



# ***Mayflower Council Apr. 2026 Roundtable***

Wed. Apr. 15, 7-8:30 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Norwood

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MAYFLOWER COUNCIL  
ROUNDTABLE

SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR PACK, TROOP, CREW OR SHIP TO STAY INFORMED  
ON UPCOMING EVENTS, PROGRAM UPDATES AND TRAINING COURSES.

**Let us  
give you  
a hand**



**New to Roundtable?  
WELCOME and**

**Thanks for participating!**

*If you do not receive the roundtable emails  
and would like to, email [Dennis Gleason](#) or  
put a note on the attendance record*



# Opening: Pledge of Allegiance



## Opening Prayer:

Image from: [www.ebay.com/str/cathymark4ever](http://www.ebay.com/str/cathymark4ever)

Prayer adapted from [AI generated non-denominational prayer for Scouters in April](#)

- . Lord, Great Scout leader of all, we come to you as this scouting year draws to a close. We thank you for the adventures, the fellowship, and the growth we have witnessed. We confess that our energy may be low, and the end-of-year rush can feel heavy. We ask you to renew our strength like the eagles, bringing fresh vigor to our minds and bodies. Just as nature is bursting with growth around us—as buds bloom, grass greens, and vines stretch out—we ask for your wisdom to guide our youth. Help us, as leaders, to nurture them, pruning away fear and watering their potential, so they grow strong in character and spirit, just like the world around us. Grant us the endurance to finish this year strong, continuing to teach service, kindness, and duty. We dedicate the rest of this season to you. Amen.





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**Or, scan QR code:**



# Mayflower Roundtable - Agenda



- On-Line “Parking Lot”/Feedback: <https://forms.gle/RUpRYGgn5JJWctZW9>
- Safety Moment: Hiking Safety
- Discussion:
  - ***Games and Game Safety***
- Key Announcements: NOTE – Not all event/announcement slides are shown. All slides will be included in the post on the council website.
- Breakout Sessions –
  - Packs: Keeping Pack Meetings Exciting
  - Troops/Crews/Ships: Keeping Unit Meetings Exciting

# Safety Moment: Hiking



- One of the most exciting activities for Scouts of all ages
- Great way to spend time in the outdoors
- Can be a good way to get in shape for more strenuous activities

Considerations:

## **Ensure to plan a hike that fits your youth's ages, abilities and readiness**

- Decide where you will go and review the route on a map. Is the hike within your capabilities? Are you prepared for the terrain?
- Ensure everyone has least one buddy to hike with.
- Always let someone know where you are going, when you are leaving, and when you will return, plus what trail you plan to take.
- Review the weather for the hiking area. Plan accordingly, including considering postponing the hike if the weather is especially inclement.
- Bring the age-appropriate Scout Basic Essentials with you. Doing so will help you be prepared for most situations that might arise.

Ref: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Safety-Moment-Hiking-February.pdf>



# Discussion:

# ***Games and Game Safety***



# Why Games?

- Aid in youth development
  - Foster cognitive, social and emotional growth
  - Builds critical life skills (e.g. problem-solving, resilience, etc.)
  - Improve attention, memory and spatial skills
  - Social and physical play develops teamwork, leadership, & emotional regulation

Also

***It's FUN!!***

***And having fun is an important aspect of Scouting***



# Some gaming safety items

- As always, youth protection and Guide to Safe Scouting rules apply  
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>
- Activities must be age appropriate:  
<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-685.pdf>
  - In games/activities requiring skill, coordination, etc. consider 2-year age groupings
- For online activities, review digital safety guidelines  
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/> and social media guidelines if appropriate:  
<https://scoutingwire.org/social-media-guidelines/>
- if appropriate, review the Guide to Safe Scouting section on sports and activities : <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss08/>
  - Includes sections on bicycling, skating, etc.
- For all games/activities, ask “Is it Scouting?”  
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/is-it-scouting/>



