



Mayflower Council Oct 2025 Roundtable

Wed. Sep. 3, 7-8:30 PM, 1st Congregational Church, Norwood

STAY INFORMED AT ROUNDTABLE



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*



Scan code to be
added to email list

Opening: Pledge of Allegiance



Opening Prayer:

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

Prayer adapted from: AI generated prayer for volunteers serving youth.



With district expansion to 222 units, paper sign-in is no longer practical.

Please please use phone for QR Code sign in.

Or use this link:

<https://forms.gle/ifrqfmFArkaTGrWUA>



Mayflower Roundtable - Agenda



- On-Line “Parking Lot”/Feedback: <https://forms.gle/hkXuwicKWfaXFVtC9>
- Safety Moment: **Wildfire Safety**
- Discussion:
 - **Commissioner Service** – Rich Carlson & Rob Pomponio
- 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 – **October Recruiting**
 - Packs
 - Troops/Crews/Ships

Safety Moment: Wildfire Safety

Before a wildfire:

- Family emergency plan
- Emergency kit & skills
- Plan for campouts, know fire risks

During a potential wildfire or a nearby wildfire

- Stay alert-what are the warnings
- Have a plan and evacuate immediately if needed
- Follow instructions for the safety of everyone
- Put the safety of the youth first

After a wildfire:

- Follow safety basics
- Follow guidelines: assist in clean up as needed,
- Stay healthy by ensuring safe drinking water, throw out any questionable foods, eat healthy, get enough sleep, and if needed, talk about your feelings



Ref: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Safety-Moments-Wildfires-October.pdf>



Discussion:
Commissioner Service:
Rich Carlson & Rob Pomponio

Unit Service: The role of Unit Commissioner as a Unit's best source of information and connection to Council Resources



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Unit Service and Commissioners

- ① The history of the Commissioner Service extends back to the advent of the Scouting program in England in the early 20th century under Baden Powell and the original founders of the Scouting movement.
- ① The Commissioner Service both nationally and here in the Mayflower Council is undergoing a period of rapid change regarding how we engage and develop relationships with unit leaders.
- ① Commissioners are volunteers whose sole purpose is to be a liaison and helpful presence to unit leaders by coaching them to achieve goals that units develop themselves .
- ① By meeting with and listening to unit leaders and reviewing certain primary metrics the Commissioner can help guide units to have a successful program.



The Culture of Unit Service

Is defined as the following:

- **Be the Heart**

Scouting's units are its heart; its success is dependent on them; they deliver its program to youth. Commissioners support unit leaders in developing a safe, welcoming environment and delivering Scouting's program effectively. We exist to support Scouting's heart.

- **Build Relationships**

Commissioners must develop relationships with the unit leaders they serve based on mutual respect, candor, and trust. Without that, the communication and collaboration required to effectively support units is impossible.

- **Change Lives**

Scouting changes lives – of the youth it serves and the adults who support it (both volunteers and professionals). As they adopt Scouting's values, they become engaged citizens who strengthen our communities, nation, and world



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The future of Unit Service Cont.

Over the past year the Mayflower Commissioner service in preparation for the May 1, 2025 move to a centralized single Mayflower District has organized a Commissioners Cabinet based on the following Commissioner Functions:

- Training and Recognition
- Registration and New Unit development
- Online tools
- Commissioner Communications
- Membership Standards team
- Unit Service (Field UC'S)
- Currently a single Hybrid Roundtable is offered giving leaders a chance to attend in person or take advantage of an online zoom link to attend virtually. This Roundtable takes place in Marshfield under the leadership of ACC Dennis Gleason and his team of Roundtable Commissioners. Thought is being given to developing a second geographic location to give additional opportunity to attend in person.



Future of Unit Service

- Nationally, Commissioners are changing how they interact with unit leaders.
 - The old system of scoring and assessing unit health was not consistent and did not help unit leaders.
- Mayflower Commissioners will now utilize the new system which has only recently been rolled out
 - We are no longer assessors but coaches using informed discussions which build relationships and are based on a set of objective unit metrics.
 - These metrics will help us determine which units MAY need help and in what areas they need to focus on
 - This allows commissioners support specific unit needs



Metrics of Unit Vibrancy

As of 2/1/2025 the online Commissioners tools system was updated to reflect these metrics

- Are the Key leaders trained?
- Unit Size
- Has there been Membership Growth?
- Advancement of both youth and leaders?
- Outdoor Activities, type and frequency
- Youth retention

◎ This is not meant to be a “grade”, but rather to help the unit identify their strengths and help them be more successful in areas where they need help



Recent Progress

- We commissioned four new Unit Commissioners this year, but we would like to have at least one commissioner per unit or town.
- If you've been in Scouting and looking for your next great volunteer position, please contact us!
- Training for the new commissioner is through unit Connections Guides as well as Commissioner Colleges (held annually) to learn new skills and build upon them.





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Announcements

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Rick Riopelle
Deputy Scout Executive / COO



Felicia Vaytsman
Membership & Unit Service Director



Satina Craffey
Program Executive
Cub Scouts



Rob DiFazio
Program Executive
Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, & Exploring



Jack Colamaria
Safe Scouting Director



Mary Tucker
Office Manager

Exciting Changes at Mayflower Council!

We're thrilled to share six key staff realignments that will make Scouting even better for our families and volunteers:

Rick Riopelle will now lead camping & programs.

Mary Tucker becomes our new Office Manager.

Jack Colamaria takes on a brand-new role as Safe Scouting Director.

Rob DiFazio will grow Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout program opportunities.

Satina Craffey will create amazing events for Cub Scouts.

Felicia Vaytsman will lead membership growth & unit service.

