

An Update on Scouting Registration Fees

As a valued member of our Mayflower Council Scouting family, we know we owe it to you to be transparent and communicate information we receive promptly.

Late Tuesday afternoon, the National Council informed us that registration fees for the Scouting program will increase effective January 1, 2020. This change is primarily due to increasing liability insurance costs associated with delivering a quality program across the country.

While we do not know the exact amount, the National Council committed to having the amount finalized in the next six weeks, once the National Board reviews the recommendations from a task force of volunteers and professionals assigned to review this matter. Unfortunately, this change will impact registration fees to be collected at rechartering.

We sincerely apologize for the timing and the inability to convey the amount of the new registration fee at this time, but felt compelled to quickly communicate what we learned as soon as we learned it. We recognize the timing of this fee increase creates challenges as units have already begun collecting fees for their 2020 registration renewal process.

Thank you for all you do to support and deliver Scouting to the youth of the Mayflower Council.

Yours in Scouting,

Michael Rotar
Council President

Bryan Feather
Scout Executive / CEO

Mark Niedzielski
Council Commissioner

Registration Fee Frequently Asked Questions Document

New Headwaters Eagle Scouts – August 2019

Please join the Headwaters District Advancement team in congratulating the following Scouts on their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout with the completion of their Board of Review in August 2019:

- John H. – Troop 1 Hopedale
- Navdev B. – Troop 100 Westborough
- Scott C. – Troop 14 Bellingham
- Ian G. – Troop 112 Franklin
- Matthew R. – Troop 1 Southborough
- Jacob L. – Troop 126 Franklin
- Justin D. – Troop 126 Franklin

It is an honor and privilege to congratulate these exceptional Scouts for their achievement. As less than 5% of Scouts become Eagles, these are truly the best of the best, the most dedicated, and the most determined to succeed!

Congratulations!



Once an Eagle Scout, Always an Eagle Scout!

Upcoming Overnight Training Events Cancelled

Important message from the Mayflower Council Training Team

Because of the ongoing concern over the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus, the Council Training Team will NOT be running the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course that was scheduled for September 27-28 at Camp Resolute or the Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation (BAL00) course that was scheduled for October 5-6 at Camp Squanto.

Overnight camping and outdoor activities are an integral part of the required curriculum for both of these training courses, and after considering the long-range weather forecast, the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) risk map, and feedback from many sources, we determined that we're not comfortable with the risk that these activities pose. Mayflower Council

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Virus Information post.

For now, we're keeping the October 19-20 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course in Wrentham open, as there's a better chance of a mosquito-killing frost before 10/19.

We will re-evaluate the risk as we get closer to the course dates.

Course directors will notify registered participants for the September Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and October Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BAL00) courses and provide options for rescheduling.

We will add capacity to the October 19-20 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course and look for a later date for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BAL00). We will also offer these courses again in the spring. Paid participants (those from out of council) can receive full refunds. We apologize for the inconvenience but appreciate your understanding as we seek to take reasonable precautions to keep all members of our Scouting family safe.

Please contact Lisa Olson if you would like to reschedule your September Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) to the October 19th date.

Refund Request

Need More Popcorn

Didn't order quite enough popcorn? Are your Scouts goals higher than you planned? Are you Scouts doing such a great job that you need more popcorn? We have you covered! We will

get you what you need to help your Scouts reach their goals!

Please fill out the attached form and let us know what you need.

Additional Product Order Form

September 2019 Roundtable Flyers

The handouts from this month's Roundtable meeting:

Shadow Box Form

Scouting For Food

Camp Resolute – 100th Anniversary Camporee

Philmont 2020

Training Newsletter

Webelos Woods

Sachem Fall Camporee

Scout Shop Extended Hours

The Scout shops have extended their hours to allow you to

purchase your items for your Scouts.

