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WELCOME DREXEL MILLER!!

We would like to welcome our wonderful new registrar, Drexel Miller.

He is retired military. He is married with 4 children. His sons are involved with Troop 1.

Drexel is looking forward to helping you with all of your Scouting purchases, including uniforms and handbooks here at our store.

If you haven't already met him, stop by and say hi!

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Important Dates

November 2018

Nov. 16 - 17 - OA Lodge Leader Development

Nov 21 - SCOUT SHOP AND OFFICE EARLY CLOSE AT 12PM

Nov. 22-23 - SCOUT SHOP AND OFFICE CLOSED-THANKSGIVING

Nov. 29 - Tanana Valley District Meeting - BSA office @ NOON (time/date change)

Nov. 29 - Tanana Valley District Commissioners meeting - BSA office @ 6:00 pm (date change)

December 2018

Dec 1 - Open Enrollment Online BSA Merit Badge Day 2019 (meritbadge.info)

Dec 3 - Charters DUE - BSA office @ 6:00 pm

Dec 4 - Eagle Books due

Dec 6 - TVD Roundtable 7pm BSA office

Dec 11 - Eagle Board - by appointment only

Dec 12 - Distinguished Citizen Banquet - Westmark Gold Room

Dec 19 - Delta Junction Roundtable - Mt. McKinley Bank Delta Junction @ 5:45 (date)

The next Tanana Valley Roundtable will be held on December 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Earl and Pat Cook Seervice Center.

The Delta Roundtable will be held on December 19, 2018 starting at 5:45 pm followed by the Bush District Meeting at 6:45 pm, Mt. McKinley Bank, Delta Junction.

Popcorn Updates

Make sure to thank your Unit Popcorn Kernel for all their hard work during the fall sale. They have been working hard to ensure your Unit has the funds to support great program. You can help them by making sure all of your popcorn is delivered by Thanksgiving weekend.

This year's popcorn sale commissions will provide a total of $35,000 for Scouting Units in our Council! There is still time to increase that number before the year ends. Online sales still count until the end of the year. Encourage your Scouts to do an online popcorn campaign for the holidays! There is also extra popcorn that may be checked out from the office to be sold at a storefront. Contact Tasmine to coordinate.

Special thanks to Lynden and TOTE whom both donated a big part of the shipping and distribution cost from Washington to Fairbanks.

If you like to plan parties, we do have 2 seller club parties to coordinate. Contact Tasmine for more details at jasmine.bennett@scouting.org.

Pack 92 selling popcorn at Fred Meyer. They purchased extra for storefront sales!

CUB SCOUTS RECRUITMENT:

Now that we have a bunch of excited kids recruited, we need to make sure that they stay in the program. Nationally 45% of Tigers quit within the first 90 days. This number has not budged in the past several years. Parents today really want to feel welcomed, special and important. Onboarding is the
change)
Dec 19 - Bush District Annual meeting - Mt. McKinley Bank Delta Junction @ 6:45 pm
Dec 20 - Tanana Valley District Annual meeting - BSA office @ NOON (time/date change)
Dec 20 - Tanana Valley District Commissioners meeting - BSA office @ 6:00 pm (date change)
Dec 24-25 - SCOUT SHOP AND OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
DEC 26-31 - SCOUT SHOP AND OFFICE CLOSED FOR INVENTORY

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January 2019

Jan 1 - Office and Scout Shop CLOSED - New Years Day
Jan 3 - TVD Roundtable 7pm BSA office
Jan 16 - Delta Junction Roundtable - Mt. McKinley Bank Delta Junction @ 5:45 (date change)
Jan 16 - Bush District Annual meeting - Mt. McKinley Bank Delta Junction @ 6:45 pm
Jan 19 - Tanana Valley Merit Badge Day - LDS Stake Center
Jan 19 - Tanana Valley District Den Chief Training - LDS Stake Center
Jan 19 - Midnight Sun Council Friends of Scouting Training - LDC Stake Center - 10 am
Jan 21 - Office and Scout Shop CLOSED - Martin Luther King Day
Jan 22 - Eagle Books due
Jan 24 - Tanana Valley District meeting - BSA office @ NOON
Jan 24 - Tanana Valley District Commissioners meeting - BSA office @ 6:00 pm
Jan 29 - Eagle Board - by appointment only

REMINDER!

units can also do their part in welcoming families by using the New Member Coordinator. Have someone at the door at each Pack meeting greeting all families and directing them to volunteers or professionals that can help with their individual questions. This is a simple volunteer opportunity but can make a world of difference.

