



# Scouting America™

## Boy Scouts of America to Become Scouting America

The Boy Scouts of America announced that it will rebrand to Scouting America, reflecting the organization's ongoing commitment to welcome every youth and family in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. The change will go into effect on February 8, 2025, the organization's 115th anniversary.



*ANNOUNCEMENT*



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# National Membership Fee Changes & Council Activity Fee Changes

## 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**



*Read the Update*



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# BACKGROUND CHECK



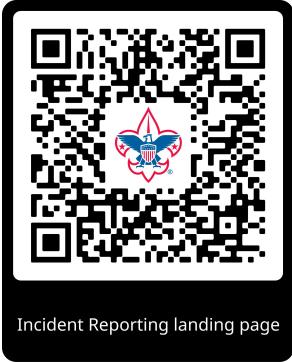
## New Requirements Regarding Background Checks!

**A criminal background check must be completed before new leaders can participate as an active adult leader beginning March 1, 2024.**

The BSA requires criminal background checks for all Scouting leaders. The background checks are administered by a nationally recognized third party that also provides this service to many local, state and federal governments; educational institutions; and other nonprofits.



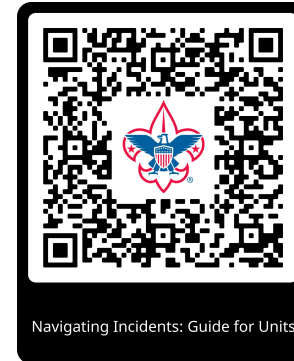
# Scouting.org Page Relaunch on Incident Reporting



We are excited to announce the relaunch of the Incident Reporting landing page! The updates to the landing page aim to streamline the reporting process, provide comprehensive guidance for units and offer valuable resources for handling various incidents.

## Navigating Incidents, A 5 Step Guide for Units

- Step 1: Immediate Safety
- Step 2: Grasp the Full Situation
- Step 3: Document the Incident Thoroughly
- Step 4: Notify the Local Council
- Step 5: Follow Up with Care



In our Mayflower Council submit incident reports to:  
[incidentreport@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:incidentreport@mayflowerbsa.org)



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## Families should verify my.scouting Email Addresses

Members are now responsible for paying their annual membership fees on the anniversary of their join date. Notifications will be sent to members/families at 60, 30, 15, 7 and 1 day prior to the anniversary date of the member. They can either pay online with Credit Card or Opt-Out to choose not to renew. Families should verify their email addresses in my.scouting.org so that these notices are sent to the appropriate addresses. Please contact the Membership & Unit Service Team with any questions.





WE'RE TRANSITIONING TO  
**ONLINE ONLY**  
ADULT LEADER APPLICATIONS

Effective January 1, 2023

The days of adult  
paper-based  
membership  
applications have  
come to an end!

Our goal is to simplify Scouting for leaders and to drive usage of the BSA Online Registration System (rather than the old paper-based membership applications process).

Scan the QR code  
to see all the benefits of online applications and to  
get answers to frequently asked questions



MORE INFO



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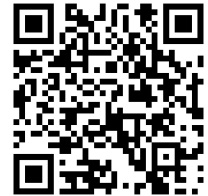
# 3 EASY STEPS FOR COMPLETING ONLINE ADULT APPLICATIONS

Adult applications can now be submitted online through your unit PIN on BeAScout.org!  
***Please have applicants follow these 3 steps in order*** to ensure that your Adult Applications can be processed easily:

**STEP 1:** Have applicant take and complete required Youth Protection Training on **my.scouting.org**

- They should write down the Scout ID assigned to them...they will need it as part of Step 3!
- Upon successful completion, they will receive an email with a certificate

**STEP 2:** Applicant should complete a Massachusetts CORI Form  
(Can be done online using the QR Code or go to **mayflowerbsa.org/membership**)



**STEP 3:** Have Applicant complete the Online Adult Application using your unit's **BeAScout.org** PIN

- When they are asked if they have a my.scouting.org account, they will need their Scout ID to avoid having multiple accounts





# MassJam Merch Sale

## September 28, 2024

Did you miss the chance to purchase MassJam souvenirs last year? Or the online post sales event? Well, here is your chance to pick up those items at a sale price! The Camp Resolute trading post will be open during the Resolute Challenge Camporee on September 28<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Mayflower Council.

Sign your unit up to attend the camporee today!

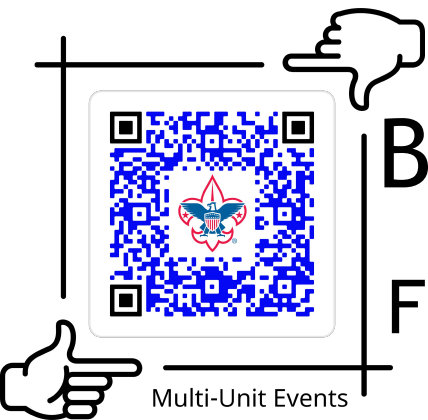


What we have.....	
Back and Participant Patches	Hats & Hat Pins
Fleece Vests & T-shirts	Pens, flashlights, chargers
CSP's – single and sets	Water bottles
Mugs, belt buckles	And much, much, more!

