

Silver Antelope Award

Mayflower Council would like to congratulate Chris Thorp as a recipient of the Silver Antelope Award. The Silver Antelope Award is conferred by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America upon nomination by the region for distinguished service to youth. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of the Northeast Region.

Chris has received many awards during her 32 years in Scouting, including the Silver Beaver Award, Venturing Leadership Award, Order of the Arrow Founder's Award, 50-Miler Award, Scoutmaster's Award of Merit, and Scoutmaster's Training Award. She is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, a recipient of the District Award of Merit and Advisor's Key, and has earned Wood Badge. Her proudest moments occurred when she was able to accompany her son, Robert, and daughter, Jennifer, on separate trips to Philmont.

Chris has filled a number of positions at the unit level including den leader, Webelos leader, den leader coach, committee member, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Scoutmaster. She currently serves as Crew Advisor. She has served as the district committee chair and the district camp promotions chair. At the council level, she has been training chair, vice chair and chair of camping, program vice president, and lodge adviser, and is currently activities and civic service chair. She currently sits on the Area 1 committee. She also served as host council representative to National Camp School for Camp Resolute for 10 years.

Now that she is retired, Chris has joined Camp Resolute as director with the goal of ensuring that the camp became accredited by the American Camp Association like Philmont, Northern Tier, and Sea Base.

Chris credits her success in Scouting to having the full support of her family. While her husband, Tom, is not involved in Scouting, he and her children have made many sacrifices so she could fully immerse herself in Scouting, for which she is grateful. She and Tom live in Maynard, Massachusetts.

Upgrades to Internet Advancement Now Live

Good news for unit leaders who use Internet Advancement to track their Scouts' progress along the Scouting trail. The BSA has introduced an array of upgrades designed to make your life easier. The improvements make inputting advancement updates faster, allow leaders to search advancement history in a snap and give Scouters more control over printable reports – like the kind used to make purchases at the Scout Shop.

Membership Form Update

Important Update from the National Council regarding membership forms:

New registration applications no longer have duplicate copies included. This was a conscious decision based on a units' access to member information through BSA's online systems. Units have access to both youth and adult leader information through both my.Scouting and Scoutbook, which is now free for

every unit.

Both of these systems update overnight after the registration is posted by the council through ScoutNET, or immediately after an online application is approved by the unit. Additionally, privacy of personal information is a constant growing concern today and removing these additional copies helps to keep individuals personal information from being non-securely passed around or disposed of by volunteers.

LIVE – Youth Protection Training (YPT)

We'll be offering the live version of youth protection training (YPT) for adult leaders. All our currently registered leaders should have already taken YPT in 2018, and that certification is still good for two years. But, if you have new leaders who need this training, parents who'd like to take it, or experienced leaders who want a refresher, we encourage them to come to this live training!

It covers the same material as the online course, and it offers the same credit... along with a chance to discuss and ask questions.

Pre-registration is appreciated

April 6th in Franklin

April 18th in Whitman

Membership Card & Charter Certificate Printing

The Boy Scouts of America is committed to basic operations by putting tools in the hands of volunteers. For several years now, individuals and unit key 3 have had access to print membership cards through my.scouting. In addition, functionality will be added to my.scouting by January 1, 2019, to enable members of the unit key 3 to print their unit Charter Certificate.

This “self-service” functionality allows volunteers to print membership cards and the unit charter certificate in a timely manner and enhances the on-boarding experience for new youth and adults.

Units will need to print their membership cards and charter certificate, instructions for doing so are below.

[How to print a membership card for an individual](#)

[How to print membership cards for a unit](#)

[FAQs and How To's for charter certificate printing](#)

Merit Badge University – Postponed

In an abundance of caution, the Mayflower Council has postponed the Merit Badge University and the adult training classes being offered at the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School on Saturday, March 2, 2019 due to weather conditions. While we share our participants' obvious disappointment, the safety of our participants and staff is most important. Weather tracking has indicated there is an elevated risk for significant snowfall in the area of the event. In addition, driving conditions are expected to deteriorate with the snowfall. Both of these factors have influenced this difficult decision. Saturday, March 9th will follow our Day 1 schedule and Saturday, March 23rd will follow our Day 2 schedule.

Mayflower Council Annual Report



Date: February 22, 2019

To: Mayflower Council Scouting Family

From: Council Key 3

Subject: Annual Report

Over the past year, the Mayflower Council has experienced success as well as faced some challenges, as we continue to work toward a unified council, focused on delivering the highest quality Scouting program to every young person who wants to participate. We have made great strides in improving the program and delivering the promise of Scouting to our members. There have also been areas where we fell short of our objectives. We believe in the volunteers and staff of the Mayflower Council and, with everyone pulling together, we are confident that 2019 will be the best year ever for Scouting in Southeastern Massachusetts.

This message is intended to provide you with information on where we are doing well, and where we can use additional help. Attached is the 2018 Annual Report which clearly demonstrates the impact that Scouting is having in the 62 cities and towns that we serve. Providing over 136,000 hours of community service translates to nearly \$1,500,000 of positive impact within our communities, if each hour is calculated at minimum wage. Camping opportunities, Rank advancements, and service hours are all highlighted on the attachment. Imagine the impact that we could have if we were to reach the membership objective in our Long-Range Plan of 15,000 youth members within 3 years.