# Some gaming safety items (2)

- Ensure to review the list of prohibited activities:  
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss07/#b>
- Selected prohibited activities to keep in mind (*Review the online reference for specifics and exceptions*) – if in doubt, ask before planning the activity:
  - Activities where participants strike at each other
  - Activities where participants shoot or throw objects at each other
  - Intramural, interscholastic, or club sport competitions or activities
  - Extreme or action sports and associated activities that involve an unusually high degree of risk and often involve speed, height, a high level of exertion, and specialized gear or equipment (see list)
- Apply judgement – is it safe?, is it age-appropriate?, is it **FUN?**



# Participation vs. Competition

- What is the goal of the game/activity?
- At young ages, “everyone participates, no winner/loser” may be appropriate
- As Scouts age, games that provide opportunities to learn good sportsmanship, being a “gracious winner” or a “good sport loser”

# Leadership Development

- Don’t neglect the leadership development opportunity – having older Scouts help younger ones (applies to all levels!)
- Can the Scouts explain the rules, set up, run the game, etc.



# Where do you find games? Check Scouting Resources!



<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/leader-resources/fun-and-games/>

Provides a filterable archive of games and activities. Filter by rank, min. # of players, energy level, prep time, supply list, Indoor/outdoor



<https://troopleader.scouting.org/activities/troop-games/>

“One of the outstanding characteristics of most Scout games is their uniqueness. Scouts don’t ordinarily get to play them except during Scout gatherings.”



# Internet search can lead to many ideas:

## Indoor & Meeting Games

- [Minute to Win It \(Junk in the Trunk\)](#): Scouts strap tissue boxes filled with ping pong balls to their backs and try to shake them out.
- [Scout Jeopardy](#): A trivia game based on scout skills and history.
- [Silent Speedball](#): A fast-paced ball-passing game played in silence.
- [Two Truths, One Lie](#): A "get to know you" game useful for new troops.
- [Marble Run/Homemade Hockey](#): Quick, creative, and engaging games

## Skill-Based & Teamwork Games

- [Knot Tying Relay](#): Teams race to complete specific knots, such as the square knot or bowline.
- [Night Watchers](#): A stealth-based game for training observation skills.
- [Scavenger Hunt](#): Physical, observational, or item-based hunts.
- [Morse Spelling Bee](#): Using Morse code cards to spell words in silence

## Quick 10-Minute Fillers

- [Copycat](#): A quick-thinking game to identify a leader.
- [Hot Potato](#): A high-speed passing game.
- [Mingle, Mingle](#): A grouping game to get to know one another.



## More Game Suggestions

### Popular Active Indoor/Outdoor Games

- **Paper Plate Relay**: Teams use paper plates to cross a designated area without stepping off
- **Steal the Bacon**: Two lines compete to grab a central object (the "bacon") and return to their base without being tagged.
- **Owls and Crows**: A, fast-paced team game testing agility and knowledge.
- **Over and Under Relay**: Players pass a ball down a line alternately overhead and through legs
- **Hit the Bucket**: A defensive game where one scout protects a bucket with a stave while others try to hit it with a ball.

### Indoor/Small Space Games

- **Kim's Game**: A memory game where scouts observe items on a tray, then try to remember them after they are covered.
- **Number Call-Out**: A group-gathering activity - players form groups based on numbers called.

### Team-Building Games

- **Human Knot**: Players must untangle themselves from a knotted circle without letting go of hands.
- **Blanket Volleyball**: Teams use a blanket to throw and catch a ball.
- **Minefield**: A trust-building game where a blindfolded player is guided through obstacles

# Can you use (modify) currently popular games?



- Hula Hoop – stuffed sock “horseshoes”
- Beanbag (or nerf ball) toss into any container
- [Gaga ball](#)



# Electronic games?

- Use caution and judgement about internet (live) games. Review BSA policy. Remember many sites have a minimum age limit.
- “Off-line” Electronic game tournaments may be attractive to some youth – but equipment requirements could be a barrier to effective unit activities.
- For older scouts “phone polls – quizzes” can be a challenge.
- Prior planning key to ensure engagement of all Scouts.



# Don't forget the advancement program



- Troop/Crew/Ship Chess tournament?
- What Game Design MB requirements can be modified for Cubs – can Webelos/AOL Scouts design and run games for younger Cubs?

