



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
MAYFLOWER COUNCIL

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2022

LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

What does your council & district provide to your Scout?

- Year round camping program, employing a full-time staff to maintain the facilities for the summer resident programs and weekend camping at Camps Resolute (located in Bolton, MA), Squanto (located in Plymouth, MA) and Nobscot Scout Reservation (located in Sudbury, MA).
- Summer Cub Scout day camp and Scouts BSA day programs, weekend Cub Scout family camping, Scouts BSA camporees and Klondike derbies.
- The annual Virtual Merit Badge University which brings over 500 Scouts together to work on merit badges.
- One of the most important resources we provide to the youth, leaders and parents is our Youth Protection Training. Youth Protection Training is required for all registered BSA members.
- Council service center where staff members assist all units with registrations, advancement records, recruiting materials, training records and every other need a family or unit leader may have.
- A full-time team of unit service executives to help units with program, training, unit administration and operational problems and Scouting procedures.
- Leader training courses for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and den leaders. These sessions give those individuals the tools and resources to provide a quality Scouting program to our Scouts. ***“Every Scout deserves a trained leader!”***
- We provide all the recruiting tools and resources that the unit needs to promote the Scouting program to every youth in our communities. ***“Every youth should have the opportunity to join Scouting!”***
- And much more!



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COMMON QUESTIONS FROM FAMILIES — FAQs —

What is the Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS)?

- An annual council-wide campaign conducted in every pack, troop, crew and ship to support the program and to offset the cost of providing Scouting to their child.

Why is Family FOS Important?

- The true cost of Scouting is much greater than the registration cost, program activity fees, unit dues and fees charged for activities and camp. The cost of providing the Scouting program to each Scout is approximately \$380.
- Family FOS ensures that quality Scouting can occur for every Scout by helping to support all the costs of the program.

What are you doing with the money we already give to Scouts?

Why aren't my dues enough?

- Registration fees and Scout Life Magazine subscription money “pass through” our council, direct to the National Council and Scout Life Magazine.
- Dues remain with your unit to pay for your local unit expenses.

Where does the FOS money go?

- Monies raised through FOS are used for: volunteer and staff training, insurance coverage, council service center, upkeep of camps and program equipment, recognition, and supplement district, and council programs and activities.

Can't you find another way to raise money?

- The Mayflower Council runs several fundraising events such as the Golf Classic, Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner, and district special events. The Family Friends of Scouting campaign makes up about 23% of our budget.
- Nonprofits rely heavily on annual giving campaigns like our Family Friends of Scouting to close existing gaps in their budget. The Mayflower Council competes with over 5,000 other non-profits for any business/public support.

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