2019 Eagle Scout Service Project Of The Year

Mayflower Council NESA Committee

Is now accepting nominations for the

2019 Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year

The National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout leadership service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each year, the Mayflower Council National Eagle Scout Association Committee may select a winner from the applications received.

The recognition consists of a bronze device for the Eagle square knot, and a \$250 award. Our winner's Service Project will be submitted to the NE Region NESA Committee for consideration of their \$500 award. If the Region selects his project, he will be in consideration for the National \$2,500 award

Eligibility

You must have completed your Eagle Board in calendar 2019.

How to Apply

For more information and to download the Application for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year, please visit:

NESA Adams Award

A complete duplicate copy of your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook (previously submitted by you to the Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to your application. Please note this copy will NOT be returned to you.

<u>Applications must be received in the Council office or E-</u> mailed on or before January 21, 2020

Your completed application should be sent to:

US Mail to:

NESA Eagle Scout Service Project Award

Mayflower Council BSA

2 Mount Royal Avenue, Suite 100

Marlborough, MA 01752

Or Email a PDF copy to: nesa@mayflowerbsa.org

Columbus Day

The Marlborough and Canton Service Centers will be closed on Monday, October 8th in honor of Columbus Day.

Learn To Save A Life

... AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE!

Did you know that Mayflower Council offers training and certification in CPR/AED, Professional Rescuer CPR/AED, First Aid, and Wilderness and Remote First Aid (WRFA)? Our team of volunteer instructors offers this training at a discounted rate for Scouts and Scouters. We only charge what it takes to recoup the cost of Red Cross certification and to maintain our teaching supplies.

Below is a *partial* schedule of our offerings through June 2019.

Please, before you consider signing up for any of these courses, take note of the following:

- We limit registration in these courses to 20 participants so that each participant gets enough instructor attention.
- CPR/AED (current within two years) is a prerequisite for WRFA.
- "First Aid" is a basic first Aid course. It is not a prerequisite for WRFA. If you want to take WRFA, you don't also need to take "basic" First Aid as a prerequisite
- WRFA is required by the BSA for two adults accompanying youth BSA members to any BSA "high-adventure" venues, or any real (away from a road) wilderness location.
- From October through May we will offer WRFA five times

vs. the three times we have offered the course previously. Based on demand in previous years, we offer this training once in the fall and four times in winter/spring. Please plan ahead and register early. If you realize at the last minute that you need this training, it may be too late to get into our course.

- Minimum age for certification in CPR/AED and/or First Aid is 11. Minimum age for WRFA is 14. Certification in these courses is for two years.
- The per-person fee for CPR/AED or First Aid certification is \$35 for BSA-registered individuals, \$60 for non-BSA registered individuals. The per-person fee for WRFA certification is \$90 regardless of BSA affiliation.
- Most of the courses below will be at Nobscot Reservation in Sudbury. Courses in other parts of the council will be added over the next few months.

Mayflower Council CPR/AED, and First Aid Training and Certification Opportunities, October 2018-June 2019

CPR/AED: Tuesday, October 16: Sign Up Here

WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, October 20-21: Sign Up Here

CPR/AED: Tuesday, November 6: Sign Up Here

First Aid: Tuesday, November 27: Sign Up Here

CPR/AED: Tuesday, January 8: Sign Up Here

WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, January 12-13: Sign Up Here

CPR/AED: Tuesday, February 5: Sign Up Here

WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, February 9-10: Sign Up Here

First Aid: Tuesday, February 26: Sign Up Here CPR/AED: Tuesday, March 5: Sign Up Here WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, March 9-10: Sign Up Here First Aid: Tuesday, March 26: Sign Up Here WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7: Sign Up Here CPR/AED: Tuesday, April 9: Sign Up Here First Aid: Tuesday, April 23: Sign Up Here CPR/AED: Tuesday, May 7: Sign Up Here Professional Rescuer CPR/AED: May 18: Sign Up Here First Aid: Tuesday, May 21: Sign Up Here CPR/AED: Tuesday, June 11: Sign Up Here Questions: George Ecker, 781-235-6104, mushmahatma@verizon.net

Den Chief Training

What's a Den Chief, you ask?

It's a Boy Scout or Venturer who makes a commitment to assist a Cub Scout den. The Den Chief program is a "win-win-win": the pack and den get a helping hand (someone who's probably great at teaching Scouting skills and leading skits, songs, and games!), the Cub Scouts get a role model who inspires them to grow in Scouting, the Den Chief gets valuable leadership experience (and credit toward rank advancement), and the troop or crew gets an ideal recruiter working directly with the pack. Once you've recruited your Den Chiefs, set them up for success by getting them trained! Our training team will be offering Den Chief training on:

> September 29th - Norwood October 13th - Weston October 27th - Hanover December 1st - Hanson

Click on the date to sign up!

Scout Me In – Join Scouting Night

It's September and that means back to school and back to Scouting. Recruitment season is upon us and thousands of kids across Massachusetts are ready to say Scout Me In!

With an exciting new take on what it's like to be a Scout, our new Scout Me In recruitment campaign features both boys and girls and invites everyone to join the fun and adventure of Scouting.

So, is your pack ready to recruit? From flyers to videos to social media images, we've got you covered with resources to welcome new families. Download the latest recruitment resources by clicking below.

Program Kickoff For Cub Scout Leaders

Attention Cub Scout leaders: Please join us at our upcoming Cub Scout Leader Training Festivals:

Norwood on September 29, Weston on October 13, and Hanover on October 27!

These events are a great chance for new AND experienced leaders to kick off the year with basic training to set you up for success (earn the "Trained" patch for your position), workshops on a variety of other useful topics, a chance to pick up leader guides and other resources without a trip to the council office or Scout store, and delicious food. We'll also run a fun program for Cub Scout-age youth while their parents are getting trained. This festival is a great chance to meet and share ideas with fellow volunteers.

Registration is open for all three dates: pick the date that works for you and just come for the sessions you want. We hope to see you there!

Free Scoutbook Subscriptions

Starting January 1, 2019, Scoutbook subscriptions will be free to all BSA units! Scoutbook is an online unit management tool that ensures that you never miss a Scouting moment-from tracking advancements to milestone achievements along the Scouting adventure.

When units with Scoutbook accounts need to renew these unit subscriptions this fall, they will not pay any renewal fees effective September 1, 2018. For units currently without a Scoutbook account, they can begin their free Scoutbook unit subscription on January 1, 2019.

Learn More Here

Eagle Paperwork Submission Guidelines Updated

The Mayflower Council Advancement Committee released a revised council-wide process for the submission and review of Eagle Scout Project Proposals and Eagle Scout Applications on Friday, August 31, 2018. Unit leaders and future Eagle Scouts are urged to review these updated processes so they are prepared when they need to submit documents to the advancement committee.

Here are links to the updated documents:

How to Prepare Your Eagle Service Project Proposal and Report

How to Complete Your Eagle Scout Application Form

How to Submit an Eagle Scout Application to Mayflower Council

Eagle Application Review Process

Questions regarding the Eagle Scout Project Proposal or Eagle Scout Application submission process should be directed to your district advancement chairperson.

Labor Day

The Marlborough and Canton Service Centers will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in honor of Labor Day.

Can I Get A Tax Credit?

Find Out If You Can Get A Tax Credit!

Summer Day Camp Expenses May Qualify For Tax Credit. Here's a tax tip directly from the IRS. Along with the lazy, hazy days of summer come some extra expenses, including summer day camp. But the IRS has some good news for parents: Those added expenses may help you qualify for a tax credit. For more information, check out IRS Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses. This publication is available at www.irs.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

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