Roundtable

The AlCan Roundtable will be held on February 15th, starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Delta Scout House.

For any questions please contact Mark Smith at tokabin@apタルaska.net

GOLD Journey to Excellence!

For the second year in a row, the Midnight Sun Council has achieved the GOLD Journey to Excellence Award (JTE) for its service to the youth of the Interior and North Slope areas of Alaska.

JTE is a program where goals are set for the year in areas pertaining membership growth, financial stability, and administration. Gold is the highest level a Council can achieve.

Similarly, Districts and Units also have goals to achieve. Both Tanana Valley and the Bush Districts achieved GOLD JTE status for 2016.

In addition we’d like to congratulate the Order of the Arrow, Toontuk Lodge, for receiving the SILVER JTE for their accomplishments.

These are great accomplishments for our Districts and Council and we should all be proud of being a part in...
Important Dates

February 2017
1 - Merit Badge Day Registration due on line @ meritbadge.info
2 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
4 - Annual Meeting / Annual Dinner
6 - Scout Sunday
8 - BSA Birthday
9 - Toontuk Lodge Meeting
11 - Merit Badge Day
11 - Scout Sabbath
14 - MSC Exec Committee Mtg
15 - Delta Roundtable
18 - Scout Shop open 9 am-12 pm
20 - Scout Shop and Office CLOSED for President's Day
21 - Eagle Application and Project Books due by 5 pm
23 - TVD Commissioners Meeting
23 - TV District Meeting
28 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only

March 2017
2 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
9 - Toontuk Lodge Meeting
11 - Super Saturday @ LDS Stake Center, 1500 Cowles St., Fairbanks, AK
14 - MSC Exec Committee Mtg
15 - Delta Roundtable
21 - Eagle Application and Project Books due by 5 pm
23 - TVD Commissioners Meeting
23 - TV District Meeting
24-26 OA Woadstoak @ Joels Place

Annual Business Meeting

The Midnight Sun Council held its annual meeting on February 4th at Pike’s Waterfront Lodge.

We thanked our Past Council President Robert Hull for his years of service to our Council.

Robert Hull will continue on our Board as Vice President of Administration.

We elected and welcomed our new Council President Bob Groseclose. Bob had been serving as our High Adventure Committee Chair for a number of years.

Returning to the Board are: Bill Beaudoin, Bill Beistline, F. Lawrence Bennett, Kal Kennedy, Steve Adamczak, Rodger Hughes, Daniel Heckman, Cynthia Erickson, Dennis (Skip) Cook, Shane Duval, Skip Payton, Travis Lewis, Dana Mock, Collin Cogley, LTC Mick Braun, Erik Hulbert, and Dr. Daniel Reynolds.

We also welcomed 9 new Board members: Gary Stapp, C.B. Bettisworth, Lonny Piscoya, Emily Averett, Matt Cooper, Michelle Pope, Doug Goering, Jon Odsather, and Cathie Harms Tordoff.

We thank all who are serving on our Board of Directors.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Midnight Sun Council honored our volunteers at this past weekend's Annual Recognition Dinner for the work they do for our youth.

The District Award of Merit, the highest award a District can bestow on a volunteer, was awarded to two highly qualified individuals recognizing their work at the unit and District levels. This year's honorees were Julie Cole and Bill Wood.

The Silver Beaver is the highest award that a Council can present to a volunteer for their noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth, their community, and to Scouting. This year's honorees were Bryan Hinton and Cindy Mascadri.
Our guest speaker this year was Larry Gumina, the first NESA Explorer to the Ecuadorian Amazon.

Larry gave a presentation on the NESA program and his trip studying the flora and fauna of the Amazon Rainforest. NESA stands for the National Eagle Scout Association. For more information on the NESA World Explorer program, please visit: http://www.nesa.org/worldexplorersprogram.html

The National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award was presented to three outstanding Eagle Scouts on for their life accomplishments. The honorees for this prestigious award were Larry Bennett, Skip Cook, and Sonny Lindner.

Other awards for the evening included Veterans Awards, Unit Award of Merit, Council and District Journey to Excellence Awards, and James E. West Awards.

The Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief, Kyle Williams installed our new Board of Directors.

Congratulations to the 2016 Eagles Class on a job well done.

The Eagle Class of 2016, recognized at the Annual Dinner, included 25 Eagles. Each member of the class received an Eagle Scout coin and certificate.

Service projects included building a foot bridge in Coldfoot, a gazebo in North Pole, and installation of a flag pole and landscaping in Fairbanks. Total service hours were over 4500 hours.

All of the Eagle Scout projects demonstrate hours of planning, coordinating, fundraising, and leadership by the Eagle Scout candidate.

The road to Eagle Scout is a long process and takes hard work, guidance and patience to accomplish. These young gentlemen have a lot going for them and are leaders of today and tomorrow.
When: March 11, 2017

Where: LDS Church, 1500 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701

What: Leader Specific Training, Recharting, CubMaster

For more information contact Pat DeMeritt at 907-460-0254 or via email at demeritt.patrick@gmail.com

MERIT BADGE DAY

WHEN: February 11th, 2017
CHECKIN: 7:30 8:00 am
OPENING: 8:15 8:30 am
CLASSES: 8:30 am 5:00 pm
PICK UP: 5:00 PM
COST: $5.00 per Person

Location: LDS Stake Center 1500 Cowles St, Fairbanks, AK 99701

Registration MUST be submitted online by a Unit Leader. Please register scouts by Troop, through your Troop representative.

There are links for direction below.

Online registration for merit badge classes has been extended to February 10, 2017

Click here for:
2017 Merit Badge Day Flyer
2017 TVB MB Indiv SCOUT Registration
2017 Merit Badge Day Troop Reg

For more information call us at 452-1976 or visit our webpage at www.midnightsunbsa.org

Discounted rates will be available for local units!