## *Other Ideas:*

- “Boardgame” night?
- Team Trivia (or Jeopardy)





# Need help making a trivia/jeopardy game? AI?

Task: Draft 10 trivia questions appropriate for 10-11 year-olds in MA

**Question:** What is the capital city of Massachusetts?

**Question:** In what year did the Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock?

**Question:** What popular game, played with a net and a ball, was invented in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1895?

**Question:** Which famous revolutionary patriot's former cow pasture is now the site of the Massachusetts State House?

**Question:** What is the official state insect of Massachusetts

**Question:** Which town is famous for the witch trials that took place in 1692?

**Question:** In what city was the game of basketball invented in 1891?

**Question:** What was the name of the protest where colonists threw tea into Boston Harbor?

**Question:** What is the official state beverage of Massachusetts?

**Question:** What is the name of the first subway system in America, which opened in Boston in 1897?



# Ensure to review/edit AI generated info!

-- Can game creation be a task for older Scouts??

## Answers

**Capital:** Boston.

**Pilgrim year:** 1620.

**Holyoke game:** Volleyball.

**Patriot with cow pasture:** John Hancock.

**MA insect:** Ladybug.

**Witch Trials:** Salem.

**Basketball city:** Springfield.

**Boston harbor tea:** The Boston Tea Party.

**MA beverage:** Cranberry juice.

**Subway:** The Tremont Street Subway (or just "The T")



# Games – Open Discussion

- Do you use games in your meetings? If not, should you?
- What games have worked for your Scouts?
- What games ***have not*** worked and why?



# Announcements

*Note: Not all event/announcement slides can be displayed during the session due to time constraints. All slides available when this presentation was prepared will be included in the online posting after the session.*

# Safeguarding Youth Training

**May 31, 2026:** All registered adults **must** have completed the new SYT by this date, regardless of when your old YPT was set to expire.

**Annual Requirement:** Unlike the old 2-year cycle, this training must now be completed **every year**.

**Consequences:** Failure to renew will result in automatic de-registration by the National Council (no refunds/no exceptions)

To date there are:  
2,259/3,891 adults expiring w/in 90 days.

New 20 Min retake Course not working as of 4/1





# Popcorn the only fundraiser with no UP-FRONT COST!

Units can earn between 32 - 39%!

Units that did not participate in 2024 or 2025 may take up to \$2,500 in popcorn for Storefront sales, complete at least two registered Storefront Sales and if you have product left it may be returned on/or before October 16, 2026, to our council office.

Units can do Storefront Sales, Online Sales, or Order Form Sales.

Units can choose what type of sale, or a combination of sales.

If your unit is interested and would like to have a representative contact them for more information, just scan the QR Code:



For more ii



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# SPRING RECRUITMENT: Plant the Seeds of Scouting



1. Council will provide units with seeds, instructions and flyers for distribution
1. Rewards Include:
  - 1st Place: Council will host Inflatable Archery Event or a \$100 Gift Card
  - 2nd & 3rd Place: Pick from a range of gift cards
1. Post on Socials! We'd love to see the plantings in action and don't forget to tag Mayflower

# Alien Lifeforms?

Not quite!



**August 9-12 | Camp Squanto  
WeBeLoS & AOLs**

# Solo Mission



## Provisional Camper

Fun achieved - gain friends from inside and outside of Mayflower Council. At the end of the week, Provisional Camper smiles whole way home.

Can't come with your unit, or want to come for additional week(s), register as a Provisional Camper and spend the week making friends from other units, roasting marshmallows for s'mores with the Provo Scoutmasters, participate in Theme Night and Apache, and having fun in your classes! These campers also create a tie-dye t-shirt to unify the troop during Apache!

# Camp Squanto

## Join Us on Staff or CIT



Want to spend almost 7 weeks at Camp?

