

Meet the Team: John Bishop

For our latest #meettheteammonday on Mayflower Council's social media, we sat down with John Bishop, Mayflower Council's Brand Ambassador...

John, what is your favorite aspect of Scouting?

"I have the luxury of seeing Scouting from several different angles; first and foremost, it's through my three sons, who are active in Hudson, Massachusetts' Scouting program. My oldest, Jack, is part of Troop 512, Crew 1923, and Ship 323 (Weymouth). At the State House in
Meanwhile, Scott enjoys Scouts BSA Boston.



(Troop 512), and Luke is in Cub Scouts (Pack 3104). I am a proud committee member for all of those units. My work with the Mayflower Council is the proverbial cherry on a rewarding personal Scouting 'cake.' Thus far, my favorite moment is when Jack, Scott, and I slept over in the U.S.S. Massachusetts with 'Troop 2' – just like my dad and I did back in the day..."

What brought you to the Mayflower Council?

"Just after the pandemic, I worked on the websites and social media for several of our local Hudson units. At that same time, my kids were getting into the program, and as we came back strong from remote Scouting, each of them seemed more

embedded in their dens and patrols. As they grew into the program, so did my commitment, so much so that I wanted to expand my work beyond my town. I sent a note to Rick Riopelle [Mayflower Council Director of Field Service / C00], and my part-time work for the Council commenced.”

What is your Scouting background?

“I would love to say I was a great Scout, but despite the efforts of some amazing leaders, I was not. I topped out at Tenderfoot with Hazardville, Connecticut’s Troop 108 (although I did earn the Mile Swim badge). Again, thanks to great leaders, I was an accomplished Cub Scout with Pack 391 Enfield, Conn., earning my Arrow of Light, crossing over to



Boy Scouts, and heading to camp *John’s three boys, Luke, with Troop 108. In my adult* *Scott, and Jack and his wife* Scouting, my oldest son Jack *Andrea.*

rekindled my current passion for Scouting, and I am proud to report I have far eclipsed my youth camping count and skill set while with Mayflower Council and its units (although I haven’t attempted another mile swim, yet).”

Council Duties

“I am the ‘social media guy’ and try to write stories as often as possible for the website. Within those capacities, I am involved in many, many facets of the organization’s efforts. I really enjoy taking photos at events and posting smiling shots of Scouts, Scouters, and families.”

John's

Personal Favorites

Favorite

color **Blue**

drink **Diet Coke**

treat **Ramen**

hobby **World War II history**

food **Chicken noodle soup and chili**

animal **"Cats. I have six. Tito, Teddy, Tommy, Padme, Juno, and Annie."**

place **Disney's Hollywood Studios, Camp Resolute**

music **"Varies. Audien to Fleetwood Mac to Big Bad Voodoo Daddy."**

Feel free to contact John if he can help enhance your Scouting experience or publicize an important event for your unit or Scouts.



2024 Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner

Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

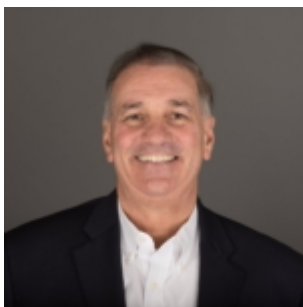
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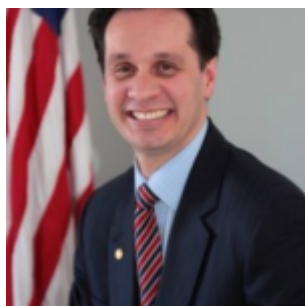
**Reception 6:00 pm – Dinner & Program 7:00
pm**

2024 Honorees

Distinguished Citizen Award Recipients



**Olly deMacedo
Operations Manager, Boston
Sand and Gravel &
Executive Director,
America's Hometown Thanksgiving
Celebration**



Vinny deMacedo

**Senior Advisor for External
Relations Bridgewater State
University &
former State Senator**

The Distinguished Citizen Award is presented to community or business leaders who provide outstanding civic service to the adult and/or youth in the community. Those who receive the award are not necessarily Scout volunteers, but rather individuals who personify what the Boy Scouts of America stand for – good citizenship, outstanding moral fiber with a dedication to others, and for living their lives by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Distinguished Scouter Award



**David Casoni
Science Teacher (retired),
Commercial Lobsterman &**

Scouter

The Distinguished Scouter Award is presented to a Scouter who provide outstanding civic service to the adult and/or youth in the community. Those who receive the award are not only Scout volunteers, but also seek no return for their service other than the satisfaction of aiding their fellow citizens, their community, and their nation and for living their lives by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Second Century of Leadership Award



Edward F. Perry, Jr.
Ringmaster & Owner 95.9 FM
WATD The South Shore Radio
Station

Second Century of Leadership Award is presented to a company or organization that consistently sets the pace for the corporate leadership and philanthropic support of the South Shore and MetroWest communities. The honoree's work and leadership exemplify the ideals and successes of the Boy Scouts of America. The organization's corporate citizenship and community involvement set the example of what can be achieved through hard work, leadership and character, traits that set both organizations apart.

