

2022 Eagle Giving Month

Make Your Gift Today

What is Eagle Giving Month?

Eagle Giving is an online fundraising throughout the month leading up to the 2022 Eagle Recognition Dinner. For one month, the Eagle Scout Alumni community will come together in support of Scouting and future Eagle Scouts.

Together we are helping the Mayflower Council enrich, enhance, and elevate the lives of youth in Scouting.

Why have a Giving Month?

A Month of giving is more than just raising money online – it's a tool to engage alumni, and Scout families by generating awareness and building a culture of philanthropy at Mayflower Council. It is an incredible opportunity to tell our story, inspire our audience, and acquire new donors, all in support of Scouting. This year, we are challenging 300 Eagle Scouts to Give Their Eagle Pride A Purpose.

How can I be a part of it?

From Wednesday, May 11, 2022 starting at 5:45am – Monday, June 13, 2022 at 5:45pm we need YOU to show Give Your Eagle Pride A Purpose!

- **Show your pride!** Between 5:45 am Wed 5/11 – 5:45 pm Mon. 6/13:

1. Make an online gift: *Eagle Gives*
2. Help us gain momentum and reach more people. Encourage your networks to follow your lead by letting them know you just made a gift and why Scouting is important to you.

3. "Like" the Mayflower social networks & Join the Alumni page
4. Post to Instagram or Facebook stories with a short video of why it is important to support Scouting. Get personal. Tell your Scouting story to inspire others to make a gift. Repost, share, and like #SupportingFutureEagles #GiveYourEagleAPurpose social media posts throughout the day.

- **Share your pride!** "Like" and "Share" the posts on our social networks (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter) & Share your Scouting Story using the hashtag #GiveYourEaglePrideAPurpose.
- **Become a Fundraiser!** Create your own custom fundraising page through Facebook or GoFundMe. Add photos, text and videos on why it's important to you to help support Future Eagles. Then tag your fellow Eagle pals and share away. It's quick and easy, and you could win some terrific Scouting swag! For help creating your page, contact Mariama Sano

Hashtags: #EagleGives, #GiveYourEagleAPurpose, #SupportingFutureEagles

Donation Link: *Eagle Gives*

Mayflower Social Networks:

- Facebook: MayflowerBSA
- Twitter: @mayflowerbsa
- Instagram: @Mayflowerbsa

Mayflower Alumni Social Networks:

- Facebook Mayflower Council Eagle Nest

Scouting is a family. We rely on our strong network of alumni and friends to keep Scouting going. Thanks to our generous alumni, Scouting continues to Thrive.

Join us by making your gift, challenging your Eagle pals, and sharing on social media! Together we are ***Supporting Future Eagles*** and helping to keep Scouting alive.

Make Your Gift Today

Free Bowling For Your Kids All Summer

Score free family fun at a local bowling alley this summer!

If you're looking to get your kids off their devices, look no further because we have found a great option for you – and it's free!

The Kids Bowl Free Summer Bowling Program is available in our community and we thought that your family might enjoy this great deal. Each child (whose age does not exceed the limit set by the participating bowling center) receives 2 FREE Games of Bowling Every Day All Summer and last summer over 2,800,000 kids enjoyed this great program.

This is a fun option to get you and your kids out of the house for some good old-fashioned fun. The program is offered at 19 bowling centers in Massachusetts, including Abington, Milford, Hanover, and Kingston in our council, so there is a good chance you'll have this program at a bowling alley right near you.

With this program, each child will receive coupons for two free games of bowling daily throughout the entire summer. To register your kids, head over [here](#) and select the bowling center closest to you.

The Kids Bowl Free Program also offers a great deal for parents and older siblings. You can get an optional Family Pass which allows up to four adults to bowl two free games right alongside the kids all summer long. If you will be purchasing a Family Pass, you can save an additional 13% off with code LUCKY13 at checkout.

After you sign your child up to bowl for free, you will be directed to a page offering Family Passes – you do not need to purchase this for your child to bowl free as he or she has already been signed up (look at the very top of the page where it says congratulations). This is purely an option to get the rest of your family discounted bowling so you can play along with your child.

Questions about the Kids Bowl Free Program, get your answers here.

Free Norman USA Custom Cordless Window Shade

Keep your kids safe with a hot freebie!

For the rest of 2022, every household in the United States (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) with a child under the age of eight (8) years old is eligible for one FREE custom-made cordless Honeycomb shade.

Window blinds are among the top five hidden hazards in U.S. homes according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Norman continues to take an industry stand against free-hanging lift & tilt cords and complies with some of the

highest global product safety standards, including current Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards for window coverings and are an active participant in the WCMA “Best for Kids” rigorous certification program.

