BSA Expands Cub Scout and Boy Scout Programs to Welcome Girls

The BSA’s board of directors has unanimously approved welcoming girls into our Cub Scouts program and delivering a Scouting program for older girls that will enable them to advance and earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

The historic decision comes after years of receiving requests from families and girls. The BSA evaluated the results of numerous research efforts, gaining input from current members and leaders - as well as parents and girls who have never been involved in Scouting - to understand how to offer families an important additional choice in meeting the character development needs of all their children.

Linked below (or attached) are a few resources to help you learn more about the decision, as well as respond to any inquiries you may receive.

- Official BSA news release
- Family Scouting page on scoutingnewsroom.org
- Family Scouting FAQ

Key Messages:

- This change is the result of years of requests from families: The BSA
thoughtfully evaluated how to bring the benefits of Scouting to the greatest number of youth possible and adapt to the changing needs of today's families - all while remaining true to our mission and core values, outlined in the Scout Oath and Law.

- Changes will begin in 2018 (Cub Scouts) and stretch into 2019 (older girls): Starting in the 2018 program year, families can choose to sign up their sons and daughters for Cub Scouts. Using the same curriculum as the Boy Scouts program, the BSA also will deliver a program for older girls, which will be announced in 2018 and projected to be available in 2019, that will enable girls to earn the Eagle Scout rank. This unique approach allows us to maintain the integrity of the single-gender model while also meeting the needs of today's families.

**Top 6 Things to Know About Inviting Girls to the BSA Scouting Wire**

**Roundtable**

Don't miss roundtable on November 2nd, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Office.

Recharter Packets will be available.

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

The Delta Roundtable will be held on November 15th, 2017 starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Mt. McKinley Bank community room.

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

**Fireside Chat at December Roundtable**

Our Scout Executive, Stephen Smith will attend the Tanana Valley District Roundtable on December 7th and the Bush District Roundtable on January 17th to host a fireside chat.

Topics will include the state of the Council and where we are headed, including the new Family program starting in 2018.

**Internet Recharter Update**

Click here to view/download the updated internet recharter procedures.

Feel free to share the attached with anyone that may need help with online rechartering. If assistance is needed, please contact your Unit Commissioner or Council Office

**Popcorn Pickup and Volunteers**
We have pickup times for Units starting on Friday (November 3) from 2pm to 4:45pm and Saturday (November 4) at 8:30am to 10:45am.

We'll stagger pickup times. When you call or email to request a pickup time I'll need to know what type of vehicle you will be bringing. Most importantly I need to know if your Unit will need the popcorn restacked on a pallet and shrink-wrapped and moved with a forklift onto a trailer or truck.

Pickup is the same place as last year at Span Alaska (formerly Pacific Alaska Freightways). The address is 3350 Koba Way.

Please arrive 10 - 20 minutes early to count your popcorn and sign it out. We'll also be collecting a Unit check for the popcorn minus the commission at the warehouse. Thank you to the Units that have already turned in money! After your product is signed for we will tell you where to bring your vehicle to start loading.

We are also accepting volunteers to help with this process.

Starting at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 3rd, we can use volunteers to sort popcorn.

Let Tasmine know if you are able to help! We are hoping we can be done by 5pm. We'll be helping people load popcorn starting at 8:30 am on Saturday and we hope to have the warehouse empty and clean by 11am. If you can only come for part of the time, that's okay!

Email her at Tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org. You can also call the office at 452-1976.
Northern Lights High Adventure

would like to share the experience of Troop 77 from Iowa.

They came up to the Interior of Alaska with the intent to achieve the 50-miler award for hiking. They set the bar high for themselves and achieved their goal!!

Larry Gumina, was the perfect trek leader for this bunch as he not only went with them during this hike he was able to help push them to achieve what they set out to do! Not only were they the only group to achieve this goal, they are also part of the 33% of the people that traveled up from the lower 48 states to see Denali and actually seen it! (Little known fact is that 66% of people who come up to see Denali are unable to see it because the mountain likes to play hide and seek with the clouds). Talk about a trip of a life time. Even our facebook back drop has a picture from the trek (can you guess which? Click on the link to our facebook page to confirm you were right) The airline even tried to throw a wrench into the plan by losing their bags for a full day. Nothing stopped these determined scouters!

**DATE CHANGE**

ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

Because of a scheduling conflict at Pike's Landing, we were requested to move our Annual Recognition Dinner back a week to Saturday, February 10, 2018 starting at 6:00 PM.

