



# ***Mayflower Council Jan. 2026 Roundtable***

Tue. Jan 13, 7-8:30 PM, First Congregational Church, Norwood

# STAY INFORMED AT ROUNDTABLE



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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:

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/holidays-celebrations/g45619248/new-year-prayers/>





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**Or, scan QR code:**



# Mayflower Roundtable - Agenda



- On-Line “Parking Lot”/Feedback: <https://forms.gle/j6FqKyaxAGp97HEx9>
- Safety Moment: Risk Assessment
- Discussion:
  - ***AOL to Scouts BSA transition***
- Announcements: NOTE – Not all event/announcement slides may be shown due to time constraints. All slides will be included in the post on the council website.
- Planned Breakout Sessions –
  - Packs: *Youth & Adult Recognition & Ceremonies*
  - Troops/Crews/Ships: *Eagle Courts of Honor*

# Safety Moment: RISK ASSESSMENT

Ref: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Jan-Safety-Moment-Risk-Assessments.pdf>



Are you safety aware? – Can you look at an event and decide if it is safe or not?  
Every event comes with risks.

- All leaders should look for risks and try to reduce them
- If a risk cannot be reduced, leaders must decide if the event should go ahead.

Tools for Leaders:

- Guide to Safe Scouting – all leaders must be knowledgeable of requirements - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>
- Safety checklists for small events or campouts, these tools help to make sure critical safeguards are in place for a specific Scouting activity

Events: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/event\\_checklist.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/event_checklist.pdf)

Campouts: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/campout\\_checklist.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/campout_checklist.pdf)

- Safety PAUSE (Pause, Assess, Understand, Share, and Execute) stresses the importance of a last-minute safety check in the field.

Ref: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-046.pdf>

***The best thing we can do as volunteers is to use the tools provided to ensure we are providing the safest program possible.***



## ***Discussion: AOL to Scouts BSA Transition***

***It's far more than a cross-over ceremony!***

“Somewhere in the journey from little kid to young adult, Scouting becomes less “Do Your Best” and more be “Prepared for Life.” And a Scout leader’s job in preparing Cub Scouts for the jump to Scouts BSA is proof of that.”

Aaron on Scouting, SCOUTING Magazine Blog, Dec. 3, 2025



Who is responsible for the transition?  
Pack? Troop? Parents? Charter Partner?



# Who is involved in Successful Transition?

- Cubmaster
- AOL Den Leader(s)
- AOL Den Chief
- Scoutmaster
- Assistant Scoutmaster for New Scouts
- Troop Committee Chair
- Troop New Member Coordinator
- Troop Senior Patrol Leader
- Troop Guide
- Troop Patrol Leaders Council
- **Cub Scout Parents**



# Key 2024 Cub Program Changes

- Webelos is now for 4th graders
- Webelos no longer prepares Scouts to join Scouts BSA
- Arrow of Light rank is now for 5th graders and is designed to prepare Cub Scouts to join Scouts BSA

***Crossing Over:*** AOL Scout joins Scouts BSA troop -- special ceremony that involves a local Scouts BSA troop. *Not the same as receiving the AOL Award!*

Some Key Points:

- Youth should choose a troop that fits them
- Be flexible with the timing of the Cross Over ceremony
- Remember to transition parents and leaders too
- Learn the Scouts BSA troop's summer camp plans and how it's financed. Summer camp is a great way to keep youth in Scouting!

***Great Troops conduce a new parent orientation!***



# Why don't AOL Scouts Transition?

- Conflicting activities
- Don't see participating will be fun
- Friends don't transition
- Parents don't see the value (and encourage the transition)
- Adult conflicts
- Other?



# How do we overcome the barriers?

- SCOUTS
  - Need to see the troop as fun and worthwhile
- FRIENDS
  - Scouts more likely to join and stay if their friends are there
- PARENTS
  - Need to understand the value of Scouting vs. other activities
  - Decide what is best for their children
- LEADERS
  - Den leaders often progress with Cubs through the Pack
  - May want a “break” from “full-time” role, need to understand how adult roles in the Troop are different from the Pack.



