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2020 Recap and Where Do We Go From Here

This year has brought many challenges to all of us. As Scouters, we have faced these challenges head on. We have set up virtual programs ideas on our website (link below), encouraged Scouting at home, held the Spring Camporee while social distancing, had a successful Cub Scout Day Camp, took first place for youth organizations at the Golden Heart Reverse Parade for Golden Days, and have just finished two awesome weeks of Scout Camp out at Lost Lake. We were able to accomplish all of this, while maintaining state COVID-19 mandates. Our Summer Camp program was one of the few that operated in the entire United States.

So how do we finish the rest of the year? Meet in person, when you are able, while still maintaining all the state mandates. Recruit youth through every means possible, as the normal ways may not work. We will use geo-fencing and the BeAScout.org website to encourage families to join. If needed, continue virtual meetings. Attend Roundtable, even if you do it via Zoom. The bottom line, is to stay active. Practice Scouting as a family and as a Unit. Be prepared for the future.

How can the Council help? If you are having trouble meeting at your normal location, you can use the downstairs of the office as one option, depending on availability. Just remember to stay in the large room, as it will have to be cleaned after each use. We have online tools for your meetings - program ideas and more for both Cubs and Scouts. Financial assistance may be available to help with membership registrations. Work with your Unit Commissioner and...
Popcorn Season is here!

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United Way of Tanana Valley

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/

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, Troop 1138 G, Troop 1047 and Pack 1551 for achieving their F.O.S. Goals!!

The Tanana Valley District has raised $11,854 towards the District Goal of $20,000 and the Bush District has raised $3,450 towards the District Goal of $4,000!

Let's pick back up where we left off with this campaign!

Unit Leaders or F.O.S. Coordinators, please continue to plan to hold an F.O.S. presentation once your Troop or Pack resumes meeting in person and email robert.stewart@scouting.org if you need a packet or a guest presenter.

Important Dates

(click for complete calendar)

**August 2020**

August 6 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

August 12 - Popcorn Kick off and Kernel Training

August 13-14 - Scout Shop and Office closed for National Training

August 14-16 - Toontuk Fall Induction

August 18 - Eagle books due

August 19 - Bush District Roundtable

August 22 - Youth Safety Day

August 25 - Eagle Board - by appointment

**September 2020**

Sept 3 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Sept 7 - Office and Scout Shop closed - Labor Day

Sept 16 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Sept 22 - Eagle books due

Sept 29 - Eagle Board - by appointment

**October 2020**

Oct 1 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Oct 2-4 - Vigil Weekend @ Lost Lake Camp

District Executive if you need assistance. Let us know how else we can help.

Be Prepared and Keep on Scouting!


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Roundtable

The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online on Aug 6th, 2020 at 7:00 pm through Zoom and in-person at the Council Office.

Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:

Meeting ID: 547 704 2083 and Passcode: 55157

TVD: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5477042083?pwd=b1ExSWY4YUJHUFJ2dzM2LzVjVkd1UT09

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Oct 3 - Freeze up Canoe Race
Oct 12 - Scout Shop and Office closed - Indigenous People's Day
Oct 20 - Eagle books due
Oct 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm
Oct 27 - Eagle Board - by appointment
Oct 31 - POPCORN Distro & Pickup

BeAScout.org: The smart and simple way to recruit Scouts during COVID-19
Fortunately, you don't need to be a master of search engine optimization to recruit new families to your pack, troop, crew or ship. You just need to update your BeAScout pin. And thanks to some volunteer-focused changes to this process, it's now easier than ever to do so.... Click here for more information

The next Bush District Roundtable will also be held online on Aug 19th, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm and in -person at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction.

Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:
Meeting ID: 547 704 2083 and Passcode: 55157
BD: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/54770420837?pwd=b1ExSWY4YUtHUFI2dzM2LzVjVkd1UT09

We are sorry to announce that the Sporting Clay event that was scheduled for August 8th, has been cancelled because of the recent uptick of COVID-19 in the area.

The Bison Hunt Raffle drawing will still be conducted by VFW Post 10029, along with other drawings for the door prizes for the members of the registered teams. Winners of the prizes will be contacted, no need to be present to win.

We'd like to thank all of our sponsors for this year's event and donors of the prizes. We ask everyone to please visit our sponsors and give them your support: Doyon Utilities LLC, Alaska Railroad, Sportsman's Warehouse, Big Ray's, Rod's Alaskan Guide Service, Pike's Landing, Bennett Engineering, Arctic Fire & Safety, Iron & Wood, Alaska Ammo, Independent Rental, and Frontier Outfitters.

VFW POST 10029
BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE TICKETS: $50
EACH DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020

Click here for flyer and more information
Cub Scout Adult Leader Training

The Cub Scout English E-Learning and Facilitated Adult Training have been updated to match current Cub Scout Program changes and updates to include using Scoutbook - especially in relation to conducting a Cub Scout Den Meeting using the Den Leader Experience.

The new modules are available in the BSA Learn Center, and the following modules have been updated:

- Conducting a Cub Scout Den Meeting
- Annual Program Planning
- Cub Scout Uniforms
- Conducting a Cub Scout Pack Meeting Resources
- Involving Adults in Cub Scouting
- Conducting a Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting
- The new English Facilitated materials can be downloaded from the scouting.org/training/adult page or by clicking here.

We encourage even those already position trained to accomplish the new modules so they are current with the latest program changes.