- 2 Medical Officers
- 2 Lifeguards
  - or who would like to be guards



- CIT Registration
  - No Application
  - 2 References Needed



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# Adventure Day Camp

## Join us on Staff

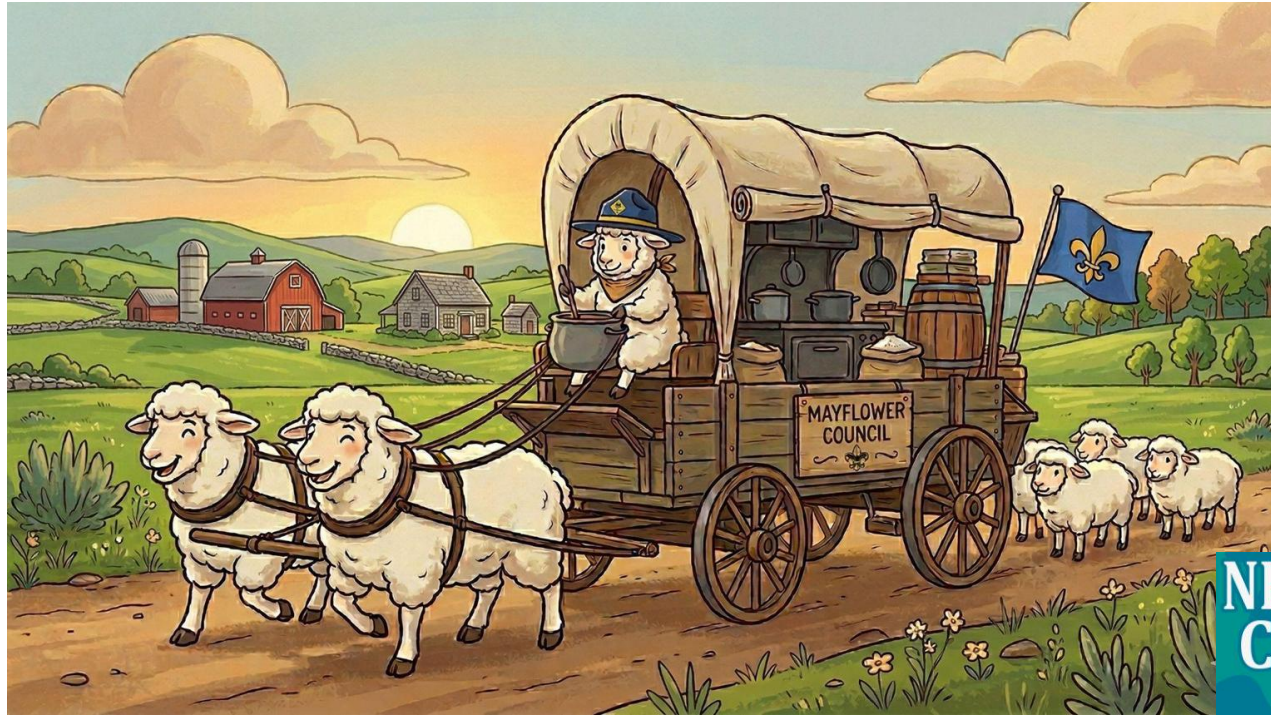


Want to spend your whole summer  
making an impact?

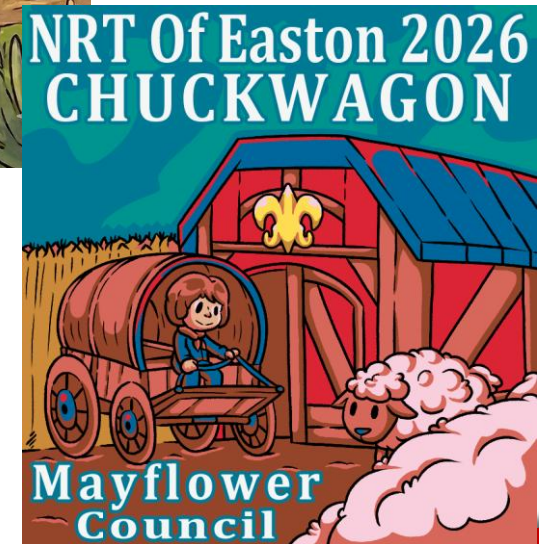
- 1 Medical Officer
- 1 Aquatics Director
- 3 Lifeguards
  - or who would like to be guards
- Program Staff



Please note: Theme Change! Location is still the NRT of Easton!