# Key Role: Cub Scout Parents

- Parents may have little or no knowledge/experience with the Scouts BSA program
- Need to understand how your Troop is organized – Patrol method, New Scout Patrol? Mixed Age Patrol? Older Scout Patrol? Ref: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/general-troop-information/troop-structure/types-of-patrols/>
- Parents need to feel welcome in the Troop environment – *Need an experienced adult to welcome them, answer questions, be available to address concerns – New Member Coordinator?*
- ENGAGE with the parents – 1:1 leadership introductions, develop a relationship
- Parents need to understand that Scouting can fit in with other activities – do you have that Eagle Scout who was also captain of the HS Basketball Team???
- Work to convince parents that they should advocate for their children to stay in Scouting.

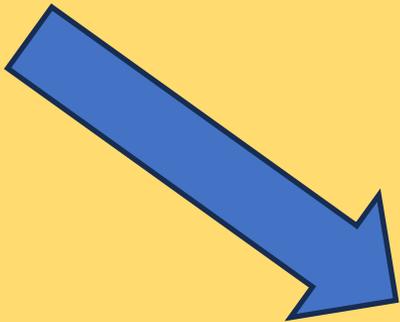


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AOL Scouts need to complete the Bobcat Adventure first! Note Requirement 7



## Complete the following requirements

Activities to fulfill these requirements are listed below. Choose one activity for each requirement to complete Bobcat Arrow of Light.

### Requirement 1

Demonstrate the patrol method by choosing a patrol name and electing a patrol leader. Discuss the benefits of using the patrol method.

### Requirement 2

Get to know members of your patrol.

### Requirement 3

Recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law with your patrol.

### Requirement 4

With your patrol create a Code of Conduct.

### Requirement 5

Demonstrate the Scout sign, Scout salute and Scout handshake used by Scouting America. Show how each are used.

### Requirement 6

Learn the Scouting America slogan and motto.

### Requirement 7

With your patrol, or with your parent/legal guardian, visit a Scouting America troop.

### Requirement 8

At home, with your parent or legal guardian do the activities in the booklet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide."



# Suggestions for Initial Troop Visit

- Scouts may visit the Arrow of Light den and give personal invitations to visit their troop or patrol meeting.
- *Ensure to involve parents!*
- Possibilities:
  - Campouts -- Outdoor Activities -- Field Trips/Outings (fire station, police station) -  
- Ten Essentials Scavenger Hunt -- Work on a Cub Scout Adventure -- Learn the Scouts BSA Sign, Salute and Handshake -- Learn about the patrol method
- Have Scouts practice welcoming Arrow of Light Cub Scouts
- **Involve Cubs in activities and having fun right away**
- Encourage Cub Scouts to bring a friend (and their parents) to the event.
- Troops should maintain a relationship with visiting Cub Scouts (and parents) so they feel welcome and excited to cross over into **your** Troop!

Ref: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Troop-Visits-for-Arrow-of-Light-Scouts-.pdf>



# Troops: Know AOL requirements – Can you help Scouts on one or more?

## Required Adventures

- Bobcat
- Citizenship
- Duty to God
- Outdoor Adventurer
- Personal Fitness
- First Aid

Also need to earn 2 elective adventures

### References:

AOL Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/adventures/arrow-of-light/>

New Cub program PPT: [https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Cub-Scout-Program-Updates-for-Scouting.org\\_.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Cub-Scout-Program-Updates-for-Scouting.org_.pdf)

AOL Den Leader Resources: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/aol-den-leader-resources/>

