



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

MAYFLOWER COUNCIL

2018 will be the first full year our new Mayflower Council will be operating as its own council. We've had a very successful summer at both Camp Squanto and Camp Resolute and with those big efforts behind us the staff and board are working diligently to put together a new and unified program year.

One item that was handled differently in Knox Trail and Old Colony Councils was the council level program activity fee, or program activity and insurance fee. In 2017 Knox Trail had a program activity fee of \$36 for each scout, Old Colony had a program activity and insurance fee of \$26 dollars, \$20 for program activity and \$6 for insurance. The Knox Trail fee covered insurance too but did not call it out in the name.

For 2018, which starts December 1, 2017, Mayflower Council will have a \$30 program activity and insurance fee. During the consolidation planning and town meetings the \$30 cost was anticipated and discussed as the single unified rate across the entire new council. The Mayflower Council Board approved this change at its August meeting.

The new council is also standardizing the rules for the program activity and insurance fee so that the fee applies to all youth Scouts, except Lions (kindergarten) and scouts who are 18 years or older, at the time of registration. The council also has a process to subsidize the Fee for financially disadvantaged Scouts, similar to the Council's Campership Program. All units in the council will receive free tent camping at all council owned camps, outside of summer camp season, and free Scout Basic Leader Training for adult volunteers.

Scout registration fees can be a bit confusing as the total cost includes charges from the local unit, the Mayflower Council, and National Boy Scouts. Each local unit, packs, troops, posts, and crews, set their own annual fee or dues charge to run the local program. Our council has an annual fee that is now \$30. National Boy Scouts of America also has a fee that is collected at registration time and that fee is now \$33 for 2018. The cost that each scout or scouter sees at the local level includes the local unit charge, the Mayflower Council fee, and the national fee.

In addition to the program and activity fee, other revenue and the Friends of Scouting program fund the annual cost of running Mayflower Council's camps, staff, and programs. Friends of Scouting is our annual fundraising program which enables people who care about scouting to support the council financially. Please thoughtfully consider support through Friends of Scouting this year.

If you have any questions around these changes please don't hesitate to contact me.

With best regards,

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