

2024 Squanto Camp Guide



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MAYFLOWER BSA RESIDENT CAMP SQUANTO OVERVIEW

Resident Camp is a fun week-long overnight camping experience for Scouts BSA that provides those who attend an exciting program of education, adventure and purpose. It is an excellent environment to promote character, citizenship, and fitness as well as meet other Scouts, earn merit badges or take advantage of advancement opportunities.



At Camp Squanto, it is our mission to provide a safe, educational, and exciting week-long program for all members of Scouts BSA looking for an adventure. We take pride in our camp, keeping it clean and filled with the Scouting Spirit. The hard working, lively, and helpful attitude of our staff means our program is always stimulating, unique, and catered to the needs of all Scouts who attend.

We offer a host of merit badges and activities, including aquatics, handicraft, life & sciences, nature, scoutcraft, and shooting sports.

Advancement opportunities are plenty, but we offer a program that is so much more. A week at Camp Squanto gives Scouts not only an opportunity to learn, but to have fun, meet other Scouts, and experience the great outdoors. From our waterfront on Fawn Pond to our five-mile nature trail, there is much to enjoy, especially when surrounded by our vibrant staff. Our camp is open to all registered youth members of the Boy Scouts of America without regard to race, color, creed or financial status. So please join us this summer for an adventure of a lifetime. Whether you enjoy paddling a canoe across a crystal-clear pond, listening to bugle sounds as Old Glory climbs to the top of the flagpole, reelin' in a bass, landing a bulls-eye at the archery range, eating a delicious Dutch oven dessert, stretching for the next rock on the climbing wall, laughing around the campfire, or taking a leisurely stroll along our hiking trails, there is much to enjoy when camping with Mayflower Council, especially when surrounded by our vibrant staff and the great outdoors. We hope you enjoy being a part of the Spirit of Squanto.

2024 Scouts BSA Resident Camp Dates – Theme: *Music*

Week 1 7.7.24-7.13.24

Week 2 7.14.24-7.20.24

Week 3 7.21.24-7.27.24

Week 4 7.28.24-8.3.24

Week 5 8.4.24-8.10.24

Adventure Overnight (Webelos and Friends) 8.11.24-8.14.24

Camping Rates (Per Camper)

The Early bird cost is \$560 if paid in full by 3.1.24, After 3.1.24 the cost is \$610.

Second sibling or Second week receive an \$85 discount

New 2024 crossovers have until 6.30.24 for the Early bird pricing

Free adults: Each unit receives 2 free adults for the first 10 Scouts, then an additional free adult for every 10 Scouts

Registrations must be paid in full before selecting merit badges.

Payment in Full Due 5.1.2024

Troop Camping Registration

If you are attending with your troop, please contact them to register. Troop leaders will need to use their individual login information to register all youth and adult participants, sign up for camp activities and make payments.

Scouts must be paid in full before they can select merit badges.

BSA member ID and CampDoc profile are required for all Adults and Scouts when registering.

Registering a troop for resident camp consists of two steps: campsite reservation and camper registration. Campsite reservations require a \$300 fee and can be made by leaders up to a year in advance.

Provisional Camper

Those attending without their troop or for an additional week, in addition to the troop week, should register as a provisional camper.

Refund Policy:

Refunds will be issued through May 30, 2024. After June 1, 2024, refunds will be issued for medical reasons only. There is a non-refundable administration fee of \$75 for each registered program or session applied to all cancellations, regardless of date or reason. All summer camp refund requests must be made no later than August 20, 2024 using the online form located on our website. No summer camp refund requests will be processed after August 20, 2024. Reservation fees are non-refundable

A. MAYFLOWER COUNCIL BSA SUMMER CAMP GUIDELINES

The Camp's administrative staff work year-round to ensure the program provided during your week at camp is the best experience possible.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. These rules and regulations are implemented to ensure proper conduct at Camp Squanto, to keep the camp in good condition, and to ensure the safety of all that use the facilities. We appreciate your decision to camp with us and we hope you have a great time. The Mayflower Council BSA follows the Guide to Safe Scouting, a copy of which can be located at scouting.org.

1. THE PURPOSE OF SUMMER CAMP

The purpose of good Scouting and Scout camping is to train boys and girls in good character, vital citizenship, and personal fitness. The objectives of the Camp Staff and of the camp program are to serve the needs of the troop and the Scouts. In outdoor Scouting activities, simple skills of camp craft, woodcraft, aquatics, personal fitness, and living in a democratic society are at a premium. They are important because:

- Learning skills and advancing bring self-confidence.
- Solving immediate camping problems brings self-reliance.
- Vigorous outdoor exercise promotes personal fitness.
- Knowing what to do and doing it promotes personal initiative.
- Making group decisions and implementing them develop cooperation.
- Facing certain hardships with other Scouts makes life-long friends.
- Experiencing nature develops outdoor appreciation and spiritual awareness.

At Camp Squanto, we intend to reproduce and strengthen the processes by which a troop

ideally operates when it is in its home community. We do not intend to replace the Scoutmaster or the Patrol Leaders Council but, rather, to work with them and through them in determining the needs of individual troops and of the Scouts in them.

Camp will be more than out-of-doors; it will bring an intense and vital training session for the troops that come and for the boys and girls they bring. It is a vital part of the Scouting program and will endeavor to build Scouts and troops by supplying them with the challenges, opportunities, and rewards of Scouting, in an intensive and reinforcing way. This, in turn, assists the Scouts and troops to continue to determine their own program and effectively operate through their own leadership.

Rules for acceptance and participation in all sessions of this camp are the same for everyone, without regard to race, color, or national origin.

2. CONTACT INFORMATION

Camp Squanto is owned and operated by the Mayflower Council, Boy Scouts of America. All questions, concerns, and payments will be handled by the Mayflower Council service center located at: 83 Cedar St. Milford, MA 01757. Phone: 508-872-6551 Fax: 508-872-9092. Camp Squanto complies with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and are licensed by the local boards of health.

Parents should send mail early in the week or even the end of the prior week to make sure it arrives in camp before the Scout's departure.

SQUANTO MAIL & PHONE

Mail:

Name of Scout, Troop# & Campsite

PO Box 931

S. Carver, MA 02366

Phone: (508) 224-2010

(Street address For GPS and large

packages: 200 Cuttersfield Road,

Plymouth, MA 02360)

3. SCOUTMASTER/SENIOR PATROL LEADER PRE-CAMP PLANNING

Kick Off Meeting: Monday January 29, 2024 7pm Zoom.

[2024 Mayflower Council Summer Camp Kick Off Meeting Sign Up](#)

Pre-Camp Meeting:

The Monday evening before you leave for camp there is a meeting at Squanto for the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader to get an overview of camp in 2024 and to assist you in programming before you arrive in camp. When you arrive please check in at the camp office. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm in the Reynolds Room. Any last-minute administrative instructions and details will be given to you at this time.

There will also be a virtual option provided;

Squanto 2024 pre camp leaders meeting

Mondays 7:00 – 9:00pm

Video call link: [Squanto 2024 Monday Pre camp meetings](#)

It is very important that all troops have at least one representative at this planning session .

During the planning session you should expect:

- An explanation and discussion of camp and Troop administrative policies including the merit badge enrollment and change process.
- An explanation and discussion of program activities and Troop advancement opportunities during your week at camp.
- A round-robin with area directors to schedule your true program for the coming week. Area directors have the responsibility of ensuring equal afternoon program opportunities for each troop but they reserve the right to restrict your scheduling until all units have visited them.
- An update on program changes
- An update on the status of your troop's medical forms through CampDoc.

4. CAMP ARRIVAL & FIRST DAY

Once at camp

- Troops will be given an assigned time of arrival at the Monday meeting. Arrival times will be between 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Scouts and gear will be dropped at labeled campsite markers in the parking lot.
- The camp gates will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to allow trailers and gear to be brought into the campsite. At 11 a.m. the gates are closed and locked and any vehicles will have to stay at the site until the end of the day for safety reasons.
- Staff is not available to assist leaders until 1 p.m.
- After dropping the trailer and/or gear, all troops and leaders must leave camp. BSA rules require a medical officer to be on site which is not available until 1 pm.
- Leaders will meet troops at the assigned campsite marker at their designated time.
- When the entire troop has arrived, the leader will proceed to the Welcome Lodge porch to check in and receive wristbands.
- A staff member acting as your site host will accompany the troop to the dining hall for medication drop off and food allergy discussion, and then to the waterfront for swim tests and or safety talk. Swim test information is included below.
- After the waterfront The Troop will proceed to his campsite with the site host for campsite inspection and to account for existence and condition of campsite equipment.
- Lunch is not served so we advise campers and parents to eat before arrival at camp. The Trading Post will be open for light refreshments and snacks.
- All groups are responsible for any and all damage done to camp property during their stay.

Camp orientation:

Staff will offer orientation sessions once your troop has been checked into camp. These sessions can include rules of the camp, an overview of the facility and daily schedules.

