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Important Dates

August 2015

- 1-8 - World Jamboree
- 3-8 - National Order of the Arrow Conference (N.O.A.C.)
- 6 - Roundtable Kickoff
- 8 - 4th Annual Sporting Clays
- 14-15 - Scout Family Camp
- 21-23 - OA Fall Ordeal
- 18 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 5:00 pm

Roundtable Reminder - Program Planning Kickoff

The August 6th Roundtable is the traditional start of the new Program Year. The council will highlight Program Planning and distribute a Program Planning Kit for every unit in the Council. **An expanded Program Guide with calendar will also be introduced this year with expanded headings and materials on the year's programming.** Look for copies for your unit for all your leadership team. Remember to get involved with your school also to be prepared for Ice Cream Socials and School Nights in August/September! **At least two people from every Unit should be in attendance.** See you there!



David Wilcox Leaving the Council

It is with a heavy heart that the Council accepts the resignation of David Wilcox, effective Friday, August 7th, as District Executive in the Midnight Sun Council. David has been employed by the Council since March of 2014. David and Aubrey will be moving back to the Eastern Seaboard area where she will resume teaching Elementary School. We wish them both well in their life beyond Alaska! We will be having a reception in their honor on Thursday before Roundtable. Cake and drinks will be available, come and wish them both well!



Gary Lewis' Retirement!

Scout Executive Gary Lewis has announced his retirement from the BSA effective August 31, 2015. With nearly 40 years of service in the profession Gary has served in Spokane, WA., Flagstaff, AZ., Portland, OR., Marysville, CA., Las Vegas, NV. and now Fairbanks, Alaska. Gary and Shellee will miss the Great Alaskan Adventure and all the volunteers and friends they have worked with in the Council and promise visits! When asked what Gary believed his most



- 22 - Youth Safety Day
- 25 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only
- 26 - Delta Roundtable
- 26 - Delta Popcorn Kickoff
- 26 - Estate Planning Seminar
- 27 - Tanana Valley Popcorn Kickoff

September 2015

- 3 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
- 7 - Scout Shop and Office closed for Labor Day
- 10 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 12 - Scouting for Food
- 16 - Delta Roundtable
- 17 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting
- 18-20 - Fall Camporee
- 22 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 5:00 pm

- 25-26 - O.L.S. Training

- 25-26 - Council Rock

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

October 2015

- 1 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
- 3 - Freeze Up Canoe Race
- 8 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 9 - Unit popcorn orders due via Trails-end.com
- 15 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting
- 17 - Super Saturday Training
- 19 - Scout Shop and Office closed for Alaska Day
- 20 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 5:00 pm
- 21 - Delta Roundtable
- 22 - Tanana Valley District Meeting
- 27 - Eagle Board of Review

valuable contributions to the Council were he indicated Lost Lake and Service Center maintenance and construction, council financial stability, program and volunteer cultivation, and a smile for anyone that drops by the Office! Tasmine Stebbins, LFL Director, will fill in during the projected 2 months the hiring will happen. The selection process starts with a Selection Committee headed by Robert Hull and 8+ other individuals on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Council Service Center. The expected selection and interviews should result in a new Scout Executive by November.

Popcorn Kickoff

For a preview of Bonus prizes that will be offered this year please click here! Popcorn kickoff for the Tanana Valley will be Thursday, August 27 starting at 6 pm. **We will be providing Pizza, Punch, Prizes and POPCORN!** All Unit Leaders and Popcorn Kernels should attend! Come hungry and ready to learn how to make this the most successful popcorn season ever. Each Unit will be given their Popcorn Sale information and order forms and then they can start selling that night. **We ordered a special marketing kit for each Unit that comes to this kickoff with samples of a new product: Jalapeno Cheddar.** If you are ready to go with a Unit kick-off that weekend you can increase your sales time to 6 weekends. Choose your Popcorn Kernel now and email his or her name and contact info, including an email address, to tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org



Sporting Clays Tournery

The Midnight Sun Council will again be hosting a Shooting Clays Fundraiser at the Fairbanks Trap Club on Saturday, August 8th. The price remains at \$100.00/participant and that includes rounds and clays for 60+ shots, breakfast snacks, BBQ lunch, trophies, prizes, and an entry into the drawing for a new shotgun.



Shooting Shirts are also available for \$50.00 each. Come and join us for a Saturday morning of fun! After the shoot a BBQ and Awards Ceremony will finish the day off by 1:30 pm. Registration is available at the Council office. Contact [Gary Lewis](#) or [Tyler Brooks](#) for more information.

