

Thanksgiving

The Marlborough and Canton Service Centers will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd in honor of Thanksgiving.

Headwaters November Roundtable Handouts

If your Unit was not able to attend our November 1st Roundtable, don't worry. We are making all the event flyers, training newsletters and other information available!

[Click here for PDF of all November Roundtable Handouts](#)

Our November Roundtable featured:

- Our Council Key Three came by for a fire-side chat with our District leaders. We all discussed the Council Executive Board's goals for the future and what matters, concerns and questions are facing our Pack and Troop leaders right now.
- A presentation was made about the Rechartering Process!
 - What can your Unit be doing right now to start? Check your youth roster and registered adult positions and training
 - Get your questions answered and get started at our Council Recharter Webpage
 - Two recharter workshop and turn-in days have been scheduled
 - November 27th
 - December 5th

Adverse Weather Policy

With our first major snow of the 2018-2019 winter the council would like to remind our community about our adverse weather policy. The council follows the lead of the Canton & Marlborough school systems when setting it's adverse weather policy. If Marlborough Public Schools close, so does the Marlborough Service Center and if the Canton Public Schools close, so does the Canton Service Center. If the Marlborough or Canton Public Schools announce a delay (1 hour delay for example) the respective council service center delays it's opening by the same time. We encourage everyone to follow the weather and school closure reports of our media partner WCVB Channel 5 in order to stay informed and up to date on school closings and weather alerts.

Pack 100 Westborough's Overnight at Nobscot

Has your Unit visited the Nobscot Scout Reservation? Pack 100 Westborough had a successful visit recently. Enjoy their pictures and story of:

The trip that was unanimously voted "The Best Overnight the Pack has Ever Had" by its participants.

First you should know that the weather was rough, it poured cats and dogs the day before and all

morning. Even with the rain the Scouts did their appointed rounds with "Scouting for Food" on the morning of the 3rd. Then the pack totaling over 80 Scouts and parents headed up to Nobscot where the camp was already set up by Cubmaster Mr. William Bramley.

As car after car pulled in, Mr. Bramley was outside directing families on where to park and helping them to the site. We had 24 people in the Henderson Cabin and another 20+ tents set up right outside.

Cubmaster Bramley led the scouts on a 2 mile hike to the top of the camp before dusk and then again after breakfast. Lion Den Leader Renee Schoch led the Lions on their own nature walk, they had a blast.

While dinner was being prepared the scouts enjoyed a long game of kickball in the field and played until there was no more light. These scouts could teach the majors a few things about sportsmanship being that the final score was 20-19.

Cubmaster Bramley is not only just a great leader but a CHEF in all senses of the word. For dinner, he made Mac n Cheese and Hot Dogs for the younger Scouts (However the big Scouts and adults took part too, as it was awesome) He had also prepared handmade kabob skewers for the big event. We have vegetable kabobs, chicken kabobs, and sausage kabobs! There were also several vegan and vegetarian options too.

Just when you thought it could not get better, desert time came. Cubmaster Bramley with the help of the Scouts made many

chocolate frosted cakes right there in the cabin. He also made an upside down pineapple cake for the adults that would rival the best bakeries in the North End. But I would be remiss if I did not mention the S'mores that were enjoyed by all.

But the food still did not stop there!

At 5:00 am, Cubmaster Bramley was up in the kitchen preparing breakfast. With the help of the oven and 2 portable stoves he brought. Mr. Bramley made the best Cub Scout breakfast that included a ton of pancakes, sausages, coffee, milk and juice.

It was fantastic that the Scouts woke up to the smell of fresh hot pancakes wafting in the air. What better way to start your day than with fellow Scouts, parents and a world class camp chef. Our Cubmaster Mr. Bramley is an inspiration to our pack and could teach a few things about fine dining in the woods.

By 11:00 am the clean up was finished, everyone helped right down to the lions who had a contest to see who could get the most trash picked up. We certainly left Nobscot in a better shape than we found it.

-Written by Mark Derderian, Pack 100 Treasurer and father of a Webelo!





