Play Family Feud with your Patrol

Troop 314 Scoutmaster Paul has collected answers from Scouters around our district. Top 100 answers on the board!

Download the attached excel file to have the categories and answers for your virtual game of Family Feud, Scouting Patrol edition!

Patrol-Feud-Survey-ResultsDownload

Requesting Advancement Extensions Due To COVID-19

As of March 20, 2020, the National Council of the BSA released new guidelines for Rank Advancement for all Scouting programs during COVID-19 related social distancing (link below).

Mayflower Council’s Advancement Committee has been assigned permission to grant extensions for Eagle Scout, Venturing Summit Award, and Sea Scout Quartermaster.
Extension Process

If a Scout meets the requirements outlined in the “Specifics” below please follow this process for submitting a petition for an extension:

- A petition for an extension may be filed by the Scout, their parent or guardian, their unit leader, or a member of the unit committee.
- Petitions should include information such as:
  - Scout’s name, unit, town, rank
  - Unit leader name, contact information (phone, email)
  - Completed requirements, requirements in progress
  - Reason for requesting additional time
  - Status of advancement towards the rank
  - Expectations/plan/time frame needed to complete requirements
- The petition is sent to the council’s designated appeals coordinators at the following email address: advancementextension@mayflowerbsa.org
  - Please submit requests before the Scout’s 18th birthday to allow the committee to conduct the process for approval.
- When the council receives a COVID-19-related request for a time extension, the petition coordination team will review the request and approve it if appropriate.
- Upon approval, a written response stating the outcome of the extension request will be sent to the Scout and their unit leader.
  - If approved, the notification must be attached to the youth’s Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster rank application.
Specifics:

- Extensions can be granted for up to three months beyond a Scout’s 18th birthday (or three months beyond their 21st birthday for Venture Scouts and Sea Scouts).
- Extension petitions will only be accepted until September 30, 2020.
- Scouts BSA requesting an extension must already have achieved the rank of Life Scout.
- Upon turning 18, the Scout must submit a completed adult application and successfully complete YPT; their participant code will now be UP (Unit Participant) for Scouts BSA Troops or VP (Venturing Participant) for Venturing and Sea Scouting.
- Extension requests for more than 3 months beyond the youth’s 18th/21st birthday must be sent to the National Service Center following the process outlined in the (Guide To Advancement) GTA – these requests will go through a different process than what is outlined below.

Note: A “month” in BSA advancement is defined as a day from one month to the next. For example, March 5 to April 5.

Below: guidelines from the National Council about advancement

[Rank Advancement and COVID-19 (Coronavirus)]
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.

Guide to Safe Scouting Has Been Updated

All participants in official Scouting activities should become familiar with the Guide to Safe Scouting. The Guide to Safe Scouting is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures gleaned from a variety of sources. For some items, the policy statements are complete. Unit leaders are expected to review the additional reference material cited prior to conducting such activities.

The Guide to Safe Scouting has been updated for 2019. Download or view the latest version by clicking here

UPDATES TO THE GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING:

1. Updated language throughout to reference “Scouts BSA” rather than “Boy Scouts.”
2. Youth Protection and Adult Leadership Clarified language in the Adult Supervision and Accommodations sections.
3. Camping Updated information about Webelos overnight
camping. Corrected publication number for Pack Overnight.

4. Campout Site Appraisal Form and provided URL to access form.

5. Sports and Activities Clarified Sea Scout participation in Climbing and Rappelling section.

6. Animal and Insect Hazards Replaced entire chapter.

7. Incident Reporting Provided URL for incident reporting.


For more information about Scouting Safety click here.

Time To Renew!

To date, nearly half of the units in the council need to log onto the Internet Rechartering System to review and submit their charter renewals for 2019. It’s important to finish this process soon to avoid any lapses in registration and ensure all members are registered properly. Need assistance……..

If your unit needs assistance and/or its access code, please contact your unit commissioner, district commissioner or district executive. You can always email, Council Registrar John Fortini for assistance. Thanks!

For More Information on Internet Rechartering
Headwaters December Roundtable Handouts

If your Unit was not able to attend our December 6th Roundtable, do not worry. We are making all the event flyers, training newsletters and other information available!

Click here for PDF of all December Roundtable Handouts

Check the PDF for Nomination Forms for the District Award of Merit and other District Awards! All of these are due by February 8th 2019.

Our December Roundtable featured:

- Upcoming Klondike Derby in February
- Summer Camp Opportunities for Packs and Troops
- Breakout sessions for Packs to discuss what makes a good Blue and Gold Dinner and Troops to learn about opportunities for Youth Leadership Training
- District leadership and Commissioners remind everyone to reach out if you have any rechartering questions or paperwork to turn in. To get in touch email: Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org
- Our Chapter of the Order of the Arrow, Taunkacoo Chapter, held their Chapter meeting

Questions, comments, or ideas for the District’s leadership?

Send an Email to: Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org

Our next District Roundtable will be:

January 3rd at 7:00 pm at Milford High School, 31 W Fountain
Headwaters November Roundtable Handouts

If your Unit was not able to attend our November 1st Roundtable, don’t worry. We are making all the event flyers, training newsletters and other information available!

Click here for PDF of all November Roundtable Handouts

Our November Roundtable featured:

- Our Council Key Three came by for a fire-side chat with our District leaders. We all discussed the Council Executive Board’s goals for the future and what matters, concerns and questions are facing our Pack and Troop leaders right now.

- A presentation was made about the Rechartering Process!
  - What can your Unit be doing right now to start? Check your youth roster and registered adult positions and training
  - Get your questions answered and get started at our Council Recharter Webpage

- Two recharter workshop and turn-in days have been scheduled
  - November 27th
  - December 5th

If you need to get in contact with your District Leadership, email us at Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org

Our next District Roundtable will be:
December 6th at 7:00 pm at Milford High School, 31 W Fountain St
Milford, MA 01757

Scouts BSA Marketing Assets Are Available Now

Scouts BSA tools and assets are available to help you create awareness and interest among youth and adults.

How to Offer Families a Second Chance to Join

There are a variety of ways to help families join who may have missed the sign-up night. Here are a few strategies.

How This Webelos Den Leader Is Welcoming Girls

“I’m back at it and loving every minute of it,” she says.