The Midnight Sun Council Announces first Scouts BSA Troop for Girls

The Midnight Sun Council, BSA is proud to announce the first Scouts BSA Troop for girls is up and running!

Troop 84, Chartered to the North Star Volunteer Fire Department in North Pole, has been formed with 5 young ladies looking for the excitement that Scouting brings.

It'll work closely with Troop 42, also chartered to the fire department, as they enter this new and exciting world of adventure and leadership training.

Troop 84 is recruiting more new members. Members need to be 11 through 17 years old.

To join or for more information, please contact the Scout Office at 452-1976.
### NLHA News

**Online Den Chief Training**

**FEMA Youth Preparedness Camp**

### Subheading

#### Important Dates

##### February 2019

- **Feb 18** - Office and Scout Shop closed - Presidents Day
- **Feb 19** - Eagle Books due
- **Feb 20** - Bush District Delta Roundtable, 5:45 pm at Mt. McKinley Bank Delta Junction
- **Feb 20** - Bush District meeting, 6:45 pm at Mt. McKinley Bank Delta Junction
- **Feb 20** - MSC Properties Committee
- **Feb 26** - Eagle Board - by appointment only
- **Feb 28** - TVD District meeting, Noon at BSA office
- **Feb 28** - TVD District Commissioners meeting, 6 pm at BSA office

##### March 2019

- **Mar 1-3** - Order of the Arrow wOAdstOAk (site TBD)(new date)
- **Mar 4** - High Adventure Committee Meeting 7 pm
- **Mar 7** - TVD Roundtable, 7 pm at BSA office
- **Mar 7** - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Early Bird Registration due (see flyer)
- **Mar 12** - 2019 Council/District Calendar Review 6 pm BSA office via ZOOM
- **Mar 12** - MSC Executive Committee
- **Mar 14** - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting 7 pm
- **Mar 19** - Eagle Books due
- **Mar 20** - Bush District Delta Junction Roundtable - Mt. McKinley Bank Delta Junction @ 5:45 pm

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This extension can be done through [My.Scouting.org](http://My.Scouting.org).

The [link on the Council website](http://CouncilWebsite) can take you to the article with the extension process.

Don't forget to do your good turn daily!

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### 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](http://CouncilWebsite) 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.

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### Roundtable

The Delta Roundtable will be held on February 20, 2019 starting at 5:45 pm followed by the Bush District Meeting at 6:45 pm, Mt. McKinley Bank, Delta Junction.

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

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"Baloo" Training for Cub Scout Leaders (registration required)

**Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation "BALOO"** (see BSA website for info and view/download flyer)

Two dates are selected for the Cub Scout Leaders to learn about "How to take your Cub Scout Program Family Camping".
Mar 20 - Bush District Meeting
 Delta Junction - Mt. McKinley Bank @ 6:45
Mar 20 - MSC Properties Committee
Mar 23 - BALOO Training
Mar 26 - Eagle Board - by appointment only
Mar 28 - Tanana Valley District meeting NOON BSA office
Mar 28 - Tanana Valley Commissioners meeting 6 pm
Mar 29 - All Cub Scout Day Camp Applications due at Early Bird Fees
Mar 30 - OA Elections finished

S P R I N G  R E C R U I T M E N T  B O T H  D I S T R I C T S

April 2019
Apr 1 - High Adventure Committee Meeting 7 pm
Apr 4 - Council Program Launch via ZOOM at 6 pm BSA office
Apr 4 - TVD Roundtable, 7 pm at BSA office
Apr 11 - Toontuk Geeral Lodge Meeting 7 pm
Apr 13 - BALOO Training #2 in Classroom/Location BSA office at 0900-1300
Apr 13 - Council/District Annual Board Training at Lost Lake 0800-1400
Apr 17 - Bush District Delta Junction Roundtable - Mt. McKinley Bank Delta Junction @ 5:45 pm
Apr 17 - Delta District Meeting @ 6:45 pm - Mt. McKinley Bank
Apr 18 - Spring Camp-0-Ree Early Bird Fee due (see BSA website for flyer)
Apr 19 - Office and Scout Shop closed - Good Friday
Apr 23 - Eagle books due
Apr 25 - Tanana Valley District meeting NOON BSA office
Apr 25 - Tanana Valley

You only have to attend one of the following dates: March 23, 2019 or April 13, 2019.