Are You A Strong Leader

The Mayflower Council is pleased to announce that Kevin Paicos will be serving as our Nominating Committee Chair for the Council Board. In this role, Kevin will lead a group of volunteers to identify leaders who will serve as the governing body of the Council. We are seeking individuals who are strong leaders and believe in the ideals espoused through the Scout Oath and Law. We are also seeking diversity that reflects the communities that we serve. If you have recommendations, please forward those names, along with contact information to: nominatingcommittee@mayflowerbsa.org

Any background information you can provide on why you feel the nominee would be qualified will be most appreciated.

Youth Protection Training

Reminder...

The BSA released a new YPT program in February '18. All registered adults must take this version of YPT. We want to say thank you to all who have taken the time to do this... but also remind everyone that we need the rest of our leaders trained before the end of the year. If you haven't taken the new YPT by the time your unit renews its charter for 2019, your registration will be dropped. We need to comply with national policies and make sure all leaders are up to date on how to prevent, recognize, and respond to abuse. Our youth deserve no less!

If you need to take YPT, go to <https://my.scouting.org/> and take it today. If you have already taken the new YPT (for example, a live session this summer or fall) but you are still receiving notifications that your training is out of date, please contact our volunteer training chair (chris.lamie@gmail.com) or your district training chair and they will try to help you get your record straightened out.

November Training Newsletter

Below is the November Training Newsletter

Click on the picture to download a PDF.

Youth Protection Training (YPT)

The BSA released a new YPT program in February '18. All registered adults must take the revised YPT. We need to say thank you to all who have taken the time to do this. Our staff remind everyone that we need the best of our leaders before the annual fee goes. If you haven't taken the new YPT by the time you're not renewing for 2019, your registration will be dropped. You need to comply with national policies and make sure all leaders are up to date on their consent, responses, and renewal to adults. Our youth staff will be here!

If you need to take YPT, go to www.bsa.org/ypt and take it today. Also, we are happy to set up an in-person YPT for you with a large group of leaders who will need to get trained. See contact info below.

Wilderness First Aid: Plan Ahead!

Our second half of the Cross wilderness and wilderness first aid (WFA) training has been in April 2019, January 10-13, February 9-10, March 9-10, and April 8-7. If you will be taking a group on a high-adventure trip, our national class can't attend one of those courses (WFA is a 30-hour course that takes a lot of resources to put on, and we provide quality of scheduled courses to those who over time who needs that training has the opportunity to get it.

A Reward for Training

When you invest the time to become trained for your position, you'll receive skills, resources, advice, and assistance to help you deliver a more effective program for the youth we serve. To recognize packs, troops, and crews that complete training and/or leadership training, and receive returns to units who get 100% (75% or 50% of their leaders to complete basic training for the "Training" path by the end of 2018. Troops will see 10 items plus materials, especially for leaders who have training requirements out of the completed entire list of committee members. See our "Pack Guide" at www.bsa.org/packguide to learn more.

Pilgrimage Training Center

Get out there in addition to backpacking, Pilgrimage Scout Ranch in New River Gorge State Park and National Training Center offers a wide range of seasons on time to do it and our successful training programs. Visit www.pilgrimage.org for a list of 2019 courses. Please email scout@pilgrimage.org or call 800.451.2345 for help answer questions.

Upcoming In-Person Training

* pre-registration required ** no online registration option
† no course listed here www.bsa.org requirements for adults

- Special Leader Skills**
- Nov 15†† Dan Chief Training course
 - Nov 17†† SCOUTMASTER TRAINING-SPECIALIZED
 - Nov 17†† Scoutmaster Training course
 - Nov 17†† BSA's new Ranger Officer Training course
 - Dec 1†† SCOUTMASTER TRAINING-SPECIALIZED
 - Jan 9†† SCOUTMASTER TRAINING-SPECIALIZED
- First Aid**
- Nov 21†† Red Cross First Aid (all ages)
 - Dec 8†† CPR/AED course
 - Jan 8†† CPR/AED course
 - Jan 10-13†† Wilderness and Wilderness First Aid (see list)

More courses will be posted in the next few months.

How to Check Your Training Records

Every member of a pack, troop, or crew's "My Troop" (Troop) Org. Rep. Committee Open, and unit leader—there's a page to register for this position—will have access to a tool called "Training Manager" when they log into my.bsa.org. This tool will let you view training records for all of your registered leaders. There's a lot of ways to get access to additional people. YOUR DISTRICT training officer can help you get acquainted with online records if you're not familiar yet.