Southborough Scout Shop		Woburn Scout Shop		New England Base Camp Scout Shop	
22 Turnpike Road		2 Tower Office Park		411 Unquity Road	
Southborough, MA		Woburn, MA		Milton, MA	
Monday's	9:30 – 6:00 pm	Monday's	9:30 – 6:00 pm	Monday's	9:30 – 6:00 pm
Tuesday's	9:30 – 6:00 pm	Tuesday's	9:30 – 6:00 pm	Tuesday's	9:30 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday's	9:30 – 6:00 pm	Wednesday's	9:30 – 7:00 pm	Wednesday's	9:30 – 6:00 pm
Thursdays	9:30 – 7:00 pm	Thursdays	9:30 – 7:00 pm	Thursdays	9:30 – 7:00 pm
Friday's	9:30 – 6:00pm	Friday's	9:30 – 6:00pm	Friday's	9:30 – 7:00pm
Saturday's	10:00 – 4:00 pm	Saturday's	9:30 – 5:00 pm	Saturday's	9:30 – 5:00 pm
<i>Through September</i>		<i>September and October</i>		<i>Through October 5th</i>	

Cub Scout Leader Training

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Cub Scout Leader Training

Fall 2019

What's Required

All registered adult leaders must take Youth Protection Training (YPT) online or in person and renew it every two years. Den Leaders and Cubmasters must also take Hazardous Weather training. These courses are online at <https://my.scouting.org>.

To be considered trained for your position, and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch, you must take **Position-Specific Training** for your role (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Member, etc.). You can do it online or in person (see below). Also, if your pack goes camping, at least one leader on the trip must be **BALOO**-trained.

In-Person Course Descriptions

Position-Specific Training (PST): Learn about your role; pick up new skills, program ideas, activities, and resources; and share tips with other leaders. This is now a 4-hour course with combined sessions as well as separate tracks for Den Leaders, Cubmasters/Assistants, and Pack Committee. If you take it in person, you can skip the online PST, which is just as long (and lonelier).

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO): A day-and-a half introduction to the skills needed to plan and run Cub Scout outdoor activities—and the policies that help keep them safe. Learn about the fun you can have outdoors! This course includes camping overnight in a tent, along with hands-on practice in fire-building, outdoor cooking, knots, program planning, and other camping skills.

Online Registration and Course Websites

Please pre-register! We need an advance head count so the volunteer training team has enough time to prepare handouts and purchase supplies, food, etc.

Visit www.mayflowerbsa.org/training to browse the list of courses and register. You can choose to pay by credit card or electronic check. We also post handouts, directions, things to bring, etc.

Every Scout deserves trained leaders!

Through training, you'll get the tools you need to run a safe, fun, and successful Cub Scouting program.

Cub Scout Training Festival!

Saturday, September 28, 2019

New England Chapel, 40 Kenwood Cir., Franklin

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Wompatuck State Park, 204 Union St., Hingham

These events are for all Cub Scout leaders! We'll offer:

- In-person position-specific training.
- Workshops on topics such as crafts, skits and songs, ceremonies, working with youth with disabilities, and more.
- Leader guides for sale, registration materials, and other resources to save you a trip to the council office or the Scout store.
- Outdoor cooking demos and a delicious lunch!
- Fun activities for your Cub-age youth.
- Training for Den Chiefs (Scouts BSA/Venturers).
- A chance to meet fellow leaders and get resources to start the new year off strong!

Activities will run from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. See www.mayflowerbsa.org/training for a schedule of specific sessions. Lunch is \$5; the rest is free. Please pre-register to help us plan food and supplies.

BALOO

Saturday, October 5 – Sunday, October 6, 2019

- Sign in between 8 and 8:15 AM on Saturday
- Leave by noon on Sunday
- Camp Squanto, Plymouth
- Cost: **free** to leaders in Mayflower Council (\$30 out-of-council)
- **No walk-ins; register online by Monday 9/30**
- For more information, contact Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com / 781-974-5345

We'll run these courses again in the first half of 2020.

Vigil Honor Nominations

The Tantamous Lodge is now accepting nominations for the Vigil Honor.

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a

Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.

Nomination Form

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Virus



Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Virus Information

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) announced on 8/19/19 that EEE virus has been detected in mosquitos collected from areas within the Mayflower Council boundaries. As a consequence of this detection the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has raised the EEE risk level for many of these areas.

EEE is a rare but serious illness spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. While EEE can infect people of all ages, people under 15 years of age or over 50 years of age are at greatest risk for serious illness.

By taking a few, common-sense precautions, people can help to protect themselves and their loved ones:

Avoid Mosquito Bites

- **Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours.** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning. If you are outdoors at any time and notice mosquitoes around you, take steps to avoid being bitten by moving indoors, covering up and/or wearing repellent. Avoid outside areas with obvious mosquito activity
- **Clothing Can Help to reduce mosquito bites.** Although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin. Sleep with mosquito netting.
- **Apply Insect Repellent when you go outdoors.** Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin. Wear mosquito repellent when outdoors, especially between dawn and dusk.

