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Don’t miss roundtable on January 4th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Office.

For any questions, please contact Jack Daly at john.daly@scouting.org.

The Delta Roundtable Fireside chat with the Scout Executive, Stephen Smith, will be held on January 17th, 2018 starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Mt. McKinley Bank community room.

For any questions please contact Mark Smith at tokabin@aptalaska.net or Brad Kilburn at bradley.j.kilburn.ctr@mail.mil
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**Important Dates**

**January 2018**

1 - Office and Scout Shop CLOSED for New Years Day

4 - Roundtable Tanana Valley

6 - $1000 Popcorn Seller Party- invite only!

15 - Office and Scout Shop CLOSED for Martin Luther King Day

17 - Delta Roundtable and Fireside Chat @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room

17 - Bush District Meeting 6:45 pm @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room

20 - Merit Badge Day @ LDS Stake Center (Cowles)

23 - Eagle Application books and Project Books due by 5 pm

25 - TV District Committee Meeting

27 - TVD Commissioners Meeting

27 - TVD Cub Scout Basic Training

27 - Toontuk Banquet

30 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only

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**Boy Scout Merit Badge Day on January 20, 2018**

Plan now to attend the Boy Scout Merit Badge Day to be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018.

Information will be available on the Midnight Sun Council Website.

Sign up will be ONLINE through the internet site: http://www.meritbadge.info/

Payment needs to be made by calling or stopping by the Council office.

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**District Award of Merit Nomination Forms and Silver Beaver Award Nominations**

The District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award will be awarded at the Council Recognition Dinner on February 10th, 2018

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**DATE CHANGE**

ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

Because of a scheduling conflict at Pike’s Landing, we were requested to move our Annual Recognition Dinner back a week to Saturday, February 10, 2018 starting at 6:00 PM.

Annual Dinner Date/Time:

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

Reception - 6:00 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm

Binkley Room, Pikes Waterfront Lodge

Cost: $40.00

All 2017 Eagles will be recognized at the Annual Dinner. 2017 Eagles should be receiving an invitation in the next week. They need to RSVP and provide some information to the office even if they are unable to attend.

The Council Annual Meeting will precede the dinner at 4:00 PM.

Please make these changes to your calendar!

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Tanana Valley District Nominating Committee

The annual meeting of the Tanana District will take place on Thursday, January 26, 2018 at the BSA office in Fairbanks.
February 2018

1 - Roundtable Tanana Valley
4 - Scout Sunday and Scouting Anniversary Week
10 - Annual Meeting
10 - Annual Dinner
20 - Eagle Application books and Project Books due by 5 pm
21 - Delta Roundtable @ Mt McKinley Community Room
21 - Bush District Meeting 6:45 pm @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room
22 - TV District Commissioners Meeting @ 6pm
22 - TVD Committee Meeting @ 7pm
24 - Engineering Merit Badge Day at UAF
27 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only

March 2018

1 - Roundtable Tanana Valley
10 - Super Saturday Training
20 - Eagle Application books and Project Books due by 5 pm
21 - Delta Roundtable @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room
21 - Bush District Meeting 6:45 pm @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room
22 - TV District Commissioners Meeting @ 6pm
22 - TVD Committee Meeting @ 7pm
23-25 Order of the Arrow wOAdstOAk @ Joels Place Fairbanks
27 - Eagle Board by appointment only
30 - Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Good Friday

Bush BSA District Leadership Elected

The annual meeting of the Bush District took place on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 with the election of three new Leaders.

Anthony White of Delta Junction, Alaska served as the Chairman of the committee to recruit new leadership along with Dana Mock, Jon Fraley, Mark Smith of Tok, Alaska also served on the committee

Don Frazier: District Chairman
Dean Jazzo: Vice Chairman
Timothy Surap: Vice Chairman

One of the largest BSA Districts, geographically in the Boy Scouts of America, The Bush District encompasses towns and villages from Tok, Nenana, Delta Junction, Healy, Barrow and more.

POPCORN

Remember to thank your Popcorn Kernels for all their hard work during the 2017 Sale.

We are waiting on Trails End to send the patches with the segments. We only received orders from about half the Units but we did order extras. An email will be sent to Kernels as soon as they are here.

Scout Bucks are in and Kernels that ordered Scout Bucks will be able to pick them up starting Tuesday, January 2. If your Popcorn Kernel has not ordered them yet, they can still contact Tasmine to place that order. Kernels may still come in and pick up bonus prizes the first 2 weeks in January. Let your Kernel know if you have not received bonus prizes.

Commission Checks from Online sales will be placed in Unit Accounts the first week in January. If your Unit would like a paper check, please email Tasmine by Tuesday, January 2nd.

Our biggest total Unit sellers were Pack 42 ($17,380), Pack 1551 ($13,110) and Post 17 ($12,585)!
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 January 1st, 2018 for New Years Day and on January 15th, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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.