Join us for the 2026 Chuckwagon Derby  
June 6 at the NRT of Easton  
9AM to 3:30PM  
Bring your lunch and have lots of  
Farm Themed Fun!



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## **Announcement Slide Topics: See specific slides in the online posting for details**

**Note: slides available as of 4/11/2026 are included**

### ***All Programs:***

- Annual Campaign
- NESAs: Eagle Recognition Dinner, 6-15 – sponsors needed, Networking 4/16, Bridgewater
- Social Media – follow & tag Mayflower, include on your sites
- US 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary Jamboree Council Strip pre-order
- Training Dates

### ***Packs:***

- Included in main session

### ***Troops/Crews/Ships:***

- Massjam – Oct. 7-9, 2028, “BIG E” West Springfield
- NYLT, Squanto, June
- Flight to Eagle Seminar (virtual) 4/22
- Mayflower Philmont Contingent, July 2027





## Commissioner's Minute:



Image from BBC.com

Story: <https://www.bbc.com/sport/athletics/articles/cd1xlr5ewrro>

# ROUNDTABLE



Be Informed Be Prepared



**THANKS  
For Your Participation  
AND**

**For all you do for our Youth**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
Packs – Troops/Crews/Ships

*Next Roundtable Wed May 6, Mayflower Council Service Center, Milford  
Topic: AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) presentation*

If you have not yet done so, please sign in for attendance  
(Use QR Code, or link) <https://forms.gle/FPGzdPmAvyYLqJbN8>  
Questions/comments, use the Google forms “parking lot”  
<https://forms.gle/RUpRYGgn5JJWctZW9>





## ***BREAK OUT Sessions***

**Packs: Keeping Pack Meetings Exciting**

**Troops/Crews/Ships: Keeping Unit Meetings Exciting**

### ***To Enter Breakout Room:***

Select Cubs or Scouts BSA in the Breakout tab. Or Place Troop or Pack after your name to be moved by moderator.

# Pack Breakout

# Pack Meeting Resources:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/leader-resources/pack-meeting-resources/>

## Pack Meeting Resources

The Pack Meeting is a time to build positive relationships among the families in the pack. The Cubmaster is the lead in organizing pack meetings and utilizes Assistant Cubmasters, Pack Committee Members, and parents in the pack. Pack meetings should be fun for parents, leaders, and Cub Scouts. Pack meetings can be a special event, based on a Cub Scout Adventure, a time to celebrate, or a time to build your pack community.



This Scouting.org page provides many ideas and guides for pack meetings  
See next slide

# Pack Meeting Plans

For Adventure Based Meetings. These meeting plans are designed to earn Cub Scout Adventures that are available for all grades/ranks as a pack.

[Liberty in Action Planner](#)



