Mayflower Council Nov. 2025 Roundtable



Wed. Nov. 12, 7-8:30 PM, Milford Youth Center, Milford











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





Scan code to be added to email list





Opening: Pledge of Allegiance







Opening Prayer:

Image from: www.ebay.com/str/cathymark4ever

Prayer adapted from: Al generated prayer for mindfulness

and diligence







Please please use phone for QR Code sign in.

Or use this link:

https://forms.gle/v4tfzqAKRwWacWrv6







Mayflower Roundtable - Agenda





- On-Line "Parking Lot"/Feedback: https://forms.gle/aUwFWpto66SxcfPKA
- Safety Moment: Gaming Safety
- Discussion:
 - Safe Scouting—Rich Carlson
- 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.
- Breakout Sessions
 - Packs
 - 1. Cub Activity Committee: Zak Kosan
 - Troops/Crews/Ships
 Safe Troop Activities



Safety Moment: Gaming Safety





- "Gaming" here refers to playing games online either solo or with others.
- The internet makes gaming possible with friends around the block or strangers around the world.
- As playing partners can be anonymous strangers, risks have increased. Scout leaders and parents need to be aware and use available tools to increase safety.

If your pack, troop, crew, or ship is planning Gaming parties as part of your recruiting efforts or unit activities, use these techniques to ensure safety.

- 1. Block, report, and mute people who troll or bully in games
- 2. Take short breaks when gaming for extended times
- 3. Do not share personal information with others in games
- 4. Avoid in-game purchases like loot boxes
- 5. Check the age rating of games
- 6. Report unwanted messages (DM or Private Chats)
- 7. Provide adult supervision

Visit https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/ for Scouting guidelines on virtual and online platforms and keeping youth safe during online activities and meetings.







Discussion: Safe Scouting: Rich Carlson







Age-Appropriate Guidelines Quiz

- Ref: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-685.pdf
- Scouting Safety Resources: https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/resources-forms/
- For Each Question, you are asked to identify the Scouting age level at which the activity listed is permitted (activity is permitted at all levels above this one)
- **RECORD YOUR ANSWERS** Quiz will be self-scored, there is no requirement to share your score.
- Thers are 8 answer categories:
- LIONS TIGERS WOLF/BEAR WEBELOS AOL SCOUTS BSA OLDER SCOUTS (14+, or 13 and completed 8th grade) – VENTURERS/SEA SCOUTS
- Phone-a-friend and Look-up NOT allowed!







- 1. Use of fueled devices (stoves, lanterns, etc.)
- 2. Fire building
- 3. Outdoor cooking
- 4. Map & Compass
- 5. Fishing
- 6. Pocket knife
- 7. Hand tools (hammer, screwdriver, etc.)
- 8. Field Archery
- 9. Horse Treks



Age-Appropriate Guidelines Quiz – Part 2



- 10. Catapults/Trebuchets
- 11. Boomerangs
- 12. Shotguns
- 13. Man-made facility climbing
- 14. Rappelling
- 15. Scuba
- 16. Youth operated sailboats and sailboards
- 17. Paddle sports (youth operated on calm water)



Age-Appropriate Guidelines Answers – Part 1



- 1. Use of fueled devices (stoves, lanterns, etc.) Scouts BSA
- 2. Fire building *Webelos*
- 3. Outdoor cooking Webelos
- 4. Map & Compass Wolf/Bear (Tiger OK for Map only)
- 5. Fishing Lion OK for all levels with appropriate supervision
- 6. Pocket knife Wolf/Bear
- 7. Hand tools (hammer, screwdriver, etc.) *Tiger*
- 8. Field Archery Scouts BSA for Unit Events, Cubs may participate in **Council Sponsored events and Camps**
- 9. Horse Treks Older Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts



Age-Appropriate Guidelines Answers – Part 2



- 10. Catapults/Trebuchets *Tiger BUT projectiles must be soft and no larger than tennis balls*
- 11. Boomerangs NONE Boomerangs are not permitted at any level
- 12. Shotguns Scouts BSA
- 13. Man-made facility climbing *Lions* (OK for all ages, but consider age appropriateness of the facility)
- 14. Rappelling Webelos
- 15. Scuba *Scouts BSA*
- 16. Youth operated sailboats and sailboards Scouts BSA
- 17. Paddle sports (youth operated on calm water) Lion & Tiger as passengers only, Wolf/Bear and up OK
- 18. Snorkeling in confined water *Lion OK at all levels with appropriate* supervision and Safe Swim Defense Program in effect





Age-Appropriate Guidelines Answers – **Bonus Questions**

Scouts BSA Events 1 Day 2 Overnight

Can Webelos and Arrow of Light Both Attend?