Contact [christhorp@verizon.net](mailto:christhorp@verizon.net) with questions



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Multi-Unit Events

# BSA Multi-Unit Policy Reminder!

## From the Guide to Safe Scouting

“Local council approval is needed for unit-coordinated overnight camping activities involving other units not chartered by the same organization. Units that wish to host events involving other units that do not share the same charter partner must have approval from their council. This includes events for packs, troops, crews, and ships from the same council; neighboring councils; the same territory; or other territory.”

### For Clarity:

**Single Unit Events – No Permission Required**

**Multiple Units from the Same Charter Org – No Permission Required**

**Multiple Units from DIFFERENT Charter Orgs – Permission Required**

**Follow the QR Code below to the request form**



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# What's the BSA Policy on Siblings Attending Events?

Cub Scouts is a family centric program and scouts are encouraged to participate in activities as a family.

## What does this mean?

This means that, per the National BSA Guidelines and the Guide to Safe Scouting; parents and siblings are welcome to attend any pack level events or overnights including Pack Meetings, Campouts, and Council Level events like the Chuckwagon Derby or Halloween Fun Day. When attending events, siblings are the responsibility of their parents or guardians and should not interfere with the general program of the event.

Siblings cannot attend Webelos/AOL Den level overnight events, Troop events, Venturing, or Sea Scout Events unless the event is open to families and the community such as a Court of Honor or Volunteer event. Additionally, any sibling over the age of 18 must be a registered adult with BSA to attend any pack or council events.

Andrea Watson, National Director of Camping and Outdoor Programs, said it best!

*"The Guide to Safe Scouting states 'Cub Scout camping is a family-centric program.'*

*(see <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss03/>)*

*Siblings are part of a family."*



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# Policy Reminder

## GoFundMe and Similar Platforms

Did you know, BSA does allow for the use of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party fundraising platforms like GoFundMe to raise money for Eagle Scout projects.

However, the fundraiser needs to be organized/run under the Tax ID information of the beneficiary group for tax purposes or your scout can be held liable.

Your scout should NOT use: their own ID, their parent's ID, the Troop's Tax ID, or the Charter Org (unless the CO is also the beneficiary) for their GoFundMe fundraiser.

Questions or concerns? Reach out to  
[CouncilAdvancementChair@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:CouncilAdvancementChair@mayflowerbsa.org) or  
[Logan@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:Logan@mayflowerbsa.org)





Webelos Adventure Meet



# Fall Events for Your Webelos and AOL Scouts

**Webelos Woods @ Camp Squanto 9/28**

**Webelos Adventure Meet @ Camp Resolute 10/19**

Come for a day of activity stations and fun! Both events will see scouts completing required and elective advancements while enjoying a day with their friends and families.

This will also give your scouts a chance to spend some time exploring our camps before they cross over to their troop.

More info and registration available through the Mayflower Website Calendar!



Webelos Woods



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# Baloo

@ *Resolute*  
9/28 to 9/29

@ *Squanto*  
10/19 to  
10/20



# CPR/AED

Classes from  
Sept to June



# IOLS

@ *Squanto*  
11/2 to 11/3



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# Fall Camporees!

Resolute Challenge @ Camp Resolute 9/27-29

Quest for Adventure @ Camp Squanto POSTPONED



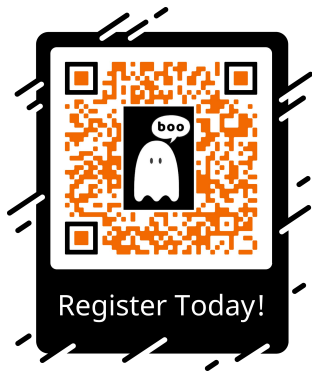
Test your skills and teamwork at the Resolute Challenge Camporee! Compete in exciting challenges like knot tying, first aid, and orienteering. Earn points for your patrol and win prizes! Join us for a weekend of fun, friendship, and adventure at Camp Resolute.



***\*This event has been postponed due to EEE\**** - Join us for an unforgettable adventure at Camp Squanto! Experience a world of fantasy and fun at our Quest-Themed Camporee, where you'll embark on thrilling challenges and uncover hidden treasures. Can you conquer the Quest before time runs out? Don't miss this epic event!



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# Halloween Cub Fun Day

## Join us for a ghostly good time!

**Where:** Camp Squanto (200 Cuttersfield Rd Plymouth, MA)

**When:** October 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 8:30am-3:30pm

**What to Wear:** your best Halloween costume or outfit of course!

But please no weapons and keep them scout appropriate.

