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Please contact them during business hours

To our Scouting families:
We would like to let everyone know, that during this Coronavirus pandemic, our first thoughts are about our families and their safety. To this end, we have posted on our Facebook page and website, various opportunities to do Scouting from home.

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******OFFICE NEWS*******

The Earl & Pat Cook Service Center
Scout Shop will be closed until further notice.

Only Minimum Basic Operations will be conducted. All business that can be conducted by mail, email, electronic meetings, and phone calls will happen.

Executive staff phone numbers are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

As a United Way agency, members have various resources at their disposal to help with food, shelter, and other needs. Here is their website: https://unitedwaytv.com/

Important Dates
(click for complete calendar)

We are extending our advisory to postpone in person unit meetings through April 30th. All Council and District activities during this time period have either been postponed, cancelled, or moved to zoom meetings. Continue your social distancing and clean personal hygiene.

This week you should be receiving a letter regarding current events. Please let us know if you need anything to help get you through this period.

As for now, our Day Camp, Spring Camporee, Summer Camp, Family Camp and High Adventure programs are still on schedule and we are planning accordingly. There may be some modifications as to the normal ways of operating, but they are still going to happen. We hope to see you there. We have waived all late fees and are only charging the early bird prices for our local units.

Don't forget, we have a campership program to help our scouts attend summer camp, family camp, or day camp.
Please take advantage of this.

We will be offering quality programs which are funded through Friends of Scouting donations. Due to the current situation, FOS presentations have not been possible. We understand that these are tough times, but if you are able, please return the pledge card that is with the letter to the council office with your donation. If you can't, we fully understand and are here to support you.

There will be a staff member to receive mail, so you can call the office in the morning for credit card donations.
Stacy Brandon will also have access to process donations by calling (907)347-2714
Together, we can make it through the pandemic!

*NEW OFFICE INFO*

The Earl & Pat Cook Service Center Scout Shop and Council Office will be closed until further notice.

In light of the Governor's recent announcement, the Council office will be closed until further notice.
April 2020
Apr 2 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm - ZOOM
Apr 10 - Office Closed - Good Friday
Apr 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm-ZOOM
Apr 21 - Eagle books due - by appointment
Apr 28 - Eagle Board - by appointment

May 2020
May 2 - Toontuk Work Day at Camp
May 7 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm
May 9 - Clean up Day
May 14 - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting
May 19 - Eagles books due
May 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm
May 21 - Legends & Hero's Banquet
May 25 - Office Closed - Memorial Day
May 26 - Eagle Board - (by appointment)
May 29-31 - Spring Camporee

June 2020
Jun 4 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm
Jun 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm
Jun 23 - Eagles books due
Jun 30 - Eagle Board - (by appointment)

Only Minimum Basic Operations will be conducted. All business that can be conducted by mail, email, electronic meetings, and phone calls will happen, including donations.

If you need an item from the Scout shop please call the office and we can see if we can make this happen.

Our Executive Staff will still be working from home. Scouting from home is still encouraged. Use the materials we have shared here, on our website, or create your own.

Now more than ever in recent history, our country needs the leaders we produce through the Scouting program.

Thank you for all you do, stay safe, and keep on Scouting.

Please remember to practice social distancing and hand washing. Scouting is still strong in the Interior and North Slope Alaska. Work on your advancements at home, go outside and have fun, and check our Facebook page and website for updates. We will continue to share ideas on how to do Scouting from home.

2020 Merit Badge Day POSTPONED!!

We care deeply about the safety of our communities and health of Scouts enjoying our programs.

In order to do our part to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in Alaska, the Merit Badge Day Committee has chosen to postpone the Tanana Valley District Merit Badge Day scheduled for April 18th.

More details will be shared as time goes on but for now, stay healthy and keep on Scouting!

Contact robert.stewart@scouting.org if you have any questions about ways to continue Scouting remotely.

Questions and Answers Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea
The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online on April 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 pm through Zoom. Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this
Meeting ID: 461 814 862
TVD: https://zoom.us/j/461814862

The next Bush District Roundtable will also be held online on April 15th, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm. Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this
Meeting ID: 512 927 083
BD: https://zoom.us/j/512927083

Fairbanks Aviation Day!