Swim tests:

At the start of the camp week, we are required by the BSA to test every camper for swimming ability. You should keep records on those tests for campers returning for multiple weeks. We encourage all campers to test to the highest ability with which they are comfortable and we do provide instructional swimming during the week. Everyone in Camp is required to receive the safety talk, be fitted for a

lifejacket, and to receive their buddy tag at the waterfront on day one. Campers may take a swim test prior to Camp if done in a similar body of water and administered by a pre-approved instructor. Please bring a signed sheet with the lifeguards signature and information, along with the status of your swim checks.

Troop meeting:

When the troop has returned to the campsite, we suggest you hold a troop meeting to discuss items which you feel are of importance to your campers. The camp strongly recommends that you include these issues in your meeting:

- Sunday schedule
- Daily schedule and routine
- Campsite cleaning
- Health and safety rules
- Importance of a clean Camp
- Use of the buddy system at all times
- Dining hall procedures and manners in food serving
- Your personal and Troop expectations of your unit members
- Emergency procedures
- Early morning, Siesta, and lights out are "quiet time" in camp
- Encourage your Scouts to talk with the Camp staff to get to know them or if they have any concerns
- The Scout Law is the law of the camp
- The availability of the provisional troop camping for Scouts who might wish to come back for another week.

Vehicles:

Vehicles must be kept in the main parking lot; no vehicles are allowed at the campsites. Anyone with physical limitations which may require a vehicle for transport are required to notify the camp director in writing 1 week prior to arrival. Camp Squanto will have Camp trucks to help transport unit gear to their sites during check-in on Sunday.

Paperwork:

- All medical forms and authorization forms will be submitted in advance of camp through CampDoc. All adults staying in camp are required to have completed CORI/SORI forms and YPT done in advance and be registered with the BSA.
- Please provide **three** copies of a unit roster to be verified and signed off on at camp.
- For contact purposes throughout the week, please provide a list of each attending adult's cell phone number
- All balances should be paid in full by 5.1.24. Late registrants will need to be paid in full at registration. No walk ins please.
- Be aware and be prepared to discuss special accommodation requests with the Camp Director and Health Officer.

Miscellaneous:

- All groups are restricted to their assigned site's building only. No one should be in another troop site without permission.

- Adults from your group should check your site regularly for cleanliness, possible damage, or other concerns
- Do not move equipment of any kind in or out of any site or building should you require assistance please request the help of the Camp staff.
- It is expected that all facilities used will be cleaned before departure.

Visiting:

Family and friends are welcome during check in on Sundays. They may tour the camp and take advantage of our Trading Post and family picnic areas. All visitors are required to sign in at the camp office and will receive a visitor identification that must be worn while in Camp. There is no Parent night, but visitors are welcome during the week, simply check in at the office and receive a visitors wristband.

Pets:

Please remind parents and leaders that they cannot bring pets to visit or stay at camp. This is especially important during check-in and check-out. The parking lot is crowded with many people and vehicles, so pets cannot be out of the vehicles.

5. LEADERSHIP

- All adults are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the SCOUT OATH and LAW.
- A minimum of two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or older, are required to accompany each troop. National BSA policy requires that male and female campers have segregated sleeping arrangements. Female troops must have at least 1 registered adult female leader 21 years old or older.
- All units are required to meet standards of the Guide to Safe Scouting in regard to age/supervision/guidelines for Scout BSA camping. Go to scouting.org for more information. Groups arriving with only one leader will not be permitted to remain in camp.
- Please review these rules and regulations with all the members in your group. **All leaders** must meet the BSA leader requirements, including current adult membership, Youth Protection Training, the new criminal background check, a SORI and a **camp** CORI (this is different than the membership CORI) report done by the Mayflower Council. CORI reports are only done by authorized personnel as outlined by the State of Massachusetts. Please be aware that all adults serving in a supervisory capacity in camp **MUST** have a current YPT and a camp CORI & SORI done even if they are not staying overnight. CORI and SORI links are in each adult CampDoc Health form.
- The Free Leader fee schedule is as follows:

● 1 – 10	campers	Two free leaders
● 11 – 20	campers	Three free leaders
● 21 - 30	campers	Four free leaders
● 31 - 40	campers	Five free leaders
● 41 - 50	campers	Six free leaders
- The fee for all leaders beyond this schedule is \$150.00 per week. This helps to cover food and other expenses. Part Time adults are \$25.00 per day.

Youth Protection Policy:

All adults attending Camp Squanto MUST have an up to date Youth Protection Training certificate. Mayflower BSA has a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all who camp there. Camp leaders and staff must be alert to several types of possible abuse: physical, emotional, sexual, and neglect.

If you suspect abuse of any kind, follow the BSA Youth Protection Policy. The Camp Director must be notified and given a report of any incidence of child abuse. The report must include as much supporting information as possible. The report is to be kept confidential. Tell only those who have a need to know. Above all, protect the dignity and privacy of the victim. Please refer to the BSA Safe Scouting Guide for additional information on this matter.

Discipline:

Campers attending our Camp are expected to always maintain appropriate behavior. Respect for all members of the camp community and camp facilities is expected at all times. Discipline and guidance at Camp Squanto shall be consistent and based upon current American Academy of Pediatrics Childcare Guidance on effective discipline and an understanding of the individual needs and development of a child. Camp Squanto has created the following procedures to direct discipline to the goal of maximizing the growth and development of the children and for protecting the group and individuals within it.

Prohibited Discipline:

- Corporal punishment, including spanking, is prohibited.
- No camper shall be subjected to cruel or severe punishment, humiliation, or verbal abuse.
- No camper shall be denied food, water or shelter as a form of punishment.
- No child shall be punished for soiling, wetting or not using the toilet.

The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper when, in the Director's judgment, the camper's behavior interferes with the rights of others, prevents the smooth functioning of a group or activity, or violates the camp's principles of conduct.

Bullying or Hazing:

Hazing, Bullying or Pranks of any type are not permitted at Camp Squanto or anywhere in Scouting. Troops or individuals engaging in such activities will be asked to leave camp without the advantage of a refund.

Prevention of Abuse and Neglect:

Camp Squanto has developed and will follow these procedures for reporting of any suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect in accordance with procedures described in M.G.L. c. 119, § 51A. The procedures are:

- All staff shall immediately report any suspected child abuse or neglect. The report shall be made either to the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families or its successor, or to the camp director.
- The camp director shall immediately report suspected abuse or neglect to the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, or its successor.
- The camp director shall notify in writing the Department and the Board of Health if a report is filed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 119, § 51A alleging abuse or neglect of a child while in the care of the

recreational camp for children or during a program-related activity. The report filed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 119, § 51A itself shall not be forwarded to the Department or Board of Health.

- The camp director shall cooperate in all official investigations of abuse or neglect, including identifying parents of campers currently or previously enrolled in the camp who may have been in contact with the subject of the investigation.
- The camp director shall ensure an allegedly abusive or neglectful staff person shall not have any unsupervised contact with campers until the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families investigation is completed.

Strictly Prohibited Items:

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- Alcoholic beverages, marijuana, and any illegal substances
- Fireworks
- Pets of any kind
- Motorized bikes, four wheelers, bicycles, etc.
- Sheath knives
- Power equipment such as chainsaws, electric generators, etc.
- Aerosol cans OF ANY KIND
- Harassment or “pranking” other groups
- Personal firearms or ammunition. Only camp-owned .22 caliber firearms and ammunition are permitted in camp. All personal bows and arrows must be checked at the camp office upon arrival.
- Disturbing wildlife or their habitat
- Cutting, digging, defacing or destroying trees or plants
- Littering – A Scout is Clean!
- Trenching or digging of holes.
- Carving of buildings or trees.
- An adult must supervise ax and hatchet use. No double bit axes.
- Smoking, e-cigarettes, and personal vaporizers (vapes) are not allowed in any building, camp structure or on camp premises. Adults may smoke in approved smoking locations. Do not litter; take your butts with you! The National Council, BSA recommends NO SMOKING at any event with youth present.
- Any item deemed by camp leadership to be unsafe or used in an unsafe manner.

Possession and/or use of any of these items will result in dismissal from camp. A report may also be filed with the local police and fire officials.

Technology:

It is our hope that camp week will be as technology free as possible. Camp Administration will rely on Scoutmasters and troop leaders to monitor and maintain cell phone usage. Please discourage campers from charging their technology in the dining hall. Camp Squanto has very limited Wi-Fi access for leaders and adults. Camp staff will arrange Wi-Fi coverage in the Reynolds room of the dining hall for adult leaders who require it. Coverage cannot be guaranteed. Please do not share the Wi-Fi passwords given to you with the campers. If a merit badge class requires individual cell phone or technology usage you will be informed by the staff.

Homesickness:

Homesickness is a common ailment among campers of all ages when they attend overnight camp, but especially for younger Scouts at camp for the first time. Ask parents to help leaders by talking up the positive experience campers will have rather than how much they will miss. Parents should explain that campers will make new friends, have an adventure, and personally accomplish new things. Calling home will probably increase homesickness but Camp Administration will rely on the knowledge and discretion of individual troop leaders.

