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Important Dates

January 2016

1 - Scout Shop & Office closed for New Years

7 - Tanana Valley Roundtable

8-10 - Winter Camporee

14 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

15 - OA Election Training

18 - Scout Shop & Office closed for MLK, Jr. Day

19 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 5:00pm

20 - Delta Roundtable

Roundtable Reminder

The Tanana Valley Roundtable is set for Thursday, January 7th starting at 7:00pm, and the Delta Roundtable will be held January 20th starting at 6:30pm. The topic will be about cold-weather safety! Come prepared with any tricks of the trade and cold weather survival information that you can share with the group! Contact [Tyler Brooks](#) with any questions.



Winter Camporee

The night of the frozen dead approaches! The Venturers are excited to share this post apocalyptic themed zombie Camporee with you all! All Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, and Venturers are invited! Bears and Webelos are welcome to join in the festivities on the 9th! Contact [Tyler Brooks](#) with any questions.



[Camporee Flyer & Schedule](#)
[Leader's Guide](#)

Distinguished Citizen Banquet Follow Up

Congratulations to Bert & Becky Bell! They were the recipients of this year's Distinguished Citizens Award, which was presented during a banquet on December 9th. Because of the wonderful contributions Bert & Becky have made to the community, there was tremendous support to The Midnight Sun Council at the Banquet honoring the couple. With over 270 attendees and sponsors, the Council received additional contributions through a toolbox auction and a special project campaign. The handmade



21 - Tanana Valley
Commissioners Meeting

23 - OA Banquet

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

27 - Venturing Officer's
Association Meeting

28 - Tanana Valley District
Meeting

February 2016

4 - Tanana Valley Roundtable

6 - Annual Dinner & Eagle
Recognition Banquet

11 - Lodge Executive
Committee Meeting

15 - Scout Shop & Office
closed for President's Day

16 - Eagle Application or
Project Books due by 5:00pm

17 - Delta Roundtable

18 - Tanana Valley
Commissioners Meeting

20 - Board & District Retreat

23 - Eagle Board of Review &
Project Reviews by
appointment only

24 - Venturing Officer's
Association Meeting

25 - Tanana Valley District
Meeting

March 2016

3 - Tanana Valley Roundtable

10 - Lodge Executive
Committee Meeting

11-13 - OA Woodstoak

12 - Super Saturday Training

17 - Tanana Valley
Commissioners Meeting

22 - Eagle Application or
Project Books due by 5:00pm

23 - Delta Roundtable

23 - Venturing Officer's

toolboxes were stuffed with an assortment of goodies associated with the interests of Bert & Becky, with each box containing a surprise gift including a gold nugget necklace and Alaska Railroad passes. The special project will result in the demolition of an old building and the construction of a greenhouse at Lost Lake Camp. Bert & Becky have certainly lived a *"Life Well Constructed."*

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HELP WANTED

If you are interested in a career in Scouting, please submit a resume and cover letter to [Stephen Smith](#). We have opportunities for a [District Executive](#), [Camping Executive](#), and Office Assistant. Please click on the links above to see job descriptions.



Scout Executive Minute

Mary Ann and I are very thankful that we were able to move to Alaska, in order for me to become the Scout Executive here. This is an exciting time in our lives and we look forward to getting to know everyone. We both love the friendship and family of small communities and it looks like we'll be settling in North Pole.



I am quickly learning the great things our Council can offer the youth of our communities and your role in making it happen. Working with you, there are a few things I would like to focus on making happen in 2016 and 2017:

- 1) Increase youth participation in our programs, especially at the Cub Scout level.
- 2) Make our High Adventure program more appealing to our Midnight Sun Scouts as well as entice more Troops, Crews, and Posts from outside our Council to attend.
- 3) Improve our Council's cash flow and revenue generation. As we increase funding, we can improve what we offer YOU by way of camp improvements and resources.
- 4) Improve our marketing efforts through community involvement, social media, and personal relationships, along with traditional methods of news releases, flyers, and other forms of communication.

