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NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR

If your charter has not been processed due to incomplete information (including Youth Protection Training), you will not be able to purchase advancements or awards until charter is complete.

If in doubt, contact Kenita Hoff at 907-452-1976 or via e-mail at kenita.hoff@scouting.org.

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Roundtable

Don’t miss roundtable on February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Office.

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

The Delta Roundtable Fireside chat with the Scout Executive, Stephen Smith, will be held on February 21, 2018 starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Mt. McKinley Bank community room.

For any questions please contact Mark Smith at tokabin@aptslaska.net or Brad Kilburn at bradley.j.kilburn.ctr@mail.mil

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOY SCOUTS!!

On February 8, 2018, come join us at the Scout office and have a piece of cake to celebrate the Boy Scout Birthday.
ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

The Midnight Sun Council will honor our volunteers at this year's Annual Recognition Dinner for the work they do for our youth.

Saturday, February 10, 2018
Reception - 6:00 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm
Binkley Room, Pikes Waterfront Lodge
Cost: $40.00

The Council Annual Meeting will precede the dinner at 4:00 PM.

Three adult volunteers in the local Scouting program will be recognized with the District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is the highest award a local Boy Scout District can award to a Boy Scouting volunteer. This award is the cumulation of years of service to the Scouting movement.

Timothy J. Arnold from Fairbanks, along with Brenda H. Stapp of North Pole will be honored for their service in the Tanana Valley District. Don Frazier of Delta Junction will be the recipient of the award in the Bush District which encompasses one of the largest geographic districts in Scouting in the United States.

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 honoree is Rodger Hughes

Our guest speaker this year will be Andy Bassich.

Andy Bassich lives on the Yukon River, where the only way in or out is by boat or snow machine. Andy moved to Alaska from Washington, D.C. after coming to explore the area. He spent two years living in Anchorage before moving to the Alaskan Bush. He built his life from scratch from a vision he had. Andy can be seen on "Life Below Zero".

Other awards for the evening will include the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, Council and District Journey to Excellence Awards, and James E. West Awards. All 2017 Eagles will be recognized at the Annual Dinner. They need to RSVP and provide some information to the office even if they are unable to attend.

Come and join us in celebrating these individuals at this year's Midnight Sun Council Annual Dinner.

Click here to download the invitation with RSVP.

Congratulations to our 2017 Eagle Class!!

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OFFICE AND SCOUT SHOP OPENING HOURS!

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday/Sunday: CLOSED

The Office and Scout Shop will be CLOSED on February 19, 2018 for President's Day

UAF Engineering Day
February 24, 2018

Annually, the University of Alaska Fairbanks conducts an Engineering day in February of every year.

The BSA has been invited to attend this annual event and we will be able to earn partial credit towards the Engineering Merit Badge.

Click here for flyer and more information

BSA Pin Management

The local council is asking units to go to the Midnight Sun Council Website and view the "Be a Scout" logo at the bottom of the webpage.

Potential youth members visit this web site and look to find out where scout units are located in their town.

If your unit has the most recent contact information, then potential youth will be able to contact your unit directly. If units have contact information that is not current, potential youth could become discouraged to join.

Units will need to manage their own account by determining if their

Plan to attend the Recognition dinner on February 10th, 2018!

This class of Eagles will be recognized for their hard work! Congratulations!

Grant Wilson
Troop 1
Rotary of Fairbanks

Darin Cheney
Troop 2
LDS 2nd Ward

Owen Averett
Levi Duval
Chandler Wappett
Troop 3
LDS 3rd Ward

Samuel Pope
Coleman Johnson
Troop 4
LDS 1st Ward

Benjamin Brown
Dalton Randall
Troop 12
LDS Denali

Andrew Accola
Troop 42
North Star Vol Fire

Jacob Lowell
Troop 49
North Pole Rotary

Patrick Landers
Troop 75
International Assoc of Lions

Wyatt Foose
Jake Stone
Troop 78
Chena Kiwanis

Jason Howard
Troop 92
Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks

Family Scouting Update
unit contact information is correct.  Units can find information how to manage their account by contacting the BSA office or john.daly@scouting.org for "How to Manage my PIN."

How to Build a Quinzee Snow Shelter

A quinzee is a simple shelter made by hollowing out a big pile of snow. Here's how to build one. click here for instructions

World Jamboree 2019!

SIGN UP TODAY!!