[2015 Sporting Clays Flyer & Sign Up](#)

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Scout Family Camp

Family Camp is set for August 14-15 at Lost Lake Scout Camp. Family Camp is a weekend camp that will handle all the food and program necessities, while still having plenty of time for all Scouts (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers) and their families to go hiking, fishing, etc. Cost is



and Project Reviews by appointment only

Fall Camporee

Fall Camporee is set for September 11th-13th and will be an awesome orienteering adventure. **Cost is \$15 per Scout and \$10 per Adult, Location:TBA.** Adult volunteers are still needed for this great weekend! For more information or to volunteer, contact [David Wilcox](#) at the Council Office!



Congratulations to our Newest Eagle Scouts



Shane Stapp
Troop 1014
LDS Badger Road Ward

Nathan Anderson
Crew 2011
LDS Delta Ward

Lost Lake Ranger Maintenance Building Progressing

The exterior and interior walls are up and trusses going on the new Maintenance Building at Lost Lake this week. The Council received the final funding for the building with a \$190,000 grant from the Rasmuson Foundation in July. Besides camp maintenance, the facility will serve as storage for Day Camp, High Adventure, Training, and Camp. The older Alyeska Quonset building at the entrance to camp will be disassembled and a small parking lot made in the area. The shop area and material/parts storage will

\$38.50 for Scouts and \$25.00 for adults and siblings. Yes the 15% FOS Discounts apply. All food is supplied for this awesome 2 ½ days. Contact [Tyler Brooks](#) at the Council Office for more information.

[Family Camp Sign Up](#)

Youth Safety Day

Youth Safety Day is a community event that the Midnight Sun Council, BSA sponsors along with Spirit of Alaska FCU, the Girl Scouts and Volunteers in Policing. It will be held in the Regal Cinema Parking Lot on August 22 from 11 am to 3 pm. There are a few ways that you can help. We do need about five adult volunteers to be there in case the event as a whole needs help and we need Scouts and Scouters who can help showcase Scout specific stuff like a Derby track, a monkey bridge or a Pioneering tower. It can have a safety element or it can be a membership driven activity that shows how fun Scouting can be! The last way you can help is to use this as an activity for your Scouts and future Scouts. We will be passing out the flyer, shown in this newsletter, at the August Roundtable for you to use at recruitment events. This event will also be publicized using radio, TV, GCI Cable, and print advertising. Our future Jamboree Troop will be heading up concessions this year as a fundraiser for their "trip of a life time" so come out to support them by buying some lunch! Depending on weather, thousands of people will be in attendance. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Tasmine Stebbins at tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org. Below is the flyer.



[8th Annual Youth Safety Day](#)

Council Estate Planning Seminar

The Midnight Sun Council is sponsoring a free Estate Planning Seminar on the Riverboat Discovery on Wednesday, August 26th in the evening. This event will include light music, hors d'oeuvres, a trip down the river and a 1-½ hour seminar on estate planning for all interested parties. While this event is sponsored by the Council, and Scouting will certainly be mentioned, it will also involve local presenters as well as the National Boy Scouts of America Director of Administration and Legal Services, Colin French.



The event is free to anyone interested in more information on Estate Planning. All materials, binders, and books will be provided free of charge. Appointment times the next day are available to anyone wishing to meet with Mr. French on any kind of estate planning. The boat will load from 6:30 - 7:00 pm and return at 9:15 pm. Come and enjoy the cruise with us and learn more about future planning! **Please R.S.V.P. with the Council Office at 907-452-1976 or by email at kathryn.hill@scouting.org, this way we have accurate numbers for seating and materials.**

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eliminate more costly repairs back in Fairbanks. The new building is located in the gravel pit area of camp.



Training Opportunities

Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills:

This is required training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters that will teach all of the outdoor requirements from Tenderfoot to 1st Class. The course will be offered September 25-26 at Lost Lake Camp starting at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Please register with the Council Office at 907-452-1976.



Super Saturday Training:

Super Saturday Training will be held on Saturday, October 17 at the Council Office starting at 9:00 AM. All Cub and Boy Scout leaders are encouraged to attend. **Eagle Scout Training will be offered at Super Saturday This training is imperative for any leader that has a Life Scout or any Scout that has reached Life and is working toward their Eagle. Make sure that your Scouts are on the right track and get this training!** There is no cost for this event! Snacks will be provided. Please register at the Council Office at 907-452-1976 by Monday, October 12. If there are not at least two people registered by this date the class will be cancelled. Online registration will be available soon.

