**IMPORTANT**

Making Scouting accessible for families

As one of America’s leading youth-serving organizations, we aim to bring the benefits of Scouting to the greatest number of youth possible - all while remaining true to our mission and core values, outlined in the Scout Oath and Law.

As we think about the future, we are interested in gaining your perspective as a member of the Scouting community.

Please join us for a discussion at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 14th at the Murie Auditorium in the Margaret Murie Building of UAF, as we continue the important conversation about how to make Scouting more accessible to today's families.

Parking is behind the building and in front. You will not need a parking permit. Your attendance at this meeting is extremely important.

I look forward to speaking with you on August 14th. Please email me directly if you have any questions.

Thank you for everything you do to make Scouting a pivotal part of our community.

Yours in Scouting,

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30 - Delta Popcorn KICKOFF
31 - Tanana Valley Popcorn KICKOFF

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4 - Office and Scout Shop CLOSED for Labor Day
7 - Roundtable Tanana Valley

HAPPENING NOW!

Golden Wheel Summer Spectacular at Ice Alaska

The Midnight Sun Council will be partnering up with the Golden Wheel Summer Spectacular at Ice Alaska this year.

When: JULY 28TH - AUGUST 6TH
Admission: $3.00

Unlimited Ride Wristband is offered at the Summer Spectacular for only $30! Wristband is valid for all hours of operation, 12pm-10pm daily.

Pick up a $5.00 off coupon at either Fred Meyer location in Fairbanks! The Unlimited Ride Wristband Military Discount is 50% off (only $15!) for active, reserve, dependent, retired, and veteran service men and women with military ID.

Present this Boy Scout Flyer on Thursday, August 3rd, 2017 when you make your ticket purchase and the Council will receive 10% off the price of ride tickets that are purchased with the flyer.

What a great and fun way to support Scouting.

Flyers will be available at the Earl & Pat Cook Service Center. Flyers will also be emailed to your Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor and Post Advisor.

Roundtable

Come to the August Program Kickoff on August 3rd, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Office.

For any questions, please contact Jack Daly at john.daly@scouting.org.

The Delta Roundtable will be held on August 16th, 2017 starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Delta Scout House.

For any questions please contact Mark Smith at tokabin@aptalaska.net.

Each unit will be given a back to Scouting Program folder: Includes valuable information for upcoming community service projects, Fall Program Calendar along with 2017-2018 Yearly Calendar (see BSA website to confirm dates).
6th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament

The Midnight Sun Council will be hosting a Sporting Clays event at the Fairbanks Trap Club, on August 5, 2017 with registration at 8:30 am.

The price is $125.00/participant or $500 for a team of five, and that includes shells and clays, breakfast snacks, lunch provided by Pikes, and prizes.

Come join us for a Saturday morning of fun! After the shoot a BBQ and Awards Ceremony will cap the day off.

Further information will be posted soon on our website www.midnightsunbsa.com

Click here for 6th Annual Sporting Clays Tourney flyer!

Fall Membership Recruitment 2017

All those Tigers that were recruited from the Kindergarten ranks are now ready to be officially registered.

Those youth that were recruited this spring should be registered in the BSA system to ensure that they are covered by insurance and get their Boys' Life magazine in a timely fashion.

Scout units should be planning the "back to school socials" for August 14-18, 2017.

Speak with the BSA District Executive on "How to run an effective Fall Recruitment". Back to school socials are a time to let the community know of your program as it is a timely event that you can advertise your program in early August.

BSA Materials for the Back to School Night that each unit is hosting are available for each unit.

Request a custom-made Flyer for your back to school night recruitment from the BSA office. A Scouting flyer distributed at the school (approval by Fairbanks North Star Borough school district is required) where your unit has meetings or has youth that attend each school can/could be distributed to each classroom.

Contact the BSA office (Jack Daly/385-5011 cell). The council has many created/made flyers for uploading to the school district website for approval.

Be ready for the fall recruiting season by setting up online registration. National is rolling out an online registration process that includes credit card processing. Unit BeAScout pins should now be updated with correct contact information. There is a verification process for the application but once the unit figures out how everything works together, registration goes quickly and easily.
Community Events with BSA
Recruitment of New Youth opportunities (potential service hours for youth)

August 3: The Carnival in town will have a booth at the carnival (see website/attachment) Interested Units wanting to recruit new youth/families.

August 5: North Pole: Free Back Pack/School Supplies Event. Scouts can earn service hours to help organized scouting related activities at this event.

August 11 and 12: Bentley Mall Back to School Bash We have a table reserved. Times are: Friday, August 11 at 4pm to 9pm Saturday, August 12 at 10 am to 7 pm

Free Backpack Give-A-Way

North Pole Worship Center (NPWC) is proud to be the primary host church for World's Biggest Backpack Give-A-Way, an annual distribution of school supplies for local students, families, teachers, and schools!

WBB will be back on Saturday, August 5, from 10am-2pm, next to Santa Claus House in North Pole!

Join us for FREE school supplies, resources for parents and kids, a hot dog lunch, games and activities, and more!