Food Service:

Everyone at camp is served delicious, wholesome, well-balanced, cafeteria style meals in the dining hall. The dining hall and its cafeteria style dining will be part of Camp orientation on the first day. Menus are approved by a qualified dietitian. It is important that the Camp Director, Health Officer, and Chef know of any food restrictions. Notification can be made direct to the food service through a link on the registration page. Please stress to your Scouts that the Trading Post is for snacks only and that a successful camp week depends on a Scout practicing self-care and that includes healthy eating habits. No camper will be denied a meal for any reason other than by written medical direction. Campers will be encouraged to eat a well-balanced diet, but no camper will be forced or otherwise coerced to eat against his or her will.

Special Accommodations:

A leader must meet with the Camp Director and Health Officer if someone in their group has made a special accommodation request. This may include dietary requests, physical accommodations or electrical needs for medical reasons. Camp Squanto will attempt to meet reasonable accommodation requests, but there is no guarantee our facilities can accommodate all requests. All accommodation requests should also be noted on the individual's CampDoc account.

In-camp advancement and training:

Troops should feel welcome to use their campsite as a training area as well. Evening campfires can be valuable safety and fire building training opportunities. Similarly, Scout skills (knife/ax/hatchet safety, tent set up, campsite orientation) can be reinforced and taught within the troop and campsite. This is an excellent opportunity for older Scouts to teach using the EDGE method.

Trading Post:

The Trading Post is our camp store, which is stocked with everything a Camp Squanto camper needs during summer...and more! The Trading Post carries a wide selection of Camp Squanto program supplies and novelty items including: snacks, beverages, fishing gear, camp gear, pocketknives, leather work kits, basketry kits, literature, sundries, Camp Squanto apparel, sunblock, goggles, and a whole lot more. Trading Post hours will be posted at camp.

The Trading Post also now features an Online Care package feature which can be used to send campers gifts and/or snacks during their camp week. The camper will receive a notification during the day and can redeem the gift at the Trading Post. Here is the link; feel free to share it:
<https://camp-squanto.square.site/>

Troop Pictures:

Your troop will have its picture taken by the camp photographer Monday afternoon at 4 pm during your week at camp. The estimated cost per troop picture is \$13 to be paid at camp via check, cash or credit card. Pictures are then presented at Saturday closing colors.

Rainy Day Activities:

Be prepared for the worst. Please make sure that your campers have adequate rain gear and warm clothes. Encourage them to bring cards, checkers, and other small games. Don't hesitate to bring your troop tarps.

Uniforms:

Each Scout should plan to have at least one complete summer field (Class A) uniform in camp. Uniforms are required to be worn for the morning meals and evening meals, flag ceremonies, formal retreats and Troop photos. Comfortable clothes, appropriate footwear and a bathing suit (trunks for boys and one piece and/or tankini style for girls) should also be available for daily use and activities.

Buddy System:

Camp Squanto requires that all campers utilize the "buddy system". This requires that two or more campers stay together at all times, while at camp. No camper should be wandering alone.

Religious Services:

A Scout is Reverent. All Scouts and leaders are encouraged to attend. Vespers will be held weekly at 5:15 pm at the pine grove on Wednesday. The camp memorial services will be held on Thursdays in the Memorial area. At that time, we honor those Scouts, and volunteers who have passed away.

Colors and Retreat:

Please refer to camp schedules for timing of these ceremonies. Be sure to bring your troop flag in order that campers may participate. No other flags should be flown with or in place of your troop's flag.

Taps:

Taps occurs each night at 10:00 pm, campers are expected to be in their sites and quiet at this time. A Scout that requires leaving the site for an emergency trip to the health lodge must be accompanied by an adult or camp staff member.

Camperships:

The Mayflower Council operates a campership fund to provide financial assistance to deserving campers who would otherwise not be able to afford attendance at its camps. As good stewards of the money generously donated to this fund by concerned individuals, foundations and others, the Mayflower Council acts in complete confidence and exercises careful judgement when awarding camperships. In order to give as many camperships as possible, it is the policy of the Mayflower Council not to give 100% camperships and to only give camperships for one week at camp. Each

family is expected to share part of the expense of camp. The amount granted is made on the basis of need and availability of funds. To apply for a campership, a family must submit the application on our website no later than May 30, 2024. The committee will be meeting to distribute available funds on a rolling basis beginning in early spring.

The earlier an application is submitted, the better chance the applicant has of receiving assistance. Camperships are awarded based on need and first come, first serve or until funds are exhausted. There is no guarantee of campership awards and applications will not be accepted after May 31, 2024 or when funds are exhausted.

Barefoot Walking:

Squanto is littered with rocks and tree roots that love to beat up feet. Being barefoot in camp is not allowed. Scouts may only be without their shoes in the immediate waterfront area, camp showers and in their own tents.

Clothes Lines:

Please string clotheslines out of the way of foot traffic and hang something on them to indicate where they are. Tent outriggers are not to be used as clotheslines.

Garbage:

Do not leave garbage in fire pits or latrines. Do not bury any garbage or leave food scraps outside or in your tent. Groups must take all garbage to available dumpsters identified by the camp staff. Tin, glass, or other harmful items must be disposed of in the dumpsters before leaving camp.

6. ADVANCEMENT

Merit Badge Program:

Every merit badge counselor in camp has gone through training in his/her area. They are using a syllabus approved for use by the Assistant Camp Director Program and Camp Director. Occasionally, you as a leader may be of assistance to the merit badge counselor if it is in your area of expertise. We invite you to help (we're never one to refuse help!). Please see the Area Director of the merit badge if you feel you may be of assistance and are willing to lend a helping hand.

Each Scout will be challenged to pass their merit badges during their week at camp, however, we cannot guarantee that a Scout will complete the requirements. If you have a question as to why a Scout is not being signed off on a requirement, please see the merit badge counselor. If you are not satisfied, please see the Area Director or Program Director and we will meet and discuss the requirements. You will be notified of the resulting decision by the counselor at their earliest convenience. Any questions about the merit badge or its instruction should go through the following channels: merit badge counselor, Area Director, and Assistant Camp Director Program.

NEW ACE: Advanced Camper Experience:

Squanto is into its second year of the highly successful ACE Program exclusively for Scouts 16 and older. This program will consist of morning activities which will require leaving camp for two or three days of the week. A box lunch will be provided on those days. These Scouts will be involved in activities during the morning and have the opportunity to work on hands on badges focused around plumbing, carpentry and engine maintenance in the afternoon. There is an additional fee for these Scouts to cover the cost of the activities.

These activities will require troop leaders to provide transportation. The requirements for these drivers will be available in advance of camp.

MB Registration:

Unit leaders are responsible for registering their Scouts for merit badge classes through the Council's registration system. **Scouts must be paid in full before selecting merit badges.** At Camp you may make changes in your troop's program, based on availability. Please make all changes with the Area Directors. Don't hesitate to make changes if you feel they are in the best interest of your Scouts.

Merit Badge Completion Records:

All advancement will be in accordance with BSA National Standards. No substitutions are allowed and those not completing all the requirements will be given a partial. Staff members will not sign off on anything directly, but they will submit completion records to the Camp Administration. Electronic completion records are available for the troop leaders to run in Blackpug after camp ends. Units can upload their advancements from Blackpug to Scoutbook. The council cannot upload to Scoutbook. Please look over the records and submit them to your advancement chair. **These are your troop's completion records; no physical blue cards will be distributed. It is important to run and verify your unit's report as soon as possible so we may speak with staff while they are still at camp.** There is no guarantee that researching discrepancies months after camp will be possible. Thank you in advance.

Most badges completed by the Scout can be purchased at the Trading Post for distribution by the troop leadership. We encourage this to be a Friday evening activity, after the closing bonfire and as a team builder. The cost will be the same as if purchased at the Scout Store.

Merit Badge Classes Maximum Capacities:

Several merit badges have limits on the number of Scouts that can take them at one time. For the most part these caps are based on physical requirements of the badge or limitations of our staff. We do this to make sure that each Scout is getting the most out of their merit badge time. Class size will only be adjusted after review by the camp administration.

Prerequisites:

There are merit badges that cannot be done in just one week. Some require work either before or after camp. Please be sure to have the camper check over the list of prerequisites once they have selected their badges. It is very unlikely that if a camper does not do the pre-reqs, that they will be able to earn the merit badge during camp.

7. CAMPER SAFETY

The security and safety of the youth in our charge is an extremely heavy responsibility. We must ensure that they are protected from unauthorized and unwarranted exposures, at the same time providing the freedom that is so essential to their maturing process. With this as our goal the following procedures apply:

- At no time will youth be allowed alone beyond reasonable jurisdiction of staff members. When going from one area to another they shall travel in groups of no less than two.
- All activities beyond parameters of the main camp will be furnished with means of communication to the Administration Building.
- Campers will be released only to those individual(s) listed on the registration form, CampDoc or the Scoutmaster who will ensure responsibility for them.

Intrusion of Unauthorized Person(s):

Any Scout, leader, or staff member suspecting intrusion of an unauthorized person should report immediately to their leader or staff member of the area they are currently in. Leaders and staff should give a brief salutation, if possible, and direct them to sign-in at the administration office. Campers should not approach the individual under any circumstance. If the leader or staff are uneasy about approaching the individual or are given an inappropriate response, please notify the Camp Director or his/her designee immediately. The Camp Director shall assess the situation and ask the person to leave camp or notify the authorities if appropriate.