“Our aim is to increase awareness for parents and caregivers of the risks associated with free hanging corded window coverings and make them aware of safer cordless alternatives. We intend to support this campaign by giving away in an excess of 10,000 shades per month, valued at more than several million dollars.” – Norman President, Ranjan Mada.

In order to access the free custom-made cordless honeycomb shade, patrons must visit www.normanchildsafety.com and fill out the required information. Please allow three weeks for delivery as each shade is custom built for each household.

Common Questions:

- **How to qualify for a Free Cordless Honeycomb shade?** Households with at least one child under the age of eight (8) years old and live in the 48 contiguous United States of America.
- **Where do I order this shade?** Visit www.normanchildsafety.com and follow the ordering instructions.
- **What are the limitations to this free cordless Honeycomb shade?** It is a custom-made shade for each household’s window and is offered in 2 color choices. There are certain size limitations that are specified on the www.normanchildsafety.com.
- **Is there a daily limit?** There is a daily promotion limit. If they are no longer accepting orders for the day, be sure to check back tomorrow!

For additional information on the safety commitment and

giveaway, please visit www.normanchildsafety.com. There is a limit of one free Honeycomb shade per household. Additional shades can be purchased through an authorized Norman retailer near you, which can be found at normanusa.com/where-to-buy/.

Scouting is Part of You

If you have been watching this spot on *MayflowerBSA.org*, it comes as no surprise that ScouterStan on YouTube is a favorite stop on the “InterWebs.”

Stan Richards, an Orlando-based Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver award recipient was part of a professional Scouting family. He continued his Scouting journey when his son became a Cub Scout. Later, Richards joined a district commissioner staff and now spreads his love of Scouting via YouTube, beginning that career via a Wood Badge project in 2006.

7 Knots Every Scout Should Know™ – First Knot Tying Video on YouTube – Scouting Knot

Now six seasons into his ScouterStan show/podcasts, Richards, a unit commissioner in his council, recently posted a pick-me-up video for any Scouters feeling the weight of nearly three years of tough headlines, pandemic-planning, virtual meetings, and canceled plans.

The video “Scouting is a Part of You” takes things down to brass tacks and reminds all of us who “wear the shirt” why we do what we do and why it is so important.

The video and its text are below:

Scouting is a Part of You

“Scouting is a part of you. You know how important it is for all of today’s youth. Scout leaders work hard for the benefit of others to achieve. All the while, remembering your commitments to the Scout Oath. Living an exemplary life, and putting the Scout Law into action in all that you do. You truly know that leadership is more than anyone ever thinks it is. It’s living and acting as the example, and not the exception. The young people you work with will always remember you. How you act with others will leave them smiling, and thinking about how to do better. Leaders often face many challenges and need to know they are not alone. Use all your skills and resources you have to make things better for all Scouts and Scouters. Occasionally, the difficulties cannot be resolved. When this happens your leadership is more of an example than you might think. Your character in accepting things you can not change will prove your wisdom. Always looking forward to solutions that help others find a better path. Mentoring Scouts and helping them make good decisions can only benefit everyone. As you know, Scout leaders are there, for all scouts, no matter what. One day, when your good turn is done... You can look back on all the young lives your leadership has influenced. Their success was made possible by your guidance... your leadership. When you recall all their success, remember you are a part of it. Never forget them shaking your hand and looking up at you. This is what it’s all about! You have made a real difference, and you have made a better world for being there. Scouting is a part of you... Now go make the world better for being a Scout leader.”

Meanwhile, speaking to the level of commitment necessary to be a Scouter, Stan posted a new video entitled, “Making the Most of Your Time in Scouting.”

Again, Stan spoke from the heart, honestly and purposefully, to give a lot of information on creating a fantastic program for our youth.

Making the Most of Your Time in ScoutingAre you interested in

volunteering for your local units or the Mayflower Council? Email me here and I will help you learn how.

Youth Applications Online Transition

As we continue our work to enhance the traditions of Scouting here in the 21st Century and augment the privacy and safety of our membership, the Mayflower Council will soon look to move most membership functions online. Long story short, the days of youth paper-based membership applications are coming to an end.

Mott Receives National Recognition

While we're all in it for the youth of Massachusetts; however it's great when our leaders and volunteers are recognized for their hard work.

Recently, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge (No. 1476 Plymouth) reported Plymouth's Michelle Mott was awarded "the Marvin M. Lewis Award" by the Elks National Scouting Committee.



WickedLocal.com posted:

Eight years ago, Mott's son joined Pack 47 in Plymouth, Cranberry Harbors District, Old Colony Council, now part of Mayflower Council. Within the first year, Mott was serving as den leader for her son's Tiger Den. She continued as den leader with her son for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light rank. Mott also became more involved in Pack 47 eventually becoming the Cubmaster, serving for three years. She also volunteered on the Cranberry Harbors District Committee. For the past four years, she has been involved with the Activities Committee helping to organize District and Council events ranging from 200-750 scout attendees. Chuckwagon, Webelos Woods, Webelos Klondike and Polar Challenge are some of the many events she has helped organize.

