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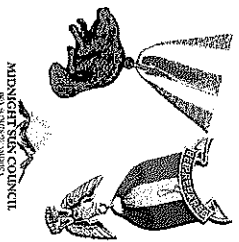
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- February 2015
- 5 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
- 7 - Annual Dinner & Eagle Recognition Banquet
- 8 - Scout Sunday
- 12 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 - Scout Sabbath
- 16 - Scout Shop & Office closed for President's Day
- 17 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 6:00 pm
- 18 - Delta Roundtable
- 19 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting
- 24 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only
- 26 - Tanana Valley District Meeting
- 28 - Board & District Retreat

**Annual Dinner & Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet**



The Council Annual Dinner is set for Saturday, February 7 at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. This year the Council will honor Jeff Rogers, Heidi Giles, and Michelle Pope as Silver Beaver recipients,

Cindy Mascadri and Rockie Nethercott as District Award of Merit recipients and the Eagle Scout Class of 2014! The price is \$38.00 for a prime rib and seafood buffet. Please come and join us! [Click here](#) for the registration form. R.S.V.P. is requested by February 5, 2015.

**2015 Friends of Scouting**



2015 FOS Patch

The Tanana Valley District will begin FOS Presentations to Units for 2015 starting February 11! The District will make 5-10 minute presentations at Pack and Troop meetings, Courts, etc. to make your job easier! The key to a successful FOS drive in your Unit includes:

- \* Advance information to your leaders and parents that the presentation will be conducted
- \* Proper introduction of the FOS team with a statement of support from the Unit
- \* Helping gather the FOS pledges from the audience
- \* Follow up with those not present

Goals are based on chartered youth from January roles (after Charter drops), with input from the Unit. Achievement of your goals guarantees discounts at camp (15%) and use of Lost Lake facilities for overnight camp-outs if you go over your goal (complete information

- March 2015
- 5 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
- 12 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 - Super Saturday Training

- 18 - Delta Roundtable
- 19 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting
- 24 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 6:00 pm
- 26 - Tanana Valley District Meeting
- 31 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only
- April 2015
- 2 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
- 3 - Scout Shop & Office closed for Good Friday
- 9 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 15 - Delta Roundtable
- 16 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting
- 21 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 6:00 pm
- 23 - Tanana Valley District Meeting
- 25 - BALOO Training
- 28 - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only

will be in the FOS brochure). Watch a sample presentation at the February 5 Roundtable!

### **Pinewood Derby Days at Lowe's**

Starting in mid-January and running through mid-February, your local Lowe's store will be hosting Pinewood Derby® car clinics to share their tips and tricks for making the fastest cars on race day (February 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>). For times and more information contact Lowe's at 907-451-4700.

Everyone who attends an event will be given a:

- \* How-to demonstration
- \* Step-by-step instructions for building your car at home
- \* Pinewood Derby® Days patch
- \* 10% off Dremel coupon, which can be applied to your entire Dremel purchase (tools, accessories, and attachments)

We have built a non-timed track based on the official Boy Scout design to test out your cars and break them in before the big race. This track will be set up at every demo for use by attendees.

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### **Roundtable Reminder**

This month's Roundtable will be held on Thursday, February 5th starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Service Center. Please contact David Wilcox with any questions at [david.wilcox@scouting.org](mailto:david.wilcox@scouting.org).

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### **Merit Badge Powwow!**



There will be a Merit Badge Powwow hosted by Troop 2 on Saturday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, Mar. 7 starting at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Event will be located at 1500 Cowles Street; cost is \$15 per Scout and \$5 per Adult. The fee includes two lunches and a patch. **Currently, session 1 (Feb. 28) emergency preparedness is full, and session 2 (Mar. 7) auto maintenance is full.** Please contact Staff Adviser David Wilcox at the office at 907-452-1976 or Volunteer-in-Charge Tyson Forbush at

208-351-8991 with any questions.

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### Eagle Scout Class of 2014



Troop 4  
[LDS 1st Ward](#)

**Curtis Pope**

Troop 9

[Am. Leg. Con Miller Post](#)

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**Ethan Fletcher**

Troop 38

[Knights of Columbus](#)

**Joseph Balko**

**Koa Land Lei Miguel**

**Widell**

**Noah Tsigonis**

Troop 49

[North Pole Rotary](#)

**Kelsey Nore**

Troop 78

[Chena Kiwanis Club](#)

**Eric Cater**

**Norman Rockwell**

Troop 92

[Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks](#)

**Morgan Ray DesOrmeaux**

**Garrett Sheets**

Crew 1000

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**Stan Rogers**

The Council would like to introduce Ms. Bonnie, who is working at the Council Service Center under the Federal MASSR Program. Under this program, mature Alaskans are updating their work skills for employment at a job site in the future. The program includes pay from the MASSR program to the individual and the worker is free to the organization. You may have a chance to meet her on the phone or as you do business at our office. Please say hi to her and welcome her into our Scouting Family!