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Clinic at LOWE's

Who: Mark Cole, Pro Services specialist at the local Lowe's store in Fairbanks will host a

Friends of Scouting 2017 Family Campaign (FOS)

The Friends of Scouting Family campaign has kicked off this year.

The Family Campaign asks families to consider a contribution to the Midnight Sun Council BSA. A limited edition 2017 Council Shoulder Strip Patch will be given to those who contribute $100.00 to the campaign. If a unit meets its goal, the unit receives discounts at the Midnight Sun Council Summer Camps. If they achieve 10% increase
Pinewood Derby Car Clinic.

**Where:** located at 425 Merhar Avenue in Fairbanks

**When:** February 18, 2017.

**Time:** Hours are 11am - 1pm.

Mark encourages boys to bring their Pinewood Derby car to the clinic to obtain first-hand knowledge of the How to create/shape/make their Derby car.

LOWE's has donated a Pinewood Derby Track that Packs may borrow from the Scout office.

See Flyer for more information

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DREAM BIG!!

Engineers Week Open House

on Feb 25th, 11 am - 3 pm

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This year, the Family Co-Chairman for the Campaign are Bill and Cindy Wright. They are members of Troop 92, chartered to the Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks, and in 2016 their son Kieran earned his Eagle. If you ask them about Scouting they will have plenty of great examples of what their family has experienced over the years in troop 92.

Please Schedule an appointment for the Family 2017 Unit Friends of Scouting campaign with Bill and Cindy Wright. Their contact information is (907-450-9889 cell) or email: bill.wright@unitedwaytv.com

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Toontuk Lodge updates

The Toontuk Lodge held their Winter banquet on Saturday January 28, 2016.

There were 43 in attendance.

The Arrowman of the year was awarded to Jack Cater, Kyle Williams and Paul Hoff. Vigil Certificates were given to Stanley Rogers and Jeff Rogers. Nick Taylor received the Founder’s award.

The Lodge presented the James E. West award to the Balko family in memory of Joseph Balko.

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Toontuk Lodge upcoming events:

March 24-26 is Woadstoak.

The lodge has invited the Nanuk Lodge from Anchorage to join us that weekend.

Check your email and facebook for more information and a registration form.

For questions contact toontuklodge0549@gmail.com.

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IALT Bird Watching Platform Project

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Spring Camporee
The Interior Alaska Land Trust is looking for a troop to help enhance the Peat Ponds by building a bird-watching platform.

The Peat Ponds are located off of Goldstream Road and serve as a beautiful home to horned grebes, American widgeons, many species of duck, the rare Rusty blackbird, sandhill cranes, trumpeter swans, and a variety of shorebirds, just to name a few!

The platform would benefit the community by providing a space to view wildlife and spot rare birds.

The Interior Alaska Land Trust will provide materials and plans.

Please contact Nikki Baird if your troop is interested in taking on the project: (585)746-6784 or nikki.e.baird@gmail.com.

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**Pick, Click and Give!**

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

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**Location**
Eielson AFB Recreation Area (across from the AFB)

**Dates**
May 12 -14, 2017

**Theme:**
Voyageur/Mountain Man/Canoeing

**Program Areas**

**Canoeing** will be the program focus and scouts must be qualified to use a canoe

[Click here](#) to see flyer for more information

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**2017 Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge**

**When:** Saturday, May 20, 2017. 7:00am-2:00pm

**Where:** Fairbanks Aviation Day, UAF CTC Hangar - Fairbanks International Airport

**Note:** This is a one-day merit badge program for active Boy Scouts.

Pre-Registration is required. Stay tuned for details on how to sign up.

For questions contact:
Melissa Osborn at 907-474-2550, [fairbanks.aoc@gmail.com](mailto:fairbanks.aoc@gmail.com) or
Jack Daly at 907-452-1976, [john.daly@scouting.org](mailto:john.daly@scouting.org)

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**National Youth Leadership Training 2017 (NYLT)**

**When:** June 5th - 10th
If you choose to Pick.Click.Give to the Council you can let us know about it later on your Friends of Scouting pledge card.

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**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](http://midnightsunbsa.org) and in our newsletter to let everyone know how our scouts are changing the community.

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**2017 Wood Badge**

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course.

Baden-Powell designed it so that Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting.

It is first and foremost, learning by doing. The members of the course are formed into patrols and these into a troop. The entire troop lives in the out-of-doors for a week, camping, cooking their own meals, and practicing Scout skills.

For the first time in decades, the Midnight Sun Council will be holding a Wood Badge Course, from June 11th -17th 2017 at Lost Lake Camp.

Schedule a part of your summer fun to be involved in this spectacular course.

Look for more information to come on our website [midnightsunbsa.org](http://midnightsunbsa.org)

If you have already earned your Wood Badge beads and would like to be on the Wood Badge staff, please contact Stephen Smith at [stephen.smith@scouting.org](mailto:stephen.smith@scouting.org)

Our Course Director is Al Wolfson, who will be
Please click here for more information!

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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 Midnight Sun Council is proud to introduce two new employees to its staff.

With the retirement of Teresa Knapp, we needed to fill her shoes.

Kenita Hoff has been hired to be our Registrar and will handle all membership and rechartering questions, advancement, and training records. She has over 16 years of Scouting experience and is very active in the Toontuk Lodge.

Edith Williams will be running the Scout Shop, and is responsible for ordering, stocking, and assisting our customers. Her son had been a Scouting member and she was an adult leader.

Stop in and see their smiling faces and welcome Kenita and Edith to the Midnight Sun Council staff!

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