

Meet the Team: Aaron Christian

For our third #meettheteammonday on Mayflower Council's social media, we sat down with Aaron Christian, Mayflower Council Membership & Unit Service Executive.

Aaron, what is your favorite aspect of Scouting?

"My favorite aspect of Scouting is its impact on its participants. I am a product of Scouting, and so are just about everyone I grew up with in my life. All of us are not the same people we would be having not participated in the program. Our troop's Eagle Scout ceremony has a phrase that, to me, sums up what Scouting is. It says: Scouting is a 'movement that helps a Scout become master of their own powers, helps them get along with others and helps them find a worthy use for their talents.' Working for the Mayflower Council and in my volunteer service, I see that growth in many Scouts.



What brought you to the Mayflower Council?

"My journey to the Mayflower Council started in 2014 when I interacted with my troop's district executive. Being the gung-ho Scout I was, I thought that was the coolest job ever. Flash forward to 2021 as I began to wrap up college and look for a career; this whole Scout thing came up again, and I decided to consider it. Luckily, when I graduated six months later, that opening was still there, and I jumped at the opportunity. I can proudly 'report' to my 14-year-old self that this is

indeed one of the coolest jobs ever.”

What is your Scouting background?

“I started Scouting at nine when I joined Pack 41 Abington as a Webelos Scout. I crossed over into Troop 41 a couple of years later. I proudly served the troop as den chief, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader (for three terms, too!), and junior assistant Scoutmaster. I earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2016.



“After aging out of the Boy Scouts [now called Scouts BSA], I founded Crew 41 Abington and served as crew president for the entire duration I participated. In 2020, I earned the Venturing Summit Award and the Council Venturing Leadership Award. I was also a founding youth member of Sea Scout Ship 323 in Weymouth.

“From October 2019 to October 2020, I served on the Tantamous Lodge Executive Committee as the Japeechen chapter chief and vice chief of chapter operations. I was awarded the vigil honor in 2021.

“Today, while I serve in my role with the professional service of Scouting America, I also happily serve as an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 41 Abington, assistant Cubmaster with Pack 41 Abington, and skipper of Ship 323 Weymouth. It was my pleasure serving as an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 41 to attend Florida Sea Base in the Summer of 2023. As I say to those who ask about that experience, it was the smelliest, dirtiest, grossest, most disgusting thing I’ve ever done, and I’d do it all over again in a heartbeat.”

Aaron's Personal Favorites

Favorite



color **Blue**

drink **"Good Old H2O!"**

treat **Hornstra Farms chocolate frappe**

hobby **Singing barbershop music/playing guitar**

food **Cesar salad with chicken**

Animal **Dogs**

Place **The mountains (specifically the White Mountains)**

Music **Classic Rock/alternative**

Council Duties

- Aaron is the team captain for the Community Partnerships Team;
- Builds meaningful relationships in communities to form new units;
- Develops and implements stewardship plans with chartered organizations to maintain strong relationships;
- Provides support to the Council's Roundtable program;

- Serves as the Tantamous Lodge professional staff adviser.

Feel free to contact Aaron if he can help enhance your Scouting experience.