“Although fully position trained with many awards and recognitions, Mott had planned to end her tenure as a scouting volunteer when her son crossed over into a troop,” added WickedLocal. “However, the BSA made changes that affected Mott. In 2018, girls were allowed to join Cub Scouts and form girl dens, which meant Mott was going to repeat the journey she had made with her son, Adam, except this time with her daughter, Rachel.

“During all this, Mott continued to expand her Scouting skills

and training.”

Due to her hard work, Mott received the Lewis Award, which recognizes Elks members that:

- Have brought Scouting to more youth
- Have assisted local Elks lodges in forming Scouting units
- Are fully trained in the skills of Scouting and are outstanding role models
- Have contributed significantly to Elks and Scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community
- Have offered Scouting to all youth regardless of race, creed or income level, and have been instrumental in organizing Scouting units, especially in inner-city or other low-income communities

For the full article from WickedLocal.com, [click here](#). And join us in congratulating Michelle Mott for all that she does for Scouting and the Elks. If you know of a Scouter who deserves some recognition, be sure to email us here at Mayflower Council.

Extensive New Member Marketing Campaign

At their February 16 council executive board meeting, \$250k was approved for a major marketing campaign to help entice new members to join Scouting in Mayflower Council. The campaign is being directed by the Council Marketing Committee and managed by Mittcom, a local marketing firm who excels at integrated

campaigns unitizing social platforms. The executive board agreed to direct the funds from the council endowment fund.

Guidance on Donations to Ukrainian Scouting

Many volunteers have requested information on how to help Scouting in Ukraine. Please see the official statement from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) below.

WOSM recognizes one National Scout Organization per country. For Ukraine, the Member Organization is National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU). We encourage all NSOs that any Scouting support is channeled through the mechanisms made available through WOSM.

We are aware that many other non-WOSM but Scout-like entities are active in the region, including PLAST. We are not affiliated with organizations in Ukraine besides NOSU.

In most cases, the best way to help with the unfolding humanitarian crisis is to make a financial contribution through WOSM or another reputable NGO.

To directly support Scouts' humanitarian relief work in Ukraine and for refugees, you can donate [here](#). Representatives on the ground know what is needed and financial contributions help them purchase the most needed and locally-appropriate supplies.

For additional and ongoing updates, please visit [here](#).

Questions? Email International Division at the National

Council.

Resolute Ramps Up the Outdoor Experiences

So, it's March. The Freeze-Out is done. The Klondike Derby is over. Meanwhile, there are only so many times you can play "Manhunt" in and around your troop, pack, or den meeting space.

Moreover, you have some Scouts who need, need, need to do something – anything – outdoors. Well Scouters, we here at your Mayflower Council have the solution. Actually, we have many solutions.

Resolute Base Camp continues this month, and runs programs into June (and returns in the fall, too).

Here are the deets:

- Resolute Base Camp Outdoor Experience is a daytime program offered on weekends at Camp Resolute in Bolton, MA. Outdoor Experience is an exciting new program offered on weekends throughout the year. It can be a fun bonding experience or outing for families, Scouts, and units.
- All activities are run by trained and certified staff. Units can work towards specific advancements and awards while non-Scouts can participate in fun outdoor activities and skills development. Outdoor Experience is designed to allow participants to go at their own pace.
- Outdoor Experience is open to all youth **currently** in

grades K-12. *A parent/guardian or unit leader must stay with any youth attending Outdoor Experience.*

Okay, okay. I get it. I had you at “Resolute Base Camp.”

So, click here to register.

You’re welcome!

Updated Safe Swim Defense Training

In collaboration with the BSA National Aquatics Subcommittee, ScoutingU has released an updated version of “Safe Swim Defense” online training that is also mobile compatible. Since the inception of Scouting, learning to swim and engaging in aquatics activities have been core to the program. Safe Swim Defense training is required for any BSA unit who will participate in swimming activities. This online training ensures that adult leaders are prepared to facilitate safe swimming programs by reviewing the eight points of Safe Swim Defense. To access the updated training, log onto my.Scouting.org and search the catalog in the BSA Learn Center for “Safe Swim Defense.” For additional information regarding BSA aquatics programs, please refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting and the BSA’s Aquatics Supervision Guide.

FAQs

Q. Does Safe Swim Defense training have to be renewed?

A. Yes, adults supervising a swimming activity must have completed Safe Swim Defense training within the previous two years.

Q. Do I need to take the new version of Safe Swim Defense training if my current training is not expired?

A. No, you can complete the updated version of Safe Swim Defense when your current certification expires.

Q. Is Safe Swim Defense training available to take in person?

A. No, Safe Swim Defense is only available online. It is also mobile compatible.