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### Midnight Sun Council To Serve at Tired Iron

Over 50 scout volunteers will serve in the service corps for the Tired Iron Festival in downtown Fairbanks on Feb. 28 - Mar. 1. The Tired Iron, the "old snow-machine races" of Fairbanks, has become a kind of Winter Carnival for families with a Ping Pong ball Drop, Moose Turd Bowling, Ice Put, Mushing, and other activities besides the snow-machine races. This year's events also include the conclusion of the Iron Dog Race on the river. Held on the Chena River Ice between the two downtown bridges, units and scouts can volunteer to help with concessions, races, games, set up, take-down, or any number of other events. Please call Tyler Brooks if you are interested (or check with your own unit). Oh yeah - Elsa and the Frozen characters are going to be there!

### Scout Sunday

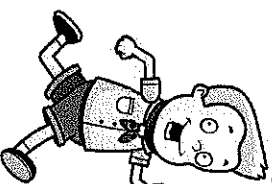


Churches throughout the Council will use Sunday, February 8 to celebrate Scouting in their

congregations. Jewish Scouts celebrate the Scout Sabbath on Saturday, February 14. Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform that day in church, participate in an opening flag ceremony, hand out programs and generally be

visible. Some congregations will have more elaborate celebrations. Watch the Council newsletter and website for more information. Patches for participation are available in the Scout Shop for those interested.

### Super Saturday Training

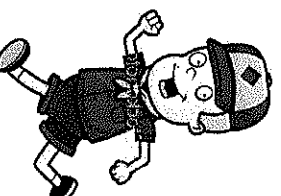


Super Saturday Training will be held on Saturday, March 14 at the Council Office starting at 9:00 AM. All Cub and Boy Scout leaders are encouraged to attend. There is no cost for this event! Snacks will be provided.

Please register with Michelle Pope at [mlpope@alaska.edu](mailto:mlpope@alaska.edu) or at the Council Office at 907-452-1976 by Monday, March 9. If there are not at least two people registered by this date the class will be cancelled.

Completion of Fast Start and New Leader Essentials, while optional, is highly recommended. Look online at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) for more information.

### BALOO Training



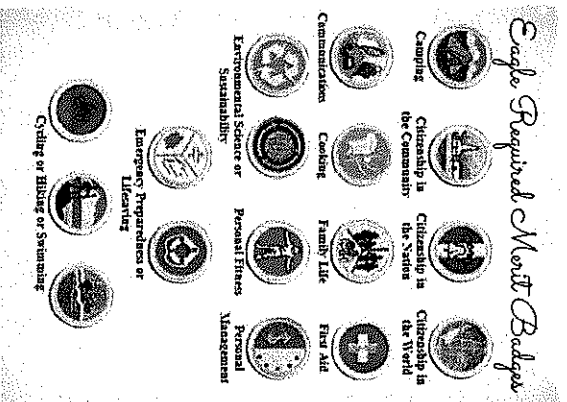
BALOO Training (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at the North Star Volunteer Fire Department. Cost is \$15.00 per person. For more information, go to [www.midnightsunbsa.org](http://www.midnightsunbsa.org).

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### Plan Your Units Summer Adventure!



Summer camp at Lost Lake is closer than you think! We've got new options available for Scouts this year, including a



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new Ethics and Citizenship section at camp and opportunities to work on the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) based NOVA awards. Regular resident camp weeks will be July 6-11 and July 13-18. A rate schedule is available at [www.midnightsunbsa.org](http://www.midnightsunbsa.org). Sign up soon, as available campsites are filling up fast!

#### **Magnet Week at Lost Lake Camp**

Lost Lake Camp will also have a Magnet Week available this year. We will be offering a third week of focused program for Scouts and Venturers this year! Scouts can come on their own provisionally without their Troop, and choose either a shooting sports or aquatics program track to follow for the week! This is a great opportunity to spend some time at the range honing your sharpshooter skills, or getting your Red Cross and BSA lifeguard certifications! Magnet Week will be June 29-July 3. A rate schedule is available at [www.midnightsunbsa.org](http://www.midnightsunbsa.org). There is a discounted fee if your Scout is attending both Magnet Week and one of the regular camp weeks with their Troop. For more information, please contact Tyler Brooks at 907-452-1976 or at [tyler.brooks@scouting.org](mailto:tyler.brooks@scouting.org).

#### **Northern Lights High Adventure Base**



Nobody offers a more exhilarating or wide variety of High Adventure for young people than Boy Scouts of America. No place is better than Alaska. Through high adventure experiences, the Boy Scouts of America leaves lasting memories of youth and fosters development in character and leadership. We'll pack the food and handle transportation so you don't have to!

The cost starts at \$195 per Scout registered in the Midnight Sun Council (a steep discount!). If you are interested in joining the Midnight Sun Council High Adventure Committee, or for more information on Treks, please contact David Wilcox at [david.wilcox@scouting.org](mailto:david.wilcox@scouting.org).

### **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 newest 2015 Golden Eagle Club members:

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