We still have about 6 weeks to before the end of the year. Plenty of time to recruit Cub Scouts and make a difference in the life of a child.

PLEASE NOTE AND ACT:
With new Cub Scouts, we have new Cub Scout leaders who are taking online training. At a yet to be determined time after the first of the year, new Cub Scout training modules will be available. The modules are 2 to 20 minutes long, small bites with a purpose. Right now, there is no carry over if a volunteer starts training in the current system and does not finish before the new modules are released. For a Cub Scout leader to be considered trained, they must complete all the training modules under the current system before the new training modules are released. Please encourage your new Cub Scout leaders to complete training by the end of the year or wait until the new modules are released before starting. We wish I could provide a release date. As soon as we know, we will share.

BOY SCOUT RECRUITMENT:
Has your troop held an Open House yet to recruit more Scouts? There are many young men that want to know more about Scouting and this is your opportunity to show off what you do. Many of our elementary schools go up to 6th grade, so don't overlook recruiting there. Don't forget that in the spring, you can recruit 5th graders, because once they graduate 5th grade, they are eligible to join your troop.

Contact Jack Daly at John.Daly@scouting.org for recruitment flyers.

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No Eagle Board in November!

December Dates:
4 Dec - Eagle Books due
11 Dec - Eagle Board by appointment only

For more information contact Tasmine at tasmine.bennett@scouting.org

OFFICE AND SCOUT SHOP OPENING HOURS!

Monday - Friday
9AM - 5PM

Saturday/Sunday: CLOSED

Nov 21 EARLY CLOSE AT NOON

Nov 22-23 SCOUT SHOP AND OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

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When is Scout Sunday 2019?

The BSA's Calendar of Religious Dates lists Feb. 10, 2019, as "Scout Sunday, interfaith." It lists Feb. 17, 2019, as "Scout Sunday, United Methodist."

But those are just guidelines. The BSA says a local church may celebrate "on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation." So check with your chartered organization representative or faith leader.

Depending on your faith organization, Scout Sunday could be held any Sunday in February. It could be Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17 or even Feb. 24.

In the past, Scout Sunday was always held on the Sunday before the birthday of the BSA on Feb. 8. Realizing that each chartered organization has a unique schedule of worship, the BSA no longer uses that guideline.

District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award Nominations

Applications/Nominations due on December 1, 2018 for the District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver can be sent to the BSA office at 1400 Gillam Way, attention Jack Daly.

The District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award, will be awarded at the Council District Award of Merit nomination form can be found here: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf

The Silver Beaver nomination form can be found here: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf

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2018 Distinguished Citizen Banquet honors

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When is Scout Sabbath 2019?

The BSA's Calendar of Religious Dates lists Feb. 8 and 9, 2019, as Scout Sabbath.

Scout Sabbath (also called Scout Shabbat), for Jewish Scout units, begins at sundown on Friday, Feb. 8, and continues into the next day.

Though the National Jewish Committee on Scouting has designated Feb. 8-9 as Scout Sabbath for 2019, some councils or units will celebrate the occasion on other days.

You're advised to check with your council or local Jewish Committee on Scouting to verify the date.

When is Scout Jumuah 2019?

Scout Jumuah is Feb. 8, 2019, but units may adjust this date to best meet their needs.

Scout Jumuah offers a chance to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting within the Muslim community.

World Jamboree 2019!

SIGN UP TODAY!!

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!!

Join us for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree at the Summit!