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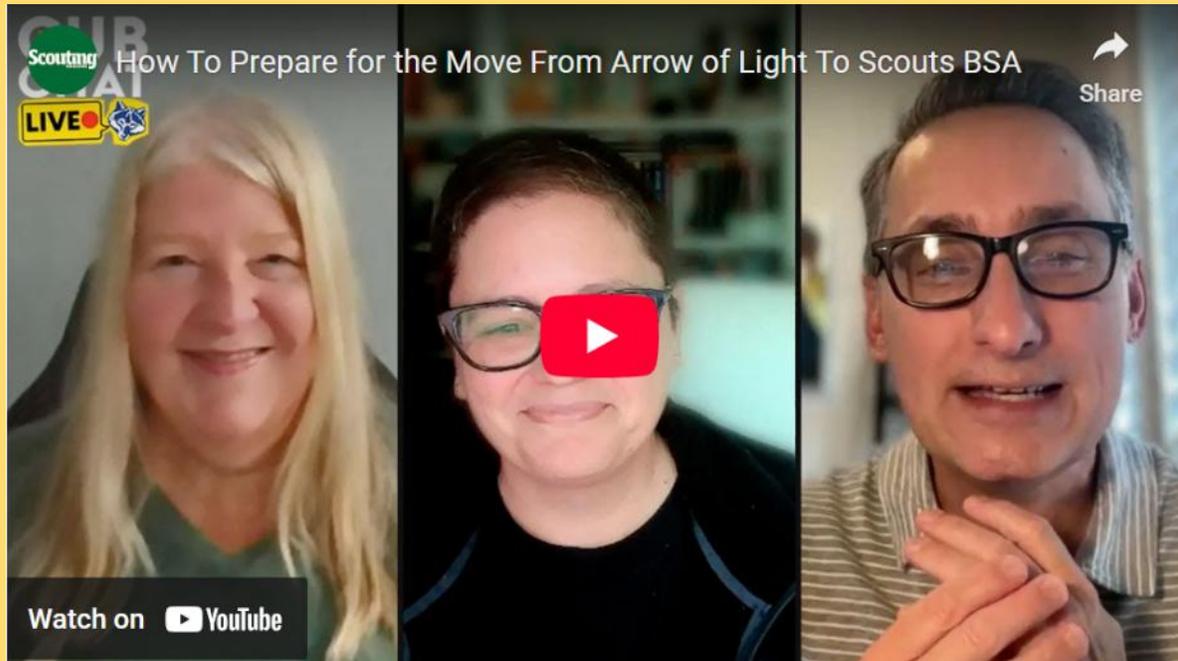
AOL Den Adventure Planner: <https://hovc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AOL-Adventure-Plans.pdf>

AOL and Webelos Camping Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss03/>

## Some Pack/AOL Den Resources:

Aaron on Scouting Post: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2025/12/03/how-to-prepare-arrow-of-light-scouts-for-a-successful-transition-to-scouts-bsa/>

Cub Chat Live: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0nFKSYq1UU&t=1s>



### Other notes for Packs/AOL dens:

- Connect packs & troops.
  - Plan crossover events,
  - Cohost outdoor activities
  - Invite troop members to teach Scout skills at your pack/den
- collaborations help families feel comfortable with the structure of older-youth Scout units
- Ask troops about camp and fundraising plans
  - Get families to envision themselves as part of a troop



# When should the transition be complete?

- Ensure AOL parents are fully aware of the Troop's summer camp plans well before final transition and in time to plan to have their Scouts attend summer camp.
- Recommendation: AOL Scouts should be transitioned to the Troop in time to experience at least one overnight campout with the Troop BEFORE summer camp.
- Note: Scouts who crossed over can still participate in remaining special Pack Activities (Pinewood, Rain Gutter, Etc.)



# Don't neglect female AOL's!

- Council has a number of Family Packs, but not a lot of female Troops
- Packs – Ensure female AOL's have an opportunity to visit Female or Family Troops.
- Is there a Family Pack in your town? Should your Scouts BSA Troop consider becoming a Family Troop?
  - The option for Scouting America) "family troops," (single, co-ed troop serving both boys and girls) became available December 15, 2025
  - Need Charter Organization concurrence and specific Leader registration requirements.
  - Contact [Mayflower Council Membership](#) for further information.



