

# 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](mailto: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!

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# **“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](https://251sa.org/fundraisingform)
- Council Calendar: [mayflowerbsa.org/events](https://mayflowerbsa.org/events)

#### NYLT Sign Up:

- Squanto: [scoutingevent.com/251-NYLT2024](https://scoutingevent.com/251-NYLT2024)
- Nobscot: [scoutingevent.com/251-NYLTNobscot2024](https://scoutingevent.com/251-NYLTNobscot2024)

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# **“Around The Campfire” Podcast – Episode Four**

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May 2024 episode features:

Rick Riopelle; Deputy Scout Executive discussing Scouting name change, announcements from the annual meeting and Council Procedures about incident reporting.

Andrea Watson; Director of Outdoor Programs and Properties for Scouting American discussing safe outdoor activities and providing a Jamboree 2026 update

Alyssa Budd Eagle Scout from Troop 424 discussing her Eagle Scout Project which recently won Council and Territory recognition for Project of the Year.

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# BSA Changes Its Name To Scouting America

*The new name reflects the continuing efforts to welcome everyone to experience the benefits of Scouting.*

**Milford, Mass. (May 7, 2024)** – The Boy Scouts of America today announced that it will be changing its name to Scouting America. This change reflects the organization’s ongoing commitment to welcoming every youth in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. The name change will go into effect on February 8, 2025, the organization’s 115<sup>th</sup> birthday.

This announcement also comes as the organization celebrates the fifth anniversary of welcoming girls into Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA programs. Boy Scouts of America currently serves 176,234 girls and young women across all programs, including more than 6,000 who have earned Eagle Scout status.

“We’re excited to be a part of Scouting America’s national launch!” said Council Executive Juan Osorio. “Here at Mayflower Council, we’ve always believed that Scouting is for all young people who are ready for adventure, leadership, and service. This new name reflects that commitment on a national scale, and we’re thrilled to welcome even more youth into our programs. We’re especially proud of the many



young women who have thrived in *Council Executive Juan*  
Scouting these past five years, with *Osorio*  
thousands achieving the prestigious  
Eagle Scout rank. Scouting America  
opens a new chapter, and we can't wait  
to see what the future holds for all  
Scouts!"

Scouting America builds on the organization's 114 years of helping America's youth. Its ongoing goal is to provide young people with a safe environment where they can learn meaningful life skills and have fun, educational experiences, fostering their growth and future outcomes as leaders, and be prepared for life. At the same time, values instilled by the Scout Oath and Law help prepare young people for lives of purpose and impact.

Mayflower Council, established in 2017, is the result of the consolidation of Scouting programming that has served Greater Metro West and the South Shore areas of Massachusetts for over a century. Comprised of territory that was once part of the Algonquin, Norumbega, Knox Trail, Squanto, and Old Colony Councils, the Mayflower Council is rich with the traditions and history of generations of Scouts and Scouting families.

More than 130 million Americans have been through Scouting programs since its founding in 1910, and currently, more than 1 million youth, including both men and women, are served by 477,000 dedicated adult volunteers in local councils throughout the country. To date, more than 2.75 million youth have earned Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to supporting the nation's youth, Scouting America will continue to be an important asset to strengthen our communities, having provided more than 7 million hours of volunteer services for community improvement and other projects across the country.

## About Scouting America

Scouting America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®"



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America's youth into its programs. Our goal is to give them fantastic experiences in the outdoors, and elsewhere, where they can grow with us in a safe environment. More than 130 million Americans have been through our programs since our founding, and currently more than 1 million youth are served by 477,000 dedicated adult volunteers in local councils throughout the country.

To learn more about Scouting America's mission, visit [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org).

## About Mayflower Council



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Headquartered in Milford, Massachusetts, the Mayflower Council serves the Metrowest and South Shore areas sharing the fantastic benefits of Scouting to over 6,900 youth and 2,900 volunteer adults in 2023. The Boy Scouts of America continues to prepare young people for life by providing the nation's

foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. Learn more about the Mayflower Council at [www.mayflowerbsa.org](http://www.mayflowerbsa.org).

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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

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# **“Around The Campfire” Podcast – Episode Two**

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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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## **“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!

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## Always Room for More – Earn A Recruiter Patch

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Earn your “Recruiter” patch in 2023

The founder of the Scouting movement, Sir Robert Baden Powell – better known as B-P in Scout circles – once said:

“An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.” In the spirit of that wise sentiment, the Mayflower Council is looking for some recruiting help.

And who better to ask than the Scouts themselves?

During the months of November and December, we encourage individual Scouts to look to their friend groups and ask potential Scouts to join them at a meeting.

Scouts who successfully recruit a friend will receive a “Recruiter” patch courtesy of the Mayflower Council – we’ll provide it free!

There are three steps to earn the badge:

1. Encourage your Scouts to encourage a friend to attend an upcoming meeting or event and join before December 31.
2. When a Scout recruits their friend, a Scoutmaster or Cubmaster completes this form.
3. We will ship the Recruiter Badge to your unit to award to your recruiters as part of your next Court of Honor or rank advancement. We will also send the newly enrolled Scout a “Welcome” letter.

It’s as simple as that.

Meanwhile, we’re hoping to build on the work everyone put in during “Join Scouting Day” and “Slices for Scouting” and bring even more youth into BSA membership via Mayflower Council.

And we know that our Scouts are up for the challenge. So, let’s get to it!