

# Cranberry Harbors District Dec. Roundtable

Thanks to all who participated in our December Roundtable. Slides from the presentation along with the current version of the Basic Map and Compass Skills for Unit Leaders Guide, the Safety Moment on Winter Activity Safety, and recipes provided for our "Scout Favorite Dessert" social. I hope to see you at our January 10 Roundtable (one week later than usual due to holidays) at the Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield.

DecRT\_Slides\_Final

WinterActivitySafety

ScoutFavoriteDessertRecipes

Basic Map and Compass skills for Unit Leaders

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## Stoughton Scouts Attain Eagle

### *Congratulations to Neil G, Aadil K.*

Their local school system recently lauded the accomplishments of two new Mayflower Council Eagle Scouts.

**Neil G.** and **Aadil K.**, seniors at Stoughton High School and stalwart Scouts BSA of Troop 516 Stoughton, completed their Eagle Scout Project and passed their Board of Review.

The official Stoughton Public Schools Facebook page explained:

*For his service project, Neil built several bat houses out of wood and constructed them with the help of his Troop. These bat houses are placed throughout the wooded areas to shelter*

*these valuable animals.*

*Aadil made two historical signs at the newly renovated Glen Echo Park describing two lost buildings on the property: the Dance Hall and the Hotel Inn. You can visit Glen Echo to see the signs and learn more about each structure!*

According to recent statistics from the Boy Scouts of America, only about 6% of Scouts attain Scouting's highest rank. To achieve the high rank, an individual must take on leadership roles within their Troop and community and earn at least 21 merit badges covering various topics such as first aid, safety, civics, business, and the environment. Additionally, they must research, organize, and complete a significant community service project.

Neil and Aadil, who camped at Camp Wanocksett during the summer of 2023, join 2022 Eagle achievers Matthew H. and William B.M. on an ever-growing list of Troop 516 Scouts earning the BSA's most outstanding achievement.

Troop 516 Stoughton, established in 1957, documents their first Eagle as **David Conrad '62**.

"In earning this rank, young people gain new skills, learn to overcome obstacles, and demonstrate leadership among their peers and in their communities," said Roger Mosby, outgoing president and CEO of the Boy Scouts of America in 2021. "Scouting's benefits are invaluable, and we are elated that the opportunity to become an Eagle Scout is now available to even more youth—young men and young women alike."

Congrats to Neil, Aadil, and all of their fellow Scouts who attained Eagle status in 2023.

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# Mayflower Council Executive Board Portal

Welcome to the Mayflower Council Executive Board Portal, a secure and centralized location designed to streamline board operations and enhance collaboration among executive members. This portal provides a comprehensive suite of tools to facilitate efficient meeting management, document sharing, and secure communication, enabling you to make informed decisions and drive strategic growth for our organization.

[Visit Board Portal](#)

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## Cranberry Harbors District Nov. Roundtable

Slides from our November Roundtable are posted at the link below. In addition, a link to the Scouting Magazine discussion on the new (2023) rule requiring registration of adults who participate in overnight activities is posted. A technical glitch prevented posting of the October Roundtable slide set. A link to this presentation and to the slide addendum (slides submitted by the council for the roundtable too late for inclusion in the presentation) is posted. Our December Roundtable on 12/6 will be a social – “Scout Favorite Desserts”. Bring your favorite (and the recipe) to share with your fellow Scouters. Breakout will be combined to discuss Pack/Troop/Crew joint activities. Hope to see you there.

[NovRT\\_Slides\\_Final](#)

Discussion – Registration Requirement for Adults at BSA  
Overnights  
OctRT\_Slides\_Final\_VideoLinkOnly  
OctoberSlideAddendum

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# Always Room for More – Earn A Recruiter Patch

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Earn your “Recruiter” patch in 2023

The founder of the Scouting movement, Sir Robert Baden Powell – better known as B-P in Scout circles – once said:

“An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.” In the spirit of that wise sentiment, the Mayflower Council is looking for some recruiting help.

And who better to ask than the Scouts themselves?