The Outdoor portion will take place at the Tanana Valley District Spring Camp-0-Ree on 5/17 and 5/18.

All participants MUST attend both parts of the course.

An online course (Baloo Prerequisite Training) is also required through My.Scouting.org. Completion of all three courses either in person 3/23 or 4/13/19, and the attendance at the spring Camp-0-ree on 5/17 and 5/18/19 and online Prerequisite Baloo will qualify Scouters to be certified to take their scout units family camping.
Commissioners meeting @ 6 pm
Apr 26 - (Friday - Saturday: Outdoor Leadership Skills Training (see flyer)
Apr 30 - Eagle Board of Review (BSA office by appointment)

Spring Recruitment in Tanana Valley and Bush Districts

OFFICE AND SCOUT SHOP OPENING HOURS!
Monday - Friday
9AM - 5PM
Saturday/Sunday: CLOSED

Feb 18, 2019 Scout Shop and Office Closed - Presidents Day

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.

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

I'm certain you'll enjoy this year's event if you prepare. Contact: Jeffrey A. Rogers (328-8044 or jeffrey_a_rogers@hotmail.com)

* Register your unit by April 18, 2019 to enjoy the Early Bird Fee ($30.00) and to receive '3' additional bonus patches for your Troop

Please click here to view the Senior Patrol Leaders Guide

Tanana Valley Day Camp 2019 "North to Alaska" Cub 49ers Theme

When: May 29-31
Where: Birch Hill Recreation Area

June 1 Family Day at Chena Lakes Recreation Area

Camp fee for Cub Scouts and children 5 years old and older is $75 Dollars (includes shirt)

Payment is due March 29th. After March 29th the fee is $100. (click here to view BSA website for details)

Scouts, BSA Summer Resident Camp news!

We hope everyone is as excited to go to camp as we are!

2019 season is fast approaching, and the signup sheets are filling!

Week 1 signups: due to the high demand for the first week we had to close week 1 signups until further notice.

Week 2 signups: Don't worry though, there is still plenty of room available for week 2.

To reopen signups for week one we are seeking additional staff. The additional staff finding isn't going well. So, don't wait, secure your spot for week 2!
If you are interested in getting outdoors and working with today's youth, please click on and follow this link: 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.

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**E. K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award**

Units Leaders: In 2017, the Boy Scouts of America established the E. K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award.

The award recognizes school and school district personnel for modeling the values of Scouting in their professional life.

This is an excellent opportunity for Scout Units to recognize valuable Educators within their schools where they recruit youth to join Scouting.

This award can be given out anytime of the year. (see website below) http://scoutingwire.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/522-059-Elbert-K-Fretwell-Guide-Book-WEB.pdf

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**Pioneer Park Fairbanks Alaska Rentals**

Pioneer Park has rental space available for pack/troop events, and they take reservations up to 24 months in advance with a paid deposit.

If you are interested, please email pioneerpark@fnsb.us or contact the Park Office by phone at 907-459-1087. Contact Sandy Harrington at Pioneer Park.

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**Midnight Sun Council, BSA Annual Recognition Dinner**

The Annual Recognition Dinner was held at Pikes Water Front Lodge on February 2, 2019.

The dinner had over 100 guests attend the event where several individuals received recognition for their many years of service to Scouting and to the Fairbanks Communities within the Midnight Sun Council BSA.

The evenings speaker was Dr John Brady, a local Dentist and Eagle Scout.
Massive research study will examine how adults, Scouts work together

Montclair State University researchers Michael Esposito and William Davis at an observation of Wood Badge.