# Quick Review: AOL Camping Requirements

Ref: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss03/>

***Note: Summary only, refer to policy for specifics!***

- AOL Patrol camping limited to no more than 2 consecutive nights
- Only for youth members of patrol, their parents and registered leadership
- BALOO trained leader present, at council designated/approved location
- Parent/guardian required, see policy for exceptions
- AOL Scouts can participate in unit coordinated campout with troop they are eligible to join
  - 2-deep registered AOL patrol or Pack Leaders required
  - BALOO trained leader required
  - All Cub Scout Camping Rules apply
- See Policy for AOL participation in Council coordinated camporees



# Announcements

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# Key 6 Council Tour



Join us for a unique opportunity  
to meet with Council's Executive Team  
as well as key members of our Executive Board.

**All events at 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**Feb. 3rd- Norwood, First Congregational Church, 100 winter St. Norwood**

**Feb. 5th- Natick, AMVETS Post 79, 79 Superior Dr, Natick**

**Feb. 11th- Braintree, Masonic Temple, 403 Washington St, Braintree**

**Feb. 12th- Pembroke, Knights of Columbus Lower Hall, 48 Schoosett St.. Pembroke**



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# Flight to Eagle and New Mayflower Council Eagle Process



**WHEN - Monday, January 26th, 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.



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# 2026 Training Dates to April

- **CPR/ AED Training. 1/20/26 Nobscot 6:30 - 9:30 pm**
- **Strategic Training Plan Meeting, 1/24/26 N E Chapel Franklin,**
- **Wilderness & Remote First Aid Nobscot 1/24-25/26**
- **Baloo 2/7 7:30 am -2/8 6 pm YMCA Hopkinton**
- **CPR/ AED Training. 2/17/26 Nobscot 6:30 - 9:30 pm**
- **CPR/ AED Training. 2/28/26 Westwood High School 8:30 - 12 pm**
- **Cubmaster, Den Leader or Committee Member Training. 2/28/26  
Westwood High School, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**
- **Wilderness & Remote First Aid Nobscot 2/14-15/26**
- **CPR/ AED Training. 2/17/26 Nobscot 6:30 - 9:30 pm**
- **Cubmaster, Den Leader or Committee Member Training. 3/21/26  
Westwood High School, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Resolute 4/18-19/26**
- **Wilderness & Remote First Aid Nobscot 4/18-19/26**
- **CPR/ AED Training. 4/21/26 Nobscot 6:30 - 9:30 pm**

Join us

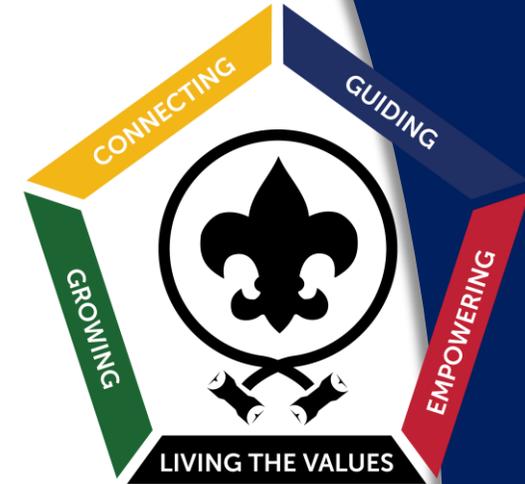


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# Got Wood Badge?

- **Become a Coach, Guide, Mentor, Model Leader.** Wood Badge shows you how.
- Provides the skills, knowledge, experience to teach Scouts leadership.
- Been through the course? Please invite others.
- Not been trained, **Register** today:
  - When: April 10-12 & May 16-17, 2026
  - Where: T. L. Storer Scout Reservation, Barnstead, NH
  - How Much: \$325 early bird if registered by January 31st
  - Use this QR code or follow this link:  
<https://experiencebasecamp.org/products/wood-badge?variant=43005648699553>

**Online Information session, Tue. Jan 20, 7:30 PM Use QR Code at right, or see link on info sheet posted separately with this month's Roundtable Data**



