

# **Council Service Center Adverse Weather Policy**

With our first major snow of the 2017-2018 winter the council would like to remind our community about our adverse weather policy. The council follows the lead of the Canton & Marlborough school systems when setting it's adverse weather policy. If Marlborough Public Schools close, so does the Marlborough Service Center and if the Canton Public Schools close, so does the Canton Service Center. If the Marlborough or Canton Public Schools announce a delay (1 hour delay for example) the respective council service center delays it's opening by the same time. We encourage everyone to follow the weather and school closure reports of our media partner WCVB Channel 5 in order to stay informed and up to date on school closings and weather alerts.

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## **Tragic News: Debbie Carey**

It is with a heavy heart that we share with you that Debbie Carey passed away last night. On Thursday, Debbie was at the Council Service Center in Marlborough and collapsed outside. She received CPR from the building manager and was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Marlborough. She was then flown to UMass Medical in Worcester.

Please keep her husband, Warren, and her entire family in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with this unexpected tragedy.

Debbie served the Scouting family for over 30 years and will be greatly missed.

*The following arrangements have been made:*

**Thursday, January 4th – visiting hours**

Shepherd Funeral & Cremation Service, 216 Main Street,  
Kingston, MA

**Friday, January 5th – Church Service and Burial Services**

11:00 am – Holy Family Church – 370 Middleboro Avenue, East  
Taunton, MA, 02718 followed by final resting place at  
Plymouth County Cemetery South Meadow Road, Plymouth MA  
(near the Plymouth Airport).

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## **Service Center Closure – Dec 25, 2017**

The Council Service Centers will be closed on Monday, December  
25, for the Christmas Holiday.

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## **District Award of Merit Nominations**

The District Award of Merit is presented to registered  
Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at  
the district level. Nominations must be made on the national  
nomination form and must be received no later than January 30,  
2018.

Completed nominations can be sent via email or dropped off at the Canton or Marlborough service center. The awards will be presented at the District's Recognition Dinner.

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## Scoutbook Youth Advancement Sync

Calling all unit leaders—the Scoutbook Youth Advancement sync is officially underway!

All Scouting units with active Scoutbook subscriptions have recently been invited to complete the Scoutbook Youth Advancement Sync with ScoutNet. The Scoutbook Unit Admins have been notified and given instructions on how to activate this sync by December 31, 2017.

This sync will allow units to approve advancement in Scoutbook, which can then automatically sync with the BSA national database. **Scoutbook users will no longer need to access Internet Advancement to track and report their unit advancement.**

Scout Shop staff should know that the Advancement Report from Scoutbook and the Advancement Report from Internet Advancement are both certified and should be accepted. The bottom of the Advancement Report from Scoutbook looks like this:



**Starting January 1, 2018, units with active Scoutbook subscriptions will only be able to approve advancements for Scouts who are in the advancement sync.** If you have not activated your unit and/or Scouts within your unit, you will

not be able to approve advancements for that Scout(s).

Note that as a unit activates the sync, the unit can un-approve Scouts who have not yet been registered (entered into ScoutNet or My.Scouting) and continue the sync for the rest of the unit. Once registration is complete for the outstanding Scouts, the unit can then approve them and they will then be included.

Check out the user guide for more.

If you have any questions about the Scoutbook Youth Advancement Sync or if your Scouting unit has not received the sync instructions, please email [Scoutbooksync@gmail.com](mailto:Scoutbooksync@gmail.com).

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# Eagle Scout Project of the Year Nominations

 **Mayflower Council NESAC Committee Is now accepting nominations for the 2017 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 NESAs 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 2017.

### **How to Apply**

To download the Application for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year. [Click Here For Application](#)

***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.***

**Applications must be received in the Council office or E-mailed on or before January 22, 2018. Your completed application should be sent to:**

EMAIL: [mayflowernesa@gmail.com](mailto:mayflowernesa@gmail.com)

***(By US Mail to:)***

NESA Eagle Scout Service Project Award

Mayflower Council BSA

2 Mount Royal Avenue, Suite 100

Marlborough, MA 01752

Send your application in today!

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## **2017 Autumn Merit Badge College**

Explore, Learn, Achieve!

The 2017 Autumn Merit Badge College is being held from 9:00 am – 3:45 pm at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlborough on Sunday, December 3rd.

Registration Deadline is 11/29/17 at midnight!

[READ MORE AND TO REGISTER](#)

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## **New Member Coordinator Position**

Introducing the New Member Coordinator Position

Sustaining strong membership in a unit depends on having new members join the unit and engaging youth and their families in

a welcoming manner that makes them want to stay. The role of the New Member Coordinator is to insure that both keys to success take place.

If you are interested in serving as a New Member Coordinator, now is the time! The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is offering a “free” logo imprinted shirt or cap as an incentive to the first 2500 registered and trained New Member Coordinators (NMC) and the first 500 District-level Scouters.

To learn more, visit New Member Coordinator (<http://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/councils/new-member-coordinator/>) today!

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## **2018 Silver Beaver Award Nominations**

In Scouting, we say “it’s about the boys” 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.

**A detailed nomination form is available by clicking [here](#) and all nominations must be received by Friday, December 1, 2017.**

Completed nominations can be sent via email or dropped off at the Canton or Marlborough service center. The awards will be presented at the Council's Recognition Dinner in January.

**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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# **Canton Scout Shop Closing October 31st**

Effective, Tuesday, October 31st, the Canton Scout Shop (Trading Post) will no longer be open. New England Scout Shops are located in Lancaster, Milton, Southborough, Woburn, and



Swansea and will be able to fulfill your advancement and other Scouting supply needs. While the Scout Shop (Trading Post) is closing, the Canton Service Center will remain open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; from 10:00 am – 2:00pm. The Marlborough Service Center is also available Monday thru Friday; from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.