Camper Release:

Unit leaders are asked to inform the Camp Director in advance of any Scout who intends to leave camp during the week. A Release of Scout Form (available in the camp office) must be filled out.

The safety of our campers is a shared responsibility. Please ensure the Camp Director is informed of any situation which could result in a Scout being released to someone other than an authorized adult. Child custody disputes are especially sensitive and should be relayed to the Camp Director.

Before a Scout can leave camp, the adult escort must be identified by the unit leader. If the escort is not the Scout's parent, a letter from the parent authorizing release of the Scout is required. The adult taking a Scout out of camp must first sign-in at the administration building and be identified as an authorized person. When identity or authorization to pick up a Scout cannot be determined, the camper's family will be called to get authorization to release their child to the person at camp.

Verification of "No Show":

In the event of a no-show at check-in, the following process should be followed:

- The unit leader should verify why the Scout did not arrive at camp and inform the Camp Director.
- The Camp Director or Business Manager will call the Scout's family to verify the reason(s) of his/her absence from camp.
- A note on the Troop's roster will be made stating: who the camp spoke with; the date; and the name of the camper.
- If you know a Scout will not be going to camp, please bring a note from the parent

whenever possible.

Sign In and Out of Camp:

Adult leaders arriving or departing from camp during the week are required to sign in and sign out using the in/out book in the camp office. During regular office hours the book will be located inside the camp administration building. Should an emergency situation occur, camp administration must know who is in camp at any time. Leaders leaving camp should make sure that proper coverage is provided during their absence by BSA authorized adults.

Visitors in Camp:

All visitors to camp must sign-in and sign-out at the administration building. Please remind all visitors to sign in immediately upon their arrival at camp and before proceeding to campsites or program areas. All visitors must clearly display the appropriate visitor pass.

7. EMERGENCIES AT CAMP

In case an emergency should arise within your group while in camp, Stay Calm, Act Quickly but Safely and notify the Camp Director/Staff IMMEDIATELY. Emergency plans will be reviewed in detail with each leader upon arrival. An emergency report must be filed with the camp staff before you depart camp. In the event of a home emergency and a parent wishes to contact his/her Scout at camp, they may do so by contacting the camp office. All Massachusetts Department of Public Health minimum standards for recreational camps for children and the policies of the BSA are in force whether listed within this guide or not. You may reference the Guide to Safe Scouting for answers to many common questions.

The Camp Squanto leadership will review the most up to date emergency procedures upon your arrival at camp as they policies are subject to change.

Emergency:

In the event of an emergency, a siren will sound. Report any emergencies to the Camp Director, Staff and/or Health Officer immediately.

Fire:

- Send two runners immediately to the camp office with the following information:
- The location of the fire.
- The type of fire.
- The severity of the fire.
- What type, if any, personal injury has occurred.

Lost Swimmer:

The waterfront will be cleared immediately. Some adults may be requested to assist. At the sound of the lost bather alarm, all Scouts, and unit leaders will report to their campsite where attendance

will be taken by the unit leader. The unit leader will notify the camp office immediately, by runner or cell phone, of any missing personnel. The camp office will continue the lost bather alarm until such time as the missing swimmer is located.

Lost Camper:

The unit leader will report any suspected lost camper to the camp office. The camp staff will then institute the appropriate search procedures.

Extreme Heat:

In the case of extreme heat, the camp administration will declare a heat alert and program activities will be adjusted accordingly. Unit leaders and Scouts are reminded to watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion and sunstroke. Watch especially for Scouts wearing inappropriate clothing and/or not taking in adequate amounts of fluid. Younger campers especially will view sports drinks and soda as a way to stay hydrated. Both have large amounts of sugar and/or sodium which will act in the opposite manner. Please ensure that the Scouts are drinking water.

Lightning or Severe Storms:

The waterfront will be cleared immediately. All watercraft will return to shore. Scouts will report to their campsites unless otherwise instructed by a staff member. Avoid open fields. Any other needed instructions will be issued by the camp office.

Natural Disaster (Earthquake, Flood, Etc.):

In the event of a natural disaster all Scouts and adults should remain in the activity area they are in or go to the nearest campsite and await instructions from a staff member. If this is the area that is affected, then all personnel should move to the nearest safe area and await instructions.

Wildlife:

Campers, staff and visitors are cautioned to avoid contact with wildlife at the camps at all times. Any injury caused by contact with wildlife must be reported to the Camp Health Officer as soon as possible. The Camp Health Officer will notify the camp office and the necessary local authorities as required.

Chemical Spill:

In the event of a chemical or hazardous waste spill, a person should be stationed to keep all campers or visitors away from the spill and the camp office must be notified by runners or cell phone.

Camper Injury:

All serious medical emergencies will be treated at the local hospital and parents/guardians will be notified immediately by the Camp Director or their representative of all details as they become

available. In order to reduce miscommunication of information, we do ask that leaders carrying cellular phones do not notify parents of accidents without authorization from the Camp Director or their designee. It is of great importance that each camp leader understands this and passes this information along, not only to the parents, but also to the Scouts as well. In the event of a major accident or death, the camp administration is to be notified immediately by reporting the accident to the camp office by runner or cell phone.

Active Shooter:

If it safe to do so, leave the building or area immediately. Be sure to: Have an escape route in mind; leave your belongings behind; help others escape, if possible; follow instructions of any staff member or police officer. Do not attempt to move wounded people. Call 911 when you are safe.

8. COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM (CIT)

The CIT program is a training program to introduce Scouts to the responsibility of assisting the summer camp staff. The training consists of a rotational assignment throughout the camp. This offers each CIT a chance to experience the daily responsibilities of each program area in camp. CIT's will rotate through most of the program areas including aquatics, activities, handicraft, sports, ranges, provisional, and first year camper. While in each area CIT's assist in all program functions of that area, which includes assisting in merit badge classes and with afternoon activities. This experience will help each CIT gain not only teaching and leadership experience, but also self-confidence. CIT's who have already completed NYLT are encouraged to plan three weeks of program rotation. Regular evaluations will take place as well as regular reviews with the CIT Director.

CIT Candidates must:

- Be 14 or 15 years by June 23, 2024, AND be a registered member of the Scouts BSA or Venturing.
- Fill out an application (link on the CIT registration) and be interviewed. Interviews begin during February school vacation. CIT Candidates cannot register until after an interview and the candidate is informed of acceptance into the program.
- Attend part of Staff Training Week which is usually the week before camp starts and attend three weeks as a CIT. A week with your troop does not count as a CIT week.
- Once approved you will be sent a registration link to register and pay (There is a discount if registration is paid by 3/1/24). This fee includes staff training and the three additional weeks.
- Plan your own advancement and Merit badge work with the CIT Director each week. CIT's may receive credit for the applicable merit badges from that week.
- All CIT's are required to have the official BSA uniform and will be provided two CIT tee shirts to wear while in camp. Your personal conduct at camp must uphold the ideals of the Boy Scout Oath and Law.

9. SAFETY & SANITATION

Showers:

A Scout is Clean! Unit leaders are asked to ensure that your Scouts take frequent showers for personal hygiene and out of respect for others. For the same reason, plus to teach by example, leaders should follow the same practice. Help us conserve water by limiting the length of showers. We also recommend that campers and leaders wash their hands before each meal. Troops must provide adult supervision for their campers when they are utilizing the campers' shower house without intruding on the camper's privacy. Troops are asked to help us keep the shower house clean by participating in a rotating schedule of cleaning.

The Camper shower houses are for under 18 years old only and adult shower house (with separate male and female units as well as handicapped access units) are available each day from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Latrines:

Troops are responsible for the daily cleaning of their latrine and sink. Latrine cleaning supplies and toilet paper are available from the Quartermaster Store or ask staff for help.

Laundry:

Laundry services are available at laundromats outside of camp for emergency needs.

10. OUTDOOR FIRE POLICY

The purpose of the Outdoor Fire Policy stated below is to limit the size of all outdoor fires used in conjunction with BSA related program elements on properties owned and operated by the Mayflower Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Camp Director has the right to restrict the use of fires on the property for whatever reason is deemed appropriate.

The rationale for this policy is summarized as follows;

- To protect the health and safety of all Scouts, Scouters and visitors participating in programs requiring the use of a fire or fires on the aforementioned properties.
- To reduce the risk of damage to the property as well as the properties of our abutting neighbors and the associated liability resulting from such damage.
- To conform to state fire regulations as they pertain to outdoor fires.
- To conform to all EPA and OSHA regulations as pertaining to outdoor burning and incineration of materials that may be considered hazardous.

Fire Lay:

No fire lay in excess of 6' in diameter and 5' in height will be permitted on properties owned and operated by the Mayflower Council, BSA.

Combustibles:

All combustibles used in construction of any fire lay for use with Scouting related program element will be natural and clean. Combustibles that have been contaminated by paint, solvents, creosote

or other preservative chemicals may not be used.

Fire Starters/Accelerates:

In accordance with BSA policy, the use of liquid or chemical fuels to start or accelerate any fire is prohibited.