**Character & Leadership**

**Outdoors**

**Personal Fitness**

**Citizenship**

**Personal Safety**

**Family & Reverence**

**Cycling**

**Fishing**

**Camping**

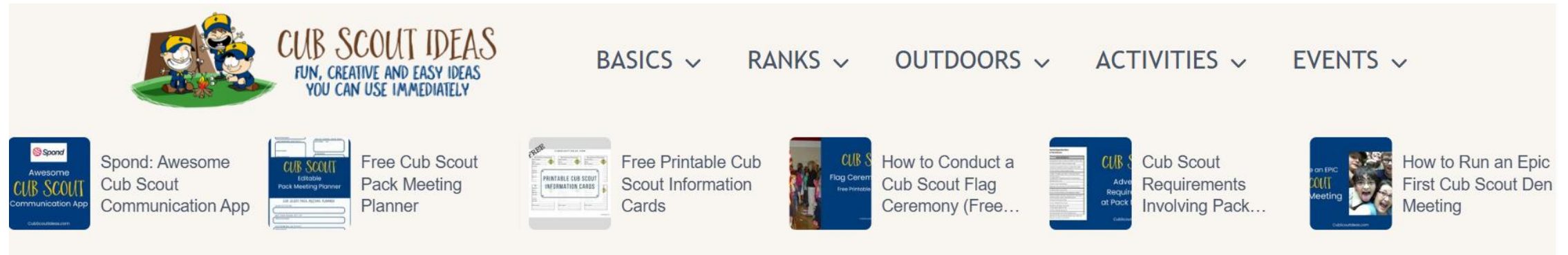
**Paddle Craft**

**Pinewood Derby**

**Raingutter Regata**

# Some other Pack Meeting Idea Sources

- <https://cubscoutideas.com/4242/new-cub-scout-pack-meeting-plans/>



The screenshot shows the website 'CUB SCOUT IDEAS' with the tagline 'FUN, CREATIVE AND EASY IDEAS YOU CAN USE IMMEDIATELY'. The navigation menu includes 'BASICS', 'RANKS', 'OUTDOORS', 'ACTIVITIES', and 'EVENTS'. Below the menu, there are several resource cards:

- Spond: Awesome Cub Scout Communication App** (Screenshot of the app interface)
- Free Cub Scout Pack Meeting Planner** (Screenshot of a printable planner)
- Free Printable Cub Scout Information Cards** (Screenshot of printable cards)
- How to Conduct a Cub Scout Flag Ceremony (Free...)** (Screenshot of a guide)
- Cub Scout Requirements Involving Pack...** (Screenshot of a requirements document)
- How to Run an Epic First Cub Scout Den Meeting** (Screenshot of a guide)

- Internet search can provide many ideas/guides (see above example), but as always, use caution and judgement when using other than official Scouting America sources

Troop/Crew/Ship  
Breakout

- Engaging Troop Meetings Video: <https://vimeo.com/691501324>
- Troop Leader Resources: [troopleader.scouting.org](https://troopleader.scouting.org)
- Meeting Planning Form: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/03/Fillable-Planning-Form.pdf>



Meeting Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Week \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	RUN BY	TIME*
<b>Preopening</b> __ minutes before meeting			_____ [ ]
<b>Opening Ceremony</b> __ minutes	Flag presentation Oath and Law Uniform inspection		_____ [ ]
<b>Group Instruction</b> __ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>		_____ [ ]
<b>Skills Instruction</b> __ minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>		_____ [ ]



See: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/03/Fillable-Planning-Form.pdf>



## **Scouts BSA Roundtable Breakout Discussion**

### *Engaging Troop Meetings*

1. What can we do to support our youth leaders when they are struggling to plan their meetings without taking over the planning ourselves?
2. How can we ensure our Scouts have a fully developed plan for each meeting?
3. When is it appropriate for us as adult volunteers to step in and change the Scouts' meeting plans?



# Mayflower Council Nov. 2025 Roundtable Event and Activity Detail Slides All programs

## *Lighting the Path Forward...*

When you help in “lighting the path forward,” your generosity directly impacts the development of essential values, skills, and opportunities that will benefit our youth well into the future. Your support ensures all young people can access our programs, gain leadership training, and enjoy a strong sense of community—all vital for raising confident new leaders. With your contributions, we can continue to inspire over 7,000 youth to discover their potential.



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# Thank you!



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# Mayflower NESA Chapter

## What Next for the Eagle Scout?

Hello Roundtable Members, Thank you for your attention!

Please join us and let your 2025 Eagle Scouts know...



- Annual Eagle Dinner celebrating the Eagle Class of 2025 – on June 15th at Lake Pearl in Wrentham – Eagles, Parents, Leaders – All are welcome to come and help Celebrate
- We also need Sponsors – Anyone can sponsor a new Eagle to attend the dinner. New Eagles have always been free – but we need sponsors so we can keep that tradition alive. Go to the council Website or [email NESA at this link:](#)





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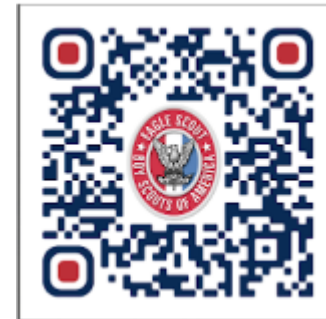
The next Eagle Network Event will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Black Hat Brewery in Bridgewater 6-8PM.

