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GILLAM WAY CONSTRUCTION

Please see the attached detour map in regards to the construction that is ongoing here on Gillam Way.

The construction is expected to last through August.

DIRECTIONS:
Coming from the Fairbanks side, get onto 14th Ave via Cowles Street. You will have to find a place to turn around to get from Cowles onto 14th Avenue. 14th Avenue runs parallel to Airport and will bring you right up to the office. We will have a temporary entrance made off of 14th Avenue.

Coming from the North Pole side, turn left off the Richardson to South Cushman Street. Turn right onto South Cushman Street and go up to 17th Street. Turn left onto 17th Street and go to Cowles Street. Turn right onto Cowles and take Cowles up to 14th Avenue. Turn right onto 14th Avenue and follow it to the office. We will have a temporary entrance made off of 14th Avenue.

Click here to open Gillam Way reconstruction Flyer
Click here to open Gillam Way detour plan with map

WELCOME OUR NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE ROBERT STEWART!

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**August 2019**

Aug 1 - TVD Roundtable @ 7 pm  
Aug 8 - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting @ 7 pm  
Aug 20 - Eagle Books due  
Aug 21 - Delta District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm  
Aug 21 - Delta District Meeting @ 6:45 pm  
Aug 23-25 - OA Fall Induction  
Aug 24 - Youth Safety Day  
Aug 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment)  
Aug 28 - Bush District POPCORN KICKOFF @ 5:45 pm  
Aug 29 - Tanana Valley District POPCORN KICKOFF @ 6 pm

**September 2019**

Sep 2 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed for Labor Day  
Sep 5 - TVD Roundtable @ 7 pm  
Sep 6-8 - Cub Scout Council Rock  
Sep 17 - Eagle Books due  
Sep 18 - Delta District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm  
Sep 18 - Delta District Meeting @ 6:45 pm  
Sep 20-22 - Fall Camporee  
Sep 24 - Eagle Board (by appointment)

Eagle Scout Robert Stewart will assume his role as District Executive on August 16th. He is currently finishing his Program Director Camp Staff role and will drive up when he is done.

Robert has recently graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Political Science from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. Robert has served on NAYLE Staff at both Philmont and Florida Sea Base, and NYLT Staff for both the Longhorn and Southeast Louisiana Councils. Robert is Woodbadge trained, and has been a National Jamboree participant and staff member. Robert also has experience in fundraising in his role as Philanthropy Chairman of the Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, raising funds for St. Jude's Hospital.

Please help us give Robert a warm welcome when he arrives.

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**Welcome and Congratulations Nathan Platt!**

The Tanana Valley District has recruited and Board has elected a new District Chairman - Nathan Platt!

Nathan Platt has been involved in Scouting for many years, most recently serving as the Cubmaster of Pack 1551 in Fairbanks, just prior to Matt Cooper assuming that role.

Nathan works up at the University as the HVAC Shop Service Manager (2012-present). Prior to this, Nathan was the Assistant Director of Residential Life for Operations for Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York (2011-2012). Before moving to Ithaca, Nathan served as the Assistant Director of Residence Life at UAF (2000-2010).
You can make a difference while you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on July 15 & 16.

Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/92-0027314 and AmazonSmile donates to Midnight Sun Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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**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.

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**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 chief's activities with the den.

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Please welcome Nathan to his new role.

We thank Collin Cogley for his years of service in that position. Collin will remain on the District Committee.

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**Please welcome our new Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisor, Keith Lund!**

Keith began his scouting career in the Chief Seattle Council in Washington State. He earned his Eagle in 1987 and has served scouting in Washington, Missouri, Germany, Korea and Alaska. He recently retired from the Army after serving more than 29 years.

He and his wife Peri are making their home in Fairbanks and are happy to be back in Alaska. He enjoys camping, wood working, cooking and being outdoors.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

We are pleased to announce the promotion of C.J. Stewart to the newly created Development Director position in the Midnight Sun Council.

C.J. has served successfully as our Director of Camping and Program for the last 3 years, managing our camp operations and high adventure base.

Please congratulate C.J. as he takes on his new role this August.
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/.

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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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**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](https://Scoutbook.scouting.org)
- From the Legacy Tools menu in [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)
- A link in Scoutbook.com

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**Big Changes to Our Fall Popcorn Sale!**

Special thanks to Pack 6, Pack 25, Pack 42, Troop 38 and Troop 78!

These 5 Units have taken the initiative to register for the upcoming Popcorn Sale. If your Unit has not registered, please take the time to follow the link below.

[https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration?council=b81595ce-f21c-11e5-a5eb-0632e198faa5&campaign=e45cb48d-09e2-11e9-9936-127e6db20aaA](https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration?council=b81595ce-f21c-11e5-a5eb-0632e198faa5&campaign=e45cb48d-09e2-11e9-9936-127e6db20aaA)

There is currently training for Unit leaders and families. The sale kicks off on August 29th.

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**8th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament**

The Midnight Sun Council will be hosting a Sporting Clay Tournament at the Fairbanks Trap Club on Saturday, August 3, 2019.

Event is limited to 15 teams of 5. Must be at least 18 years of age to shoot. Various sponsorship levels are available. Shells and Clay Pigeons are included in the price for each shooter. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. There will be many prizes and awards.

Individual shooters cost $125, $500 per team. Come on out and have a great time and support our Scouting programs! Please call the office at 907-452-1976 to become a sponsor or to register your team.

More information can be found here: [Sporting Clays Flyer 2019](https://www.scouting.org/youth/den-chief-training/)
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](http://help.scoutbook.com) for answers to commonly asked questions.

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 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 the Council office 452-1976

Daisy Products Discount

Daisy, the Official BB Gun of the Boy Scouts of America, is offering a 30% discount off retail prices on any of their products sold online to anyone associated with the BSA. This includes all BSA members and their families, as well as BSA employees.

Check out [Daisy.com](http://Daisy.com) to purchase everything from BB guns, accessories, archery products, targets, safety equipment - and even the classic Red Ryder.

Go to [Daisy.com](http://Daisy.com) to place your order. Please be sure to use the code **BSA302019** to receive the 30% discount. The offer expires on September 1, 2019.

Safety Corner

With summer in full swing as well as outdoor activities, we want to remind you that Scouting should be a safe place for our youth and families. Here are some reference points about some common ways to help our youth have enjoyable events and activities:

An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all events and activities.
Eagle Applications!

Please make appointments to review and/or drop off Eagle Scout Application packets.

To make appointments contact the Council office at 452-1976

Congratulations to our 2019 Eagle Scouts

Stephen Tolbert
Troop 42
North Star Volunteer Fire Dept

Patrick Cassidy
Adrian Peterson

As outlined in the Scouter Code of Conduct, Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana. In addition, the Code of Conduct specifies that if you are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment. Reference: Scouter Code of Conduct

Hometown USA Patch

Here a patch that can be found at our Scout Shop:

It's the "Keep America Beautiful Hometown USA Award"

Many scouts may have already earned it.

Requirements can be found online at:

https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/keep-america-beautiful-hometown-usa-award/

A youth program between Keep America Beautiful Inc. and the BSA that recognizes outstanding efforts of Scouts in their communities in regard to citizenship and environmental improvement; provides way for Scouts to make significant contribution toward keeping America beautiful.
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.