Den Camp Outs: Can tag a-longs attend?

Troops Camp Outs: Can tag a-longs attend?

Troops White Water Rafting. Requires Swim tests?



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Safe Scouting Discussion





Scouts and their parents expect all Boy Scouts of America activities to be conducted safely. To ensure the safety of participants, the Boy Scouts of America expects leaders to use the four points of SAFE when delivering the Scouting program.





SUPERVISION

Youth are supervised by qualified and trustworthy adults who set the example for safety.

- · Accepting responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth under their care.
- Ensuring that adults are adequately trained, experienced, and skilled to lead the activity, including the ability to prevent and respond to likely problems and potential emergencies.
- Knowing and delivering the program of the Boy Scouts of America with integrity.
- Using qualified instructors, guides, or safety personnel as needed to provide additional guidance.
- Maintaining engagement with participants during activities to ensure compliance with established rules and procedures.

ASSESSMENT

Activities are assessed for risks during planning. Leaders have reviewed applicable program guidance or standards and have verified the activity is not prohibited. Risk avoidance or mitigation is incorporated into the activity.

- Predetermining what guidance and standards are typically applied to the activity, including those specific to the Boy Scouts of America program.
- Planning for safe travel to and from the activity site.
- Validating the activity is age-appropriate for the Boy Scouts of America program level.
- . Determining whether the unit has sufficient training, resources, and experience to meet the identified standards and, if not, modifying the activity accordingly.
- Developing contingency plans for changes in weather and environment and arranging for communication with participants. parents, and emergency services.

FITNESS AND SKILL

Participants' Annual Health and Medical Records are reviewed, and leaders have confirmed that prerequisite fitness and skill levels exist for participants to take part safely.

- Confirming the activity is right for the age, maturity, and physical abilities of participants.
- Considering as risk factors temporary or chronic health conditions of participants.
- Validating minimum skill requirements identified during planning and ensuring participants stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Providing training to participants with limited skills and assessing their skills before they attempt more advanced skills.

EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Safe and appropriately sized equipment, courses, camps, campsites, trails, or playing fields are used properly. Leaders periodically check gear use and the environment for changing conditions that could affect safety.

- · Confirming participants' clothing is appropriate for expected temperatures, sun exposure, weather events, and terrain.
- · Providing equipment that is appropriately sized for participants, is in good repair, and is used property.
- Ensuring personal and group safety equipment is available, properly fitted, and used consistently and in accordance with training.
- Reviewing the activity area for suitability during planning and immediately before use, and monitoring the area during the activity. through supervision.
- Adjusting the activity for changing conditions or ending it if safety cannot be maintained.







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.



We're committed to providing the best possible experience for all of our members in the Mayflower Council. After careful consideration, the Mayflower Council Executive Board has approved an adjustment to the annual council activity fee. Effective **November 1, 2025**, the annual council activity fee will

increase from \$68 to \$85. This fee

applies to all youth members.



Why the change?

This adjustment is necessary to keep pace with the continuous **rising costs** for essential **goods**, **services**, **and utilities**. Like many organizations, the Mayflower Council is facing higher expenses.

Ref: https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/changes-to-council-activity-fee-nov-1-2025/





Pay how you like with Klarna

Flexible, Family-Friendly Payments

Klarna lets you choose what works best for your family budget. This ensures Scouting remains accessible to every child who wants to be part of the adventure.

More info: https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/scout-now-pay-later/



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

Note: slides available as of 10/4/2025 are included





All Programs:

- Friends of Scouting
- "Our Inspiring Women" Event 11/20
- National Eagle Scout Association (NESA):
 - Networking event 11/13
 - Outstanding Eagle Scout nominations due 11/1
 - Eagle Scout Project of the Year nominations due 1/31

Packs:

Troops/Crews/Ships:

- Dutch Oven Cook-Off, Nobscott 11/22
- VOA Winter Climb, 12-6&7
- Resolute Freeze-Out: 1/30 2/1
- Klondike Derby
- MBU Feb/Mar 2026
- Aviation Camporee Save the Date 5/1-3 2026
 - (camp at the Plymouth Airport)

NOTE: SLIDES FROM OCTOBER HAVE BEEN INSERTED AS PLACEHOLDERS IF THEY STILL APPLY – COOKOFF, FREEZEOUT AND AVIATION SLIDES ARE UPDATED. THIS SLIDE AND THE CORRESPONDING NEW ANNOUNCEMENT SLIDES MUST BE UPDATED









Commissioner's Minute:









BREAKOUT SESSIONS Packs - Troops/Crews/Ships

Next Roundtable Dec. 3 - Furnace Brook Middle School, Marshfield Dr. Rue Wilson – SCOUTING AND MENTAL HEALTH 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/v4tfzqAKRwWacWrv6 Questions/comments, use the Google forms "parking lot" https://forms.gle/aUwFWpto66SxcfPKA









BREAK OUT Sessions.

