Roundtable

Roundtable will be held on March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Office.

For any questions, please contact Daniel Pons at mountain.man.dan75@gmail.com

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

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

The Council Welcomes its newest Council President

Robert "Bob" Groseclose

On February 4th, the Midnight Sun Council held its Annual Meeting at Pike's Waterfront Lodge and one of the main topics of the evening was to elect the 2017 Board of Directors.
Help Wanted!

2017 Wood Badge Exploration Merit Badge
2017 Golden Eagles

Important Dates

March 2017

2 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
6 - SCOUT SHOP and OFFICE are OPEN from 1 pm - 5 pm
9 - Toontuk Lodge Meeting
11 - Super Saturday @ LDS Stake Center, 1500 Cowles St., Fairbanks, AK
14 - MSC Exec Committee Mtg
15 - Delta Roundtable
19 - Tired Iron
21 - Eagle Application and Project Books due by 5 pm
23 - TVD Commissioners Meeting
23 - TV District Meeting
24-26 OA Woadstoak @ Joels Place Fairbanks
28 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only

April 2017

6 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
8 - MSC Board Retreat
13 - Toontuk Lodge Meeting
14 - Scout Shop and Office CLOSED for Good Friday
18 - Eagle Application of Project Books due by 5 pm
19 - Delta Roundtable
19 - MSC Exec Board Mtg
22 - BALOO Training
25 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only
27 - TVD Commissioner Corps Tng

Taking the helm is Bob Groseclose, a long time Scouter and past Distinguished Citizen Recipient, along with his wife Barbara Schuhmann (2013).

Bob has served our Council as a Board member, Advancement Chairman and most recently High Adventure Committee Chairman, among other positions.

Please congratulate Bob in his new position!

Double your Dividend 2017

Pick.Click.Give. when you File by March 31st and be entered to win an extra PFD.

The Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America is an eligible nonprofit!

If you donate to the Council through Pick.Click.Give please fill that information out on your Friends of Scouting pledge form.

Five lucky Alaskans who share part of their PFD through Pick.Click.Give. will be given an extra dividend in addition to an extra dividend going to their nonprofit of choice!

If you've already filed, it's easy to log on again and choose a cause that matters to you- a small donation can make a big impact!

Thank you Bill Beistline and B-Line Construction

Bill is one of our long time board members and huge asset to our Scouting community. He also takes time out of his day to plow our Council's service center parking lot.

We love to see him and his employees show up after a big snow storm.
May 2017

27 - TV District Meeting  
29 - Clean Up Day

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On Sunday, March 19th, the Tired Iron event known as the Jurassic Classic will be held between Fred’s East and the First Student Bus Barn in Fairbanks.

There will be two classes of racers this year, snow machines that go less than 25 MPH and ones that go 26-39 MPH. Other well-known activities - moose turd bowling, and FOOD - will be accompanied by some new ones.

Proceeds from food sales will help our Jamboree troop going to the National Jamboree in West Virginia this summer.

For updated information, please visit:  
http://www.fairbankstirediron.org/

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WOADSTOAK!

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.

Click here for Registration Form.

For questions contact toontuklodge0549@gmail.com.

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Super Saturday Training

**When:** March 11, 2017

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

**What:** Leader Specific Training, Recharting, CubMaster

[Click here](#) for Flyer

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

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 above their goal, they receive a free night at Lost Lake camp for the 2017 Clean up day! Earlier than Ever

Explore Alaska has requested that we have our community looking good for national and international guests attending an Arctic Nations meeting in May.

Many of these guests will be traveling with national and international media.

In order to be ready, **Clean Up Day** is being planned for **Saturday, April 29**.

The Boy Scout office will be the main distribution point for bags starting on Monday, April 17, and we need your help. If you have spare time please sign up to help the community get their bags and mark an area on the map.

We will be passing out bags at our office any time that we are open. We'll need help Mon-Friday from 9am to 5pm, Thursdays until 7pm and we'll pass out bags on Saturday from 9 to noon.