11. FUEL STORAGE

Flammable liquids and liquid fuel containers must be stored in our storage facility when not being used. Propane containers which are not connected to a stove or lantern must be in our storage facility. All fuels devices, lanterns, stoves, etc., must be operated by adults or under adult supervision.

Fires, Cooking, Liquid Fuels & Lanterns

- Use of compressed, or liquid gas stoves or lanterns is permitted with knowledgeable adult supervision, in facilities only when and where permitted, and in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting. No tank 10 pounds or larger may be brought into any building. (Mass state fire code).
- NO burning flames or lanterns in tents or lean-tos. Only use flashlights for illumination.
- Fires [properly supervised] are allowed in cabins with wood stoves. NO charcoal or coal is to be burned in wood stoves.
- NO standing trees are to be cut. No firewood is to be brought onto any camp property. Firewood is available at camps for an optional donation.
- Fires must be supervised at all times and when leaving the site, make sure all fires are “dead out”..
- Self-contained cooking fires must be put in fire facilities provided by the camp. Altering, redesigning, relocating or adding any fire pit in camp is NOT allowed.
- Fuel, matches, etc., should be handled by adults only.
- Adequate fire control (water, sand, etc.) should be present at all times.

12. OUTDOOR SAFETY

With the safety of campers, leaders and staff in mind, a few areas have been identified as concerns in terms of wildlife in camp. A number of measures can be taken to prevent both injury and disease that may result in contact with wildlife in camp.

Awareness:

Scouts and their leaders should be aware of the potential hazards that exposure to wild animals and insects may bring. Prevention and awareness are the keys to a safe camp experience.

Wild Animals:

Wild Animals such as skunks, raccoons and foxes potentially represent possibility of either injury or rabies. In the event of direct contact, particularly a scratch or bite, the Health Officer should be notified

immediately. The best possible plan involves prevention of exposure to reduce risk.

Preventative measures include:

- Hike only on designated trails.
- Maintain a clean campsite.
- Store food and smellables properly.
- Maintain a distance from animals that may be encountered.
- Avoid feeding animals (intentionally or not).
- Avoid direct contact with animals, including new offspring.
- Any sightings that are recurring should be reported to the unit leadership and administration. This is especially true of nocturnal animals, sighted during the day, which seem to be exhibiting any behavior that may be deemed unusual.

Insects:

Insects also present the possibility of personal injury but also disease: mosquitoes and ticks present the largest threat. Measures of prevention include regular application of insect repellent and the appropriate clothing being worn on hikes and activities in heavily wooded areas. Both tick and mosquito bites have the potential of transmitting disease to people. While prevention is preferable, insect bites may be unavoidable in certain situations. Any questionable amounts of mosquito bites and embedded ticks should be referred to the Health Officer.

Important:

At the request of the Department of Public Health our website has fact sheets on Meningococcal disease along with CDC EEE info, CDC Tick info and CDC Camping Health & Safety. Campers attending a resident camp are not considered to be at an increased risk. The United States Centers for Disease Control, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Mayflower Council encourage everyone to be safe outdoors. Diseases associated with ticks and mosquitoes are growing threats in Massachusetts. When outdoors, please take necessary precautions as suggested by the Centers for Disease Control

13. WATERFRONT POLICIES

Orientation:

All staff, campers and leaders must attend a waterfront orientation at the waterfront at the beginning of camp where the waterfront staff presents the rules and policies of the waterfront, including what to do during an emergency in camp.

Swim Tests:

All campers are given a swim test as part of camp check in to check their swimming ability. There are three swimming levels on the waterfront. At the end of each test the swimmer is given a tag that indicates their level. The tag has their name, campsite, scout unit number, and the week they are attending camp.

- The **non-swimmer** ability group is the lowest level. The test is conducted by having a guard supervise the camper walking in the area indicated non-swimmer to wet their ankles and legs.
- The **beginners** test starts by have a supervised swimmer jump into water that is over their head,

level off and then swim 25 ft., turn around in the water and swim back to their starting position.

- The next and highest level is **swimmer**. The tester is supervised jumping into water that is over their head, leveling off, they will then swim 100 yds. Of that 100 yds, 75 yds. will be swam using a strong front stroke such as, the front crawl, breaststroke, side stroke, and the trudgen. Strokes such as the doggy paddle and butterfly are not accepted. The tester will then swim the remaining 25 yds on their back using the elementary backstroke, which is the only stroke acceptable for this part of the test. The tester will then float on their back for 30 seconds.

Using the waterfront:

All individuals wishing to enter the waterfront must present their tag in order to enter the waterfront. All individuals must have at least one buddy with them. No one is allowed to enter any area, non-swimmers, beginners, or swimmers without a tag and a buddy. Staff however can partner camper with a current swimmer, as long as the board is changed to indicate the buddy switch has been made and both parties understand that they are now buddies. Swimmers may not leave the waterfront swimming area without their tag and buddy. All tags when not in use are stored on the waterfront *out board*.

Personal Flotation Device:

Non-swimmers are required to wear a properly sized PFD which is checked for proper fit by the waterfront staff. Waterfront staff are trained on proper fit and tightness by lifting and snugging the straps. Non swimmers are allowed to bring their own PFDs to wear if they are deemed safe by the waterfront staff. The camper owned PFD is labeled and hung in an area where only that individual will use it. Any PFD rejected by the waterfront staff may be substituted with a camp PFD.

AT **NO TIME** should anyone be in the water or on the docks alone or without permission.

Fishing:

Fishing is permitted in designated areas only.

Christian's Law:

In accordance with Massachusetts Law, Camp Squanto will screen campers for swim levels on the first day of camp and provides Coast Guard approved lifejackets for non-swimmers. A parent must inform the camp if you require your camper to wear a lifejacket during swimming activities. If parents wish to send along their own lifejackets they need to conform with the law as stated below.

Note: Campers are screened in our pond and don't wear a lifejacket during the screening.

(a) MGL c 111 Section 127A1/2. (a) The department of public health shall adopt rules or regulations requiring municipal and recreational programs and camps for minor children under its jurisdiction to have a system in place to have Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices of Type I, II or III available to non-swimmers and at-risk swimmers who will be present in a swimming or diving area, excluding swimming pools, wading pools and other artificial bodies of water.

(b) A determination shall be made of each minor's swimming ability at the first swimming session at municipal and recreational programs and camps in order to identify and classify non-swimmers and at-risk swimmers. Minors attending a municipal or recreational program or camp shall then be confined to swimming areas consistent with the limits of their swimming skills or to

swimming areas requiring lesser skills than those for which they have been classified.

(c) No municipal or recreational program or camp for minor children shall refuse, decline or otherwise prohibit a parent, guardian or person with custody of a minor from providing a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device of Type I, II or III to such municipal or recreational program or camp to be used by the minor for the duration of the minor's attendance at such camp.

14. HEALTH & MEDICAL

Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of every camper. Camp Squanto follows all safety and risk management guidelines set by the Boy Scouts of America, as well as, the local, state and boards of health. As required by MA DPH 105 CMR 430:190 (C) and (D), our camp must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the local boards of health. Leaders and parents may request copies of background check, health care and discipline policies, as well as procedures for filing grievances. Camp Squanto is certified by the BSA National Camp Accreditation Program and is also accredited by the American Camp Association, a national camp organization that sets high standards for both the health and safety of campers and staff, and the delivery of quality programs. American Camp Association (ACA) accreditation means that Camp Squanto undergoes a thorough annual review of its operation—more than 250 standards from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross and other youth service agencies to assure that current practices reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation.

Medical Forms

Every adult and Scout in camp MUST have a completely filled out and doctor signed BSA medical form part C form submitted through CampDoc and on file in the Health Lodge in order to stay at camp.

All campers are required to have a physical examination within 12 months prior to arriving at camp. All BSA medical forms must be completed and *signed by a physician* each year (including immunization update) and submitted via CampDoc in advance. In addition, the immunization record for each camper, youth or adult, must include the following vaccines: Hepatitis B for all children born after December 31, 1992 (3 doses are required); Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis (at least 4 doses); MMR (2 doses or proof of laboratory evidence of immunity) and Polio (3 to 4 doses depending on the type).

Your physician **MUST** sign the BSA medical form part C— no signed attachments will be accepted. Make certain that both the parent's signature and physician's signature sections are filled out and a copy of the health insurance card is submitted through CampDoc. Medical forms are available on our website.

Units with Christian Scientist members will need to provide a special medical form, (available on our website), pertaining to their faith's medical policies.

Medications:

State regulations cover the storage and dispensing of medications. All medication must come to camp in the original containers and be stored by the health officer in locked compartments in the

camp health lodge. Exceptions to storage by the health officer are authorized for medications for treatment of allergies and asthma. Questions about these medications should be raised with the camp prior to the child's arrival. To ensure a smooth transition, we recommend that your child continue the medications they need during the school year at summer camp.

If the medication is prescription, it must have a pharmacy label showing the prescription number, patient's name, date filled, physician's name, name of medication and directions for use. This information must also be listed in CampDoc. Any camper coming to camp with a prescription Epi-pen or inhaler must bring two of either, one for the health lodge and one for the unit. The health officer dispenses medication according to the directions. If a camper refuses to take prescribed medications, this refusal is documented in the health log and the parent/guardian is notified. Campers should not keep any medication, over the counter or prescription, themselves unless approved by the Health Officer.