During the months of November and December, we encourage individual Scouts to look to their friend groups and ask potential Scouts to join them at a meeting.

Scouts who successfully recruit a friend will receive a “Recruiter” patch courtesy of the Mayflower Council – we’ll provide it free!

There are three steps to earn the badge:

1. Encourage your Scouts to encourage a friend to attend an upcoming meeting or event and join before December 31.

2. When a Scout recruits their friend, a Scoutmaster or Cubmaster completes this form.
3. We will ship the Recruiter Badge to your unit to award to your recruiters as part of your next Court of Honor or rank advancement. We will also send the newly enrolled Scout a "Welcome" letter.

It's as simple as that.

Meanwhile, we're hoping to build on the work everyone put in during "Join Scouting Day" and "Slices for Scouting" and bring even more youth into BSA membership via Mayflower Council.

And we know that our Scouts are up for the challenge. So, let's get to it!

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## **2024 Silver Beaver Award Nominations**

In Scouting, we say "it's about the youth" and none of our adults are involved for the recognition, but every now and then we need to say thanks especially to those volunteers whose leadership and example has left a lasting positive impact on the program and the broader community. One way we do that is through nominating a Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award, the highest adult recognition a council can bestow. Take a few moments to reflect on volunteers within your unit or district and consider nominating them for the Silver Beaver Award.

To simplify the process this year a new online nomination form was completed. This form will allow you to save your work and go back and add additional information at another time prior

to the nomination deadline.

## SILVER BEAVER NOMINATION FORM

**All nominations must be received by Tuesday, January 2, 2023.**

A detailed nomination form, to review before completing the online form, is available by clicking [here](#). Kindly do not submit paper versions of the form.

Questions regarding nominations should be emailed to: [awards@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:awards@mayflowerbsa.org). The awards will be presented at the Council's Recognition Dinner to be held April 24, 2024.

**Frequently asked questions about the Silver Beaver Award:**

## **Overview**

To recognize registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a council. The award is presented by the National Court of Honor on behalf of councils.

## **Who Can Earn This Award?**

Anyone may nominate any deserving registered Scouter to the council, which selects recipients for the following year. Each council may process their own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver awards presented each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.

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# George WP Magee Memorial Trust Donates \$40,000

The Mayflower Council recently received a generous capital gift of \$40,000 from the George W. P. Magee Memorial Trust to fund two major camp projects at Camps Squanto and Resolute.

The first project involves building a new program pavilion at the shotgun range at Camp Squanto (located in the LeBaron R. Barker Scout Reservation and the Myles Standish State Forest in Plymouth), while the second project entails installing a new metal roof at the Handicraft Lodge at Adventure Day Camp at Resolute (situated in the E. Paul Robsham, Jr. Scout Reservation located on Little Pond in Bolton, Massachusetts).

The Mayflower Council, established in 2017, is a result of the consolidation of Scouting programming that has served Greater Metro West and the South Shore areas of Massachusetts for over a century.

Comprised of territory that was once part of the Algonquin, Norumbega, Knox Trail, Squanto, and Old Colony Councils and stretches from Stow to Plymouth, Mass., the Mayflower Council is rich with the traditions and history of generations of scouts and scouting families.

Mayflower Council Director of Development James Corcoran expressed gratitude towards the Magee Trust for their continuous support, stating that the council and its predecessors have received over \$2,234,375 in capital and camp scholarship projects since 1944. "The Council is very grateful to the Magee Trust for their continued generosity," added Corcoran. "We could not have done these projects without the annual support of the trust." The George W. P. Magee Trust is a private trust that exclusively distributes income to Boy Scout Councils headquartered in Massachusetts for capital

projects and camp scholarships.

Since its inception, The Magee Trust has distributed over \$10,700,000.00 to Massachusetts Boy Scout Councils.

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# **Mayflower Partners With Spartan Race**

***Join us on November 11 or 12 at  
Fenway Park...***

Have you heard the news?

Usually, Mayflower Scouts are *watching* the action at Fenway Park. However, this fall, our Scouts will *be in* the action at Fenway (just not in baseball).

