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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Scouting Leaders, Scouts, and Families:

In accordance with Governor Dunleavy's recent announcement regarding the reopening of Alaska, we invite you all back to in-person Scouting. **Starting Friday, May 22, 2020,** restrictions on group size has been lifted and units can start meeting again.

We recommend strongly that certain procedures stay in place. Maintain social distancing, keep surfaces clean and wear your face masks. Follow the guidance that is put out by our state, which can be found here: [https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/](https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/)

While we strive to maintain cleanliness and recommended best practices, we need to be aware that there is still the possibility of the virus spreading, so please continue to be mindful of others and remember the Scout Oath and Law. We can only do our best to prevent the spread.

We thank you all for being patient and for Scouting at Home. We hope that the suggestions we posted on our website and shared...
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)

**June 2020**
- Jun 3-5 - Day Camp at Birch Hill Recreation Area
- Jun 4 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm
- Jun 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm
- Jun 23 - Eagle books due
- Jun 30 - Eagle Board - by appointment

**July 2020**
- Jul 3 - Office Closed - Independence Day
- Jul 5-11 - Summer Camp Staff Week
- Jul 12-18 - Summer Camp Lost Lake week 1
- Jul 19-25 - Summer Camp Lost Lake week 2
- Jul 21 - Eagle books due
- Jul 28 - Eagle Board - by appointment

**August 2020**
- August 6 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm
- August 8 - MSC Shooting Clay Tournament
- August 14-16 - Toontuk Fall Induction
- August 18 - Eagle books due
- August 22 - Youth Safety Day
- August 25 - Eagle Board - by appointment

We are excited to be offering a Midnight Sun Council Scouting at Home patch!

Members of the Council Executive Board are generously sponsoring this program, and Scouts can earn this special edition patch by completing activities related to Scouting at Home.

The requirements for both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA members can be found here.

**Cub Scouts** just need to complete 4 of the listed options, and **Scouts BSA** members have 6 choices to make from their list of options!
Once a Scout has completed the requirements for his or her age group to earn the patch, an adult should send the completed Tracker form (a scanned copy or a photo is fine) to the TVD Advancement Chair Kenny Grant at kenny.grant789@gmail.com before June 30th, 2020.

Please remember to practice social distancing and hand washing. Scouting is still strong in 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 information and updates.

Roundtable

The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online on June 4th, 2020 at 7:00 pm downstairs at the Earl and Pat Cook Service Center.

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

Meeting ID: 867 8455 8436 and Password: 25139
TVD: https://us02web.zoom.us

The next Bush District Roundtable will be held at Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction on June 17th, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm.

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

Meeting ID: 851 0944 8044 and Password: 32146
BD: https://us02web.zoom.us/

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 $11,454 towards the District Goal of $20,000 and the Bush District has raised $3,200 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.

2020 DAY CAMP!
SAFETY MOMENTS

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is challenging individuals and families in new ways.

Psychological First Aid, the practice of recognizing and responding to people experiencing crisis-related stress, can be used to help yourself and others to cope in the face of stressful events.

To help, the American Red Cross is offering a Psychological First Aid: Supporting Yourself and Others During COVID-19 Online course during the pandemic. The course content is based on guidance from the American Red Cross Scientific Advisory Council, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This online course is designed for anyone interested in learning techniques for supporting mental health during the COVID-19 crisis.

Here is the link to the free Mental Health Course:
https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/coronavirus-information/psychological-first-aid-online-course

UPCOMING SUMMER CAMP
CURRENT STATUS

We wanted to take the time to let you know the status of summer camp for this upcoming season.

Our top priority is the safety of our Scouts, Volunteers and staff. There have been multiple updates over the last few weeks and we are staying on top of each and everyone of them. This information is rapidly updating and could change at any time.

We hope you’re excited for
"Hunting for Myths and Legends" at Cub Scout Day Camp this year!

When: June 3-5, 2020
Where: June 3-5, 2020 Birch Hill Recreation Area
Cost: Camp fee for Cub Scouts Tiger and older is $65 and for Tagalongs/Lions $40

Reminder: June 6, 2020 Family Day at Chena Lakes Recreation Area is CANCELLED

Please review the Pre-Event Health Screening Checklist here with your Day Camp attendees each day. If a member of the household cannot pass this pre-screening or your child is not feeling well, please stay home from Day Camp and you'll be issued a prorated refund for days missed.

We can still use more Volunteers to help put on the amazing program planned for our Cub Scouts! If willing to volunteer for part or all of the time please fill out this form.

Click here to view/download Day Camp Packet or visit our website.

Questions? Contact Camp Director Dara Carpenter at 253-651-3414 or daracrhen@yahoo.com

9th Annual Sporting Clays

Come out and test your aim at the Midnight Sun Council's 9th Annual Sporting Clays Event!

You and 4 friends team up and join us August 8th, 2020 at the Fairbanks Trap Club.

You will shoot round robin style and compete for first place against other teams. Various door prizes and raffles will be conducted throughout the event. The VFW will draw the three winning tickets
The new pledge deadline (formerly August 31st) has been moved to June 17th to accommodate the early pay out.