Health Care Consultant:

The health care consultant (HCC) is a licensed physician. The HCC assists in the development of the camp's health care policy; develops and signs written orders for the Health Officer; and is available for consultation at all times. The health care consultant is not present at camp.

Health Officer:

A Health Officer, who is at least 18 years of age and is present at the camp at all times. The Health Officer shall be a Massachusetts licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, EMT or licensed practical nurse. The Health Care Consultant authorizes the Health Officer to be in charge of health matters at camp on a day-to-day basis and to dispense medications. A Health Officer staffs the camps health lodges and a local physician is on call.

Health Care Policy:

Complete health care policy for Camp Squanto is available to a parent or guardian upon request to Mayflower Council BSA, 83 Cedar Street, Milford, MA 01757.

Care of Mildly Ill Campers:

Each camper or staff member is responsible for reporting any signs of illness to the health officer (HO), who assesses each situation. The HO may administer over-the-counter medications he/she believes are warranted if they are authorized by the HCC standing orders and the parent/guardian. If the HO determines the camper should be sent home or seen by the Health Care Consultant, he/she informs the Camp Director and arrangements are made. In both situations, the parent/guardian is contacted as soon as possible.

Care of More Serious Illness or Injury at Camp:

Parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible should a camper be taken to the doctor's office/hospital for an injury or health condition and if medication has been prescribed by the camp's Health Care Consultant. The Health Officer or Camp Director will notify parents/guardians of any persistent conditions or ailments. Parents/guardians should notify their doctor and health care provider of any health condition or accident/injury occurring at camp for follow-up visits and billing purposes.

Emotional Care:

Camp Squanto's Health Office can provide temporary emotional support within camp and also provide resources outside of camp for those in need. Please contact the Camp Medical Officer with any questions.

15. GEORGE W. P. MAGEE THEME NIGHT

Tuesday Evenings troops are encouraged to create entrances designed to reflect the yearly theme and Scouts are encouraged to dress the part. Theme to be announced.

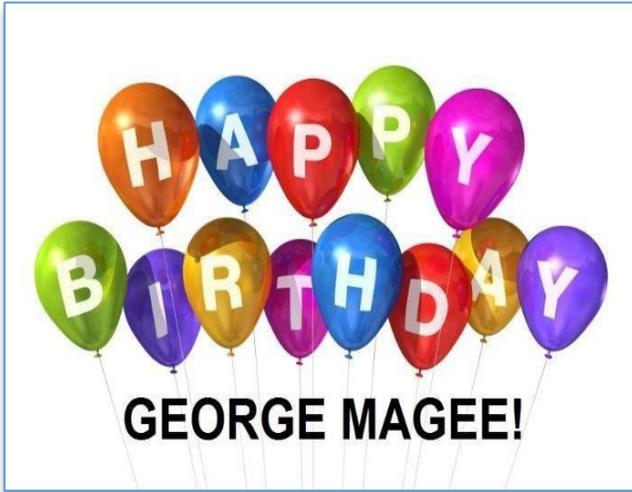
Who is George W. P. Magee?

Have you ever noticed how many of our facilities have "Magee Foundation" signs and wonder "who is Magee"? George W. P. Magee was a theatrical agent and manager who most notably managed Boston's Grand Opera House from the 1890s through 1916. Being very involved in the community, he saw Scouting as a program making significant positive impact on the lives of young men. He turned this belief into a permanent commitment to Scouting, by establishing a trust upon his death. The trust benefits Massachusetts Boy Scout Councils only, and distributes over \$210,000 annually for the improvement of camp programs and infrastructure. In honor of his contribution to our camp, every Tuesday is dedicated to Mr. Magee and all that he and his foundation have done in support of our camp.

Theme Night:

George W.P. Magee Theme Night is back and better than ever! This year there will be more fun activities and ways to engage with the theme than ever before! The theme for this year is "Music"! Each area of camp will focus on a different type/genre/era of Music and have their area themed accordingly. Each day there will be a different (optional) activity hosted by an area that relates to that area's genre! Most of these activities will occur during the 4-5 block but stay tuned for more specific information each morning! The main event will still occur on Tuesday night, with a camp wide activity on the sports field and fun costumes at evening colors! Troops will be able to earn points for each activity they complete on Tuesday night and the troop/patrol with the most points being announced the next morning at colors! Troops and patrols will also be able to add to their point totals after Tuesday night by participating in the area-specific activities that will be held during the rest of the week. The final tally of points will be counted, and the winning troop or patrol will be announced and crowned that weeks' musical genius! Troops are encouraged to create gateways for their campsites which relate to the summer's theme as well as bring costumes to dress up in for colors on Tuesday evening.

It was George Magee's desire that the Councils who receive this Fund would celebrate his birthday, which is August 6th. Mayflower Council has committed to not only celebrating during his birthday week, but during every week of summer camp.



THIS YEAR'S THEME IS
Music

16. CAMP SQUANTO SCHEDULE

Orientation:

The Camp Director will conduct orientation before dinner on the Parade Field on Sunday evening at 5:30 pm.

Retreat:

This follows camp orientation and precedes dinner, usually around 5:45 pm. Full uniform please!

First Day Dinner:

The camp will begin to serve dinner beginning around 6:00 pm following an explanation of dining hall procedures. Scouts signed up for the Flight to Eagle Program (1st year campers) will meet after dinner for orientation.

First Day Opening Campfire:

Units will assemble at 8:15 pm at the parade field for our opening campfire.

Monday Night Friendship Fire:

Each Monday evening there will be a Friendship bonfire in the Handicraft Area for all campers. Join us as a community for a chance to get to know your fellow campers.

Thursday Afternoon Webelos visit:

In an effort to keep Webelos engaged through the crossover and to get them excited about coming to Camp, we are offering a program on Thursday afternoons for Webelos from packs in the council. Any Webelos and parents are welcome to meet on the Welcome Lodge porch at 2 pm on Thursday. The Scouts will meet with a staff member who will show them the camp and engage them in a variety of activities in our program areas (no swimming or firearm activities allowed) while Camp Administration

meets with the parents to give them an overview of Squanto. The Webelos and parents will have the option to join the troop from their town in the campsite around 4 pm and have dinner in the dining hall before departing around 6 pm. Troops, please reach out to the packs in your town and invite them to join us. It will be great for the up and coming Scouts to see older Scouts at camp and meet people from the troop.

Thursday Evening Memorial Service:

Each Thursday, we will conduct a Scouts Memorial Service and Evening Colors on the Memorial Field prior to dinner. All troops will meet in field (Class A) uniforms at the Memorial Field entrance. At this service we will recognize and remember those Scouts and Scouters who have contributed to Mayflower Council Scouting. You are welcome to submit your troops contribution and remembrances via the Memorial Service form found in the office. Please submit this form before lunch on Thursday.

Daily Schedule:

7:00 am	Reveille (Rise and Shine)
7:45 am	Colors (Parade Field)
9am-noon	MB Classes
10:30 am	Scoutmaster’s Council (Dining Hall Porch)
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Siesta (Troops in Campsites)
1:00 pm	SPL Meeting
2-4 pm	MB Classes
4:00 pm	Camp Wide Activities
5:45 pm	Retreat/Colors
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Twilight Activities
8:15 pm	Camp Wide Activities
10:00 pm	Camp Taps (Scouts should all be in their sites)

Twilight Activities:

Twilight Activity Period is designed as free time for Scouts to participate in any camp activity. This time is also available for Scouts to participate in our Pebble Program and with troop competitions. Remember to observe the Buddy System everywhere. Most camp program areas will be open and available for your use from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. This is a great time for Scouts to meet the staff in all the program areas.

Some Suggestions:

Campfires	Songfest	Bouldering Wall
New Games	Ranges	Tie Dye
Boating	Outpost Camping	Native American Games
Apache Relay	Totin’ Chip	Nature Trail
Water Competitions	Compass Course	Boat Races
Swim Meets	Sports Extravaganza	Trails Programs

Form ensembles, make friends, and share musical knowledge at the George Magee Jam Club! Any Scouts or adults are welcome to bring their instruments, or just sit and listen. We will meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00pm - 9:00pm. The time, place and name of the club can be change and any changes will be announced at camp.

Your Last Days of Camp:

Friday evening colors: A long standing tradition at Squanto is troop recognition of favorite staff members at Friday evening colors starting at 5:30 instead of 5:45. We will take roughly 10-15 minutes to allow troops representatives to speak up and present staff members with whom they have connected a troop activity (Class B) shirt or some other gift. Feel free to ask Camp Administration any questions about this tradition. This is not a requirement, just an invitation.

Closing ceremonies for the week will begin at 9:30 am on Saturday morning. All families are encouraged to attend.