We'll pass out bags on the day of the event from 8 to noon. Call us at 452-1976 to sign up for a time slot.

Now is also the time to start planning your Unit’s contribution to cleaning up our community. If you don’t already have an area, this is a great time to do a joint project with your Charter Partner.

If their area is not a safe area for the age group that your Unit serves please consider choosing your meeting place or a local park. There is enough clean up for everyone to be involved.

Spring Camporee

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

**Dates**
May 12 -14, 2017

**Theme:**
Couriers du Bois (Runners of the Forrest)

**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

[Click here](#) to see spring camporee leaders guide
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

IALT Bird Watching Platform Project

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.

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:** Pre-Registration is required. Only 20 slots/students/scouts will be able to sign up for this event.

Flying Permission Slip is required. More than two youth registering from the same troop will need to bring an adult for the class.

Sign up at [http://www.meritbadge.info/](http://www.meritbadge.info/) and follow these steps:
- Click "Events button".
- Scroll to Date: May 20, 2017 "Aviation Merit Badge Day Fairbanks Airport".
- Click Red sign up button: Register online pay **fee $10.00 (cash only)** and submit Flying permission form at BSA office

[Click here](http://www.meritbadge.info/) for AOC Merit Badge Day Flyer
[Click here](http://www.meritbadge.info/) to download Flying Permission Slip

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

2017 Cub Scout Day Camp

The 2017 Cub Scout Day Camp "Cubs of the Roundtable" will be held on 31 May, June 1,2 at Birch Hill Recreation Area.

On day four of the camp, June 3, the camp will be held
2017 Northern Lights High Adventure Base

After finishing up our first Winter High Adventure Trek with Troop 104 from the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, Ca, we are looking at an additional eight treks this summer.

The units are coming from various locations in the lower 48.

They will be joining us for both Scout Camp and High Adventure Treks this season.

Please show them your hospitality if you meet them while they're here!

Treks are still open to local units, but space is disappearing quickly!

For more information about treks contact Stephen Smith at stephen.smith@scouting.org

Discounted rates will be available for local units!

National Youth Leadership Training 2017 (NYLT)

When: June 5th - 10th

Where: Alaska Twin Bears Camp, MP30 Chena Hot Springs Road

Course Fee: $450.00

(Deadline to register is May 15th)

$200.00 Non-Refundable but transferable deposit due at registration.

Early Bird Savings of $50 if registered and fees paid by April 1st, 2017.

Click here for NYLT Flyer
Click here for NYLT Application Instructions

For further questions contact Pat DeMeritt at demeritt.patrick@gmail.com

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

2017 Lost Lake Boy Scout Camp
This is to announce the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout award program.

The program is open to Eagle Scouts, under 19 years of age.

The award will be based on a theme essay by the scout.

The National Award is $10,000 for the winner, $6,000 for the 1st runner-up, and $4,000 for the 2nd runner-up.

The state society will conduct a judging of applications in the spring of 2017, date to be announced later.

The top 3 state applications are to be forwarded to National SAR by June 1, 2017.

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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Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course.

Baden-Powell designed it so that Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the
BSA releases Exploration merit badge, celebrating a Scout's spirit of adventure

Though officially released in December, we would like to highlight the new Exploration merit badge this month, after having had World Explorer Larry Gumina make a presentation at February’s Council Recognition Dinner. The badge - the 137th on the BSA’s list of currently available merit badges - celebrates the spirit of adventure that has inspired Scouts for more than a century.


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 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

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.

Our Course Director is Al Wolfson, who will be coming up with other staffers from California to make this course a memorable one.

Follow this link to see more on Why Wood Badge? http://scoutingmagazine.org/2014/02/wood-badge/
opportunities like the National Eagle Scout Association’s World Explorers Program.

You can read more about this badge here: http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/02/23/bsa-releases-the-exploration-merit-badge-its-137th-currently-available-merit-badge/

Here are the requirements for this new and exciting merit badge:


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