### Scout Now, Pay Later!

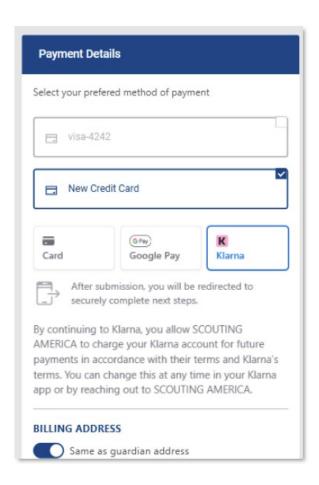
We're absolutely thrilled to announce a groundbreaking new way to make the adventure of **Scouting** more accessible and affordable than ever before!

### Scout Now, Pay Later!

Scouting is all about moving forward, and so are we. We've launched a brand-new, flexible payment option powered by **Klarna** to make joining the fun easier for every family. Say goodbye to upfront costs and hello to manageable, family-friendly payments!

### Look for Klarna at Checkout

When you complete your online membership application, you'll now see the **Klarna** option right alongside the usual credit card and digital wallet choices. This is a game-changer that offers more flexibility and removes barriers, making it simple to say "Yes!" to Scouting.



### Flexible, Family-Friendly Payments

Klarna lets you choose what works best for your family budget. This ensures Scouting remains accessible to every child who wants to be part of the adventure.

Payment Option	Details
Pay in 4	Split the total into 4 easy, interest-free payments.
Monthly Financing	Spread the cost out with manageable monthly payments (starting as low as under \$16/month depending on terms; interest may apply).
Pay in 30 Days	Get maximum flexibility by paying the full amount up to 30 days later.

(Please note: Interest or fees may apply for monthly financing, and credit approval by Klarna may be required.)

### How to Use Klarna

- 1. Complete your online membership application.
- At checkout, simply select Klarna as your payment method.

3. If you have the Klarna app, complete your purchase as usual. If you're new to Klarna, you'll fill in a few details to set up your account.

We are incredibly excited to bring you this new option! This is another way we're committed to making sure that every young person who wants to embark on the journey of a lifetime in **Scouting** has the chance to do so.

#### **Have Questions?**

If you have any questions about the Scout Now, Pay Later program or your membership application, please don't hesitate to reach out to our **Membership & Unit Service Team** by clicking here.

# "Around The Campfire" Podcast - Episode Eight

Monthly Podcast from the Scouting America Mayflower Council.

Around The Campfire Podcast from Scouting America Mayflower Council for leaders and volunteers.

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.

# "Around The Campfire" Podcast - Episode Seven

Monthly Podcast from the Scouting America Mayflower Council.

Around The Campfire Podcast from Scouting America Mayflower Council for leaders and volunteers.

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

# "Around The Campfire" Podcast - Episode Six

Monthly Podcast from the Scouting America Mayflower Council.

Around The Campfire Podcast from Scouting America Mayflower Council for leaders and volunteers.

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

### Mayflower Council Fee Update

We're committed to providing the best Scouting experience possible for all youth in the Mayflower Council. After careful consideration, the Mayflower Council Executive Board has approved an increase in the annual program fee, effective August 1, 2024. This increase was originally announced on March 27, 2024.

### What's Changing:

■ The program fee will increase from \$48 to \$68 per youth member in Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and

Exploring.

■ This fee does not apply to adult members.

#### Where Your Investment Goes:

These additional funds will allow the Mayflower Council to continue to:

- **Support Local Units**: Click here to see a comprehensive list of how your investment directly benefits Scout units and families.
- Deliver Exceptional Programs: We offer exciting activities, leadership development, and valuable life skills training.
- Ensure Safety and Security: Your Scouts' wellbeing is paramount. We provide comprehensive liability insurance and Youth Protection training.
- Stay Innovative: We constantly develop new and engaging programs to meet the needs of today's youth.

#### **National Fees:**

Please note that National Scouting America has a separate annual registration fee. These funds directly support national programs such as Scoutbook, program resources, and national events.

#### Questions?

We understand that any fee increase is a consideration. If you have questions about the program fee or the National Scouting America membership fee, please don't hesitate to contact us at communication@mayflowerbsa.org.

#### Thank You!

Your continued commitment to Scouting in the Mayflower Council is crucial. By investing in our programs, you're helping to prepare thousands of youth across the MetroWest and South Shore of Massachusetts for life. We appreciate your

# "Around The Campfire" Podcast - Episode Five

Monthly Podcast from the Mayflower Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Around The Campfire Podcast from the Mayflower Council of Scouting America for leaders and volunteers.

### June 2024 episode features:

- Jim Corcoran; Director of Development providing an overview of development efforts for the Mayflower Council and discussing unit fundraising.
- Aaron Christian; Membership & Unit Service Executive promoting Summer Virtual Roundtables in July
- Logan Ferraro; Program Director talking about our family camping weekends at Camp Resolute and previewing the fall activities for units.