Membership is one area where we have fallen short of our objectives. This is also an area where each one of us can have a positive impact! In order to grow by 8%, or roughly 900 youth members per year, each of our Packs, Troops, Crews, and Explorer Posts would need to grow by an average of 3 youth members. That sounds like a pretty small number. How many youth could you add in your unit? Five, eight, maybe even ten? Think of the lives changed and the positive impact that happens both to and through these new youth members. With the addition of Lions and Family Scouting in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA serving both boys and girls, and a renewed emphasis on Venturing and Exploring, we should be able to far exceed our

membership objective of growing by 8%! What role will you play in expanding the reach of Scouting?

Although we had a small decline in our number of units in 2018, we have already organized and registered more units in 2019 than in all of 2018. One way you and your unit can help these new units get off to a great start is to reach out and make sure they have what they need to deliver the program. Invite them to join you at one of your campouts or other activities. Let's make sure our new units and new members feel welcome and learn quickly to love the Scouting program the way we do!

The Investment in Character Campaign is another way you can help ensure that the Mayflower Council has the resources needed to deliver the promise of Scouting. The cost of providing quality facilities and support to our units is ever increasing and all council funding comes from local sources. Please consider making an investment in the local Scouting program through a unit presentation or online at: [Donate Here](#).

If you know of others who believe in the values of Scouting, please share this link with them as well so that they can consider making an investment in the character of thousands of local young people.

These are exciting times in Scouting! We have more opportunities than ever before, and we have the team that can expand this program in ways we can only imagine. Thank you for all you have done, and will do, to deliver the promise of Scouting to the youth that we serve!

The Mayflower Council, BSA publishes an annual report containing membership numbers, financial statements, and program updates. It is released each year during the Council Annual Meeting in late January.

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The Boy Scouts of America helps build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and life long values with fun and adventures. Scouting provides opportunities for leaders and members to create the next generation of confident, responsible, and productive citizens.



11,252 TOTAL Members



Venturing Nominations

Leadership

The VOA is beginning to accept nominations for the Venturing Leadership Award.

Venturing Leadership Award

In order to recognize Venturers who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law.

Qualifications

- Be registered and involved as a Venturer for at least one year.
- Hold a leadership position or an office at the unit, district, council.

- Show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers

Guidelines

- The nomination form linked below must be used for council Venturing Leadership Award consideration.
- The nomination form must be submitted by April 15, 2019.
- The nomination forms must be submitted to: Robert Lewis
- Attach letters of recommendation from Venturers, Scouters, acquaintances, teachers, place of worship, etc
- Youth nominations may be submitted for up to one year past the youth's 21st birthday.

Nomination Form

Important: Online Youth Protection Update

Information about online Youth Protection Training:

At the end of February, the online Youth Protection Course will be replaced with an updated version. Help spread the word to all leaders that any courses in progress (completions of some but not all of the required four modules) will be lost when the course is updated. For example, if a leader had completed one, two, or three of the four modules, but had not completed all four, their completed modules will be erased and they will have to start over again to complete all four required modules. You must have completed all four modules successfully by February 28th, as the new Learning Plan will be launched March 1, 2019 .

If you have started-but not completed-the current Y01 (YPT-2) Youth Protection Training:

You must complete the training before March 1, 2019, or any progress you have made will not transfer, due to the new learning plan. Otherwise, you may simply start over with the new training plan on March 1, 2019.

If you HAVE already completed the current Y01 (YPT-2) Youth Protection Training:

You WILL NOT be affected. You DO NOT have to retake the training when the March 1, 2019 course is released.

This update will include new policies and procedures implemented since the course was first released in February 2018, however our Youth Protection and Health and Safety policies, guidelines and procedures are continually being updated and revised. The on-line version of the Guide to Safe Scouting is the single most up to date source of our commitment to Safe Scouting.

Youth Protection certifications will continue to be valid for a two year period.

When the course update is complete, four new VOLUNTARY modules will be added and will be available under the "VOLUNTARY programs." These include:

1. Physical Abuse
2. Neglect
3. Emotional Abuse
4. Witnessing Violence

These new, VOLUNTARY modules will provide leaders with knowledge about other forms of abuse.

Guide to Safe Scouting Has Been Updated

All participants in official Scouting activities should become familiar with the Guide to Safe Scouting. The Guide to Safe Scouting is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures gleaned from a variety of sources. For some items, the policy statements are complete. Unit leaders are expected to review the additional reference material cited prior to conducting such activities.

The Guide to Safe Scouting has been updated for 2019. Download or view the latest version by clicking [here](#)

UPDATES TO THE GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING:

1. Updated language throughout to reference “Scouts BSA” rather than “Boy Scouts.”
2. Youth Protection and Adult Leadership Clarified language in the Adult Supervision and Accommodations sections.
3. Camping Updated information about Webelos overnight camping. Corrected publication number for Pack Overnight.
4. Campout Site Appraisal Form and provided URL to access form.
5. Sports and Activities Clarified Sea Scout participation in Climbing and Rappelling section.
6. Animal and Insect Hazards Replaced entire chapter.
7. Incident Reporting Provided URL for incident reporting.
8. Appendix Replaced Event Safety Checklist.

For more information about Scouting Safety click [here](#).