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

Registration and program book ad's must be received by November 24, 2024.

If you have any questions, please email: Development Office

Sponsorship Opportunities
Save the Date
Register online here

Recognize Excellence in Scouting

Are you ready to recognize the exceptional adult leaders in your Scouting community? We're excited to announce that nominations are now open for various prestigious Scouting America recognition awards. These awards honor individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements, leadership, and commitment to the values of Scouting. Whether it's a dedicated Scouter who has gone above and beyond or a volunteer who has made a significant impact on their troop or community, there's an award to celebrate their accomplishments.

Time is running out! Nominations for the Scouting America awards close on **Sunday, January 12, 2025**. Submit your

nomination now and ensure your favorite Scout or leader is considered for this special honor.



Silver Beaver Award

The role of adult leaders in Scouting America has been a cornerstone of the organization since its inception. From the early days of its founding to the present, adult volunteers have provided invaluable guidance, support, and mentorship to countless young people. Without the leadership of caring adults, Scouting ceases to exist and therefore, it is important that we take time to recognize those in our community who have volunteered their time and mentorship to our youth.

One way we honor these leaders is through nominating a Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award, the highest adult recognition a council can bestow. We invite you to think about those in your unit or district who have left a lasting impact on the youth of your community and consider nominating them for the Silver Beaver Award.

Nomination Form



North Star

It is not just Scouters and adult volunteers who impact the youth of our community. In 2011 The North Star Award was established to acknowledge the invaluable support of non-Scouters who have contributed to the success of Scouting programs. This includes individuals who have donated time, money, or other resources to Scouting initiatives, as well as those who have provided guidance and leadership. We encourage you to nominate any non-scouters who have left a lasting impact on our Scouting community to be honored at this year's recognition dinner.

Nomination Form



Elbert K. Fretwell Award

The Elbert K. Fretwell Award is a prestigious honor in Scouting that recognizes teachers, educational support staff, and school administrators who have made significant contributions to the lives of young people by instilling Scouting values in their students. The award is named after Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, a professor of education at Columbia University, an early thinker in the Scouting movement, and the second Chief Scout Executive of Scouting America.

Nomination Form



Alumnus Award

The Alumnus Award is a valuable opportunity for former Scouts to stay connected to the organization and continue making a positive impact on their communities. It is a recognition designed to encourage participation and involvement in Scouting America's alumni relations programs, including NESAs activities. It is awarded to Scouting alumni who promote continued engagement with Scouting America.

Nomination Form



George Meany Award

The George Meany Award is a national recognition approved by the AFL-CIO Executive Council. It may be presented to any adult union member who has made a significant contribution to the youth of their community through Scouting. Each AFL-CIO city central labor council and each AFL-CIO state federation is permitted to give one award annually. The emphasis of this award is on the importance of being selective. There is no rule that the quota must be used every year. No honorary recognitions should be made. The purpose of this award is to recognize the recipient's outstanding service to youth through the programs of Scouting America.

Nomination Form



Council Duty to God Award

In Scouting America, the Council Duty to God Award is a prestigious recognition bestowed upon registered Scouters who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in supporting and promoting the spiritual foundation of Scouting at the local Council level. Overall, the Council Duty to God Award is a testament to the importance of spiritual growth and leadership within Scouting America. It highlights the organization's commitment to nurturing the character and values of its members through a strong spiritual foundation.

Nomination Form



Veteran Award

Honor the dedicated adults who have served the Boy Scouts of America for five or more years with the Veteran's Award. This prestigious recognition celebrates those who have consistently contributed to the organization, embodying the values of Scouting and making a lasting impact on the lives of young people. If you or someone you know meets these criteria, we encourage you to nominate them for this well-deserved honor.

Nomination Form

Employment Opportunities with Mayflower Council

DIVERSITY – OPPORTUNITY – COMMUNITY

Bring your varied life experiences, education, and perspective, and in return you will have an opportunity to combine those skills and experiences in a career that values and respects others.

Scouting ... a Profession with a Purpose

Since 1910, Scouting America has helped build future leaders of this country by combining educational and outdoor adventure activities with lifelong values and fun. Scouting America has a major focus on the development of youth.

What Professional Scouters Do

Several thousand commissioned professional Scouters lead, guide, and facilitate the efforts of more than a million adult volunteers on whom Scouting depends on to carry out its mission. It is the job of the professional Scouter to inspire, recruit, train, and support Scouting America's volunteers, in addition to working with community leaders and rallying public support for Scouting's activities.

