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**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 youth in our programs.

Please complete the process listed below at your earliest availability to help us continue to provide the safest environment possible for our Scouts and leaders. Please note that these steps must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed.

1. Review the separate disclosure document linked below that is being provided to you separately for your review. It is titled "Background Check Disclosure."
Important Dates

November 2019

Nov 14 - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting
Nov 15-16 - OA Lodge Leader Development
Nov 20 - Charter Renewal Turn in - #1 Bush District
Nov 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm
Nov 20 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Nov 21 - Tanana Valley District Charter Renewal Turn in @ 6pm
Nov 21 - TV District Mtg @ noon
Nov 21 - TV Commissioner Mtg @ 6pm
Nov 28-29 - Office and Scout Shop CLOSED - Thanksgiving

December 2019

Dec 5 - TVD Roundtable @ 7 PM
Dec 6 - ALL CHARTERS DUE
Dec 6 - Toontuk Lodge All Nighter
Dec 7 - Toontuk Lodge Leadership Development
Dec 10 - Eagle Books due
Dec 11 - Distinguished Citizen Banquet
Dec 12 - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting

2. Once you have reviewed that, print the separate document titled "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization." Review the additional disclosures on that form, then complete and sign the Authorization using an ink/wet signature. Note: A print signature is required for this document. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.

3. Turn in the signed "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization" form promptly to your unit leader or local council service center.

If you choose to decline the background check, or if you do not complete the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form and return it to your unit leader or local council service center, your 2020 annual registration will not be processed.

We are truly grateful for your continued commitment to keeping youth safe and for helping them learn, grow, and thrive through Scouting programs.

Welcome Matt!

The Midnight Sun Council is pleased to announce our newest staff member, Eagle Scout Matthew Banaszewski, as our Camping Director.

Matt has served as our Summer Camp Director for the past two years. He is Scoutmaster for Troop 38, is involved with the all girl Troop 38, and he is an Order of the Arrow Brotherhood member. Matt served our country for over 20 years and has recently retired from the military. Him and his wife Jamie have three children; 2 daughters and 1 son.
Dec 13-15 WSAR E Prep Weekend
Lost Lake

Dec 17 - Eagle Board (by appointment)

Dec 18 - Bush District Roundtable
@ 5:45 pm

Dec 18 - Bush District Annual Meeting
@ 6:45 pm

Dec 19 - TV District Commissioner's
Meeting @ 6 PM

Dec 19- TV District Annual Meeting @ 7 PM

Dec 23 - Scout Shop and Office
CLOSED - INVENTORY

Dec 24-25 - Scout Shop and Office
CLOSED - CHRISTMAS

Dec 26-31 - Scout Shop and Office
CLOSED - INVENTORY

OFFICE AND SCOUT SHOP
OPENING HOURS!

Monday - Friday
9AM - 5PM

Saturday/Sunday: CLOSED

BRIAN ON SCOUTING - BACKGROUND
CHECKS EXPLAINED

As you may have heard via email or social
media, National is requiring rechecks of
everyone's criminal background checks
periodically, starting with this year. In order
to be registered in 2020, leaders will need
to complete the form and turn it in with the
unit's recharter packet.

Please see the link below for more
information and FAQ's

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 to create a new unit. You can also contact
the Scout Service Center for more information.
We will be happy to help.

Please take our survey (and leave your name) to
let us know what your plans are as we move
forward: https://tinyurl.com/MSCLDSOutreach

National Registration
Fee Increase

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

The information (in the links below) 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

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
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.

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.

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

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/612-103_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.

The Midnight Sun Council is proud to announce our 2020 patches!

The Fund the Adventure patch is in recognition of a donation of at least $100 towards our 2020 Friends of Scouting campaign.
Youth Protection Training Reminder

Remember, every volunteer in the Midnight Sun Council must complete the BSA's Youth Protection annually.

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/

New Position? - New Application!

The 60th Anniversary patch is on sale for $10.00 and honors our historic move to welcome girls into all of our programs.

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.

POPCORN UPDATE

Thank you for everyone's positive attitudes as we all learn a new popcorn system! Make sure to thank your Unit popcorn team for their hard work.

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
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.

**Three new resources to make Cub Scout leaders stand up and do a cheer**

An awesome array of new resources for Cub Scout leaders is designed to help you welcome new families to your pack, learn more about the Cub Scout program and recruit new leaders.

Regularly refreshing resources is just one way the BSA has your back as you deliver an amazing program to your Cub Scouts.

Click the following link to find out what's new: blog.scoutingmagazine.org or visit our website at https://www.midnightsunbsa.org/programs/council-resources/resources-for-new-cub-scout-leaders.html

**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.

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

**UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING**

A BIG Thank You! to members of GVEA who have donated their time and talents for the United Way Day of Caring out at Lost Lake Scout Camp, repainting the interior of our Dining Hall (Honor Lodge).
**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](http://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](http://help.scoutbook.com) for answers to commonly asked questions.

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**Freeze Up Canoe Race**

We had a blast at the Freeze Up Canoe Race October 5th!

The weather was perfect and although the University Fire Department joined us in a patrol boat, all of the participants managed to avoid an unexpected dip in the Chena River. Special thanks to the Fairbanks Kiwanis Club, Lion's Club, and the Farthest North Girl Scout Council for working to make this event successful! We look forward to seeing such a great turnout again next year!

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**Why every Scout unit needs a New Member Coordinator**

Joining a new Scout unit can be a little overwhelming at first. You're presented with a calendar full of fun upcoming activities, but ...
Congratulations to our 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

Patrick Cassidy &
Adrian Peterson
Troop 92
Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks

Dawson Young
Troop 75
International Association of Lions Club

The weather has been crazy in camp but it has not stopped activities. There is now electricity in all the High Adventure cabins. Thanks Eric Illguth. The brush that was on both sides of the road has been cut back making the road wider. This was due to the snow that fell on October 12th. The photos are of the road just before the Harvest Festival. Which was a great success by the way.

SCOUT SHOP CORNER!

New Arrivals!

Cub Winter Hat

Fun Cub Scout Shirt

Click here to view all items.

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