

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 THE COST?:

- *Early Bird Rate:* Youth if deposit made by May 1, 2025: \$3,450
- Youth after May 1, 2025 to October 1 \$3,600
- Youth after October 1, 2025 \$3,840
- *Early Bird Rate:* Adult leaders if deposit made by May 1, 2015: \$3,100
- Adult after May 1, 2025 to October 1 \$3,250
- Adult after October 1, 2025 \$3,490

WHAT'S INCLUDED?:

- All meals and housing while on the road and at the National Jamboree
- Pre and post tour activity of visit to Philadelphia and Hershey Park
- A 2026 National Jamboree back pack
- 2 Mayflower contingent t-shirts
- Contingent hat
- Neckerchief
- Contingent patch set
- Patrol patch, position patch, troop patch

- Council shoulder patch, shoulder loops.
- Water bottle

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 AS A YOUTH!

I WANT TO GO AS AN ADULT!



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

“Around The Campfire” Podcast – Episode Two

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

March 2024 episode, hosted by Rob DiFazio, features:

- Interview with Juan Osorio, Scout Executive for the Mayflower Council
 - Eagle Scout Project Do's and Dont's with Tom Bedarz, Advancement Chair and Logan Ferraro, Program Director
 - Summer 2024 Camp Update with Ryan Piazza, Camping Director
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CORI and SORI Forms For Summer Camp

Requirements for Leaders, Volunteers and Staff Members Attending or Working at Summer Camp

Camp Resolute and Camp Squanto places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth campers.

We are required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations to obtain a CORI (Criminal Offender Registry Information) and a SORI (Sex Offender Record Information) check on all adult leaders, volunteers attending camp with your troop and camp staff.

Any adult leader or volunteer who will be providing leadership while they are in camp must have a completed CORI and SORI form on file with the camp regardless of the amount of time they are in camp.

CORI Request

The CORI request for for summer camp is different than the CORI request form you filled out to be a volunteer with the

Mayflower Council. Massachusetts camps are required to perform a CORI check that will result in the camp receiving all conviction, non-conviction and pending information in both the adult record (age 17 and older) and juvenile data. As this is a different CORI check being completed a different CORI form than the one you filled out to volunteer in Scouting is required.

The CORI regulations require that each leader, volunteer or staff member provide a government issued photo identification such as a driver's license, passport, state identification, etc... and that a copy of the ID be kept on file with the camp.

SORI Request

Camp Resolute and Camp Squanto is also mandated by Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health to obtain a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) report from the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board (SORB) for all camp staff or volunteers. The Sex Offender Registry Board is a public safety agency responsible for protecting the public from sex offenders.

Required Forms

All leaders, volunteers and staff members must complete each of the following forms:

CORI Request Form for Summer Camp

SORI Request Form

District Leadership Structure

Changes Coming

Over the past year, a great deal of discussion has ensued regarding the district leadership structure of Mayflower Council. It has become increasingly challenging to fill the many district committee positions and ensure that the support needed for the Scouting program is being provided in the most efficient, effective, and consistent manner.

A committee was formed last summer of individuals from across the council to determine the best path moving forward given the current number of unfilled positions. A wide variety of options were considered and discussed at length; it was decided that the best way to provide a quality scouting program in Mayflower Council was to adopt a more Council centralized support structure in place of what has previously been a District-centered approach. It is extremely important to note that the continued involvement of current leaders, and recruitment of others, will be a critical element as we move forward. The knowledge base and dedication of the current corps of volunteers will be integral to the new leadership structure.

To facilitate a smooth transition to this type of structural leadership change, an Implementation Team has been identified to collect information and identify "next steps" for the transition. It is anticipated that the roll out will occur in a stepwise fashion during the 2024-25 program year. In the coming months there will be in-depth discussions amongst various committees and constituents to solicit input and help the Implementation Team develop a well-defined roll out plan. This will be an evolving process, with information to be provided as it becomes available. The Implementation Team is planning to hold a Council-wide Summit in October, open to those currently serving in District leadership positions and all others who are interested.

A contact email (click here to email) has been set up to ensure that individuals can ask questions at any time as we move forward with the transition. Every effort will be made to ensure responses are sent as quickly as possible, recognizing that answers to many questions may not be available until the roll out plan is better defined.

Sharable announcement flyer

“Around The Campfire” Podcast – Episode One

Check out Mayflower Council’s “Around The Campfire” Podcast, a new show designed specifically for unit leaders and volunteers. Hosted by Rob DiFazio, an Eagle Scout from East Bridgewater serving on the Membership & Unit Service Team, this episode of the podcast covers a variety of topics, including Webelos to Scout transitions with Wood Badge-trained Scouter David Laucirica, and Eagle Scout Aaron Christian (both from the Membership & Unit Service Team). Logan Ferraro, Program Executive, gives an overview of BlackPug and CampDocs, as well as upcoming events. Additionally, Rich Carlson, our Council Commissioner, provides an update on our new Scout executive. Don’t miss out on this informative podcast!

Council Service Center Adverse Weather Policy

With the impending snow storm we would like to remind our community about our adverse weather policy. The council follows the lead of the Milford school system when setting its adverse weather policy. If Milford Public Schools close, so does the Milford Service Center. If the Milford Public Schools announce a delay (1 hour delay for example) the council service center delays its opening by the same time. We encourage everyone to follow the weather and school closure reports on Boston media such as WCVB Channel 5 in order to stay informed and up to date on school closings and weather alerts.