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

**Note: slides available as of 1/10/2026 are included**

### ***Packs:***

- Cub Winter Carnival – Squanto Jan. 17
- Pinewood Car Cutting Events
- BALOO – Feb. 7-8
- Council Pinewood Derby - May 9
- Chuckwagon Derby – Jun. 6-7, Squanto

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

- Friends of Scouting

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

- Philmont 2027 Council Contingent – register by Jan 25 2026
- National Eagle Scout Association (NESA)  
Project of the year nominations due 1/31  
Eagle recognition dinner June
- Resolute Freeze-Out: 1/30 – 2/1
- Klondike Derby – Feb. 7, Squanto
- MBU – 2/28 & 3/21
- Aviation Camporee – Save the Date – 5/1-3 2026 –  
(camp at the Plymouth Airport)



## Commissioner's Minute: ***RESOLUTIONS***



Photo by [Tim Mossholder](#) on [Unsplash](#)



# ROUNDTABLE



Be Informed Be Prepared



**THANKS  
For Your Participation  
AND**

**For all you do for our Youth**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
Packs – Troops/Crews/Ships

**\*\*\* NOTE LOCATION CHANGE \*\*\***

*Next Roundtable Wed. Feb. 4 – Mayflower Council Office, Milford*

*Topic: Lauren Barrone -- Summer Camp Programs*

*Thanks for participating in Mayflower Council Roundtables!*

If you have not yet done so, please sign in for attendance

(Use QR Code, or link) <https://forms.gle/769oPHKcmwCvChD16>

Questions/comments, use the Google forms “parking lot”

<https://forms.gle/j6FqKyaxAGp97HEx9>





# ***BREAK OUT Sessions***

***Packs: Youth and adult recognition & ceremonies***

***Troops/Crews/Ships: Eagle Court of Honor***

***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.



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

## *Friends of Scouting...*

Mayflower Council's Annual Campaign is more than a fundraising effort—it is an invitation to be part of something greater than oneself. Through your generosity, you empower youth, sustain cherished traditions, and strengthen your community. In a world that needs leaders, dreamers, and doers, your gift ensures that Scouting continues to light the way. Let us join hands in giving, so that the Mayflower Council's mission may flourish and every young person has the opportunity to grow, serve, and lead.



TO DONATE



# Thank you!



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# Pack Announcements & Events



# CUB CARNIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND! DON'T MISS THE FUN!



**WHEN - Saturday, January 17th, 10A to 2P**

**WHERE - Camp Squanto**

Explore our winter-themed stations at Camp Squanto

- Snowball Launch
- Sledding
- Rope Burning
- S'mores Cones and Hot Cocoa Stations

... and MORE!



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# Pinewood Derby Car Cutting Events



We're excited to offer Pinewood Derby car cutting sessions to help our Cub Scouts and Adults get ready for race day! This is a great opportunity for Scouts and their families to work together and start building their Pinewood Derby cars.

**January 24 | 1:30–4:00 PM**  
United Church of Christ  
10 Bedford St, Abington

**January 27 | 4:00–6:00 PM**  
Camp Nobscot

**January 28 | 4:00–6:00 PM**  
Camp Nobscot

**February 5 | 5:00–6:30 PM**  
St. John's Parish Hall  
20 Church St, Hopkinton

**February 8 | 10 AM–12 PM**  
Camp Nobscot

**February 25 | 6:00–8:00 PM**  
Moose Lodge  
601 State Rd, Plymouth

Sign Up [HERE](#):



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# BALOO Course

February 7–8, 2026  
Inside YMCA Hopkinton  
Saturday 2/7 - 7:30 am to  
Sunday 2/8 - 6:00 pm