Visit us online at: BackPackGiveAway

Cub Scout/ Order of the Arrow

Summer Picnic

When: AUGUST 12TH, 2017
10 am - 4 pm

Where: Lost Lake Camp
12660 Lost Lake Rd

What: The OA will provide fun activities for Cub Scouts and their families. Activities include: BB guns, archery, paintball art, fishing and more!

Fee: $10.00 per person due by August 9, 2017
DON't MISS Early Registration!
Early Bird Fee is $5.00 per person if paid by August 3, 2017

Bring the family and join the Order of the Arrow for fun in the sun and food at Lost Lake Camp!

Click here for flyer
Click here for OA Picnic Registration form

WHEN: August 19, 2017
11 am - 3 pm
WHERE: Regal Cinema Parking Lot

Mark your calendars because we want you in attendance!

We'll need help with the event as a whole and ensuring that our Scout membership recruiting is successful.

The event is from 11am - 3pm.

We'll need a group of volunteers for setup starting at 9:30. We should be cleaned up by 4 pm.

We'll also have an area dedicated to Scout recruitment.
For more info contact Jack Daly at john.daly@scouting.org and/or 907-385-5011 (cell) entrance to event is free for units/volunteers recruiting for new youth.

Click here for Flyer

#ScoutSignsHigh

It may not be a part of the Scout Law, but it is hard to argue that a Scout isn’t humble.

Although, that may not always be for the best. There are some things that are simply worth sharing, maybe even worth bragging about. One of those is, of course, Scouting.

Those within the organization know of the positive impact it has. From developing youth leaders to providing outdoor adventures, there are many reasons to be proud to be a Scouter. So, why not share them? That is the exact question the Scouting Alumni & Friends Association has asked, and in response, they have created a new initiative designed to help share Scouting's program with the world.

This initiative, #ScoutSignsHigh, is simple to take part in. At the next Scouting event you attend, just get a picture of yourself with your Scout sign up and post it along with #ScoutSignsHigh to social media. It’s a great way to share the fun experiences you’re having, but the benefits don’t end there.

By posting with #ScoutSignsHigh, you’ll help to increase the visibility of Scouting across social media. Not only will this show your community’s members the great things Scouting is doing, it will also help connect individuals to the program. Whether your picture is seen by someone currently in Scouting or an alumni, it’s sure to

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Toontuk High Adventure Cabin build

Toontuk Lodge is proud of the progress that is happening with the High Adventure Cabin build (pictured below)

There have been a few work weekends and other weekends that members have gone out and worked on the cabin.

Many thanks to the young men in the lodge as well as Jon Doty and his crew and Paul Hoff, Jeff Rogers, and Sonny Lindner for their dedication to this project.

The next work weekend will be Saturday, August 19th, 2017. Work starts at 9 AM. We will stop at 4 PM. Lunch will be provided

Contact Paul Hoff at 907-699-1417 to reply and make sure we have food for you

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2017 Northern Lights

High Adventure Base

The 2017 summer season for Northern Lights High Adventure Base is quickly coming to a close!

This month I am featuring troop 685’s trek. They came to us from San Diego California and floated the Yukon river from Eagle to Circle. Their experience was enhanced to
resonate with them. Your post may be the one that inspires an 
alumni to reconnect with their 
Scouting family and rekindles 
their passion. It may even be 
what encourages a Scout on their 
trail to Eagle, or makes a 
community member want to 
become involved. By making just 
one post, you can help to make 
an impact larger than you can 
imagine.

Scouts at the Order of the Arrow's 
Section SR-7A Conclave in April 
were some of the first to get 
involved with this new initiative. 
While at Pipsico Scout 
Reservation in Spring Grove, 
Virginia, they snapped a handful 
of photos with their Scout signs 
raised high. As you can see 
through their example, it's easy to 
do and really captures the 
experience. When you post your 
pictures with #ScoutSignsHigh, 
you'll be helping tell Scouting's 
story to everyone you know. This 
is one of the rare Scouting tasks 
that truly takes less than an hour 
a week, so there aren't many 
reasons not to take part.

So, share your experiences. Brag 
a little. You may just ignite the 
same passion in somebody else.

Total Solar Eclipse

Did you know that on 
Monday, August 21, a total 
solar eclipse is occurring with the 
path crossing right over the heart 
of the United States?

In fact, the so-called "Great 
American Total Solar Eclipse" will 
darken skies all the way from 
Oregon to South Carolina!

Miss this event, and you won't 
see another like this until 2024 ... 
and then again until 2045. In other 
words, when August 21 arrives, 
make sure you're ready.

Popcorn sale is coming up quickly!

The popcorn sale is coming up quickly!

Popcorn Kickoff Delta: August 30, 2017 at Delta Scout 
House

Popcorn Kickoff Tanana Valley: August 31, 2017 at the 
Midnight Sun Council Office, 6 pm

Trail's End has created training modules within the 
popcorn system so Popcorn Kernels can be trained 
BEFORE the kickoff.

What does this mean for us? It means the popcorn 
kickoff can be filled with FUN.

If your Kernel has completed the training before the 
kickoff and your Unit has completed a budget and 
calendar, they will receive a kickoff kit with yummy 
samples and fun prizes for your Unit's kickoff.

