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This is YOUR Newsletter!!

We would like to hear from your units. Please submit your articles to lynda.ohalloran@scouting.org to be included in the newsletter NO LATER THAN the 20th of the Month.

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting Family campaign has kicked off this year. The Family Campaign asks families to consider a contribution to the Midnight Sun Council BSA. A limited edition 2018 Council Shoulder Strip Patch will be given to those who contribute $100.00 to the campaign. If a unit meets its goal by May 3, 2018, the unit receives discounts at the Midnight Sun Council Summer Camps. If they achieve 10% increase above their goal, they receive a free cabin rental for one night at Lost Lake camp.

This year, the Family Co-chairmen for the Campaign are Bill and Cindy Wright. They are members of Troop 92, chartered to the Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks, and in 2016 their son Kieran earned his Eagle. If you ask them about Scouting they will have plenty of great examples of what their family has experienced over the years in Troop 92.
New Youth Protection Training

2018 Golden Eagle Sponsors

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Important Dates

**April 2018 - Child Abuse Prevention Month**

- 5 - Roundtable Tanana Valley
- 17 - Eagle Application books and Project
- Books due by 5 pm
- 18 - Delta Roundtable @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room
- 18 - Bush District Meeting 6:45 pm @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room
- 21 - TVD Introduction to Leadership Skills Training at Monroe 9am - 5pm
- 21 - Cub Scout Adult Leaders/Interested Parents: BALOO Training Pt. 1 @ Monroe 9AM-5PM
- 23 - Clean Up Day Bag Pick-up begins
- 24 - Eagle Board by appointment only
- 26 - TV District Commissioners Meeting @ 6 pm
- 26 - TVD Committee Meeting @ 7 pm

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**May 2018**

- 3 - Roundtable Tanana Valley 7PM
- 5 - CLEAN UP DAY
- 7 - High Adventure Committee Mtg 7PM
- 8 - MSC Exec. Committee - 7AM
- 10 - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting 7PM
- 10 - TVD Day Camp remainder of fee's due BSA Office
- 11 - 12 - BALOO Taining Outdoor Experience at BSA Camp-o-ree
- 11-13 - Spring Camp-o-ree
- 16 - Roundtable Delta/District Meeting 5:45PM
- 16 - Bush District Meeting 6:45 pm @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room
- 18-20 - OA Spring Induction Weekend
- 19 - Cub Scout Rally - Membership/Recruitment/Aviation
- 19 - BALOO Training @ BSA Office (Part 1)
- 21 - MSC PropertiesCommittee 7PM
- 22 - EAGLE BOOKS DUE

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Please schedule an appointment for the Family 2018 Unit Friends of Scouting campaign with Bill and Cindy Wright. Their contact information is (907-450-9889 cell) or email: bill.wright@unitedwaytv.com

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Changes for the 2018 Boy Scout Camp Season

**Clarification on Adult Registration Requirement Beginning with 2018 Boy Scout Camp Season**

The BSA’s new adult registration requirements - which mandate that all adults accompanying a Boy Scout troop to a residence camp or other Scouting activity lasting 72 hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training - will go into effect June 1, 2018, at the start of the BSA’s summer camp season.

The change to the adult registration requirement for Boy Scout activities described above is a first step. With the increased emphasis on youth protection and safe Scouting, this new requirement applies to the area of “highest risk” insofar as Boy Scout activities involve the most youth whose parents are not present.

**Why is this happening:**

- This is meant to enhance the “safe space” for overnight Boy Scout activities.
- While incidents are rare, this will serve as an added layer of protection for our highest risk activities.

**Needed from Units:**

Please ensure that your adults attending summer camp have this completed prior to listing them for Summer camp, or signing them up for Summer Camp, The Council will verify compliance to this new policy prior to finalizing a reservation form.

