How is your snow-machine doing? Is it old and worn out, but not quite ready to quit? Why don’t you give it one more chance to race? The Tired Iron, a premier snow-machine event will be happening over two weekends this year. For more information, please visit: http://fairbankstirediron.org/

THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

March 17th
Drivers only safety meeting

March 18th
Chena Lakes near the containment area on March 18th
Heavy Metal - machines from the 1980’s
Classic - machines up to 1979
Wet Iron - Liquid cooled machines

March 24th
Near Fred’s East
Ball Drop - Fun for all kids, catch the right ball and get a prize, possibly even a youth snowmachine
Fun Run - machines that go 40-55 mph

March 25th
Near Fred’s East
Jurassic Classic - machines that go up to 25 mph
**Training**

**Cub Scout Day Camp 2018**

**District Picnic**

**BSA Family Camp**

**Summer Camp 2018 T-shirts/Fleece**

**Lions integration to Cub Scouts**

**Annual Recognition Dinner Recap**

**Note from the Registrar**

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**Important Dates**

**March 2018**

1 - Roundtable Tanana Valley

2-4 Order of the Arrow wOAdstOAdstOAk @ Joels Place Fairbanks

20 - Eagle Application books and Project Books due by 5 pm

21 - Delta Roundtable @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room

21 - Bush District Meeting 6:45 pm @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room

22 - TV District Commissioners Meeting @ 6 pm

22 - TVD Committee Meeting @ 7 pm

27 - Eagle Board by appointment only

30 - Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Good Friday

**April 2018**

5 - Roundtable Tanana Valley

17 - Eagle Application books and Project Books due by 5 pm

18 - Delta Roundtable @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room

18 - Bush District Meeting 6:45 pm @ Mt. McKinley Bank Community Room

21 - TVD Introduction to Leadership Skills Training at Monroe 9am - 5pm

24 - Eagle Board by appointment only

26 - TV District Commissioners Meeting

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**Friends of Scouting**

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 2018 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 above their goal, they receive a free night at Lost Lake camp for the entire event.

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 2018 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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**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.

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.
Roundtable

Don't miss roundtable on **March 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 **March 21, 2018 starting at 5:45 p.m.** at the **Mt. McKinley Bank community room**.

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

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**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 the 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.

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**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.
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 website 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 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"

New Holland Tractor

Thanks to a generous donation from the Minto Family, a grant from the Stroeker Foundation, and another grant from the Rasmuson Foundation, the Midnight Sun Council will be the proud owners of a New Holland tractor, a first in the 58 year history of our Council. The tractor will be used to plow, mow, move heavy items, and more. The "Minto Mobile" is on order and we hope to have it soon.

Introduction to Leadership Skills

Boy Scout Youth Training

9am - 5pm
**World Jamboree 2019!**

**SIGN UP TODAY!!**

[Image of World Scout Jamboree]

**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!!**

[Click here for more information]

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**Monroe Catholic School**

**Date:** Saturday, April 21, 2018

**Bring a sack lunch**

**Pre-Register by 30 March, 2018 @ BSA office**

**Contact:** Matt Banaszewski: 907-978-4206 email: ski7884@hotmail.com

**Cost $10 (includes trained patch/materials)**

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**Presenting the 2017 Merit Badge Rankings: Which were the most and least popular?**

Exactly 69,563 Scouts earned the Eagle-required First Aid merit badge in 2017. That's good enough for a gold medal, and it marks three consecutive years of First Aid dominance.

Top 3 earned (With Eagle Required Badges)

1. First Aid
2. Swimming
3. Citizenship in the World

Top 3 earned (Without Eagle Required Badges)

1. Fingerprinting
2. Rifle Shooting
3. Leatherwork

Click [here](#) to view full list

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**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.

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**Tanana District Picnic June 2, 2018 "Chena Lakes"**

The annual Tanana District Picnic will take place in conjunction with the last day of Cub Scout Day Camp. A "Golden Skillet" competition will take place among the district members. This will be a noon gathering and check out the Day Camp at Chena Lakes. NO SWIMMING WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE PICNIC DUE TO BSA REQUIREMENTS. SWIMMING WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE EVENT IS CLOSED.

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**BSA Family Camp 2018**
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](http://midnightsunbsa.org) and in our newsletter to let everyone know how our scouts are changing the community.

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**How to deduct Scouting expenses on income tax return**

When Baden-Powell said “Be Prepared,” I’m pretty sure he wasn’t talking about income tax returns.

But still, there’s no better advice than that two-word phrase during tax time.

Scouters who heeded the Scout Motto last year remembered to track and document their Boy Scouts of America-related expenses. And now, they know that they can include those expenses on their tax return.

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**Summer Camp 2018 T-Shirts/Fleece**

Summer Camp 2018 T-Shirts are in! Moister wicking T-shirts available in Gold/Yellow for campers and burnt orange for camp staff! Reserve your spot at summer camp to attain one, if you would like the orange color don’t be afraid to apply as staff! Staff shirts pair well with the new Northern Lights High Adventure Base Fleece jackets that came in as well.

Get a group or troop interested in some treks and talk with me CJ about purchasing High Adventure gear as well! High Adventure Fleeces are Available for purchase at the Scout Shop as of today. T-shirts are currently only available through summer camp, so if you want one, don’t wait! Sign up for camp today! Midnight Sun Council Office (907)452-1976, or email [Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org)

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**Call of the Caribou**

Toontuk Lodge 549
The Winter Banquet
January 26, 2018
Pikes Lodge

Recently Toontuk Lodge held their Winter Banquet at Pikes Lodge. This event was coordinated by Joe Griswold and was extremely fun to attend. There was a taco bar as well as awards being presented.
expenses if they plan to itemize their deductions.

To learn more, click here.

Five African-American Leaders Who Started in Scouting

Before becoming the leader of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s and delivering the famous "I Have a Dream" speech, Martin Luther King Jr. was a Boy Scout. From ages 11 to 13, King was registered as a member of Troop 151 in Atlanta, Georgia. His troop met at Ebenezer Baptist Church, now part of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site.

Click here to read more.

National Executive Board Approves Lions Integration Into Cub Scouts Program

Starting August 1st, the start of the 2018/2019 program year, Lions will no longer be a pilot program and will be full members of the Cub Scout program. There is a lot of excitement coming to the Scouting world this fall, especially in Cub Scouts. Please click here for the FAQ PDF.

Click here for more information.

Annual Recognition Dinner Recap

Three adult leaders from the Midnight Sun Council BSA were awarded the District Award of Merit for their continued and
3x your impact! From March 12-31, Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/92-0027314 and Amazon donates to Midnight Sun Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Click here to read more

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.

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.

THANK YOU to all of our 2018 Golden Eagle sponsors!

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