Scouting for Food

Our Scout Oath includes the promise "...to help other people at all times." Come join us on September 12 to Scout for Food for our Community Food Bank! Scouts and Scouters will be going door to door within their neighborhoods to collect food for the hungry. Our goal is to collect 15,000 lbs. of food. Your Unit can claim their area starting August 31 by coming into the office and marking it on the map. It will be first come gets first choice! The Food Bank will be open from noon to 2 pm to weigh the food your Unit collects. You can pick up your patches there too. If you have any questions, please contact Tasmine Stebbins at tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org



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Council Receives \$190,000 Grant for Lost Lake from Rasmuson Foundation

The Council received notification in July of receipt of a \$190,000 grant from the Rasmuson Foundation out of Anchorage. Larry Bennett, Council Grants Committee Chair, credits the efforts of the entire Properties Committee in receipt of the gift. The 1 ½ year effort led with paperwork, budgets, site visits and numerous deliberations were all shared by staff and volunteers. The \$190,000 will be used over the next 12 months to complete the Maintenance Building started with Alaska State Grant monies.

Cub Scout Council Rock



Council Rock is being planned for September 25th-26th. Themes are still in discussion. This event will be held at Lost Lake Camp, the cost is \$34.50 per Cub Scout and \$17.25 per Adult (FOS Discounts apply). Contact [David Wilcox](#) at the Council Office for more information. **Volunteers are needed to make this event a success! If you are interested in assisting with Council Rock, please call David Wilcox at 907-452-1976.**



[Council Rock Flyer and Sign Up](#)

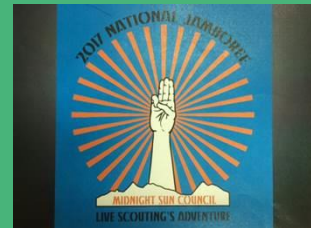
Freeze Up Canoe Race

The Freeze Up Canoe Race will be held on Saturday, October 3 starting at 10am until Noon. Registration begins at 9am at the Chena Wayside Camp Ground off Geraghty Street. The ending location will be at Pike's Landing. Contact the Council Office for more information.



2017 National Jamboree

Jamboree Committee Chairs Jeff Rogers and Brad Randall have been holding promotional meetings for Jamboree 2017. Over 29 youth and adults have signed up and paid a deposit for the 2 week Jamboree and Eastern Seaboard tours. Committees are being formed to fund-raise the estimated cost, plan tours and activities



before and after Jamboree, and create adult leadership. Jamboree will be held at the BSA's new Summit Camp in West Virginia. The theme will be "Living Scouting's Adventure". Estimated cost is approximately \$4,000 but ample fundraising opportunities will be provided to help cover the cost. Promotional t-shirts will be available before the start of school. The next meeting is Monday, Aug. 17, 6:30 pm. at the Council Service Center - All interested Scouts and parents please attend!

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ESCAPE into Nature

Tanana Valley Watershed Association is proud to announce the ESCAPE into Nature Series and Chinook Salmon Citizen Scientist Sampling on the third Saturday of each month. The ESCAPE into Nature Series provide themed information during morning workshops from 10:00am to Noon



on Saturdays at the Rain to River Resource Center (Lathrop Building on 2nd Avenue, 4th floor, suite 412, downtown Fairbanks). Sampling for fish for the Chinook Salmon Citizen Scientist will be at Pike's Landing at 2:00pm. We will meet at the parking lot near the restaurant. The next two workshops will be held on August 15th, and September 19th. For more information, visit www.tvwatershed.org.

Cooking Camp

Youth ages 6-18 are invited to come to our cooking camp at JP Jones Community Center. Cost is \$250.00 per youth. The fee covers the cost of food and materials provided by Mise en Place Culinary. Classes will cover: Food Safety, Kitchen Equipment, Cooking Terminology, The Effects of Heat on Food, & Herbs and Spices. Register [online](#) or call 907-456-3729.



[Cooking Camp Flyer](#)

2015 Golden Eagles

The Golden Eagle Club is a group of Scouting benefactors who contribute \$1000 or more annually to the general operations fund of the Midnight Sun Council. A special thank you to our 2015 Golden Eagle Club members:

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