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Roundtable

Don’t miss roundtable on April 5, 2018 at
24 - TVD Commissioner Meeting 6:45PM
24 - TVD Meeting 7PM BSA Office
25-27 - Work Weekend and OLS
28 - OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day
29 - Eagle Board BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
30-June 2 - Cub Scout Day Camp

June 2018
30 - May - 2 June - Cub Scout Day Camp
2 - District Picnic @ Chenal Lakes
8 - MSC Exec. Committee - 7AM
10 - 16 - Staff Week
17 - 23 - Summer Camp Week 1
18 - MSC Properties Committee
19 - EAGLE BOOKS DUE
22 - MSC Board Meeting 6PM
24 - 30 - Summer Camp Week 2
26 - Eagle Board BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

OFFICE AND SCOUT SHOP
OPENING HOURS!
Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday/Sunday: CLOSED

The Office and Scout Shop will be CLOSED on March 30, 2018 for Good Friday

3 Places to Get Answers to Your Questions About Family Scouting

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Introduction to Leadership Skills
Boy Scout Youth Training
9am - 5pm
Monroe Catholic School
Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018
Bring a sack lunch
Pre-Register by 30 March, 2018 @ BSA office
Contact: Matt Banaszewski: 907-978-4206 email: ski7884@hotmail.com
Cost $10 (includes trained patch/materials)

BALOO Training
With proper planning and a BALOO-trained leader, your pack should be set for a fun and exciting weekend event.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training is a two part training event that introduces parents and leaders to the skills needed to plan and conduct pack outdoor activities, particularly pack camping. Fun and learning prepares pack leaders to plan and carry out "entry-level" outdoor experiences. Ask a boy why he wants to be a Cub Scout, and nine times out of 10 he'll answer "to go camping." Cub Scouting
After the historic 2017 decision to offer our iconic programs to both to boys and girls in 2018, many people have had questions about what that means and how to introduce those expanded program offerings in their communities.

The three key places where you can find answers to your questions about Family Scouting, including Cub Scouts and the Scouting program for older girls, are as follows:

www.scouting.org/familyscouting

The Marketing and Membership Hub

family.scouting@scouting.org e-mail

Please click [here](http://www.scouting.org/familyscouting) to read more

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**Explorer Post #747 is Accepting Applications**

Young men and women age 14 (with completion of 8th grade) through 20 years old are welcome to apply. Post #747 has been exploring all the careers at the Fairbanks Airport including; Pilots, Aircraft Mechanics, Emergency Services and Air Traffic Controllers. Email them at faiexplorerpost747@gmail.com for more information and download the application [here](http://www.scouting.org/familyscouting)!

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**BSA Pin Management**

The local council is asking units to go to the Midnight Sun Council Website and view the "Be a Scout" logo at the bottom of the webpage.

Potential youth members visit this web site and look to find out where scout units are located in their town.

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**FNSB Clean Up Day**

Our Council is a proud sponsor of FNSB Clean Up Day on May 5th. There are lots of ways you and your Unit can get involved.

For Cub Scout leaders, we have a mini activity kit and a "Be a Scout" poster that features the scavenger hunt. You can access the mini activity kit [here](http://www.scouting.org/familyscouting). The "Be a Scout" poster is available on the Midnight Sun Council Website.

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where scout units are located in their town.

If your unit has the most recent contact information, then potential youth will be able to contact your unit directly. If units have contact information that is not current, potential youth could become discouraged to join.

Units will need to manage their own account by determining if their unit contact information is correct. Units can find information on how to manage their account by contacting the BSA office or [john.daly@scouting.org](mailto:john.daly@scouting.org) for "How to Manage my PIN"

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**The Midnight Sun Council is still looking for Summer camp staff to work at the Lost Lake Scout camp this summer!**

We are looking for a water front director (must be 21 years of age) and a Camp Commissioner. We are also in need of staffing positions in various program areas such as nature and handy craft.

If you are interested in getting outdoors and working with today's youth click [here](#) to download application forms or email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org for more information.