How to earn the James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award

We could use a few more Jimmy Stewarts in the world. The Oscar-winning actor, philanthropist and military officer was a Scout in Troop 3 of Indiana, Pa. - about an hour east of Pittsburgh.... click here to read more

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Popcorn

Popcorn season is upon us! Kernels for Council, District and Unit levels are needed.

Kickoff and Kernel training is scheduled for the 12th of August at 5:30pm at the Council Service Center. A training will be scheduled for the Bush District. A ZOOM meeting will also be available. Kernels as well as Senior Patrol Leaders are encouraged to attend. Pizza and Prizes will be available during the training.

I have asked our Trails End contact to join us for the training through Zoom or teleconference, so any questions or concerns can be answered directly from TE without delay. Additionally, in response to the Pandemic, Trails End has been busy updating their sales app and website to make online selling easier, this year’s online & app sales can begin as early as 1 July!

Popcorn Kernels can register units for selling popcorn through the Trails End site. Then the Council can approve units and selling can start that day. Email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org for information and further details.

Register your unit here: https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration?council=b81595ce-f21c11e6a5eb0632e19f0a5&campaign=e45cb48d-09e2-11e9-9936-127eeeb020aa

2020 Midnight Sun Council Family Camping Program

In order to share Scouting with more families and support “peer to peer” recruitment efforts by our units,
ATTENTION PACK LEADERS!!!

Click here to view the new WELCOME CUB SCOUT FAMILIES brochure

Truck Needed!!

Ranger Rick's famous blue 1997 GMC 2500 is starting to show its age and 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.

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!

Online Position Specific Training

Did you know that there are training plans the Midnight Sun Council is pleased to announce our Family Camping program for 2020!

Families will be encouraged to visit the facilities we have to offer at Lost Lake Scout Camp on a weekend that works with their schedules, rather than through their Pack or Troop. Families are asked to share the Scouting adventure with a non-Scouting family by bringing them to camp and giving them a taste of all the opportunities Scouting has to offer.

We hope you'll help spread the word that families in the Council should come on out to Lost Lake and bring a friend! Contact the Council office at 907-452-1976 to check on campsite availability.

FALL RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

With the postponement of the start of in-person schooling, we will need to try new ways to recruit. The bottom line is to keep Scouts active, in person or virtually. Please follow the links below for some virtual recruitment ideas:

Use This Virtual Rally Plan to Recruit Scouts During COVID-19

Because of COVID-19, parents simply aren't involving their children in as many in-person group activities as they otherwise would have. Many of those activities, like youth sports, for instance, are largely impossible to conduct safely in some communities. Scouting, on the other hand, can conduct much of its programming through virtual means.

Using Tools Like Geofencing and Nextdoor Events to Promote Scouting

Article Submitted by David Rico, Southern and Central Region Membership Growth Coach Using tools like Facebook geofencing and Nextdoor events
designed specifically for your position on My.Scouting.org?

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, and you can complete these courses at your own pace!

Please log into My.Scouting.org and follow the steps below to see what kinds of training plans are available that relate to your position.

Menu>My Training>Training Center

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.

Please remember that the Midnight Sun Council requires YPT to be renewed annually to be considered current!

State forestry seeks public's help naming new fire prevention moose

Every Alaskan has a stake in smart wildland fire prevention and management, so the Division of Forestry is holding a contest to give every Alaskan the chance to name its new "Take Time To LEARN Before You Burn" moose.

Entries will be accepted until September 1.

Click here for more information

Volunteer of the Month Spotlight!

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

Jon Doty

Jon Doty is our volunteer spotlight of the month. Jon was a Scout in our Council where he earned Eagle. In the 90's he took over as Scoutmaster for his Troop, 42, in North Pole.

He has served at the Council level as our Aquatics Committee Chair and he has served the Tanana District leading many events over the years. His most important volunteer position has been as Scoutmaster, serving hundreds of Scouts and families with the Scouting program.

He earned the Scoutmaster Award of Merit, District Award of Merit and was honored with the Silver Beaver. He met his wife, Suzy, through the Troop and we are very thankful to her for sharing her husband as he spends many hours Scouting. Jon is the Midnight Sun's longest serving Scoutmaster!

Jon! Thank you so much for all you do!

This will be a continued feature in our Newsletter. To nominate a Volunteer of the Month please email
Flag Retirement Ceremonies

We have old flags for units to use to teach scouts how to respectfully retire a flag.

They are available for pick up at the scout office during regular business hours.

Save The Date: Fall Camporee

The Tanana Valley District Camporee Committee is forming plans for the Fall Camporee!

This will take place September 18-20, with more details to come.

The theme is centered around completing requirements for Merit Badges and is bound to be a great experience for new and experienced Scouts!

If you would like to be involved in the Camporee Committee please contact robert.stewart@scouting.org

2020 Golden Days Grande Parade

This year the Golden Days Grande Parade was a REVERSE PARADE, where over 750 families received Boy's Life Mini Mags and cruised by our entry at the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds.

Special thanks to members of our District Committee and Troops 1138, 1042, 1084, and Pack 1551 for helping showcase Scouting to the Fairbanks community!

Congratulations to our 2020 Eagle Scouts
Samuel Bangerter  
Troop 5  
LDS 5th Ward

Noah Connolly and  
Simon Connolly  
Dawson Freeman  
Caleb Snell  
Troop 14  
North Pole Community

Wesley Patton  
Troop 56  
Delta Lions Club

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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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The Golden Days leadership shared their opinion of our entry by awarding the Midnight Sun Council "Best Youth Organization!"

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**SCOUT SHOP NEWS**

Uniform bottoms will be 20% off with the purchase of it's matching top  

See the council website for more items and specials.

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