The Mayflower Council will continue to work with the Boards of Health, the MDPH and other agencies.

For the most up to date information about EEE and reports of current and historical EEE virus activity in Massachusetts visit the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito

September Training Newsletter

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Tons of Training on Tap



° = pre-registration required * = online registration open
* = counts toward basic requirements for adults

Scout Leader Skills

- Sep 27-28^{°*} IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Bolton)
- Sep 28^{**} Cub Leader Training Fest (Franklin)
- Sep 28^{**} Den Chief Training (Franklin)
- Sep 28-29^{**} Leave No Trace Trainer Training (Sudbury)
- Oct 5^{**} Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Braintree)
- Oct 5-6^{°*} BALOO for Cub Leaders (Plymouth)
- Oct 19-20^{**} IOLS for Scouts BSA/Venturing (Wrentham)
- Oct 26^{**} Cub Leader Training Fest (Hingham)
- Oct 26^{**} Den Chief Training (Hingham)
- Nov 2^{**} Venturing Leader Training Fest (Canton)
- Nov 9^{°*} Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Hudson)
- Nov 9^{**} Troop Committee Position-Specific (Hudson)
- Nov 9^{**} Den Chief Training (Hudson)
- Nov 16^{**} Tread Lightly Trainer Training (Hudson)
- Dec 7^{**} Scoutmaster Position-Specific (Foxboro)
- Dec 7^{**} Den Chief Training (Foxboro)

First Aid

- Sep 7^{**} CPR/AED (Canton)
- Sep 14^{**} Red Cross First Aid (Canton)
- Oct 15[°] CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- Oct 19-20[°] Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Sudbury)
- Nov 12[°] CPR/AED (Sudbury)
- Nov 19[°] Red Cross First Aid (Sudbury)
- Dec 7[°] CPR/AED (Location TBA)

Quick Notes

District Committee Position-Specific Training is now online! Starting this fall, you can now earn your "Trained" status online at <https://my.scouting.org>.

Reminder: Youth Protection Training (YPT) is on a two-year cycle. Our council follows the national standard. If you last took YPT in 2018, you'll need to renew it in 2020.

Hazardous Weather Training is the only thing standing between many of our "direct contact" leaders and the "Trained" patch. (It shows up as SCO_800 in unit training records.) It's only available at <https://my.scouting.org>. The BSA has not authorized an in-person version.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration: www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- BSA online training: <https://my.scouting.org>
- Council training chair: Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
- Staff contact: Rick Riopelle: rick@mayflowerbsa.org

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!

Kickoff for All Cub Leaders!

Join us in Franklin on 9/28 or Hingham on 10/26 for our Cub Scout Leader Training Festivals! This event includes training, resources to save you a trip to the office, and activities for youth while their parents get trained. Pre-registration is appreciated. Lunch is \$5; the rest is free!

Morning session (8:30-12:30):

- Position-specific training for your role (Den Leader, Cubmaster, or Committee Member). This is part of the requirements to earn the "Trained" patch. We're following the new national curriculum, which requires a full four hours—similar to online, but more fun!
- A variety of 1-hour workshops for people who've already taken position-specific training. Register now to tell us what specific topics you'd like us to include!

Afternoon session (12:30-2:00):

- Supplemental position-specific training for anyone who took the morning session and wants to be covered for additional positions.
- Additional workshops on topics of interest.

Making Sense of Training Records

We get a lot of questions about training records. Here are a few answers and tips:

- Every adult leader's *official* training record is the BSA's national database, called "ScoutNet."
- <https://my.scouting.org> is the way to see your official training record. Log in with your account.
- If your unit uses "Scoutbook" software, your training record in Scoutbook will NOT automatically match the official ScoutNet database. The BSA says they're working on making an automated connection eventually. Until then, update Scoutbook on your own.
- Your unit's "key three" can view *and fix* records in My.Scouting for all leaders in the unit. They can also designate a few more people to have this access. Visit https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/idg/Security_Manager.pdf for instructions on delegating access.

If you took a training course but it's not showing up in your record, this could be happening for several reasons:

- Software glitch or multiple My.Scouting accounts
- Took training long ago, before there was a database
- Took training but it wasn't entered into database
- Took training with another council who didn't send us the records

A member of your unit "key three" can fix your record. Your district training chair can also help. Please show a copy of your training card or certificate to get credit.