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 how to manage their account by contacting the BSA office or john.daly@scouting.org for "How to Manage my PIN"

Environmental Protection Agency
Student Award Program
Accepting Applications

$1000 Sellers Party Update

We have over 36 youth in our $1000 Seller Club for the 2017 Popcorn Sale!

The Club party is on January 6th (Saturday) from 2pm to 4pm at Fly Trampoline Park.

Members will get two hours of jump time, socks, drinks and some game tokens. All members of the $1000 Seller Club are invited and must RSVP by Wednesday, January 3rd to Tasmine or Cindy.

Cindy has been contacting members by phone. If you think your child has been missed and should be invited, please contact Tasmine or Cindy. We have not received seller totals from some Units. Waivers must be signed online before anyone can jump.

Here is the link https://flytrampolinerpark.com/waivers/

Tasmine’s email: Tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org
Cindy’s email: cmascadri@alaska.net

If you would rather your child NOT come to the party at the Trampoline Park we will still honor our original party idea by purchasing movie tickets at Regal. Contact us to get on that list and we'll let people know when they are ready for pick up.

New Aviation Exploring Post 747

Post 747 is up and running and ready to take youth applications!

Stephen Smith, Scout Executive, and Lonny Piscoya, Vice President of Learning for Life, visited the Fairbanks International Airport Operator’s Council to present them with their participation certificate during their December meeting.

They have 11 youth members and are in the process of recruiting 14 more. If you know of a teenager that is 14 (and finished with the 8th grade) through 20 and has an interest in a career field within the Airport Community, they should contact the Post and apply to join.

They can get an application by emailing faiexplorerpost747@gmail.com.
Apply Now for Student Awards

Applications are now being accepted for student awards.

Applications are due March 1, 2018.

President’s Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) (http://go.usa.gov/3u7XB):
The PEYA program recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth.

Each year the PEYA program honors a wide variety of projects developed by young individuals, school classes (kindergarten through high school), summer camps, public interest groups, and youth organizations to promote environmental awareness.

Recent award-winning student projects included forming recycling programs for pencils and books, starting an environmental news YouTube channel, and creating a better method to protect migratory birds from airplanes. Contact PEYA@epa.gov for questions.

Eagle Scout Service Projects

Scouts wondering where to find an opportunity for a local Eagle Scout project can contact the BSA office.

Many local schools, churches, parks and organizations are approaching the BSA for help.

Lost Lake Boy Scout Camp

Campership/Scholarship requirements have been updated!

To review the updated and changed application visit the Midnight Sun Council office or, if you are unable to do so, due to location, email Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org.

One of the newer policies include some service hours. Unfortunately, our campership fund for this year is also smaller. To make funds available for everyone that applies we will only be able to offer assistance up to a cap of $250.00 maximum, which will only be granted during extreme hardships.

Any questions regarding feel free to email or call CJ @ (907)452-1976.

Eagle Scouts Recognition on the Midnight Sun Council Website!

We would like to recognize our
outstanding Eagle Scouts and their projects.

If an article is submitted, we would love to put it on our website at http://midnightsunbsa.org and in our newsletter to let everyone know how our scouts are changing the community.

Congratulations to our 2017 Eagle Class!!

Plan to attend the Recognition dinner on February 10th, 2018!

This class of Eagles will be recognized for their hard work! We are still waiting on the final two to be approved by the National Office and then we'll provide you with the final 2017 Eagle Class. Congratulations!

Grant Wilson
Troop 1
Rotary of Fairbanks

Darin Cheney
Troop 2
LDS 2nd Ward

Owen Averett
Levi Duval
Chandler Wappett
Troop 3
LDS 3rd Ward

Samuel Pope
Troop 4
LDS 1st Ward

Benjamin Brown
Troop 12

Over 200 people came together to honor Mike and Peggy Ferguson at the Banquet on December 13. During the dinner, friends and community members pledged over $9,000 to a capital project at Lost Lake. The handicraft pavilion will be renovated and made ADA compliant. It is the only pavilion that overlooks the waterfront and it's used by Scouts, community partners and rental groups. We hope to raise the final $1,000 before the project is started this summer.

Please click here to view the Newsminer article about the Distinguished Citizen Award Recipients, Mike and Peggy Ferguson

World Jamboree 2019!

SIGN UP TODAY!!

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!!

click here for more information

Keep your eyes open for more information on social media in the upcoming days ramping up to the application opening on November 1st.

UAF Engineering Day
February 24, 2018

Annually, the University of Alaska Fairbanks conducts an Engineering day in February of every year.

The BSA has been invited to attend this annual event and we will be able to earn partial credit towards the Engineering Merit Badge.

Please mark this date on your BSA calendars and look for "HOW"
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.

THANK YOU to all of our 2017 Golden Eagle sponsors!

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