#### Show Links:

- Unit Fundraising Form: 251sa.org/fundraisingform
- Council Calendar: mayflowerbsa.org/events

### NYLT Sign Up:

- Squanto: scoutingevent.com/251-NYLT2024
- Nobscot: scoutingevent.com/251-NYLTNobscot2024

# "Around The Campfire" Podcast - Episode Four

Monthly Podcast from the Mayflower Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Around The Campfire Podcast from the Mayflower Council of Scouting America for leaders and volunteers.

May 2024 episode features:

Rick Riopelle; Deputy Scout Executive discussing Scouting name change, announcements from the annual meeting and Council Procedures about incident reporting.

Andrea Watson; Director of Outdoor Programs and Properties for Scouting American discussing safe outdoor activities and providing a Jamboree 2026 update

Alyssa Budd Eagle Scout from Troop 424 discussing her Eagle Scout Project which recently won Council and Territory recognition for Project of the Year.

# BSA Changes Its Name To Scouting America

The new name reflects the continuing efforts to

### welcome everyone to experience the benefits of Scouting.

Milford, Mass. (May 7, 2024) — The Boy Scouts of America today announced that it will be changing its name to Scouting America. This change reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to welcoming every youth in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. The name change will go into effect on February 8, 2025, the organization's 115<sup>th</sup> birthday.

This announcement also comes as the organization celebrates the fifth anniversary of welcoming girls into Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA programs. Boy Scouts of America currently serves 176,234 girls and young women across all programs, including more than 6,000 who have earned Eagle Scout status.

"We're excited to be a part of Scouting America's national launch!" said Council Executive Juan Osorio. "Here at Mayflower Council, we've always believed that Scouting is for all young people who are ready for adventure, leadership, and service. This new name reflects that commitment on a national scale, and we're thrilled to welcome even more youth into our programs. We're especially proud of the many

Scouts!"



young women who have thrived in Council Executive Juan Scouting these past five years, with Osorio thousands achieving the prestigious Eagle Scout rank. Scouting America opens a new chapter, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for all

Scouting America builds on the organization's 114 years of helping America's youth. Its ongoing goal is to provide young

people with a safe environment where they can learn meaningful life skills and have fun, educational experiences, fostering their growth and future outcomes as leaders, and be prepared for life. At the same time, values instilled by the Scout Oath and Law help prepare young people for lives of purpose and impact.

Mayflower Council, established in 2017, is the result of the consolidation of Scouting programming that has served Greater Metro West and the South Shore areas of Massachusetts for over a century. Comprised of territory that was once part of the Algonquin, Norumbega, Knox Trail, Squanto, and Old Colony Councils, the Mayflower Council is rich with the traditions and history of generations of Scouts and Scouting families.

More than 130 million Americans have been through Scouting programs since its founding in 1910, and currently, more than 1 million youth, including both men and women, are served by 477,000 dedicated adult volunteers in local councils throughout the country. To date, more than 2.75 million youth have earned Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to supporting the nation's youth, Scouting America will continue to be an important asset to strengthen our communities, having provided more than 7 million hours of volunteer services for community improvement and other projects across the country.

### **About Scouting America**

Scouting America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared.



For Life.®"

"Boy Scouts of America" is

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America's youth into its programs. Our goal is to give them fantastic experiences in the outdoors, and elsewhere, where they can grow with us in a safe environment. More than 130 million Americans have been through our programs since our founding, and currently more than 1 million youth are served by 477,000 dedicated adult volunteers in local councils throughout the country.

To learn more about Scouting America's mission, visit Scouting.org.

### About Mayflower Council



Headquartered in Milford, Massachusetts, the Mayflower Council serves the Metrowest and South Shore areas sharing the fantastic benefits of Scouting to over 6,900 youth and 2,900 volunteer adults in 2023. The Boy Scouts of America continues to prepare young people for life by providing the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. Learn more about the Mayflower Council at www.mayflowerbsa.org.

# "Around The Campfire" Podcast - Episode Three

Monthly Podcast from the Mayflower Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

April 2024 episode, hosted by Rob DiFazio, features:

- Social Media Tips with John Bishop, Council Brand Ambassador
  - Find Social Media Guidelines HERE
- Laura Moriarty, Sr. Development Director discussing
   Popcorn Fundraising
- Logan Ferraro previewing the upcoming Pinewood Derby on 4/27, Chuckwagon Derby on 5/11 and the HikeORee on 5/18

### 2024 Annual Membership Fee Update - New Dates

### **Update on National Fees:**

- The new registration fee structure of \$85 per youth & \$65 per adult will be effective on May 1, NOT April 1.
- The elimination of the new member \$25 joining fee will still be effective **April 1**.

Effective April 1, 2024, the BSA will eliminate the \$25 one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting.

Effective May 1, 2024 (formerly April 1), registration fees

#### will be as follows:

- \$85/yr for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (\$5 increase)
- **\$65/yr** for all adult volunteers (\$5 increase)
- \$30/yr for Scoutreach (No change in fee)
- **\$25/yr** for Merit Badge Counselors (No change in fee. Only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- \$50/yr for Exploring participants Youth & Adult (No change in fee)
- \$100/yr unit renewal/affiliation fee (No change in fee)
- \$15/yr for Scout Life magazine (No change in fee)
- Council Program Fee will remain at \$48 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants until July 31, 2024 and then will increase to \$68 on August 1, 2024