Responsibilities

The professional Scouter in an entry level management position assigned to a specific role within a local council. Your success will be dependent on your ability to promote, supervise, and work with local volunteers. If you have skills in human relations, public relations, marketing, fundraising,

finance, accounting, business management, or sales, then you should consider taking the opportunity to become a professional in the Scouting America Mayflower Council.

Training and Development = Success

Scouting America realizes that in order for people to grow and be productive, they need opportunities to learn. The fact that more than 75 percent of Scouting America's professionals receive training each year is a testimony to the commitment by local councils and the national organization. Training courses, with set periods of time to acquire specific information, are part of our overall plan of development.

Professional Scouters receive continuous instruction through formal as well as informal training. Scouting America fosters an environment of continuous learning to nurture collective creativity, which benefits both professionals and the organization. We share knowledge, ideas, and experience, creating both a workforce that is involved in decision making and an inclusive work environment that ensures the success of Scouting in the local community.

Scouting America is committed to the training and development of individuals because we fully recognize the benefits of mutual growth and development that will unleash the creativity and productivity of its greatest asset: its people!

Compensation and Benefits

We offer a number of practical benefits for professional staffers. In fact, Scouting America offers a benefits package considered to be among the best in the nonprofit sector. The package includes major medical, dental, vision, and prescription coverage in addition to long-term disability, accident, and life insurance, and a matching savings plan for retirement. The starting salary is competitive for these entry level positions.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Must have attained age 21
- People-oriented, having the ability to work well with adult volunteers, community and business leaders, and representatives of other organizations
- Able to work varied hours when necessary to achieve positive objectives
- Believe in the BSA and subscribe to its principles and standards

Current Openings:

- Membership Unit Service Team Members
- Leadership Assistance Program Aides
- Fundraising Administrative Assistant

Interested?

Submit your cover letter and resume to Rick Riopelle.

2024 Westborough Good Scout Award Dinner

Westborough Good Scout Dinner

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA

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

2024 Honoree



James N. Ball

As founder and president of EverRise, Jim leads his team with proficiency, confidence, and diligence. Jim grew up in Westborough, Massachusetts, watching his father run his own financial advising business out of their family's basement. Inspired by his father's success, Jim went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Massachusetts, setting out to plant his own roots and begin a career. In 1984, he established his own firm in Westborough,

specializing in investment advice, insurance, business, tax, and estate planning. Today, he prides himself in having created a thriving business, working with hundreds of families in more than 30 states. The firm features an innovative team approach offering sound and informed wealth management while striving to always provide the utmost in customer service.

Jim is a director on the board of Avidia Bank, located in Hudson, Massachusetts; committee chairman of the Risk Committee; member of Executive Governance Committee; member of the Westborough Community Preservation Committee. In his (little) spare time, he enjoys traveling the world with his family, as well as reading, exercising, and listening to music.

The Mayflower Council is honored to recognize Jim with the 2024 Good Scout Award for his integrity and genuine concern for others in the Westborough community and beyond.

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 25,
2024.**

If you have any questions, please email: Westborough Good
Scout Committee

Sponsorship & Ad Specifications
Save the date
Invitation

2026 National Jamboree



The Mayflower Council will send numerous contingent troops to the 2026 National Jamboree at the Summit.

Scouting's flagship national event is one-of-a-kind. It's a gathering of tens of thousands of Scouts and Scouters showcasing everything that is great about Scouting. Over the course of 10 summer days scouts join together for this iconic

outing. Because it normally takes place every 3 to 4 years, most Scouts will only have one opportunity to visit the Jamboree as a youth. Many Jamboree Alumni said their experience was one of the most memorable adventures during their years in Scouting.

WHEN IS THE NATIONAL JAMBOREE:

The 2026 National Jamboree will take place July 22 – 31, 2026. The contingent will leave a few days before and return after the last night of the jamboree.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL JAMBOREE:

It's the most awesome event a Scout or Venturer could attend. It's everything you can do in Scouting—and more—in one spot just for you . . . and about 25,000 of your friends from around the country and around the world! It's 10 days of adventure and excitement that you don't want to miss!!

WHAT DO YOU DO AT THE JAMBOREE?:

Climbing, zip lines, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, BMX biking, world-class skate park, shooting ranges, kayaking, arena shows, aquatic challenges, state of the art tech stuff, rappelling, merit badge opportunities, STEM Quest and even some patch trading along the way.

WHERE IS THE JAMBOREE?:

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is home to the National Scout Jamboree. Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is a training, Scouting, and adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America and anyone who loves the outdoors. The CFC contingent will travel to the Summit in chartered motor coaches accompanied by trained and experienced adult scout leaders. The Summit is a place that takes Scouts and Venturers to the limits of what they think they can do, and then pushes them further.

