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Starting January 1, 2019, Scoutbook subscriptions will be free to all BSA units! Scoutbook is an online unit management tool that ensures that you never miss a Scouting moment—from tracking advancements to milestone achievements along the Scouting adventure.

When units with Scoutbook accounts need to renew these unit subscriptions this fall, they will not pay any renewal fees effective September 1, 2018. For units currently without a Scoutbook account, they can begin their free Scoutbook unit subscription on January 1, 2019.

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Eagle Paperwork Submission Guidelines Updated

The Mayflower Council Advancement Committee released a revised council-wide process for the submission and review of Eagle Scout Project Proposals and Eagle Scout Applications on Friday, August 31, 2018. Unit leaders and future Eagle Scouts are urged to review these updated processes so they are prepared when they need to submit documents to the advancement committee.

Here are links to the updated documents:

How to Prepare Your Eagle Service Project Proposal and Report

How to Complete Your Eagle Scout Application Form

How to Submit an Eagle Scout Application to Mayflower Council

Eagle Application Review Process

Questions regarding the Eagle Scout Project Proposal or Eagle Scout Application submission process should be directed to your district advancement chairperson.

Labor Day

The Marlborough and Canton Service Centers will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in honor of Labor Day.

Can I Get A Tax Credit?

Find Out If You Can Get A Tax Credit!

Summer Day Camp Expenses May Qualify For Tax Credit. Here's a tax tip directly from the IRS. Along with the lazy, hazy days of summer come some extra expenses, including summer day camp. But the IRS has some good news for parents: Those added expenses may help you qualify for a tax credit. For more information, check out IRS Publication 503, Child and

Dependent Care Expenses. This publication is available at www.irs.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Find Out More

Mayflower Council Has A Ship!



SCOUT ME IN™

Mayflower Council has started a Sea Scout Ship at the Wessagusset Yacht Club in Weymouth. Any and all youth are welcome join as long as they meet the requirements (14 or 13 and graduated 8th grade). No Scouting experience necessary! Sea Scouts will learn how to sail, navigate the ocean, repair vessels, and so much more! If you're interested, come to the information night at the Wessagusset Yacht Club on Friday September 14th 5 pm – 8 pm. Park in the Wessagusset Beach Parking Lot and follow the attached picture for walking directions (less than 1/4 mile). If you can't make it, please fill out this form for more information and to sign up!



Gathering of Eagles

More than 60 Eagle Scouts and family members gathered at the Franklin Country Club on Saturday, August 18th for the Mayflower's inaugural Gathering of Eagles. The council's NESA Committee sponsored the event to honor the council's Class of 2017-2018 Eagle Scouts with a BBQ lunch. The event brought together Eagles from across the council for fellowship, to celebrate, share stories, and enjoy good food. Retired Army Major Richard Keogh reflected on earning his Eagle Scout badge during a brief ceremony. "The skills you learn becoming an Eagle Scout may change, but the values do not," said MAJ Keogh, inspiring Eagles young and old. At the end of the luncheon, the Eagles rededicated their commitment to the Eagle Badge and to Scouting. All attendees received an event patch. Many thanks to Matthew Boczanowski and Sean Riley, event organizers, and the entire NESA Committee for their effort. A special thanks goes out to all Mayflower Gathering of Eagles attendees, supporters and sponsors.

Staff Changes At Mayflower Council

We regretfully announce that Bill Dunbar, Field Director, Headwaters District will no longer be working with the Mayflower Council effective August 17th. This is a great loss to the council but we can only wish Bill the best of luck in this new chapter of his life. Bill's duties will be assumed by Rick Riopelle, Director of Field Service until a new district executive is hired.

Staff Changes

We regretfully announce that Stephen Lavoie, District Executive of Sachem District will no longer be working with the Mayflower Council effective August 10. This is a great loss to the council but we can only wish Stephen the best of luck in his new endeavor as youth minister at St. Rose of Lima Church in Northborough. Stephen's duties will be assumed by Rick Riopelle, Director of Field Service until a new district executive is hired.

Pack 47 Plymouth Welcomes Girls To Their Pack

Meet the first girls to join Cub Scouts Plymouth, Den 47

Please click on the link below to view the article from the Old Colony Memorial paper.

Old Colony Memorial Article

A Balm for Babies

Meet the latest Northeast Region winner of the Adams Award.

Brendan Sullivan was born in distress, and the local hospital doctors quickly realized keeping him alive was beyond their capabilities. Fortunately, he was rushed to Boston Children's Hospital, deemed America's top pediatric facility by *U.S. News & World Report*. Brendan didn't just survive – he thrived.

Last year, it was time to give back. For his Eagle project, Brendan returned to Boston Children's to complete a two-part project for the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

WHAT THE PROJECT ENTAILED: For Part 1, he recorded 150 children's books for nurses to play using iPads that Brendan provided. The idea came from NICU nurses, who told him the sound of human voices is soothing to their young patients. Part 2 was to recruit quilters to make special covers for the NICU's incubators. "There was a shortage of quilt coverings back when I was a newborn in the NICU," Brendan says. "I asked about this during my first meeting at Children's, and the big need was still there."

HOW HE FOUND HIS READERS: Getting volunteer readers was easy: Brendan's friends, fellow Scouts and adults associated with his troop pitched in to record books in a makeshift studio he set up at his church.

The 40-plus hours of raw recordings needed plenty of editing; fortunately, a troop parent had expertise and volunteered to help.

HOW HE FOUND HIS QUILTERS: Finding quilters was a bit tougher.

“From the clerk at the grocery store to the parents at the soccer field to the halftime break at a [New England] Patriots football game, we asked everyone,” Brendan says. He ended up receiving about 50 quilts from Maine to North Carolina, and they are still coming in.



Brendan Sullivan records audiobooks for Boston Children's Hospital. Assistant Scoutmaster David Hoskyns reads. Darlene Salvatore, certified Child Life Specialist at the hospital, stands with one of the donated quilts. Grace Huddleston flips through pages to read.





Brendan Sullivan organized a drive for quilt covers and audiobooks for newborns in the NICU at Boston Children's Hospital, where Brendan spent the beginning of his life.

NOT PICKING FAVORITES: "They are all my favorite," Brendan says of the quilts. "They were all made with love and care by some very special individuals who donated their time, talent and craftsmanship to help some very special children."

THE NICU-EAGLE CONNECTION: Each quilt

includes a patch memorializing Brendan's project, and families are invited to take a patch home with them. "I want the parents currently in the NICU to know this was part of an Eagle Scout project done by someone who was once where their child is today," he says.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS: During the course of his project, Brendan had a chance to meet many NICU staff members. "They all welcomed me in as a Scout but also as a NICU graduate," he says. "During my visits, I was introduced to several of my nurses – the same nurses who cared for me as a baby. It was very emotional for all of us."

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