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!!

click here for more information

BSA, The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award USA Offer Leadership Opportunities that Prepare Scouts for Global Marketplace

Youth participating in the variety of programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America can now earn international recognition for the character- and leadership-building skills they learn thanks to a new

Training Committee Wants YOU!

The Midnight Sun Council is seeking excited and knowledgeable volunteers to work on the Training teams for Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and Exploring. As the Scouting programs open their doors to the opportunity to serve more youth, including the addition of young women into the BSA program, it is important we prepare for the influx of new leaders who will want to learn about Scouting and lead our youth.

Join the team and make an impact, contact Jack Daly at the Council office 452-1976.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE!

The Midnight Sun Council is looking for some volunteers to be on the advancement committee. Thank you Bill Beaudoin for chairing the committee. We are looking for 3 to 6 people to participate in the committee and represent the different levels of scouting (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Venturing). These roles will help build a strong scouting program as well as strengthen the advancement to Eagle Scout or the Summit award for Venturing (the highest rank Scouts or Venturers can earn).

Volunteers are a vital part of any scouting organization. As everyone is aware, more hands make less work and even more hands make the small amount of work even easier. If you are interested in helping the youth of tomorrow and giving back to the scouting organization, email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or call the council office at (907)452-1976

PICK.CLICK.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 option.
partnership recently announced by the Boy Scouts of America and The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award USA. In conjunction with BSA programs, The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award USA offers youth out-of-the-classroom experiences designed to empower and equip Scouts, Venturers and Explorers to take on the best opportunities the world has to offer.

Click here to read more

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8 great scholarships for Eagle Scouts and Boy Scouts

These days, higher education comes with a higher price tag. These scholarships for Eagle Scouts, sorted chronologically by deadline, will help take out some of the sting. Click here to learn more.

The Council also has a Scholarship Fund. Applications are available at the Scout Office

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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 and in our newsletter to let everyone know how our scouts are changing the community.

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Environmental Protection Agency Student Award Program Accepting Applications

Applications are now being accepted for student awards.

Applications are due March 1, 2018.

President's Environmental Youth

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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POPCORN 2017 Sale

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2017 Popcorn sale. We had our $1000 Seller Club on January 6th at the trampoline park and about half of our top sellers were able to join us. The Scouts in this picture (and a little sister helper) were responsible for over $30,000 in sales.

We are looking for some additional committee positions for the 2018 sale including youth recognition, distribution and training. You can let Cindy or Tasmine know if you are interested in helping with the sale. We start planning in March!

Please contact the Council Popcorn Kernel, Cindy, at cmascadri@alaska.net or the staff advisor, Tasmine, at Tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org.

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Northern Lights High Adventure Base

The base has a few openings for Treks this summer. If your plans for Summit, Philmont, Sea base, or Northern tier or any other high adventure base trip for that matter didn’t or couldn’t get you in, it is not too late to reserve your spot to trek out in the Brooks Range or even visit Wrangell St. Elias and truly get out in the wilderness this summer.

We can offer various treks and customization so you can get exactly what you dream of doing in the short summer season. Don’t delay! Call CJ at the Midnight Sun Council Service Center (907) 452-1976 or email at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org

If you are interested in being on Staff, click here to download application or contact CJ.

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Northern Lights High Adventure Base

The Midnight Sun council is still looking for Summer camp staff to work at the Lost Lake Scout camp this summer!

We are looking for a water front director (must be 21 years of age) and a Camp Commissioner. We are also in need of staffing positions in various program areas such as nature and handy craft.

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The PEYA program recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth.

Each year the PEYA program honors a wide variety of projects developed by young individuals, school classes (kindergarten through high school), summer camps, public interest groups, and youth organizations to promote environmental awareness.

Recent award-winning student projects included forming recycling programs for pencils and books, starting an environmental news YouTube channel, and creating a better method to protect migratory birds from airplanes. Contact PEYA@epa.gov for questions.

If you are interested in getting outdoors and working with today's youth click here to download application forms or email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org for more information.

Cub Scouts Day Camp 2018 (Junior Spy Camp)

When: Wednesday May 30, through Friday June 1 at Birch Hill Recreation area.

Saturday, June 2 Day Camp Family Picnic at Chena Lakes Recreation Area

More information and Leaders Guide will be posted soon.

Changes to internet advancement

The BSA announced it will release Scoutbook Lite, a new tool for quickly inputting advancement data, in the second quarter of 2018.

Click here for more information.

THANK YOU to all of our 2018 Golden Eagle sponsors!