Please select Cubs or Scouts BSA in the Break Out tab.

Or Place Troop or Pack after your name to be moved.







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!





Mayflower Council

Invites you to

Our Inspiring Women

Thursday, November 20th
Beginning at 8:00AM
Boston Marriott Newton, 2345 Commonwealth Ave, Newton, MA
Network, brunch, and be empowered!

Our Panel



Alyssa Budd Eagle Scout C. O '23



Jennifer Bartlett American Astronomer Society



Jennifer Montgomery Forensic Scientist, Massachusetts State Police



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Shannon Glordano nt President/CEO. Serendipity Social Media



Please register by November 7: inspiringwomen.givesmart.com

Unit Renewal 2025-26 – What You Need to Do

1. Prepare & Validate Leadership

- Ensure your Unit Key 3 (Unit Leader, Committee Chair, Chartered Org Rep) are correctly listed in My.Scouting → Organization Manager.
- Confirm all adult leaders have current required training (e.g., Youth Protection) and background checks.
- Check that the unit meets required positions and minimum membership.

2. Unit Renewal Process

- In My.Scouting: go to Organization Manager → "Unit Renewal" (only available ~2 months before unit expiration).
- System will run validations (leadership, training, adult age, etc). Fix any issues.
- Approve by entering the approver's name for the unit.

3. Payment & Submission

- Pay the unit renewal fee (online credit card or other council-approved payment).
- Submit the renewal. Once submitted and approved, your unit charter is renewed for the year.
- Note: Member renewals (youth & adult) are separate from the unit renewal.



4. Member Renewals (Youth & Adults)

- Each member has a 12-month membership cycle (from their registration date).
- Options:
 - Family/Self Pay: Member gets renewal notice ~60 days before expiration and renews individually.
 - Unit Pays: The unit can choose to pay for all or some member renewals via roster in Organization Manager.
- Use reports: "Members Due to Renew", "Opted Out", etc to track renewal status.

5. Finalize & Follow-Up

- Ensure the signed Annual Charter Agreement (and other required forms) are completed and filed with the council.
- After renewal, monitor your unit's status via the dashboard (renewal in process, posted, etc).
- Communicate with parents/families about renewals, fees, and membership cycle changes.



Mayflower NESA Chapter

What Next for an Eagle Scout?

Hello Roundtable Members, Thank you for your attention!

- NOESA Award Nominations Outstanding Eagle Scout Deadline November 1st– Nomination forms are on the council website (**note the earlier deadline**)
- 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.
- 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!!!

We will have the Presentation for the two awards listed above. Please consider attending and being a **sponsor** for an Eagle from the Eagle Class of 2025. (Sponsors need not be Eagle Scouts)





Mayflower NESA Chapter

What Next for an Eagle Scout?

NESA Networking Events – Eagles from all generations meet together

for food, fellowship, and networking.

(Yes, there is a patch)

Use this code to sign up Share this with all of the 21+ Eagle Scouts



Our Next Eagle Networking Event will be on November 13th and will be 21+ in Foxboro at Conrads, 121 Main St
 Only \$10 per Eagle Scout
 6:30-8:30PM. RSVP by Nov. 7th





Summer Camp Kick Off Meeting

Learn about Adventure Day Camp at Camp Resolute, Adventure Overnight Camp, and Resident Camp at Camp Squanto — plus hear the new camp theme and see what's coming next summer. Don't miss your chance to plan your adventure early — Camp Kickoff, Monday, December 8!





Adventure Day Camp



5 Weeks of Adventure Packed Day Camp

Get ready for the best week of your summer at Real Adventure Day Camp! Climb, splash, create, and compete your way through awesome activities like archery, water games, STEM, challenges, and team adventures designed just for ages 6–14. Every day brings something new — new friends, big laughs, and epic memories you'll never forget!



Registration is LIVE

Discounts for siblings and multiple weeks



Adventure Overnight Camp



Registration is LIVE

Sibling Discount available

ONLY 100 slots available



Scouts BSA Resident



Merit Badge Choices go live Dec 10.

Service Fee required for each troop

Troop Promotion
Earn \$1000 for each troop you refer

- Your troop: 10 Scouts

- New troop: 10 Scouts

Staff Opportunities

Adventure Day Camp

Squanto

Applications are live. Please apply!

Highlighted Positions in Need:

- Health Officer
- Camp Director
- Aquatics Director
- Aquatics Staff
- General Program Staff

Applications are live. Please apply!