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**ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE!**

The Midnight Sun Council is looking for some volunteers to be on the advancement committee.

We are looking for a motivated individual to chair the committee as well as 3 to 6 people to participate in the committee and represent the different levels of scouting (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Venturing). These roles will help build a strong scouting program as well as strengthen the advancement to Eagle Scout or the Summit award for Venturing (the highest rank Scouts or Venturers can earn).

Volunteers are a vital part of any scouting organization. As everyone is aware, more hands make less work and even more hands make the small amount of work even easier. If you are interested in helping the youth of tomorrow and giving back to the community, please contact us.

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**Cub Scouts Day Camp 2018 (Junior Spy Camp)**

When: Wednesday May 30, through Friday June 1 at Birch Hill Recreation area.
scouting organization, email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org
or call the council office at (907)452-1976

Training Committee Wants YOU!

The Midnight Sun Council

is seeking excited and knowledgeable volunteers to work on the Training teams for Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and Exploring. As the Scouting programs open their doors to the opportunity to serve more youth, including the addition of young women into the BSA program, it is important we prepare for the influx of new leaders who will want to learn about Scouting and lead our youth.

Join the team and make an impact, contact Jack Daly at the Council office 452-1976.

Northern Lights High Adventure Base

The base has a few openings for Treks this summer. If your plans for Summit, Philmont, Sea base, or Northern tier or any other high adventure base trip for that matter didn’t or couldn’t get you in, it is not too late to reserve your spot to trek out in the Brooks Range or even visit Wrangell St. Elias and truly get out in the wilderness this summer.

We can offer various treks and customization so you can get exactly what you dream of doing in the short summer season. Don’t delay! Call CJ at the Midnight Sun Council Service Center (907) 452-1976 or email at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org

If you are interested in being on Staff, click here to download application or contact CJ.

The BSA wants to know: How do you define “adventure”?

Saturday, June 2 Day Camp Family Picnic at Chena Lakes Recreation Area

Forms and Deposit money ($20.00) are due to the Scout Office by March 30, 2018. The remaining balance is due by May 10, 2018

The fee is the same as last year ($75.00)

A Registration form must be turned in for each person attending camp.

PLEASE REGISTER AS A PACK

More information and Packet can be found here.

Medical forms can be found here.

Tanana District Picnic June 2, 2018 "Chena Lakes"

The annual Tanana District Picnic will take place in conjunction with the last day of Cub Scout Day Camp. A "Golden Skillet" competition will take place among the district members at noon. While visiting, please visit the Day Camp at Chena lakes. NO SWIMMING WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE PICNIC DUE TO BSA REQUIREMENTS. SWIMMING WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE EVENT IS CLOSED.

BSA Family Camp 2018

The BSA will hold a BSA family camp on the weekend of July 5 (Thursday) through Saturday July 7 at Lost Lake BSA camp. The fees are $99/adult and $75/youth, with a $100 deposit/family due April 15th. Full Payment is due June 1st.

Fees cover all meals and program supplies for this 3 day adventure. Participants need to bring their own camping equipment. Some cabins are available to rent on a first come basis. Contact the BSA office, CJ Stewart at 907-452-1976

Additional information and Registration form can be found here.
Ask 12 people this question, and you'll get a dozen different answers: What does "adventure" mean to you?

To find out, the BSA isn't consulting a dictionary. And it's not asking a mere 12 people. It wants to hear from as many Scouts, Scouters and prospective Scouting families as possible.

Why the need to define "adventure"? After all, the BSA has been the gold standard of adventure for 108 years.

It's simple. The BSA has maintained its status as the standard-bearer for adventure precisely by regularly asking its members what that word means to them.

Please click here to read more.

Reimagine Adventure With Your Family This Summer

When you hear the word "adventure," what comes to mind? Maybe it's a trek across new terrain. Perhaps it's the wide-open sea. Or maybe it's even a journey through the world of STEM. Everyone has a different idea of adventure, and just as every adventure is unique, so is every family.