A first-of-its-kind nationwide study will examine how Scouts and adult leaders work...

Click on the following link to read more! https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org

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.

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

Training Committee Wants YOU!

Individuals who received recognition, are as follows:

Veterans Awards

The Midnight Sun Council BSA will also recognize several other Scouters for their tenure/service in Scouting with A. Bryant Christensen receiving his 50 years of continuous membership pin.

Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

This award recognizes Eagle Scouts who have brought great honor to the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America through their personal and professional contributions at the local, state and regional level.

Two long time Scouting volunteers from Fairbanks, Alaska received the "Outstanding Eagle Scout Award:

Mr. Bryce Ward, an Eagle Scout, who is also the Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor
Dr. Daniel Reynolds, an Eagle Scout who is a local Doctor in Fairbanks, Alaska.

District Award of Merit

This is the highest award a local Scouting district is able to bestow upon individual volunteers.

Two local adult Scouters were the recipients of the District Award of Merit at the annual Midnight Sun Council Awards banquet, held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Pikes Landing.

Kimberley Beuchaw and Kevin Harper both of Fairbanks received the Award from the Tanana Valley District BSA.

Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award a Scout Council can bestow on a volunteer.

Mr. Robert B. Groseclose, long time Fairbanks resident, Eagle Scout and local Scouting volunteer received the Silver Beaver Award from the Midnight Sun Council.

Jeff Rogers recognizes the 2018 Class of Eagle Scouts
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 that 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.

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

Update your BeAScout.org pin today, so prospective Scouts can find you

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/

BeAScout.org tells prospective Scouting families why Scouting is a good fit for their family and where they can find a pack, troop, crew or ship near them.

Click here to read more.

Northern Lights High Adventure Base

2019 Signups are now finalized. This year is going to be a busy season and hold many adventures for scouts from across the United States.

We have Troops or Crews from as far away as Florida and Connecticut traveling this summer to experience as much of Alaska as possible! Some are headed down the Yukon River and others are hiking around Denali. Others still are trying their hand at catching Salmon and Gold panning. They run a serious risk of filling their tummies and possibly striking it rich!

Whatever adventure and thrills they are seeking. The High Adventure Base treks really get out and around this year as well. We will be visiting the villages or cities of Homer, Valdez, Denali, Eagle, Circle, Anchorage and Fairbanks as well as throughout the Alaskan, Chugach, Yukon and White Mountain Ranges.

We are confident they will have memories of this years visit to Alaska for the rest of their lives!

Contact clinton.stewart@scouting.org with any questions.
tomorrow and giving back to the scouting organization, email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or call the council office at (907)452-1976

2019 American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship

Nominations for the 2019 American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year are open.

Nomination packets must be received by each applicant's respective American Legion department (state) headquarters no later than March 1, 2019.

The nomination packet judged best by each respective American Legion Department (state) Selection Committee, along with a list of the members serving on that Selection Committee, must then arrive to American Legion National Headquarters no later than April 1, 2019.

click here to view/download complete info on applications, scholarships, contact email addresses ....

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 responsibilities and tasks and describes the den chief's relationship with supporting den leaders and how it relates to the den chiefs 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/.

Youth Preparedness Camp

Do you know a teenager who's ready to learn about safety & preparedness?

FEMA Region 10 is seeking 40 high-school aged youth representing Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska will be selected to attend a Youth Preparedness Camp in Stanwood, Washington in August 2019.

This will be an engaging and empowering way for teens to learn about and practice emergency preparedness. There will also be a variety of exciting leadership opportunities, team building, and of course, traditional camp activities to ensure for a fun week for all.
If they are selected, all transportation, lodging, & meals will be covered.

For more information on how to apply, go to www.fema.gov/region-x/community-preparedness

VFW SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards 3 individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank.

If you know someone who fits that bill, please direct them to the form that needs to be submitted by March 1st at this link: VFW Scout of the Year entry form

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