ASSISTANCE FOR REGISTRATION FEES:

The Council understands that the last minute registration fee increase may cause an undue burden on some families. The Council has a limited amount of scholarships available to assist those in greatest need.

Families should contact their unit leader and identify their need. The Unit leader, after looking at all opportunities to help out at the unit and charter partner level, should contact their District Executive Rob Stewart in writing/email detailing the amount needed by the unit as a whole. Rob will then work with our volunteer committee and Scout Executive Stephen Smith, to determine how we can best meet those needs.

All requests need to be submitted by December 15th, in order for the determination to be done in time for the rechartering deadline.
For 2020, we are researching fundraising opportunities for the Spring to help with next year's rechartering cycle. If you have ideas or would like to be on the committee, contact CJ Stewart at clinton.stewart@scouting.org.

Roundtable

The next Tanana Valley Roundtable will be held on December 5th, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Earl and Pat Cook Service Center.

The next Bush District Roundtable will be held on December 18, 2019 starting at 5:45pm at Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction.

Distinguished Citizens Banquet

Each year the Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America honors an individual, or individuals who have made substantial contributions to the Fairbanks Community.

Connie and Bernie Karl will be honored as the Midnight Sun Council’s Distinguished Citizens at the Banquet on December 11.

Bernie and Connie both ventured to Alaska in the early 70's and met working on the Pipeline. For over 40 years they have lived an incredible Alaska life together, making the Golden Heart City their home. Their countless business ventures include Chena Hot Springs Resort and K & K Recycling.

If you would like to join the celebration of Connie and Bernie, call the office to reserve your seats.

For a copy of the invitation, click here. For a copy of the response card, click here or visit our website for more information.

Thank you to the 2019 Distinguished Citizen Banquet Sponsors:
January 2020

Jan 1 - Scout Shop and Office CLOSED - NEW YEAR

Jan 2 - TVD Roundtable @ 7 PM

Jan 9 - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting

Jan 11 - Unit FOS Presenter Tng Breakfast 8-9 am - place TBD

Jan 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Jan 15 - Bush District Annual Meeting @ 6:45 pm

Jan 21 - Eagle Books due

Jan 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment)

OFFICE AND SCOUT SHOP OPENING HOURS!

Monday - Friday 9AM - 5PM

Saturday/Sunday: CLOSED

Dec 11 - Scout Shop and Office CLOSES at 3 pm

Dec 23 - Scout Shop CLOSED, Business Office OPEN - INVENTORY

Dec 24-26 - Scout Shop and Office CLOSED - CHRISTMAS

Dec 27-31 - Scout Shop CLOSED, Business Office OPEN - INVENTORY

Jan 1 - Scout Shop and Office CLOSED - NEW YEARS DAY

Jan 2 - Scout Shop and Office OPEN at regular business hours - 9 am - 5 pm

Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit Nominations

Do you have a Scouter in mind that deserves to be recognized for their work above and beyond the responsibilities of their volunteer position? The Midnight Sun Council is seeking nominations for The Silver Beaver Award and the District Award of Merit.

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The nomination form can be found at this link:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils and is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The nomination form can be found at this link:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf

To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination. Awards will be given out at the Annual Dinner February 8, 2020 and nominations must be received by the council office no later than December 15, 2019.
FROM THE REGISTRAR

Re-Charter Time!

Please remember to check the Addresses and Phone Numbers of your people and update when going over your rosters. Additionally, please ensure that you have the new Background Check Authorization form signed by each of your Adult Leaders.

All charters are due by Friday, December 6th to the Council Service Center.

Please contact your Unit Commissioner or Rob at 907-452-1976 if you have any questions or need help completing that process.

Friends of Scouting Information!

Unit FOS Presenter training breakfast.
January 11th, 2020, 0800-0900 am, place to be determined.
Contact info Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org

Re-Charter packets
Included in your Re-Charter packet is a request form for your Family Friends of Scouting campaign. Please be sure to fill out that form with your requested presentation date and time and turn it in to Rob as soon as possible in order for those presentation dates to begin to be scheduled.

2020 Presidential Youth and Educator Awards

The Presidential Environmental Youth

All of our 2019 Eagles will be invited to our Annual Dinner on February 8th to be recognized for their accomplishments. Please email Tasmine with details on your Eagle Scout project including the total hours that you and volunteers spent planning and carrying out your project to tasmine.bennett@scouting.org.

Special Thanks to ALL of our District Volunteers

Thank you to Bill Wright for serving as the Nominating Committee Chair for the Tanana Valley District and Dean Jazzo for serving as the Bush District Nominating Committee Chair!

If you have nominations of any volunteers to serve on the District Committee in either District, please submit those names to Rob Stewart at robert.stewart@scouting.org by December 10th.

Membership Update

The Midnight Sun Council wants to be able to impact as many youth in our community as possible with our values-based programs. We are down in membership when compared to the end of 2018, and ultimately that means we are developing fewer youth into better people and citizens.

Please see what your Pack or Troop can do to support our membership growth efforts leading into the end of the year! Remember, one of the best ways to recruit is by encouraging your Scouts to invite friends or classmates to visit a meeting or activity.

Special thanks to Troops 1, 38, 38 G, 42, and 47 and Packs 6, 25, 92 and 1551 for having representatives present at our Recruitment Open House Saturday, Nov. 23rd!