ARE THERE QUALIFICATIONS?:

Jamboree Qualifications: Scouts BSA, Ventures, Sea Scouts and

Explorers MUST have a current BSA membership, be at least a First Class Scout.(or equivalent depending on program) MUST be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree but have not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree. Be approved by their home unit leader and local council. MUST have appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent. (An email will be sent to the parent/guardian during the application process.) Participate in mandatory pre-Jamboree training experiences with local council and Jamboree unit leadership. Submitted BSA Annual Health & Medical Record using the on-line Jamboree submission process.

WHAT'S NEXT?:

Follow the link below to complete our Jamboree interest survey to ensure you receive the most up to date information about the Mayflower Council Jamboree Contingent! Registration for the contingent will be open soon and the link will be sent directly to those who have filled out our interest survey.

I WANT TO GO!



SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE
JULY 22-31 | 2026

Mayflower Council Fee Update

We're committed to providing the best Scouting experience possible for all youth in the Mayflower Council. After careful consideration, the Mayflower Council Executive Board has approved an increase in the annual program fee, effective August 1, 2024. This increase was originally announced on

March 27, 2024.

What's Changing:

- The program fee will increase from \$48 to \$68 per youth member in Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Exploring.
- This fee does not apply to adult members.

Where Your Investment Goes:

These additional funds will allow the Mayflower Council to continue to:

- **Support Local Units:** Click here to see a comprehensive list of how your investment directly benefits Scout units and families.
- **Deliver Exceptional Programs:** We offer exciting activities, leadership development, and valuable life skills training.
- **Ensure Safety and Security:** Your Scouts' wellbeing is paramount. We provide comprehensive liability insurance and Youth Protection training.
- **Stay Innovative:** We constantly develop new and engaging programs to meet the needs of today's youth.

National Fees:

Please note that National Scouting America has a separate annual registration fee. These funds directly support national programs such as Scoutbook, program resources, and national events.

Questions?

We understand that any fee increase is a consideration. If you have questions about the program fee or the National Scouting America membership fee, please don't hesitate to contact us at communication@mayflowerbsa.org.

Thank You!

Your continued commitment to Scouting in the Mayflower Council is crucial. By investing in our programs, you're helping to prepare thousands of youth across the MetroWest and South Shore of Massachusetts for life. We appreciate your understanding and support!

“Around The Campfire” Podcast – Episode Five

Monthly Podcast from the Mayflower Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Around The Campfire Podcast from the Mayflower Council of Scouting America for leaders and volunteers.

June 2024 episode features:

- Jim Corcoran; Director of Development providing an overview of development efforts for the Mayflower Council and discussing unit fundraising.
- Aaron Christian; Membership & Unit Service Executive promoting Summer Virtual Roundtables in July
- Logan Ferraro; Program Director talking about our family camping weekends at Camp Resolute and previewing the fall activities for units.

Show Links:

- Unit Fundraising Form: 251sa.org/fundraisingform
- Council Calendar: mayflowerbsa.org/events

NYLT Sign Up:

- Squanto: scoutingevent.com/251-NYLT2024
 - Nobscot: scoutingevent.com/251-NYLTNobscot2024
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“Around The Campfire” Podcast – Episode Three

Monthly Podcast from the Mayflower Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

April 2024 episode, hosted by Rob DiFazio, features:

- Social Media Tips with John Bishop, Council Brand Ambassador
 - Find Social Media Guidelines [HERE](#)
 - Laura Moriarty, Sr. Development Director discussing Popcorn Fundraising
 - Logan Ferraro previewing the upcoming Pinewood Derby on 4/27, Chuckwagon Derby on 5/11 and the Hike0Ree on 5/18
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2024 Annual Membership Fee Update – New Dates

Update on National Fees:

- The new registration fee structure of \$85 per youth & \$65 per adult will be effective on **May 1**, NOT **April 1**.
- The elimination of the new member \$25 joining fee will

still be effective **April 1**.

Effective **April 1, 2024**, the BSA will eliminate the **\$25 one-time joining fee** for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting.

Effective **May 1, 2024** (formerly April 1), registration fees will be as follows:

- **\$85/yr** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (\$5 increase)
- **\$65/yr** for all adult volunteers (\$5 increase)
- **\$30/yr** for Scoutreach (No change in fee)
- **\$25/yr** for Merit Badge Counselors (No change in fee. Only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- **\$50/yr** for Exploring participants Youth & Adult (No change in fee)
- **\$100/yr** unit renewal/affiliation fee (No change in fee)
- **\$15/yr** for Scout Life magazine (No change in fee)
- Council Program Fee will remain at \$48 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants until July 31, 2024 and then will increase to \$68 on August 1, 2024