What a great way to ring in the New Year!

As of today, we are ahead of last year in both Traditional (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Venturers) and Learning for Life membership (Exploring and In-School programs) AND we expect even more to come in yet.

I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work and for bringing the Scouting program to more and more youth and their families.

Even though there have been years of membership decline nationwide, the Midnight Sun Council has proven that it continues to be a strong area for Scouting.

I believe the values that Scouting teaches just reflect and reinforce those values of the
Reminder to all EAGLES

Merit Badge Day

Pick, Click and Give!

Pinewood Derby Clinic

2016 Golden Eagles

Important Dates

January 2017

2 - New Years - Scout Shop and Office Closed

5 - Tanana Valley Roundtable

7 - Popcorn Party $1000 Sellers

12 - Toontuk Lodge Meeting

13-15 Winter Camp-O-Ree

16 - Martin Luther King Day - Office and Scout Shop Closed

18 - Delta Roundtable

24 - Eagle Application of Project Books due by 5:00 pm

25 - Venturing Officer Assoc Meeting

26 - TVD Commissioner Training

26 - TVD District Meeting

28 - OA Banquet

31 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only

February 2017

2 - Tanana Valley Roundtable

4 - Annual Meeting and Council Recognition Dinner

11 - Merit Badge Day

15 - Delta Roundtable

21 - Eagle Application of Project Books due by 5 pm

22 - Training Committee Meeting

22 - Venturing Officer Assoc.

23 - TVD Commissioners Meeting

23 - TV District Meeting

Alaskan people and communities.

Self reliance, leadership, pioneer spirit, and doing what's right are just some of the traits that we all share.

Thank you for having Scouting be part of your life and for sharing it with our youth.

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

2016 Membership graphic (large view)

Roundtable

Roundtable will be held on January 5th, 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 January 18th, starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Delta Scout House.

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

Distinguished Citizen Award Follow up

On December 7th, we celebrated the acts of generosity and public service of two well deserving individuals, Karen Perdue and C.B. Bettisworth, with the awarding of our Distinguished Citizen's Award.

Over 270 people attended this great evening out, recognizing Karen's and C.B.'s accomplishments over the years.
The dinner raised nearly $40,000, in addition to an additional $30,000 towards the construction of a new First Aid Center and Shower house at Lost Lake Boy Scout Camp.

$1,000.00 Seller’s Club Party

When: Saturday, January 7, 2017

Where: Laser Tag of Alaska off Badger Road (2910 Glacier State Drive North Pole, AK 99705)

Who:
Cub Scouts: 12:45 pm to 2:45 pm
Boy Scouts, Venturing and Explorers: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

This party is to celebrate any Scouts who sold over $1,000 in popcorn sales during the 2016 fall sale.

Come for Laser Tag, Go-Carts, pizza and arcade games!

You'll get some quarters for arcade games but you might want to bring extra.

RSVP to 452-1976 or Tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org.

You'll need to tell us your name, Unit and how much popcorn you sold.

Winter Camp-o-ree!!

THE GREAT ESCAPE!


Where: Lost Lake Camp
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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Do you want to spend a week in the Alaska back country, go above the Arctic Circle, or maybe walk on a glacier that’s been around pretty much since the beginning of time?

Welcome to the Northern Lights High Adventure Base, where there is no other place more extreme, we can certainly help you achieve those goals!

For more information about 2017 treks contact Stephen Smith at stephen.smith@scouting.org

Discounted rates will be available for local units!

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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!

REMINDER TO ALL OUR 2016 EAGLES!

All of our 2016 Eagles will be invited to our Annual Dinner on February 4th to be recognized for their accomplishments. Please email Tasmine with details on your Eagle Scout project including the total hours that you and volunteers spent planning and carrying out your project to tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org.

MERIT BADGE DAY

WHEN: February 11th, 2017
CHECK-IN: 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
LUNCH: $6.00 is Optional; Must be paid at time of registration. Jamboree Troop will be providing lunch as a fundraiser.
Location: LDS Stake Center 1500 Cowles St, Fairbanks, AK 99701

Registration turn-in at BSA office: 1400 Gillam Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Registration ends February 1st, 2017. Please register scouts by troop, through your troop representative.

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
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LDS Delta Ward
Tanner Michie
Liam Barnard

Troop 14
LDS Badger Road Ward
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Troop 35
Salcha LDS Branch
Taylor Price
John Tidwell
Connor Berry

Troop 38
Knights of Columbus
Maxwell DeMeritt
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Blake Farnham
Scott Taylor

Troop 49
North Pole Rotary Club
Jonathan Weeks

Crew 1000
Friends of Lost Lake
Ryan Brewer

Crew 2011
LDS Delta Ward
Jeron Lemons

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Pick, Click and Give!

As you sign up 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.

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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 Pinewood Derby Car Clinic.

Where: located at 425 Merhar Avenue in Fairbanks

When: January 14 and 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.

See Flyer for more information

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