Mayflower Council has partnered with Spartan Races and the Spartan Kids Foundation to provide complimentary racing tickets for any Scouts interested in participating in their Fenway Park Spartan Races on Nov 11th and 12th when they can join Spartan Races for the Epic Stadium Obstacle Course event.

Ages 5-13 may participate in the kid's event (two free



spectator passes included), while ages 14+ will participate in the 5K stadium event (and spectator passes may be purchased).

Unit leaders should follow the QR code in the image below to request registration codes for their scouts.

So, be sure to share the flyer with your friends and family all around the United States.



# Mayflower Scouts earn your Spartan Medal!

Free Event at Fenway Park  
November 11, 2023

Scouts join us for an Epic Stadium Obstacle Course Event!

Kid's Event - ages 4-13 includes two free spectator passes for accompanying adults.

5k Stadion Event - ages 14+  
Specator passes can be purchased



Leaders to register your Scouts scan the QR Code and fill out the form that appears.



Registration is on a first come basis until all spots are filled. Last day to register is Oct. 27, 2023 We also have discounted registrations available for parents, siblings, friends, etc.

<https://race.spartan.com/en/race/detail/7942/overview> - just enter the code **MFBSAMA** at checkout and help us fundraise also!

Questions: Please contact [Logan@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:Logan@mayflowerbsa.org)

# **2023 Westborough Good Scout Award Dinner**

## **Westborough Good Scout Dinner**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel**

**5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA**

**Reception 6:00 pm – Dinner & Program 7:00 pm**

### **2023 Honorees**



**Beverly and Bill  
Linnane**

Beverly and Bill have resided in the Town of Westborough for over 54 years. Throughout the years they have both been extremely active in numerous town committees and activities.

Bill is a fourth-generation resident of Westborough. He attended Westborough High School, class of 1958 and graduated with degrees from Wentworth Institute of Technology and Northeastern University. He is a retired Construction Management professional. Since 1960 through today, Bill has been associated with various town government and community groups.

Bill's town work has included: Advisory Finance Committee, Charter Review, WPL trustee, founding member of Music Parents WHS, to highlight a few. He has been involved in many organizations: Charlotte Spinney Mentoring Program, Westborough Connects, past member of the Good Scout Committee, Westborough Legends, Civic Club, Rotary Club of Westborough,

Beverly grew up in Calais, Maine. After graduation, she received her RN from Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing, now Brigham & Women's. She worked a long nursing career in both Boston and Worcester, specializing in surgical care. After retirement, she established a business called Rabbit Hollow, handknits for kids. This is supported by many members of the community for which she is very grateful.

Beverly has been a member of Westborough Garden Club for many years serving as community beautification chairman for 13 years and past president. She served on the downtown community beautification committee with many accomplishments. She loves Westborough and has great satisfaction in helping to beautify the town with gardens and flowers. To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

Beverly and Bill have been married for 58 years and have two wonderful and successful children, Jennifer, and Sean and a beautiful, talented granddaughter, Madigan. They are overwhelmed to be the 2023 Good Scout receptionists.

# About The Good Scout Award

The Good Scout Award is bestowed upon individuals who have demonstrated integrity and genuine concern for others in both their professional and personal lives.

The recipients need not have been Scouts but must carry the "Spirit of Scouting" into their adult lives. They are people who have been unselfish in their service to others on an individual and community basis. They seek no return for their service other than the satisfaction of aiding their fellow citizens, their community, and their nation.

The Good Scouts are people who truly capture the respect and imagination of our youth.

**You may register and pay online or fill out the mail-in registration form.**

**Registration and program book ad's must be received by October 27, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please email: [Westborough Good Scout Committee](mailto:Westborough Good Scout Committee)

Ad Specifications  
Program Ad Specifications  
[Register Online Here](#)

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# **Sachem District September 2023 Roundtable**

Thank you to all who participated in our September Roundtable with the new and improved format! Announcement Slides from the session are posted here. Our next Roundtable is October 4th at the Abington Senior Center. We hope to see you, and some new faces join us!

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