In a recent article from the Associated Press, journalist Katherine Roth encapsulates the very idea of what family adventure means in Scouting - and there's something for everyone.

Roth details how BSA summer camps will be open to more youth this year than ever before.

Please click here to read more.

Scouting app for iPhone, Android lets Scouts track advancement on the go

Update Your Training by October 1, 2018

The Boy Scouts of America's updated youth protection training doesn't just talk about the dangers of child predators - it shows how they work to gain access to their victims.

In early February, the BSA introduced newly updated youth protection training that is required for all volunteers before October 1, 2018. Even if they took the previous training prior to the February rollout, it will need to be taken it again.

The updated training, which includes three modules and a test that take a little over an hour to complete, draws on research from experts in the field of child abuse and maltreatment to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse, including: bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, and child sexual abuse. As per the Midnight Sun Council Policy, Youth Protection Training is required to be completed every year.

The Office is working on developing a packet to be used for group training. More details to come.

Please click here to read more.

TIRED IRON 2018

99 Year old Urban Rahoi took 1st Place in the Battle of the Ageless
Scouting adventures can happen anywhere. With the new Scouting app for iPhone and Android, you can track those adventures anywhere, too.

The Scouting app, developed by the Boy Scouts of America, allows youth members and their parents to view and track advancement within Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing.

It's free and available on iOS and Android devices.

The BSA's Information Technology Group, along with a group of volunteer beta testers, wanted families to have an easier way to view and track a young person’s advancement. So they built the attractive, easy-to-use, official app.

The Scouting app connects to Scoutbook.com to sync existing advancement data. Because this information is stored on your device, you can use the Scouting app offline. That means parents and youth (13 and older) can access their advancement data anywhere, at any time.

Please click here to read more.

World Jamboree 2019!

SIGN UP TODAY!!

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!!

Ball drop & Prizes.

Let's get started!!

The purr of the engine, the roar of the crowd, and the smell of food cooking at the food stand told you that this year's Tired Iron was ready to start!

The 2018 Tired Iron consisted of 2 weekends of racing fun!!! The Jurassic Classic 1 had an 80 year age difference over the spread of the racers with the youngest being 15 and the oldest being 95 years old.

Other races included the Jurassic Classic II, the Fun Run, Heavy Metal, The Wet Iron, The Classic, and the Powder Puff Race.

Events included the Vintage Sled Show & Shine, Moose Turd Bowling, and the ever popular Spring Ping Fling (Ball Drop).

Congratulations to our very own Sebastian Boice for winning 1st in his Class and Peoples’ Choice in the Show & Shine!

The Midnight Sun Council would like to thank the Tired Iron Committee and staff for holding this great event each year. The Tired Iron helps to support the Midnight Sun Council each year by donating part of the proceeds from the races and through radio advertising.

PICK.CLICK.GIVE

As you apply for your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend please remember to Pick.Click.Give!

The Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America will be listed as an option.

If you choose to Pick.Click.Give to the Council you can let us know about it later on your Friends of Scouting pledge card. You may choose to add or adjust your pledges online through August 31.

It's not too late to Pick. Click. Give

Congratulations to our 2018 Eagle Class
NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR

If your charter has not been processed due to incomplete information (including Youth Protection Training), you will not be able to purchase advancements or awards until charter is complete.

If in doubt, contact Kenita Hoff at 907-452-1976 or via e-mail at kenita.hoff@scouting.org.

Are you a friend of the Midnight Sun Council’s Facebook page? If the answer is no, then you are missing out on all of the important updates and announcements that we share via Facebook, like our meeting announcements, upgrades at Lost Lake, changes in program, and more! Come check us out, “LIKE” the page and “SHARE” the stories with your friends.

This class of Eagles will be recognized for their hard work!

Brendan Jarvis
Troop 1138
Tanana Valley District

Thank you to all of our 2018 Golden Eagle sponsors!

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