Alumni Nights:

For the second year, Squanto will host alumni nights on Thursdays of weeks 2 and 4 (Dates are July 18 and August 1, 2024) All alumni (campers and staff) are welcome to attend. Arrive after 3 pm, tour the camp on your own; attend our Memorial Service at 5:30 on Memorial Field, have dinner, and stay for a bonfire after dark. Please join us and reconnect with friends and fellow alumni. Please visit the link below so we can plan for additional meals:

[2024 Squanto Alumni Night](#)

Camp Squanto Awards:

Each program center presents special awards and certificates during the week for various contests and achievements. Here are some of our current awards.:

- Apache Relay Program Area
- Spot-light Nights
- Camp wide Competitions
- Honor Camper
- Skills Instructions
- Campfires
- Theme Night

NOVA Whoosh Award:

This specialty program is for campers interested in STEM-related topics and is designed for the Scouts wanting an alternative to the afternoon merit badges. The program includes hands-on activities, watching three hours of related movies, personal exploration, and fun. At the Saturday awards ceremony, we will award the Scouts who have completed the NOVA Award with the STEM Nova Award Patch or Pi pin. This allows us to recognize the Scout for their commitment to an extracurricular Scouting activity!

The Spirit of Squanto Honor Scout Program:

The Spirit of Squanto Honor Camper Award is a way that certain Scouts can be recognized for going above and beyond while at camp, demonstrating the Scout Oath and Law as well as the Spirit of Squanto in their merit badge classes and throughout the week. Scouts that earn this award will be enthusiastic and show leadership within their troops and during camp programs. Campers will be nominated for this award by individual staff members and then the award will be presented to the winners during the closing ceremony on Saturday morning.

Troop vs. Troop Competitions:

Some evening activities are inter-troop competitions. Please check the bulletin boards outside of the Dining Hall for updates. Prizes are usually awarded the day following the event at one of the meals, at the closing campfire, or the Awards Ceremony on Saturday morning.

- Water basketball
- War Canoes
- Tug-of-war
- Basketball
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Golf
- Frisbee
- Kickball
- Greased Watermelons
- Scout Skills Competitions (in all areas)
- Water polo
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Horseshoes
- Soccer

In Troop Competitions:

- Scavenger Hunts
- Totin' chip
- Games of all sorts
- Pebbles Program
- Firem'n Chit
- Basketball
- World Conservation Award

Flight to Eagle (first year campers):

Specialty program designed for younger and first year campers that focus on rank advancement, Scouting skills, and character building, while emphasizing citizenship, teamwork, leadership, and fun.

The purpose of this program is designed for the first-year camper or new Scout to start the journey of the Eagle Trail and work on the rank requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class while at camp.

The ranks of Scouting are not awarded by the camp, this is the function of the unit leader. At the Saturday awards ceremony, we award the Scouts who have completed the week's program with a Flight to Eagle patch. This allows us to recognize the Scout while at the same time leaving the right to declare whether the Scout has earned the rank or not to the Scoutmaster.

Monday-Friday 9 am to noon

During this time Scouts participate in activities that meet some of the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-class requirements. They also work on Scout skills with the emphasis on having FUN! Each Scout will be encouraged to work on a merit badge. FTE Scouts should work with their scoutmaster to choose other merit badge selections.

Orientation is held at 6:45 pm Sunday night at the Dining Hall Bell Tower

Procedure for intrusion of an unauthorized person at Camp Squanto

Periodic review of security concerns of the site

Leaders will be instructed to “stop in” their campsites throughout the day on a regular basis

The camp staff will be trained in all of the following procedures and are encouraged to walk around camp during program hours to look for intruders.

Taps is at 10:00 pm daily. Under the direction of the “Patrol Staff”, staff will walk through all camp areas looking for anyone or anything out of the ordinary. This will also be done in the parking lot.

Staff taps are at 11:00 pm. Staff can also assist in watching for anything out of the ordinary. The Directors are equipped with phones to call the Administration Building/Camp Director at any time.

Training for staff and campers when appropriate, about steps to take in such instances.

The following steps will be shared with the staff during staff training week, with the leaders during the leader meetings, and Senior Patrol Leaders during their meetings.

All visitors must report to the Administration Building to sign in and sign out. This book will be monitored by the Camp Director or his/her designee.

If an unauthorized person is suspected, notify the closest program area. Most major program areas are equipped with a phone and should contact the Administration Building/Camp Director and stand by to give or receive further instructions from the Camp Director or his/her designee.

Once the Camp Director is notified of the situation, he/she will proceed to the area with the Program Director or another adult to question the destination of the individual in question.

If the person in question flees, an “Incident Report of an Unauthorized Person” form should be completed as soon as possible.

Program areas should continue, unless the situation warrants the sounding of the camp alarm. If an alarm sounds, All Scouters, Scouts, and staff are instructed to report to their campsite and do a roll call.

The Scout Executive is notified of the situation. An assessment is made to the severity of the Problem and call the Plymouth Police, if needed.

Leaders will be instructed to train their Scouts on the above procedures. Most importantly, stress to the Scouts NOT to approach the person and to find an adult immediately. The Buddy System should be strictly enforced at all times.

The staff will participate in an Emergency Drill during staff week. In addition, they will conduct a scenario of an unauthorized person entering camp.

An emergency phone list will be kept by the telephones in the Administration Building, Health Lodge and the Welcome Lodge.

We have a letter from the Plymouth Police on file for service. They usually call the Administration Building if there are problems or concerns in the area. It has been very helpful to have a working relationship with the Police Department.

Lastly, no one should speak to the media. An official media spokesperson will be designated by the Scout Executive.

CAMP SQUANTO DAILY SCHEDULE WORKSHEET (Use this Daily Schedule Worksheet at troop meeting(s) prior to coming to camp to record each camper's schedule at camp. It is helpful to make sure that both the Scout and troop leader have a copy of this completed form at camp.

Scout Name: Troop No.: Campsite:

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
7:30		COLORS						
8:00		BREAKFAST						
9:00							CLEAN UP & CLOSING CEREMONY	
10:00								
11:00								
12:15		LUNCH						
1:00		UNITS CHECK IN	SIESTA					
2:00			MEDICAL & SWIM CHECKS UNITS MOVE INTO SITES					
3:00								
4:00								
5:45	COLORS							
6:00	SUPPER							
6:45	<i>Sunday: Orientation for Flight to Eagle at Dining Hall – Bell Tower</i>							
7:00	CAMP TOUR	OPEN AREAS						
8:30	CAMPFIRE	EVENING ACTIVITY			O/A CALL OUT	CAMPFIRE		
10:00	TAPS							

LEADER PRE-CAMP CHECKLIST

	You have a completed roster of all children and adults going to camp. Including the information needed to reach emergency contacts. A parent note if a camper is not coming.
	Final payment for early bird discount is made by March 1 and full payment by May 1
	Final total registration payment is made in BlackPug <u>prior</u> to arriving at camp. (Do not bring a check to camp). BlackPug accepts credit cards and e-checks. Remind parents to submit campership codes to you prior to your final payment.
	ALL Adults attending camp have had BSA required training. Those staying overnight, must be registered with their unit.
	Campers have made class selections and they have been entered into BlackPug.
	<u>Each camper and leader</u> has completed health and medical record in CampDoc No child or adult may remain in camp without it. The BSA Medical form Part C MUST BE SIGNED BY A DOCTOR and parent if the camper is under 18. These are submitted via Camp Doc.
	Transportation to and from camp has been made and parents/guardians are fully aware of all plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Date, time, and place of departure● Return date, time, and place of arrival● Camp mailing address and phone information● Visiting day rules● Opportunity for their child to book additional weeks as provisional campers.
	Troop camping and program equipment has been inventoried, Including Troop and American Flags, tarps and First Aid Kit.
	All campers are properly equipped. Discourage boys and girls from being over-equipped and/or over packing.
	Camping Patrols have elected their leaders.
	All tent assignments are made on a patrol basis. Plan on 2-person tents, some sites may have larger.
	All campers and leaders have proper uniforms and a copy of the checklist "What to bring to camp".
	Leaders have sufficient funds for emergencies.
	Shooting Sports /Photo authorization forms are filled out and signed by parents for every camper via CampDoc
	Parents have submitted and leaders are aware of Special Accommodation and/or Dietary Accommodation requests. (Links are on our website).
	Book your 2025 Summer Campsite!