We are excited to be partnering once again with the Alaska Operators Council and their Fairbanks Aviation Day,
Saturday, May 16th, 2020, 7 am - 2 pm

Location: East Ramp, Fairbanks International Airport, 3504 South University Avenue

Scouts can register by emailing robert.stewart@scouting.org
and will have the opportunity to complete the requirements for the Aviation Merit Badge while participating in the many fun and exciting planned activities.

Space is limited, and breakfast will be included with a $10 registration fee.

30 DAY CHALLENGES!

Click on the link below for more information!
30 Day Challenges pdf

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THE MERITS OF AT-HOME SCOUTING:

Across the nation, councils are finding ways to help keep their youth members engaged and Scouting.

These out-of-the-box, in-home activities are centered around providing advancement-related content to help keep kids safe, engaged and to Scouting Rank Advancement and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Scouting Advancement can still happen from home!

Remember, Scouts still need their Unit Leader’s approval to start working on a Merit Badge, and Youth Protection policies must be observed even in a digital setting

Online Merit Badge Opportunities:
This is a great time to encourage Scouts to complete their Cyber Chip!

Piedmont Council - $5 cost to cover resources
Gulf Stream Council- Remote Activity Workshops
Cascade Pacific Council - Advancement Academy

Other Resources:
click here for Bryan on Scouting - merit badges
click here for Bryan on Scouting - conducting a Board of Review through video conferencing

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help them make the best of home time.

Click Here to view just a few examples of what councils are doing.

Please check the scouting at home link below regularly, and let your friends know about these great options for at-home fun and learning for Scouting families and non-Scouting families alike.

Cub Scouting at Home Fun projects for kids that you can do from home As public places, including many parks and campgrounds, are closing. [https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/](https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/)

Friends of Scouting Board Campaign is in full swing! Teams have been divided, goals set, and members are already working towards achieving a combined goal of $55,000! We are almost halfway to our goal and sitting nicely at $23,925.00! Way to go teams! keep up the great work!

Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Update

Thank you to everyone who has helped get the 2020 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign off to a strong start, and congratulations to Troop 1138 B, Troop1138 G, Troop 1047 and Pack 1551 for achieving their F.O.S. Goals!!

The Tanana Valley District has raised $10,454 towards the District Goal of $20,000 and the Bush District has raised $2,700 towards the District Goal of $4,000!

We realize that with meetings postponed for the time being, F.O.S. presentations will be difficult to schedule.

Unit Leaders or F.O.S. Coordinators, please continue to plan to hold an F.O.S. presentation once social restrictions are lifted, and email robert.stewart@scouting.org if you have questions about other ways that families can give on behalf of your unit in the meantime.

Spring Camporee

Mark your calendars for May 29th-30th for the 2020 Alcan Spring Camporee!

The Spring Camporee will be hosted by the Bush District this year and will take place near Delta Junction, at Alaska Highway Mile 1405.

Come practice your Scout skills with us in the Last Frontier!

Some of the planned programs include Camp-Wide Capture the Flag, various Alaskan Backcountry activities, and the return of the Golden Skillet competition!

Registration will be online through our new
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BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE TICKETS: $50 EACH
DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020
Contact CJ at 907-888-7368 for tickets. Only 400 available.
Hunt Winners must be physically and mentally fit. Must be able and willing to walk long distances and carry a heavy pack.
Habitat owners must possess all required licenses and permits from ADG&G.
Travel to and from locations is the responsibility of the winners.
Proceeds will benefit the Midnight Sun Council, BSA.

Click here for flyer and more information
or contact CJ at Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org

Fishing Derby!
Finn, a Webelo Scout from Pack 1551, pulls a rainbow trout out of Lost Lake during the derby

2nd Annual
Legends & Hero’s Banquet
Currently scheduled for May 21st to coincide with the grand opening of the Food Bank's new volunteer building.

Additionally
We are looking for some scouts with adults in uniform at the event for a few different jobs such as help with guiding parking, open flags, set-up, tear-down and to cook desserts Dutch oven style. We have a few primary adult leaders to oversee dessert prep and cooking. All equipment charcoal and food items used will be provided.

Look for updated news in our next newsletter or on Facebook for updates!

Planning committee has continued to meet via Zoom Conference.

If you or someone you know would like to help us, please contact CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or at (907)888-7368.

2020 DAY CAMP!
Please join us
"Hunting for Myths and Legends"
PFD Application extended

As you apply for your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend please remember to PICK.CLICK.GIVE!

The Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America will be listed as an option

If you choose to PICK.CLICK.GIVE to the Council please let us know about it on your Friends of Scouting pledge card.

Cub Scout Preview Adventure Protect Yourself Rules

The BSA takes youth protection seriously.

In addition to requiring adults to complete Youth Protection Training, we also educate our youth on how to protect themselves. In partnership with the Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center Foundation the BSA offers the Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure to our Cub Scouts. This adventure may be completed in lieu of the cyber chip.

For more information on the adventure, head to the Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure page. This adventure is available online only.

After you complete the adventure, please take a few minutes to complete the attached survey.

The BSA would really like to hear from you.

Truck Needed!!

Ranger Rick’s famous blue 1997 GMC 2500 is starting to show its age, where the repairs are starting to add up.

If anyone has a truck they’d like to donate that is in good condition, but wants to try out a new life by serving Lost Lake and our Scouts, please contact Matt at the office at 907-452-1976.

Midnight Sun Council's Annual Family Camp

Midnight Sun Council announces our Annual Family Camp Held at the Lost Lake Scout Camp.

Take part in some family fun: swimming, canoeing, fishing, BB shooting, archery shooting.
The Tanana Valley District is looking for volunteers to serve as Unit Commissioners!

These individuals play a key role in supporting our units with focused attention and serve as a bridge between the unit and available District or Council Resources.

Please reach out to District Commissioner Mike Galloway at mikegalloway55@gmail.com to learn more!

Youth Protection Reminder

It's critical that we all continue to keep youth protection top-of-mind whether our Scouting activities are taking place in person or through a digital platform.

Of note, remember that BSA prohibits any one-on-one interaction between an adult leader and a Scout - in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form.

Detailed youth protection information is available here. To ensure you are following safety standards for all Scouting activities, please reference the Guide to Safe Scouting.

The BSA's Social Media Guidelines serve as a complement to our youth protection policies.

EXPLORING

UPDATED ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

The Learning for Life & Exploring Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) has been updated and is now available on Exploring.org.

The form was previously updated in 2014 and the changes you will see on the newly updated form are minor. 2020 will be a transitional year and we will continue to honor valid records in the old format.

Advisors and Explorers will begin using the new version for their next pre-participation physical and for all new program participants. Older versions of the AHMR will be obsolete as of January 1, 2021.

For more information related to the updated AHMR visit https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/

Enjoy dining in the newly renovated Honor lodge with all meals prepared by the camp cooking staff.

When: July 26 - July 29, 2020
Where: Lost Lake Scout Camp
The four-day experience is $100 dollars per adult and youth are $75.

A deposit of $100 dollars per family is due no later than 15 May 2020, with the full balance due 1 June 2020.

Registration needs to be made by 15 May 2020.

To register contact Matt Banaszewski by email Matthew.banaszewski@scouting.org or call 907-987-4204. (Leave a phone number and we will call to get the $100 deposit)

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH SPOTLIGHT!

This month we want to recognize a special volunteer for all they do for the Midnight Sun Council.

RYAN CAPPORELLI

Ryan is willing to do any job in camp. He cuts wood, cleans brush, shovels snow and helps paint.

Ryan is active duty Army National Guard at Ft. Greely. He is married to Christine. They have a 2 year old son, Rowan, and are expecting their second child.

Ryan is from Lafayette Indiana and has worked in several camps. He worked with the ranger and has held several program director positions. He has held the position as Cubmaster and Commissioner.

Prior to coming to Ft Greely he was in Juneau.
Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Annual Health and Medical Record visit https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-formfaqs/


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Advancement during COVID-19: Official details about Eagle extensions and more

The BSA has a message to young people concerned that the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak will prevent them from completing Eagle Scout rank requirements before their 18th birthday: Don't worry; we've got your back.

Click here for more information!

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Congratulations to our 2020 Eagle Scouts

- Samuel Bangerter  
  Troop 5  
  LDS 5th Ward

- Noah Connolly and Simon Connolly  
  Troop 14  
  North Pole Community

- Westley Patton  
  Troop 56  
  Delta Lions Club

He has worked as a corrections officer at a prison and is currently an MP.

RYAN! THANK YOU SO MUCH ..........!

This will be a continued feature in our Newsletter. To nominate a Volunteer of the Month please email tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org by the 15th to be considered for the following newsletter.

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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.

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