Please email Cindy at Cindy.Mascadri@Kinross.com or 
Tasmine at Tasmine.Bennett@Scouting.org and let us 
know who your Popcorn Kernel is. We'll get them signed 
in and ready for kickoff.
A project has been in the works to provide the ability to sync Scoutbook advancement records with ScoutNET.

We’re excited to announce that this project was completed and tested, and is now ready to roll out to units starting June 27th. This means you no longer need to access Internet Advancement for those units currently using Scoutbook!

The rollout will be done weekly to allow us to monitor and control the number of transactions processed during the implementation. We currently have a list of approximately 160 Scoutbook units that have requested to be activated in the first phase. Thereafter, additional Scoutbook units will be activated each week with the intent of having all Scoutbook units activated by July 25th. After this date, any new units who subscribe to Scoutbook will automatically be activated for the sync.

Once national sets a Scoutbook unit to active, the unit is eligible to participate. Each unit Key 3 will then receive a notification with documentation on how to set up the unit for the advancement sync. After the initial steps are completed, all youth advancement records will automatically reflect in ScoutNET within 24 hours. Scoutbook units will no longer need to generate a .csv file from Scoutbook and upload it into Internet Advancement.

This is a huge accomplishment in alleviating and simplifying advancement for our unit leaders.

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**Council Rock**

**When:** September 8-10, 2017  
**Where:** Lost Lake Scout Camp  
**COST:** Scouts $20.00  
(Early Bird Special $16.00)  
Adults $15.00  
(Early Bird Special $10.00)  
Tagalongs $12.00  
(Early Bird Special $8.00)

**Registration for Council Rock starts on July 1, 2017**

**Early Bird PAYMENT DUE August 3, 2017 by 5 pm**

**ALL FINAL Payments are Due August 31, 2017**

**Cabins reservations are on FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis and paid for in advance!**

This year Cub Scout Council Rock will take place on the weekend of September 8-10. Activities will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

[Click here](#) or see the [Midnight Sun Council website](#) for Leaders Guide

Questions? Contact Jeffrey Rogers at 328-8044 or via email at [jeffrey_a_rogers@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffrey_a_rogers@hotmail.com)

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**Fall Camp-0-Ree**

**When:** September 22-24, 2017  
**Where:** Moose Mountain  
**Theme:** Robert Service/Scout  
Service with a Smile

**COST:** Scouts/Adults $20.00  
(Early Bird Special $15.00)

**Early Bird Registration Deadline is 8/15/2017, 5pm**

At the Camp-0-Ree at Moose Mountain Scouts will have the opportunity to display their Pioneer Spirit by showing their insights at knowing who Robert Service was and his impact to Alaska.

Leaders Guides and sign-up sheets will be mailed/ed to unit leadership as well as hard copies
This week, the BSA announced significant changes to the way Scouts earn Eagle Palms.

The modifications take effect Aug. 1, 2017.

The changes bring Eagle Palm requirements in line with the needs of older Scouts. The National Boy Scouting Subcommittee has eliminated unnecessary obstacles, such as the Eagle Palm board of review, and expanded the definition of active participation.

But the biggest change affects young men who haven't yet earned Eagle. Beginning Aug. 1, all earned Palms may be awarded instantly to new Eagle Scouts at their Eagle court of honor. This abolishes the wait of months or years for these young men to receive all Palms available to them.

For a closer look at what's changing, see Scouting magazine's "Bryan on Scouting" blog.

District Award of Merit Nomination Forms

Applications/Nominations for the District Award of Merit are due on 1 December 2017.

Please send them to the BSA office at 1400 Gillam Way, attention Jack Daly.

Applications can be found online, just type in the phrase (BSA District Award of Merit).

The District Award of Merit will be awarded at the Council Recognition Dinner on February 3rd, 2018

New Affinity Group Targets Wood Badgers

For nearly seven decades, Wood Badge has been Scouting’s premier training course for adult leaders. In every BSA council, Wood Badge-trained Scouters are known by their beads, their tartan neckerchiefs, their theme song (“Back to Gilwell”), and their commitment to providing the best possible program for Scouts.

Now, 69 years after the first American Wood Badge course, Scouting Alumni and Friends has created an affinity group, American Wood Badge Alumni (AWBA), to connect Wood Badgers with each other and with the BSA. Its mission is to build a network of alumni for the betterment of American Wood Badge, the Boy Scouts of America, and especially local Scout councils.

"Two of our most prominent and largest affinity groups, Eagle Scouts and members of the Order of the Arrow,“
Eagle Scouts Recognition on the Midnight Sun Council Website!

We would like to recognize our outstanding Eagle Scouts and their projects.

If an article is submitted, we would love to put it on our website at http://midnightsunbsa.org and in our newsletter to let everyone know how our scouts are changing the community.

Congratulations to our 2017 Eagles!!

Darin Cheney
Troop 2
LDS 2nd Ward

Andrew Accola
Troop 42
North Star Vol Fire

Jacob Lovell
Troop 49
North Pole Rotary

Jason Howard
Troop 92
Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks

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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.