The Midnight Sun Council is proud to announce our 2020 patches!
Awards (PEYA) recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects from grades K-12, by promoting environmental awareness and encouraging community involvement. The application and eligibility information are available at: https://www.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award

The Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE) recognizes outstanding teachers for K-12 who employ innovative approaches to environmental education. The application and eligibility information are available at: https://www.epa.gov/education/presidential-innovation-award-environmental-educators

Winners of next year’s awards will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony and poster session in Washington, D.C. in mid-2020, and their projects will also be highlighted on EPA’s website.

Applications for both awards programs are due no later than January 15, 2020.

The Midnight Sun Council is looking for Summer Camp Staff to work at Lost Lake Scout Camp in 2020!

If you are interested in getting out doors and working with today’s youth, please click on and follow this link: http://www.midnightsunbsa.org/ drop down to “Scouts BSA Resident Camp” under the Lost Lake Scout Camp tab and open the staff application at the bottom of the page.

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If your Scout sold over $350 they will need a Scout Account to claim their rewards through Trails End. Please make sure they have an account and let your then let your Unit Popcorn Kernel know that it has been created. The deadline to for your Unit to order Scout Rewards is December 31st. The Council pays for Scout Rewards even if they are not claimed. Please make sure your kids get the rewards they earned!

Remember that it’s not too late to sell popcorn through the online system. Once your Scout is registered in the system, you can send links to support your Scout through email and social media. The link will direct consumers to an online site where they pay for the popcorn and it’s shipped directly to them. Your Unit will still earn commission and your Scout will continue to add to their sale for Amazon gift cards through Trails End. Most of our online sales last year were from October to December.

If you have a Scout that missed the paper order deadline, the council will have a limited amount of extra product. Contact your Unit popcorn Kernel immediately if this happens. There will be a wait list for product, and we’ll fill the order based on the extra that is available.

In January we will announce the 6 top Cubs that earned Summer Day Camp and the 3 top Scouts that earned Lost Lake Resident Camp for the 2020 camping season.
We appreciate your service to Scouting and want you to stay involved! Please help protect our Scouts by completing this training at the link below.

https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING ON DVD

The Midnight Sun Council has DVD videos to check out for Youth Protection Training.

Please call the BSA office and we will be glad to reserve a DVD for you and your unit.

Remember that the Unit can HOST at Youth Protection Training on any night and many members can view the DVD Youth Protection Video as a group.

Send the BSA a list of those BSA volunteers and adults who have taken the course and we will credit your account.

New Position? - New Application!

Different positions are approved in different ways and individuals need to be approved for their new or additional position.

So remember to turn in a new application.

New Online Den Chief Training Now Available

The new online Den Chief Training is now available for Scouts who are registered in troops, crews and ships.

The new online course identifies den chief

National Registration Fee Increase

We received this message from the National Boy Scouts of America Office and are passing it along to you so you are aware of upcoming changes.

The information is all the information we have at this time on this upcoming change.

A Message from the Chief Scout Executive - Membership Fee

Membership Fee Increase Notice

FINAL Registration Fee - FAQ 9/17/19

BACKGROUND CHECKS

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is committed first and foremost to keeping youth safe. Part of that commitment includes continually updating our youth protection policies to help ensure we are always on the forefront of youth safety.

As you know, one of the BSA's many barriers to abuse is a mandatory criminal background check during the adult volunteer application process. The BSA will now also perform periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of our youth.
responsibilities and tasks and describes the den chief's relationship with supporting den leaders and how it relates to the den chief's activities with the den.

At the end of the online training module, den chiefs can print their certificate of completion signifying they are trained for their position and fulfilling a requirement toward their Den Chief Service Award.

The training is available at https://www.scouting.org/youth/den-chief-training/.

Internet Advancement 2.0

The new tool to quickly input advancement data, Internet Advancement 2.0 (previously known as Scoutbook Lite) is now live.

This free solution replaces the previous Internet Advancement platform, which will be retired (for all programs except Exploring) on June 10, 2019.

Internet Advancement 2.0 will feature a clean, new user interface and will be optimized to whatever device you use: desktop, tablet or smartphone.

Internet Advancement 2.0 will offer optimized functions for everything found in the current Internet Advancement platform and can be accessed by Unit Key 3 users, Unit Key 3 delegate users and Unit Advancement Chairs.

End users will access Internet Advancement 2.0 via one of the following locations using their my.Scouting credentials:

Scoutbook.scouting.org

From the Legacy Tools menu in my.Scouting.org

A link in Scoutbook.com

From the current Internet Advancement Platform

After initial release, the BSA IT team will continue to add additional features on a regular basis. Updates and new features will be communicated with the field as they are delivered.

Visit http://help.scoutbook.com for answers to commonly asked questions.

LDS Transition Plan

Our Path Forward

For more than a century, Boy Scouts of America and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have worked together to instill character, citizenship and fitness in young people. Through the Church of Jesus Christ, millions of young people have been part of the Scouting adventure. For those families, Scouting is more than an activity - it's a legacy. As of December 31, 2019, the formal partnership with the Church will come to an end, but your Scouting journey can continue!

We have developed a page on our website that gives you information on how to transfer from an LDS sponsored unit to a non-LDS sponsored unit or how
2019 Eagle Scouts

Graham Wappett
Troop 3
LDS Church

Skyler Gillespie
Troop 9
American Legion Post 30

Matthew Banaszewski
Troop 38
Catholic Schools of Fairbanks

Stephen Tolbert
Troop 42
North Star Volunteer Fire Dept

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