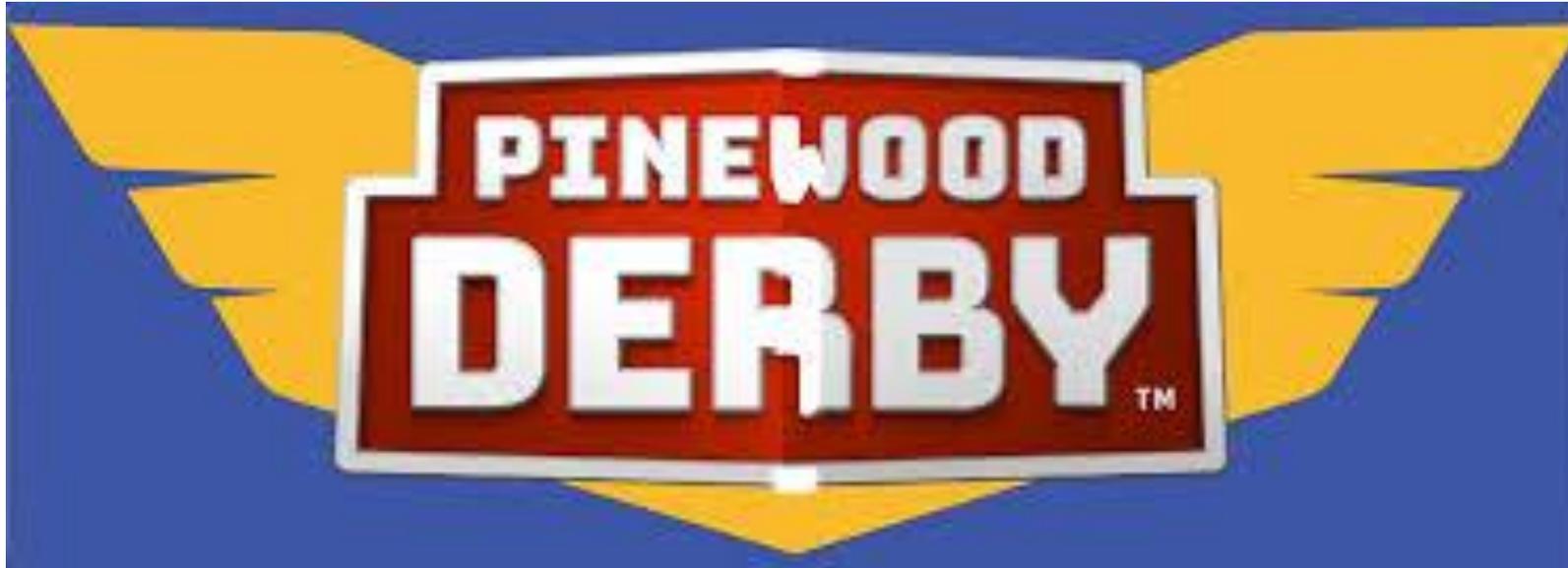
Register	Who	Why
	<p>Any Cub Scout leader who wants to be able to take Cubs camping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Cub Scout campouts require at least one BALOO trained leader on site.</li></ul>

Contact [Zak Kosan](#) with questions



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**Mayflower Council-wide Pinewood  
Derby is Saturday, May 9th!  
DETAILS & LOCATION INFO  
COMING SOON!**



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**\*\* Save the Dates\*\* Chuckwagon Derby June 6 & 7 \*\* Save the Dates \*\***

Who: Cub Scout Packs, Families & Siblings

What: 2026 Chuckwagon Derby

Where: Camp Squanto

When: June 6th

with an optional overnight program to June 7

**Lots More Details to Follow**



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# Troop, Crew & Ship Announcements & Events