Follow this link https://www.pickclickgive.org/ to the pick.click.give website & more information about us and how you can show support.

Please let us know that you have Pick.Click.Give on your pledge card.

If you choose to Pick Click Give to donate to the Council in this fashion, please let us know about it on your Friends of Scouting pledge card.

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.

VFW POST 10029
BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE TICKETS: $50 EACH DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020
1st Drawing is for one 250 Year Old Bull Buffalo at the Alaska Interior Game Ranch, Delta Junction (or $2000 cash).
2nd Drawing is for a 20 Year Old Heifer (female) Buffalo at the Alaska Interior Game Ranch, Delta Junction (or $1000 cash).
3rd Drawing is for 1 full day of Chartered Halibut fishing for 2 out of Valdez (or $500 cash).

Contact CJ Stewart at 907-888-7168 for tickets. Only 400 available. Hunt winners must be physically and mentally fit. Must be able and willing to work long distance and carry heavy packs. Halibut winner must possess all required licenses and permits from AF&G. Travel to and from locations is the responsibility of the winners. Proceeds will benefit the Alaska Council, BSA. Need not be present to win. (FVFA # 704)

For making Scouting happen during these tough times. Your ability to cross over to virtual meetings and activities, from in-person ones, was very much appreciated. From online scout skill lessons to full out virtual Unit meetings, you made it happen for our Scouts!

For adapting during these tough times, keeping the Scouting program alive and interesting, you have earned the VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH recognition!

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 nominate a Scouter for a future newsletter.
Flag Retirement Ceremonies

We have quite a few 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.

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!

Latter-day Saint Scouting update!

VISION 2020

Register at: VanguardScouting.org/virtual

Mark your calendars, Vision 2020 returns to Philmont Training Center July 3-10, 2021.

Philmont Conference Quality Training in the comfort of your own home.

Online Position Specific Training

Special Announcement

In light of the extended period of camping restrictions attributable to COVID-19, the following temporary modification is being made to the camping requirements for OA eligibility: Virtual camping (i.e., backyard or solo camping) may be counted toward the required nights of camping for OA election eligibility if all the following stipulations are met:

- To be counted, all virtual camping nights should be a direct result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and be part of a BSA unit-organized unit camping event (i.e., multiple members of the unit are involved and camping simultaneously at remote locations).
- Some form of unit-organized communications should occur either during or immediately following the event.
- All existing youth protection policies and digital safety guidelines should be followed.
- No more than 3 nights of virtual camping are to be credited in any month in which government- or council-imposed COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

This change is in effect until September 1, 2020. Units which have already held an election between March 1, 2020, and April 30, 2020 are authorized to hold one additional election for any individuals who were ineligible at the time of the election due to the camping requirement, but would have been considered eligible at the time if this temporary policy had then been in effect. This second election must be completed no later than July 1, 2020. Those who were previously considered for election in the first election may not be reconsidered on this second ballot (i.e., no one can be considered for election more than once in a year).

For questions related to this update, please email membership@oa-bsa.org
Did you know that there are training plans 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.

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-andsafety/ahmr/

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Annual Health and Medical Record visit https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-formfaqs/

Safety Moment - How to Review the AHMR:

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY for Latter-day Saints to gain essential skills necessary to continue Scouting.

Join Charles Dahlquist, Mark & Nettie Francis and their hand-picked staff as they introduce the NEW RELIGIOUS AWARDS.

This exciting course is a catalyst for increased knowledge and energy among the Scouting community.

PROVIDES support, training, and information to help:
Find a new charter organization
Start a Scouting unit
Organize a committee
Recruit youth
Train adult and youth leaders
Develop an annual plan
Harmonize Scouting with the Church Youth Program

...and many more skills necessary to continue Scouting with energy, increased knowledge, and enthusiasm.

Vision 2020 flyer

2nd Annual Legends & Hero’s Banquet

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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!

TRAIL TO EAGLE

We are proud of our prospective Eagle Scouts. Workbooks are available online. If you have questions please note that appointments are needed as people you may need to talk to are not always available.

Congratulations to our 2020 Eagle Scouts

Samuel Bangerter
Troop 5
LDS 5th Ward

Noah Connolly and

The safety, health, and well-being of everyone along with the state health and safety mandates have made clear our only responsible course of action, however difficult it is, is to postpone this event until next May. We look forward to celebrating and honoring Glen Hackney next spring!

The Planning Committee will continue to meet so that we can have an extra-large honoring of Glen next year! If you or someone you know would like to help, please contact CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or (907)888-7368.

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

BSA Fieldbooks are in!

Always a best-seller, each generation of the BSA® Fieldbook has become the gold standard in outdoor survival know-how for its time... and this edition is no exception.

Recognized as a "Work of Significance" by the 2014 National Outdoor Book Awards, this fifth edition was awarded the honor as an acknowledgement of "its influence and importance in the outdoor world.

Based on over a century's worth of experiences from millions of Scouts and leaders, this book provides everything you need to know for outdoor living and camping in all season.
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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