Highlighted Positions in Need:

- Health Officer
- Aquatics Staff
- Trades/Shop Director
- Adult Training Director



- Goes LIVE Dec 10
- Only 33 spots available







Training Opportunities for 2026

Baloo Feb 7-8 YMCA Hopkinton IOLS Apr. 18-19 Camp Resolute & Summer Camp SQ. Cub Leader Specific. Feb 28 MBU Westwood High CPR/AED 14 Opportunities between now and 12/26. Norwood, Braintree, Nobscot Wilderness First Aid Jan 24-25, 2026 and 4 more in 2026 Trainers Edge and Fundamentals Jan 24 Franklin NYLT 2 Weekend Course in 2026 May & June

Why Wood Badge?

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- Scouting America is the premier youth leadership training program.
- Our youth deserve to be trained in leadership by adults who have been trained.
- Designed by Baden-Powell, Wood Badge is the only course designed to provide the skills, knowledge, experience to teach leadership in the Scouting program.
- If you've been through the course, you know its value. We're asking you to get one person to go to the course.
- If you haven't be through the course...please consider it. Here's the details:
 - When: April 10-12 and May 17-18, 2026
 - Where: T. L. Storer Scout Reservation, Barnstead, NH
 - How Much: \$325 early bird if registered by January
 - Where Do I sign up? Use this QR code or follow this link: https://experiencebasecamp.org/products/wood-badge?variant=43005648699553













Pack Announcements & Events





SAVE THE DATE – JANAUARY 17 DON'T MISS THE FUN Cub Scout Winter Carnival

Hey Cubs!

Get ready for a snowtastic day full of winter fun!

Explore our winter-themed stations at Camp **Squanto**

Some of the Carnival Fun Includes:

Snowball Launch, Sledding, Rope Burning, Fire **Building & Monster Skis**

S'mores Cones and Hot Cocoa Stations

Plus: Keep your eyes open — there may

be surprise stations to discover!







Troop, Crew & Ship Announcements & Events











Dutch Oven Cookoff November 22, 2025

Registration Open

Register today!

Events

Three categories with prizes and tastings!
Breakfast

Dinner

Fruit Dessert

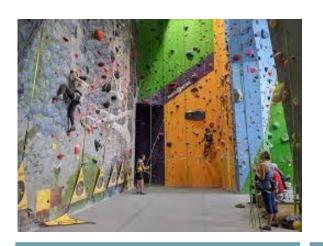
Volunteer

We need impartial judges to blind taste test the entries – email rclarke1@rcn.com or christhorp@verizon. net



https://scoutingevent.com/251-Dutchoven2025





VOA Winter Climb December 6-7, 2025

Save The Date

Save the date. Registration coming soon!

Open to ALL scouts, ages 13-20.

Events

Climb all night at Carabiner's in New Bedford!

Late-night pizza and campfire program before bed.

Bring a cot or a bedroll, or sleep on the mats!

Volunteer

Adults: back-up chaperones, or help with initial check-in.

Scouts: songs and skits for the campfire!

For an email when registration goes live, contact: anthony.nardone.scouts@gmail.com





America's 250th Freezeout At Camp Resolute

Jan 30-Feb 1, 2026

HATS WILL BE OPTIONAL THIS YEAR!

Register

Register as a troop, invite your Webelos/AOL to attend on Saturday!

Registration Is Open!

Events

Round Robin Events, and the sled race of course!

Volunteer

Please contact our committee at resolutefreezeout@g mail.com volunteer as a unit or an individual to help!



https://scoutingevent.com/251-FreezeOut2026



MBU Updates for 2026!

- 1. Registration to open soon
 - a. We will be launching a different system(still Blackpug) from previous year using summer camp system to make registration easier on unit leaders
 - b. Volunteers/Counselors will be *FREE*
- 2. We will hold MBU on 28Feb2026 and 21Mar2026
 - a. this is changing from last year to accommodate a potential snow date if needed
- 3. Please encourage your unit's counselors to volunteer! a.We would like to offer capacity of 800 but if we cannot hit goal of 80 counselors we will need to proportionally reduce capacity
 - b. Volunteer to be a counselor:

https://forms.gle/SXi3mWNTARbNZ7S29



SAVE THE DATE - February 7 DON'T MISS THE FUN

Who: Scouts BSA, Venturers and

Crews

What: 2026 Klondike Derby

Where: Camp Squanto

Transport your sled to different villages to compete in Fun Outdoor Winter Events









Activities Saturday and Saturday night

Troops can camp at the airport Saturday night Contacts:

Rick Robbins







Satina Craffey