The Council Annual Meeting will precede the dinner at 4:00 PM with a Social at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. The meeting and dinner will be held at Pikes Waterfront Lodge.

Please make these changes to your calendar!

Boy Scout Merit Badge Day on January 20, 2018

Plan now to attend the Boy Scout Merit Badge Day to be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018.

Information will be available on the Midnight Sun Council Website.

Sign up will be ONLINE through the internet site: http://www.meritbadge.info/

Payment needs to be made by calling or stopping by the Council office.

Toontuk Lodge News!

The most important news at the moment for Toontuk Lodge is for members to renew. You can do so by simply visiting the council office, filling out the membership form, and paying the $25 dues, or you can pay for a Season Pass for $140.

This year's fee includes receiving the center part of our participation patch.
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 on how to manage their account by contacting the BSA office or john.daly@scouting.org for "How to Manage my PIN".

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The CFC is the official workplace giving campaign of the Federal government.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Similar to the United Way, Federal employees can donate to their favorite charities through giving at work or payroll deduction.

Freeze Up Canoe Race 2017

The Freeze up Canoe Race was an amazing success this year and it would not have been so without your support. We had nearly 50 youth attend the event as well as numerous adults. In addition to your contribution we also had help from the Fairbanks Host Lions, State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Pikes Landing, Sani Can, University Fire Department, Bureau of Land Management, Toontuk Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, Farthest North Girl Scout Council, and the Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks.

We look forward to your continued support next year as we intend to grow the event to include many more youth.

Northern Lights High Adventure Base is looking for Trek Leaders and Expeditors for the summer of 2018.

If you are interested in traveling the state and seeing some, if not all, of the wonderful sights this great state has to offer, follow the link below. Did I mention free travel and meals as well as getting paid while you do it?

http://midnightsunbsa.org/images/HighAdventure/HA-Staff-app.pdf
They would need to identify their charity through its designated ID code.

The Midnight Sun Council's code is 64719.

As you go through this year's campaign, please consider using the CFC to donate to the Midnight Sun Council.

We are looking at all positions from a Camp Director to youth staff members. Maybe you're better at book keeping and business? Well, that's great because we are looking for a business director as well as a camp commissioner and civics director, Handicraft director, Shooting sports director and an Aquatics director just to name a few, we will also be looking to fill the staff positions under each director before December 15th of 2017. Don't wait, we need you and your skills before camp so that we can bring our best to the camp!! APPLY TODAY!

Lost Lake Camp Staff applications

If you have any questions regarding High Adventure or camp positions please contact CJ Stewart at the Midnight Sun Council Office located at 1400 Gillam Way, call (907) 452-1976 or just simply email me at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.org

World Jamboree 2019!

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!!

Click here for more information

Keep your eyes open for more information on social media in the upcoming days ramping up to the application opening on November 1st.

Reminder: 2019 Philmont Trek Lottery Registration Closes Nov. 15

The 2019 trek lottery registration for Philmont Scout Ranch closes at 11:59 p.m. MST on November 15.

Philmont's lottery-based registration system gives everyone an equal chance to experience the wilderness and learning adventure of a lifetime.

Philmont provides an unforgettable adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the Old West - horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history - with exciting challenges for today, such as rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and rifle shooting.
Performing service is a staple of the Scouting experience. Do a Good Turn Daily is our slogan. We do this without expecting anything in return. That being said, recording service hours is important for unit, district, and council Journey to Excellence scores. Please enter your service hours before the end of the year.

**Recording Service Hours**
You will need your unit ID (five to 11 digits) and your unit number (four digits, no letters). You can get this information by calling your council service center.

Go to our website at [www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence](http://www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence). Look for the "Service Project" area of the screen. Click on "Enter service hours here." Choose "Click here to log in or create an account." Volunteers with a MyScouting account can also reach the Journey to Excellence service hour website by clicking on the service hours link on the left side of the screen in the "Unit Tools" section.

**Scouting's Journey to Excellence.** Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the BSA's planning, performance, and recognition program designed to encourage and reward the ...
The BSA has been invited to attend this annual event and we will be able to earn partial credit towards the Engineering Merit Badge.

Please mark this date on your BSA calendars and look for "HOW to sign up" for this event.

We will be using the internet website http://www.meritbadge.info/ for sign up to this event.

Click on "Submit." When you submit your information, you will be asked whether you have any additional projects to record. To print a certificate, press "Print Certificate."

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