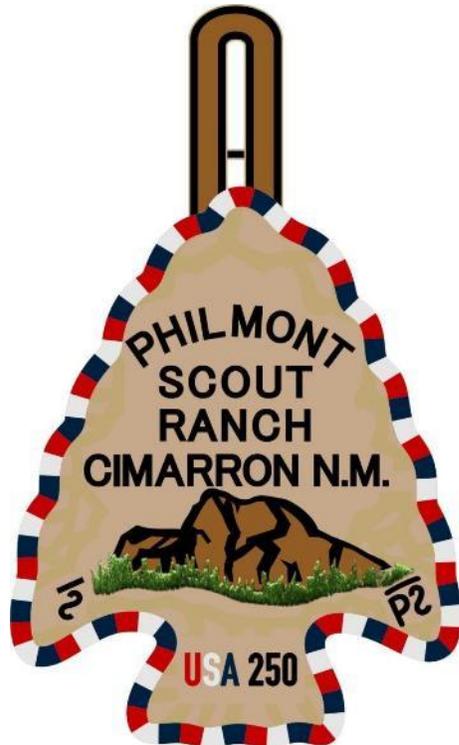


# NOW ENROLLING: MAYFLOWER COUNCIL 2027 PHILMONT CONTINGENT!

**July 12-22nd 2027**  
**Philmont Scout Ranch;**  
**Cimarron, NM**

It's the perfect way for individual Scouts or small groups from different units to experience Philmont together when their home troop isn't sending a full crew.

**Register by January 25th, 2026. Limited Spots available**



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# Mayflower NESA Chapter

## What Next for the Eagle Scout?

Hello Roundtable Members, Thank you for your attention!

- Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award Nominations – Deadline January 31st – Project must have been completed during 2025 year. Nomination forms are on the council website. \$250 scholarship. (Scouts, Parents, Leaders – can all nominate)

**Link:** <https://nesa.org/awards-and-recognition/service-project-of-the-year-award/>

- Annual Eagle Dinner celebrating the Eagle Class of 2025 – in June at Lake Pearl in Wrentham. We had 230 people attend last year. Eagles, Families, Scout Leaders!!!

Please consider attending and being a **sponsor** for an Eagle from the Eagle Class of 2025. (Sponsors need not be Eagle Scouts)



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# America's 250<sup>th</sup> Freezeout

## At

### Camp Resolute

Jan 30-Feb 1, 2026

**HATS WILL BE OPTIONAL THIS YEAR!**

### Register

Register as a troop,  
**invite your AOL's** only  
to attend on Saturday!  
**Registration Is Open!**

### Events

Round Robin Events,  
and the sled race of  
course!

### Volunteer

Please contact our  
[committee](#) at  
volunteer as a unit or  
an individual to help!



<https://scoutingevent.com/251-FreezeOut2026>



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# 2026 KLONDIKE DERBY

## FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> - CAMP SQUANTO



- Open To Scouts BSA, Venturers and Crews
- Teams transport sleds between villages
- Compete in fun, outdoor winter challenges
- Scouts will be responsible for providing, preparing and cooking their own lunch.
- Don't miss the Pancake Flipping Contest

LEARN MORE AND  
SIGN UP HERE



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# Merit Badge University



**Merit Badge University is an opportunity for scouts to earn up to 3 merit badges!**

**NOTE:** On January 15th, this event will open to all local councils in the area. Sign your Scouts up **TODAY** to reserve their spot!

**WHEN: February 28th and March 21st  
8AM to 2PM**

**WHERE: Westwood High School;  
Westwood, MA**

**Merit Badges Offered: Art, Artificial Intelligence, American Heritage, Archaeology, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Society, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Disabilities Awareness, Electricity, Emergency Preparedness, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Family Life, First Aid, Mammal Study, Medicine, Painting, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Programming, Public Speaking, Space Exploration, Sustainability, Weather**



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# Scouts in the Sky Aviation Camporee Plymouth Airport



Save the  
Date !!

## May 1 -3, 2026



*Aviation Merit Badge  
Based Camporee*

Activities Saturday and  
Saturday night

Troops can camp at the  
airport Saturday night

Contacts:

Rick Robbins, Greg Green

Satina Craffey See

<https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/about/leadership/council-staff/> for  
contact info

**NOTE: Due to space limitations,  
attendance will be limited.  
Registration planned to open in  
Feb. AN ACCURATE COUNT OF  
ATTENDEES WILL BE NEEDED AT  
TIME OF REGISTRATION**