**What to Bring:** Your Cub Scout 6 Essentials and a brown bag lunch

Cubs will rotate through stations around camp to complete activities, crafts, and games. For more information or to register your cubs, follow the QR Code above to the Calendar event. Leader guides will be posted shortly!





# 2024 September Ordeal

## Tantamous Lodge 223

**Tantamous Lodge will be hosting our September Ordeal at Camp Squanto on November 1st-3rd.** All current Order of the Arrow Members are welcome to attend or help staff the Ordeal. Register with the QR Code Below!

- Any unit youth member elected to the OA or adult nominated into the OA may complete their Ordeal and become a member of the OA at the Ordeal!
- Any Ordeal Member of the OA who has had at least six months pass since their Ordeal may Seal their Membership into the OA and become a Brotherhood member at the Ordeal!





# Mayflower Spartan Race

Are your scouts up to the challenge?

This November 11<sup>th</sup> we are partnering with Spartan Races and the Spartan Kids Foundation for their annual races at Fenway Park!

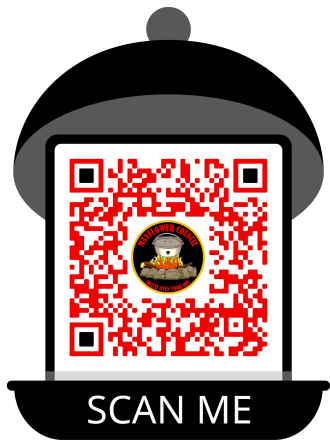
ANY Mayflower Registered scout can participate in the race free of charge!

Scouts 13 and under will race in one of the youth races  
Youth Tickets come with spectator passes for adults  
Scouts 14 and up will race in the adult race  
Spectator passes can be purchased for adult races

Any Adult Tickets sold for any Spartan Race between now and 12/31/2024 that use our Mayflower code, a significant portion of the proceeds will be donated to Mayflower Council!

Tickets are limited! Scan the QR code above and complete the Google Doc to request your free codes.





# Second Annual Dutch Oven Cook-Off

November 9<sup>th</sup> at Nobscot Reservation  
Haydenland Meadow 10:30am – 2pm

- Units, register your Scouts and leaders to join us for a day of music, games, and delicious food.
- Youth Patrols of up to 6 scouts can register for 1 of 3 food categories (\$20 entrance fee):
  - Breakfast
  - Dinner
  - Cracker Barrel
- Adult Patrols are encouraged to enter our King of the Cast Iron - Open Menu Category (\$20 entrance fee)
- Spectators will vote on their overall favorite dish for the Wooden Spoon Award

**Will Troop 219 G Retain their title  
or will a new patrol win the  
Wooden Spoon??**



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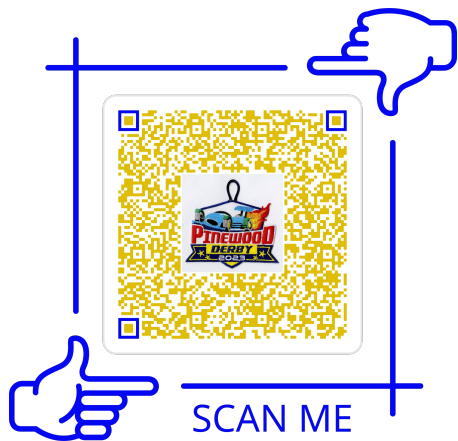
NOVA DAY

# NOVA Day @ Camp Squanto

- Join us for a day of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and most of all FUN!
- Friday December 27<sup>th</sup> at Camp Squanto
- \$20 Registration Fee per Scout
- Event is open to Scouts, BSA; Venturing; and Cub Scouts!
- Cubs will complete 2 NOVA Awards while the Scouts, BSA and Venturing Scouts will complete 1 NOVA Award
- To register follow the QR Code above!



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# Pinewood Derby Season is Closer Than it Appears

- It's never too early to start planning for Pinewood Derby!
- Cutting cost is \$3 per car
- Staff will have 20+ design templates on hand and scouts will learn about the physics of racing while creating an awesome car!
- Our traveling PWD store will also have weights, wheels, car kits, and tools for sale.
- Interested in hosting a PWD Cutting Day at your Charter Org?
  - Follow the QR Code and send an email to Logan.
  - Dates are starting to fill up so book your event today!



## *Friends of Scouting – What We All Focus on Grows...*

Our council focuses on helping our Scouts build upon their confidence, skills, and character to make a positive impact on the world around them.

All this is done by providing as many program opportunities as possible and support to our individual units and none of this is possible without the financial support of our “Friends of Scouting”.

Please consider becoming a financial “Friend of Scouting”. Not matter the size of a gift, know it is greatly appreciated and will help to grow Scouting for future generations.

Anyone who can make a gift of \$100 or more will receive a special Friends of Scouting patch, which this year highlights the communities of Scituate and Newton.



TO DONATE



# Thank you!



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