Applications are still being accepted for the USA Contingent to the 24th World Scout Jamboree, which will be held July 22- August 2, 2019 at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia USA. The World Scout Jamboree is the largest Scouting event on the planet.

2018 Distinguished Citizen Banquet Sponsors

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GCI  
The Hulbert Family  
Jim Lund  
Mt. McKinley Bank  
University of Alaska System  
Wilson & Wilson

2019 Tanana District Merit Badge Day

When: January 19, 2019
Join 50,000 Scouts from 169 National Scouting Organizations for twelve action-packed days of meeting new friends, learning about different cultures, service projects and high adventure activities.

To learn more and apply, go to the Contingent website at: [http://wsj2019.us](http://wsj2019.us)

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**Training Committee Wants YOU!**

The Midnight Sun Council is seeking 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 or via email at [john.daly@scouting.org](mailto:john.daly@scouting.org)

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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 lead our youth.

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**2019 Friends of Scouting Orientation Training**

**When:** January 19, 2019

The 2019 Friends of Scouting orientation training for adults in scout units and district/council volunteers will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the LDS Stake Center, 1500 Cowles St, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

This one-hour training will begin at 09:00 am with a continental breakfast.

All Scout units are asked to send one Adult volunteer from their Scouting program to be trained for the upcoming Friends of Scouting Finance Campaign.

There is no cost for this training, but please call the Council office at 907-452-1972 to register

Contact Jack at [john.daly@scouting.org](mailto:john.daly@scouting.org) or Bill Wright at [bill.wright@unitedwayTV.com](mailto:bill.wright@unitedwayTV.com) now to schedule your unit for an FOS presentation

For more on Friends of Scouting: [https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/10/16/what-is-friends-of-scouting/](https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/10/16/what-is-friends-of-scouting/)

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**2019 Tanana District Den Chief Training**
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 scouting organization, email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or call the council office at (907)452-1976.

From Brian on Scouting:

NASA, Blue Angels and more: Eagle Scout certificates, letters you can print right now

Want to recognize your new Eagle Scout but are running short on time before the court of honor?

A handful of U.S. agencies and service academies allow you to auto-generate a congratulatory letter or certificate you can print at home. The list includes the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, NASA and the National Park Service.

Requests are handled on the honor system, which means you should not request a letter until all requirements for the Eagle Scout Award have been completed. If you have more time to spare or don't mind getting letters or certificates after the court of honor, keep scrolling. I've also included agencies that ask for weeks or months to process request.

From Stephen Smith: In addition, the Council office will also send a letter of congratulations. You can also invite your District Executive.
Congratulations to our 2018 Eagle Class

David Inman
James Hill
Troop 1
Rotary of Fairbanks

Jonathon Putnam
Tristan Cole Wyman
Troop 14
LDS Ward

Benjamin Davis
Troop 15
LDS Ward

Zackary Arnold
Troop 16
LDS - 6th Ward

Brendan Jarvis
Dane Soderlund
Troop 38
Catholic Schools of Fairbanks

Jacob Stillie
Troop 56
Delta

George Pine
Troop 75
Tok Lion’s Club

Jakob Kelly
Ernest Hollcraft
Troop 78
Chena Kiwanis Club

The Midnight Sun Council is looking for Summer Camp Staff to work at the Lost Lake Camp in 2019!

If you are interested in getting outdoors and working with today’s youth, please click on and follow this link: [http://www.midnightsunbsa.org/](http://www.midnightsunbsa.org/) drop down to “Camp Staff” under the Lost lake tab and open the staff application at the bottom of the page.

Read all about it!! News from around the Council!

Jamboree on the internet

In October, Pack 6 participated in the Jamboree on the Internet and had a great time. Their Scouts were able to communicate with other Scouts from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Bolivia, Colombia, Indonesia, Mexico, and England via text chat on Scoutlink or video chat on Skype.

This annual international Scouting event is sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

All Scouts are able to participate and can earn credit towards the International Spirit Award.

Click here to read a full report on Pack 6 experience and what this event is all about!

Send us your unit’s stories and pictures so we can read...
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 2018 Golden Eagle Sponsors

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