More to Look Forward to in Early 2019

- Club level leader training days with Pack/Team/Unit Training and new volunteer onboarding forms
- Two new channels for Cub leaders to take SAU/CC leader training, including a "Pack/Team/Unit" option
- A new release: "New to Backpacking"
- More opportunities for Scoutmasters and ASMs to take Pack/Team/Unit Training and OLC
- Plenty of FREE go-fairings
- Training for elected committee members

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Contact your "Pack Guide" and enter registration: www.my.bsa.org to sign up.
 Get more details: Visit www.bsa.org
 Contact training@bsa.org, Chris Lerner, chris.lerner@bsa.org
 Call 800.451.2345, 1-800-451-2345

EVERY LEADER NEEDS TRAINING

PUMA PATROL

Serving on the Puma Patrol will place 18-26 year old staff in the driver's seat of leading the 2019 World Scout Jamboree's cultural and social experience. As a member of the Puma Patrol you'll impact the lives of hundreds of Scouts on a daily basis as a WSJ social director and ambassador. At the World Jamboree, staff members are known as ISTs, or International Service Team.

Jamboree Hosts

Front Door to the WSJ Puma Patrol ISTs will form a team with 200 other young adults from the three host nations, Canada, Mexico and the United States, as one of two groups of Rovers, dedicated to making the jamboree a success. We embody the host spirit—fulfilling the unique responsibilities of welcoming Scouts from around the world to our home in the Summit.

We'll help contingents get settled, answer questions, and keep

everyone in great spirits. Our goal is to brighten a participant's experience during every interaction, through random acts of kindness and leadership through customer service.

Jamboree Social Directors

Young People Leading Young People. Puma Patrol ambassadors need a "can-do" attitude, high energy, and excellent communications skills. Participants will find us on a daily basis in each of the Summit's 16 sub-camps.

We're looking for the folks who love to emcee campfires, lead team development games, facilitate evening reflections, or break down barriers between cultures. Think about an experience at a summer camp, high adventure base, or NYLT – we'll embody those "commissioner", "ranger/foreman/interpreter", or "guide" roles in helping people access their adventure and connect with the people around them!

Jamboree Pathfinders

Facilitating the Mountaintop Experience

We will also help jamboree participants navigate daily adventures to the highest point at the Summit, Mt. Jack. As part of this unique trek, Puma Patrol ISTs will ensure participants are prepared for their hike, support public safety responses to lost Scout or inclement weather situations, and help with Mt. Jack information platforms and campfire programs.

Apply to become a Puma Patrol IST

Boy Scout/Venturing Peer

Recruiting Drawing

MORE FUN WITH FRIENDS – NOVEMBER PEER-TO-PEER RECRUITMENT DRAWING

Scouting is even more enjoyable when Scouts can participate with their friends. This is designed to encourage Scouts to bring in new membership by inviting their friends to participate in what the Scouting program has to offer.

Scouts who successfully recruit a friend to join Scouting in November will have a chance to win one of these great prizes:



GRAND PRIZE

Discovery WiFi Drone

One Prize Winner



SECOND PRIZE

Sennheiser Wireless Headphones

Two Prize Winners



THIRD PRIZE

UFO Quadcopter Drone with LED Lights

Three Prize Winners

Both the Scout and the new member recruited will receive a prize. Contest is open to Boy Scouts and Venturing.

Here's How It Works:

- Scout invites a friend to “check-out” Scouting and

- attend a meeting or event
- Friend joins a Scouting unit and completes an application
 - Application and applicable fees are turned into council service center and online entry form is completed
 - Scout is entered into the prize drawing. The more friends a Scout recruits, the more chances to win!
 - Scout is eligible to wear the Recruiter Strip on their uniform – First one free with an entry during the campaign. Normally available for \$1.79 w/tax at the Scout Shop.
 - Be a Salesman for Scouting: Recruit new members with a personal invitation!

To help entice potential new Scouts to join your unit, give your current Scouts Bring-A-Buddy cards to hand out to their friends and classmates. Bring-A-Buddy cards are available to download below. Include event date, time, place, and contact information.

Bring-A-Buddy Cards

Troop and crews are encouraged to hold events, parties, ice cream socials, etc. where they invite a friend to join them and give their friends a taste of Scouting!