

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 NESAs 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.

