are available for $250 through pre-order only. Patches will not be sold separately. Patch numbers will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Order Your Set Today!

Every purchase supports vital projects at Camp Squanto. Help us ensure another 100 years of unforgettable memories!

**Here’s how to order:**

- **Online:** Visit CampSquanto100.givesmart.com to place your order.
- **Mail:** Complete the order form and mail it with your payment to:

  Scouting America Mayflower Council
  83 Cedar Street
  Milford, MA 01757

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# Transition To Council-Centric

# Model On May 1

The Mayflower Council is transitioning to a council-centric support model to better serve Scouting units on May 1, 2025. This change involves moving from district committees to council-level committees. District-level volunteers are encouraged to stay involved by shifting to the new council-wide committees, and units will now work directly with these committees. This restructuring aims to streamline operations, reduce administrative overhead, and enhance support for local Scouting activities.

**Key Points of the Transition**

- **Consolidation:** On May 1, 2025, the existing five districts (Cranberry Harbors, Headwaters, Metacomet, Post Road, and Sachem) will be consolidated into a single council-wide district named the Mayflower District.
- **Volunteer Roles:** While specific district-level positions like district chair and vice-chair will be eliminated, volunteers are encouraged to continue their service at the council level.
- **Support Structure:** Unit Commissioners will continue to support units, and Roundtable meetings will still be held at the council level, likely in a hybrid format.
- **Event Management:** Council-level volunteer committees will now oversee events like Freeze Out and Webelos Woods, with efforts made to include previous district-level volunteers.
- **Communication:** A new social media group, “Mayflower Leaders Growing Leaders,” will be launched in early March to enhance communication and collaboration across

the council. Existing district email addresses will be transitioned into new council-wide addresses.

**Impact on Local Unit Leaders**

- Unit leaders (den leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, etc.) will continue to deliver the Scouting Program.
- Points of contact will shift from district-level volunteers or professionals to council-wide personnel.
- The goal is to improve program delivery and support consistency across the council.

**How to Get Involved**

- Volunteers are needed at all levels.
- Express your interest by emailing the transition team.

For more detailed information or specific concerns, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) or contact the transition team at transformation@mayflowerbsa.org.

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# “Around The Campfire” Podcast – Episode Six

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February 2025 episode features:

- Anniversaries and Name Change information with Juan Osorio, Scout Executive
- Meet our new team members, Satina Craffey and Colleen Kinney
- Arrow Of Light to Scouts BSA Transitions with Aaron Christian
- Sneak Peek of the Council Recognition Dinner
- Council Membership Plan Update

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# Meet the Team: Rick Riopelle

*For our latest #meettheteammonday on Mayflower Council's social media, we sat down with* ***Rick Riopelle, Deputy Scout Executive!***

**Rick, what is your favorite aspect of Scouting?**
"My favorite part of Scouting is undoubtedly the summer camp experience. The immersive environment, removed from everyday life, creates a space for true growth, camaraderie, unforgettable moments, and adventure."

**What brought you to the Mayflower Council?**
"It was Asst. Scout Executive Bob Mersereau's invitation during my senior year of college that first sparked my interest in working for Scouting America, leading to a whirlwind start (from Friday classes to Monday job). I've been fortunate to be part of the Mayflower Council family since its inception in 2017."

**What is your Scouting background?**

"This year marks my 44th year in Scouting, a journey that has shaped me in countless ways. From my early days as a Cub Scout to serving as camp director at Camp Resolute for fourteen summers, and through achieving Eagle Scout and receiving the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, I've cherished every experience. I also had the pleasure to serve as an OA lodge chief and troop committee chairperson."

**Council duties?**

"As Deputy Scout Executive, I work directly with the membership team to grow and retain our Scouting families, provide strategic support to our camping and program operations to deliver exceptional experiences, and manage a diverse portfolio of other responsibilities vital to the council's overall operation."

**Favorites…**

- **Food:** Chicken and Waffles
- **Color:** Gray
- **Drink:** Cold Brew Coffee
- **Treat:** Anything S'mores, Gingerbread, or Pumpkin Spice
- **Hobby:** Running
- **Animal:** Meerkat
- **Place:** Any Disney Theme Park Worldwide
- **Music:** Pop

**Feel free to contact Rick if they can help enhance your Scouting experience.**

# Meet the Team: Satina Craffey

*For our latest #meettheteammonday on Mayflower Council's social media, we sat down with* ***Satina Craffey, ScoutReach Program Specialist!***

***Satina, what is your favorite aspect of Scouting?***

"My favorite aspect of Scouting is the unique opportunities each Scout gets to experience through the program!"

***What brought you to the Mayflower Council?***

"A desire to help bring the Scouting program to all youth regardless of their special needs or inability to pay…"

***What is your Scouting background?***

"I was a Girl Scout and earned my silver award."

## *Council Duties*

"My primary responsibility is to bring the Cub Scouting program to low-income areas within the council."

## *Satina's Personal Favorites*

- ***Food*** *Mexican food*
- ***Color*** *Blue*

- ***Drink*** *Water*
- ***Treat*** *Dried Fruit*
- ***Hobby*** *Hiking*
- ***Animal*** *Giraffe*
- ***Place*** *"Exploring with my children…"*
- ***Music*** *Country*

**Feel free to contact Satina if she can help enhance your Scouting experience.**