These changes mean stronger programs, safer experiences, and more fun for youth all across the council! Please join us in congratulating these amazing leaders as they step into their new roles!



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Social Media?

Send it to Lauren

Lauren Barone is now the lead for
social media

- Pictures from council events?
 - Pictures of Eagle Scouts?
- Information about upcoming event?

SCAN CODE For
Lauren's Email



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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/>



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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>



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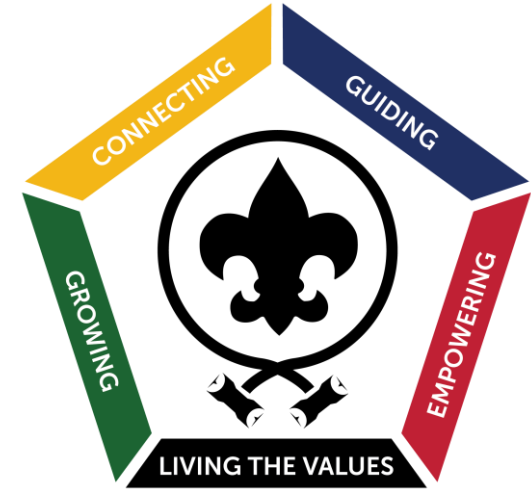
JOTA-JOTI is back on October 17-19, 2025. Mark your calendars!



Experience the excitement of an international Scouting event – without leaving home!
Over 2 million Scouts from over 170 countries participating online or on ham radio
The largest Scouting event in the world -- Open to ALL Scouts and Leaders
More info: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2025/10/07/get-ready-for-a-travel-free-jamboree/>

Why Wood Badge?

- 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>



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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
- “Pintwood” Derby – 11/1
- “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:

- Webelos/AOL adventure, Resolute, Oct. 18
- Cub “Range & Target” day, Squanto, Oct. 19
- Halloween Cub Fun Day, Squanto, Oct. 25

Troops/Crews/Ships:

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



A red jacket is shown with several items pinned to it. At the top center is a black glove. To its left is a small cartoon character patch. Below the glove are two folding knives. In the center of the jacket is a fleur-de-lis patch with the letters 'S', 'B', and 'A'. To the right of the fleur-de-lis is a bison patch with the text 'PHILMONT' and 'PS'. Below the fleur-de-lis is a rock-shaped patch with the number '21' and 'PHILMONT'. At the bottom center is a snake head patch with the text 'PHILMONT' and 'P2'.



THANKS
For Your Participation
AND
For all you do for our Youth



BREAKOUT SESSION TOPIC: *October Recruiting*
Packs – Troops/Crews/Ships

Next Roundtable Nov. 12 – Milford (location TBA)
Thanks for participating in Mayflower Council Roundtables!

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

(Use QR Code, link or chat)

<https://forms.gle/ifrqfmFArkaTGrWUA>

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

<https://forms.gle/hkXuwicKWfaXFVtC9>





BREAKOUT SESSIONS





Mayflower Council Oct. 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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A 21-year-old and up Pinewood Derby for the kid in all of us!

Hosted by: Stellwagen Brewery, Marshfield, MA

November 1, 2025, from 12:00 – 4:00 pm



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Save The Date

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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



Kelly Rys
Marketing Consultant



Shannon Glordano
President/CEO,
Serendipity Social Media

Our MC



Please register by November 7: inspiringwomen.givesmart.com



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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)



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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



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Pack Announcements & Events





Registration Is Open!

Webelos/AOL Adventure Meet At Camp Resolute

October 18, 2025

- ◆ Mark your calendars for this Webelos/AOL only event
- ◆ Attend as a Pack, Den, or Individual – for Webelos and Arrow of Light
- ◆ Separate Adventures for Webelos and AOL
- ◆ Troops welcome to run a station - contact christhorp@verizon.net

<https://scoutingevent.com/251-WebelosAOLAdvMeet2025>



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Registration Is Open!

Cub Scout Range & Target Day

October 19, 2025

- ◆ Tigers through AOL
- ◆ Choose 1 of 2 sessions – morning or afternoon
- ◆ Limit of 48 cubs per session (96 total for the day)
- ◆ Receive a report of accomplishment for pack to award

<https://scoutingevent.com/251-CSTargetDay25>



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Haunting of Camp Squanto

Fun Halloween Themed Activities & BB/ Archery Ranges

Events 10 am - 3 pm
Come and Go event

Open to Cubs & Siblings
Scouts BSA are welcome
to join in the Haunting
as Helpers



Cost before 10/11/25 is \$15/youth. After 10/11/25 the cost is \$25/youth

Adults are no cost but may order a patch for \$5 - Adults **MUST** register to attend

Registration closes on 10/18/25 and no late additions will be allowed.



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Troop, Crew & Ship Announcements & Events





Dutch Oven Cookoff

November 22, 2025

Save The Date

Save the date.
Registration Coming
Soon

Events

Three categories
with prizes and
tastings!

Volunteer

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



<https://scoutingevent.com/251-102027?draftmode=1>



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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



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Freezeout At Camp Resolute

Jan 30-Feb 1, 2026

Register

Save the date. Register as a troop, invite your Webelos/AOL to attend on Saturday!

Events

Round Robin Events, and the sled race of course!

Volunteer

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



<https://scoutingevent.com/251-95752?draftmode=1>



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Scouts in the Sky Aviation Camporee Plymouth Airport

Activities Saturday and
Saturday night

Troops can camp at the
airport Saturday night

Contacts:

Rick Robbins

Greg Green



Satina Craffey



*Aviation Merit Badge
Based Camporee*

Save the
Date !!

May 1 -3, 2026