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

PERSONAL ITEMS	TROOP/PATROL ITEMS	OTHER ITEMS
<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Pack / Locker <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag / 2 sheets and blanket <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Full field (Class A) summer uniform <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes / Sneakers <input type="checkbox"/> Extra clothing (shorts, pants, shirts, socks, underwear) Enough for 1-2 changes per day. <input type="checkbox"/> Cap / Hat <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag <input type="checkbox"/> Swim suits (2): Trunks for boys, One piece for girls <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel <input type="checkbox"/> Flip-flops/ Water shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear <input type="checkbox"/> Bath towels, hand towels, wash clothes <input type="checkbox"/> Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Brush/Comb <input type="checkbox"/> Other Personal Hygiene items <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook <input type="checkbox"/> Pen, Pencil, Notebook/Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> Lip balm <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito repellent (No Aerosol) <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block <input type="checkbox"/> Precamp Merit Badge Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Totin' Chip card <input type="checkbox"/> Mark all property/clothing with campers name, troop number and town. </p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Troop & American flags <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol flags <input type="checkbox"/> Scoutmaster Handbook <input type="checkbox"/> Scoutmaster Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Leader's Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Troop Record book <input type="checkbox"/> Troop advancement chart <input type="checkbox"/> Thumb tacks <input type="checkbox"/> Song book <input type="checkbox"/> Merit Badge forms <input type="checkbox"/> Merit Badge books <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils, paper, clipboard <input type="checkbox"/> Skit & stunt supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Ceremony equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Troop first aid kit <input type="checkbox"/> Small mirror for washstand <input type="checkbox"/> Clothesline and pins <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm clock <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block SPF 30 or better <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bags </p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> For Advancement: Merit Badge books, handbook or field book, paper & pencil, MB partial sheets, MB projects (started or completed) <input type="checkbox"/> For Lifesaving MB & BSA Guard: Long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and a pair of old sneakers to be used in emergency swim requirements (will be getting wet). Old clothes suggested <input type="checkbox"/> For Handicraft Merit Badges: Money for required kits to be bought at Trading Post <input type="checkbox"/> For Fishing MB: Fishing gear and pole <input type="checkbox"/> For Snorkeling BSA: Mask, fins, snorkel <i>Be sure to check complete descriptions of Merit Badges for other needs.</i> </p>
	<p>OPTIONAL ITEMS</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing gear <input type="checkbox"/> Camera <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball glove <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen <input type="checkbox"/> Musical instrument <input type="checkbox"/> Bible or prayer book <input type="checkbox"/> White t-shirt (tie-dye) <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Netting & Dowels </p>	<p><u>WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP</u></p> <p> NO alcoholic beverages, marijuana, illegal substances, cigarettes or vapes NO firearms, archery equipment, or ammunition NO fireworks NO pets of any kind NO motorized bikes or vehicles NO Outboard engines NO sheath knives NO aerosol cans in camp NO harassment or "pranking" other groups DO NOT disturb wildlife or their habitat DO NOT cut, dig, deface or destroy trees or plants DO NOT litter – Scouts BSA are Clean! </p>

MAYFLOWER BSA CAMPS RELEASE OF SCOUT FORM

WEEK #__NAME _____

STAFF CAMPER TROOP #_____ TOWN _____

Individual picking up Scout _____

Relationship _____

Driver's License Verification and Circumstances for Release: _____

Release Date & Time:_____Return Date & Time:_____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Print Name: _____

Scoutmaster Signature: _____

Scoutmaster Print Name: _____

Alternate Signature of person picking up child if not Parent: _____

Print Name of person picking up child if not parent: _____

IF SIGNATURE IS OTHER THAN THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN, CONTACTING THE PARENT BY PHONE OR OBTAINING OTHER VERIFICATION BEFORE RELEASE IS REQUIRED.

SCOUTS WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO ANOTHER YOUTH WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT OF PARENT.

Notes:

CAMP OFFICE APPROVAL:_____DATE:_____



Summer Camp Food Allergy and Special Diets Protocol

Fresh Picks Café takes food allergies and special dietary restrictions very seriously. Fresh Picks is committed to reducing the risk of food related allergic reactions among those we serve. While we cannot operate or guarantee an “allergen-free” environment, we will inform all consumers known to have allergies of any products we know to contain the allergens. We will also prepare allergen free dishes, as needed. Camps are directly responsible for oversight of campers with food allergies.

Standard Procedures

1. Camps must provide a dietary accommodation request form to Fresh Picks Café at least two weeks prior to the camper arriving at camp. This will provide us with adequate time to plan a separate menu, if needed, and/or procure specialty food items.
 - a. We have provided a copy of our form. If your camp currently has a form in place, we ask that you submit it to our Dietetic Team so they can review and approve use of the form.
2. Specialty menus will be prepared ahead of time by Fresh Picks Café’s lead Registered Dietitian, as needed. If allergen or special diet information is not received in a timely manner, this step will not be possible. Frank can be contacted via email at fgillespie@freshpickscafe.com
3. A Fresh Picks Café RDN will contact the parent/guardian of the camper, as needed. For more complicated, multiple food allergies or dietary accommodations, a parent/guardian may be asked to review the altered menu for approval. Parents/guardians may also be asked to provide the camp with specialty food items.
4. All specialty food items will be stored separately and labeled with the specific camper’s name.
5. Specialty food purchases may be billed back to the camp via Direct Billing.
6. Specialty meals will be counted separately on the meal count sheet and at a higher cost per meal.

Food Labels

1. Food labels for any products served on the menu will be saved in a binder, for reference. Labels that are on boxes will need to be removed and saved.
2. Labels will be easily accessible to all campers, camp staff and parents/guardians
3. Food labels that are unavailable will be obtained from Sysco and put into the Food Label binder

Staffing patterns

1. Staffing patterns may be altered at any point during camp season, based on the needs of the campers. These additional costs will be directly billed back to the camp.
2. Staffing patterns will be based on the number of special diets from the prior camp season.

Equipment Needs

1. Allergen free equipment, specifically toaster oven, pans, utensils.
2. Ecolab Allergen equipment.



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Brick Paver Program at Camp Squanto

Unique Ways to support the "Building Character for Our Future "
Capital Campaign for Camp Squanto - Mayflower Council, BSA

A special opportunity exists to help support the capital development of Camp Squanto, which provides facilities and program opportunities for youth and adult members of our Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and Exploring Programs.

The "*Honor Plaza*" is being created in front of the Casoni Museum. This "plaza" will provide a permanent recognition of contributors to Scouting for all who visit Camp Squanto. As the plaza grows, a walkway will be established, leading from the road to the entrance way of the museum.



There are several different options to participate:

Option I: Your own engraved 8" x 8" brick paver (\$2,500):

4 lines with 20 spaces per line- including blank spaces & punctuation.

Option II: Your own engraved 4" x 8" brick paver (\$1,000):

3 lines with 20 spaces per line-includes blank spaces & punctuation.

Option III: Your engraved name with others on:

8 x 8 brick paver (\$500) Name listed with two others

1 line with 20 spaces-includes blank spaces and punctuation

4" X 8" brick paver (\$250) Name listed with two others

1line with 20 spaces -includes blank spaces and punctuation

Brick Paver Order Form:

Yes, I/We _____ am/are delighted to participate and support the Mayflower Council, BSA Capital Campaign to develop Camp Squanto in the amount of (*please check option*):

_____ **\$2,500** (One Donor 8" X 8" BRICK PAVER)
4 lines with 20 spaces per line-including blank spaces & punctuation)

Line #1 _____ Line #2 _____
Line #3 _____ Line #4 _____

_____ **\$ 1,000** (One Donor 4" X 8" BRICK PAVER)
3 lines with 20 spaces per line-includes blank spaces and
punctuation Line #1 _____

Line #2 _____ Line #3 _____

_____ **\$ 500** (Name listed with two others on 8" X 8" Paver)
(1 line with 20 spaces -includes blank spaces and punctuation)

Line #1 _____

_____ **\$ 250** (Name listed with two others on 4" X 8" Paver)
(1 line with 20 spaces -includes blank spaces and punctuation)

Line #1 _____

Payment Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

Signed:

Send this form and payment to:

Mayflower Council, BSA
83 Cedar Street
Milford, MA 01757
508-872-6551
www.mayflowerbsa.org

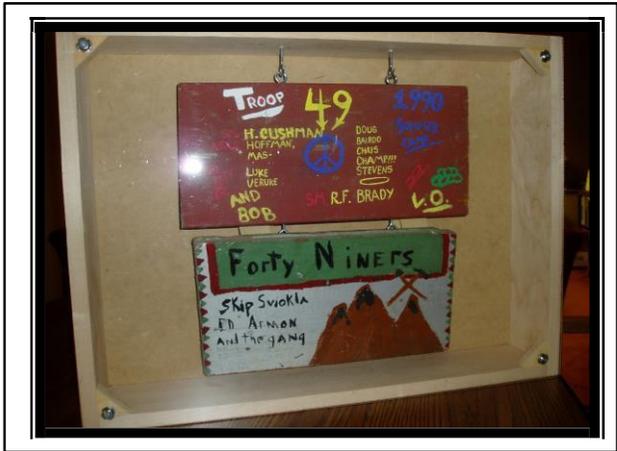


Shadow Box Program at Camps Resolute and Squanto

Unique Ways to support the “Building Character for Our Future” Campaign for our Camps

Special opportunities exist to help support the capital development of our Camps, which provides facilities and program opportunities for youth and adult members of our Cub Scouting, Scouting BSA, Venturing and Exploring Programs.

Shadow Boxes (\$1,000) are available for sponsorship by Units for hanging unit plaques (up to two) in the dining centers. Two (2) plaques each with maximum size of (6” x 20”) will be hung by hook and eye (see photo). A plate will be affixed to the box with unit’s number and town.



Yes, Unit: _____ Town: _____ is delighted to participate and support the Mayflower Council, BSA Capital Develop to support our Camps in the amount of \$1,000 payable over (circle one) one / two / three years.

Payment Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Please contact me to arrange payment.

I will send a check, Payable to: Mayflower Council, BSA, 83 Cedar Street, Milford, MA 01757

Contact: Jim Corcoran, Director of Development Jim.Corcoran@Scouting.org / 508-217-6106