\$20 includes Pizza, a Patch, and your first beverage. This Network Event is a great way to reconnect, share scouting stories, and network with fellow Eagles.

Don't come alone, bring another Eagle with you. This is a 21+ no uniform event.

Sign up with the code on the right  
OR

If paying at the door Please [RSVP to NESAs at this link](#)



# Social Media - Are You Following?



Mayflower Council



Tantamous Lodge



Camp Squanto - Mayflower Council



Camp Resolute - Mayflower Council



Nobscot Scout Reservation - Mayflower Council



Adventure Day Camp



MayflowerBSA



TantamousLodge



CampSquanto



MayflowerBSA

Want to see your unit on Mayflower Council social media?

Be sure to tag Mayflower Council on your Facebook or Instagram! We will do our best to feature you in the stories of our social media platforms!



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# Jamboree CSP Pre-Orders



Commemorate a historic milestone with the official Mayflower Council 2026 National Jamboree Shoulder Patch. This limited-edition CSP beautifully bridges the gap between America's founding history and the future of scouting.

Designed specifically for the 2026 National Jamboree, this patch celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the United States with a striking visual narrative.

**Pre-Order  
Yours TODAY!**

**\$10**



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# 2026 Training Dates to June

- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) SOLD OUT Resolute 4/18-19/26**
- **Wilderness & Remote First Aid Nobscot 4/18-19/26 Sold Out**
- **CPR/ AED Training. 4/21/26 Nobscot 6:30 - 9:30 pm**
- **Wilderness & Remote First Aid Nobscot 4/25-26/26**
- **CPR/ AED Training. 5/2/26 Norwood 8:30 - 11:30 am**
- **CPR/ AED Training. 5/19/26 Nobscot 6:30 - 9:30 pm**
- **Wilderness & Remote First Aid Nobscot 5/6-7/26**
- **Lifeguard Certification Course 6/13-14/26 & 6/20-21/26 Squanto**
- **CPR/ AED Training. 6/13/26 Nobscot 8:30 - 11:30 am**
- **NYLT 6/13-14/26 & 6/20-21/26 Squanto**



# Pack Announcements & Events

(included in main session)





# Troop, Crew & Ship Announcements & Events



# 2028 MassJam

## Mark Your Calendars

**October 7-9, 2028**

Location	Amenities	What's Next
<p>Moving to the Big E in West Springfield MA! Conveniently located off I91.</p>	<p>All parking, camping, and action centers on one site. No crossing roads or bus rides</p>	<p>Kickoff meeting was held March 25. We will communicate updates as needed. We will be looking for staff volunteers in the next year.</p>

[Contact MJ Reps at this link](#)



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# National Youth Leadership Training

Mayflower Council is offering a **Two-Weekend** NYLT at Camp Squanto  
**June 12-14, and June 19-21, 2026**

- Scouts BSA members **must** be at least **13**, a **First Class Scout** or higher, **and** completed **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops**.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts **must** be at least **14**, (or **13** and have completed eighth grade) through age **20**, **and** completed **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships**.
- Cost: **\$750**.



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# Mayflower Council - Flight to Eagle Seminar

**WHEN - Wednesday, April 22nd 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**WHERE - Virtual**

Join us to learn about the New Eagle Scout Process.

Review the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank.

Learn how to pick an Eagle Scout Project and complete it successfully.

Review the Eagle Scout Project and Application NEW upload process.



Link to watch January's video:

<https://251sa.org/FTEvideo>



Link to updated Advancement Page:

<https://251sa.org/Advancement>





# Go To Philmont Scout Ranch in 2027 with Mayflower Council!



Backpacking treks at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico provide an unforgettable adventure in backpacking across miles of rugged, rocky trails. Programs feature the best of the old west—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today such as rock climbing, mountain biking, and sport shooting.

**The Mayflower Council has reserved a trek in July 2027 for a Council Contingent Crew to travel to Philmont and participate in a once in a lifetime experience for Scouts. Learn more about this trip at our LIVE informational Webinar on Thursday, May 7th at 7PM via Zoom.**

Request more  
information  
or attend our May 7th  
Information Session



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