For these things to happen, we will need to work together to strengthen our program as we move forward. If there are things you would like to see happen, please let me know by email me at Stephen.smith@scouting.org My cell number for emergencies is 856-562-7682, otherwise call me at the Scout Service Center at 907-452-1976.

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Association Meeting

24 - Tanana Valley District Meeting

25 - Scout Shop & Office closed for Good Friday

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



Annual Dinner

The Council is in the planning stages for the Annual Dinner & Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet. The date has been set for Saturday, February 6, 2016. This event will be held at Pikes Waterfront Lodge. The Council will honor the Eagle Scouts from the class of 2015, Council Silver Beaver, and District Award of Merit recipients. All Scouters and spouses are invited. Eagle Scouts will receive a special invite and their meal is covered.



If you know of a deserving Scouter, nominate them! **Nomination forms are due by Monday, January 4, 2016. Reservations are due by Monday, February 1, 2016.** If you have any questions, please call the Council Office at 907-452-1976.

[2016 Silver Beaver Nomination](#)

[2016 District Award of Merit Nomination](#)

[2016 Annual Dinner Reservation](#)

Eagle Scout Class of 2015

Congratulations to the Eagle Scout class of 2015! We will be recognizing each of them during the Annual Dinner and Eagle Banquet on February 6th. We request that each Eagle email [Tasmine Stebbins](mailto:Tasmine.Stebbins) their name, Unit type and number, a description of their Eagle Scout Project, the total hours of their Eagle Project, and who they gave their mentor pin.



She needs this information by Wednesday, January 27th to add to the script.

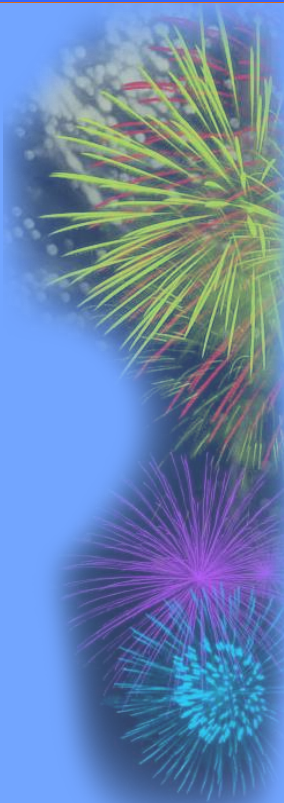
Troop 2 <u>LDS 2nd Ward</u> Kyle Williams Joseph Stone	Crew 11 <u>LDS Delta Ward</u> Nathan Anderson	Troop 14 <u>LDS Badger Rd Ward</u> Shane Stapp
Troop 16 <u>LDS 6th Ward</u> Gideon Cole Parker Jarvis	Troop 35 <u>LDS Salcha Branch</u> Tyler Staley	Troop 42 North Star Volunteer <u>Fire Dept.</u> Jonathan Gates Austin Stewart Will Samuel
Troop 92 Kiwanis Club of <u>Fairbanks</u> Noah Khalsa	Troop 1392 <u>The Salvation Army</u> Matthew Beckwith	Troop 2056 <u>Delta Lions Club</u> Miles Patton

Merit Badge Pow-Wow

A merit badge powwow is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 13th and Saturday, February 27th. More info will be released as soon as it's available! Contact [Tyler Brooks](#) with any questions.



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OA Banquet

Toontuk Lodge 549 will be hosting its annual banquet on January 23rd at the Palace Theater in Pioneer Park. All arrow men and their families are invited! Contact [Tyler Brooks](#) with any questions.



Super Saturday Training

Another Super Saturday Training is scheduled for March 12th. If there's a training you need that you don't see on the flyer, let us know as soon as possible so we can try and arrange for it to be offered. Contact [Tyler Brooks](#) with any questions.



Pick.Click.Give

It's that time again! You can start filing for your PFD today and if you participate in [Pick.Click.Give](#), you may choose to give to the Midnight Sun Council!



North Pole in the News

Here's a happy note to end the holidays on! A part of the Midnight Sun Council made national news on the TODAY Show. [Click here](#) to check it out!

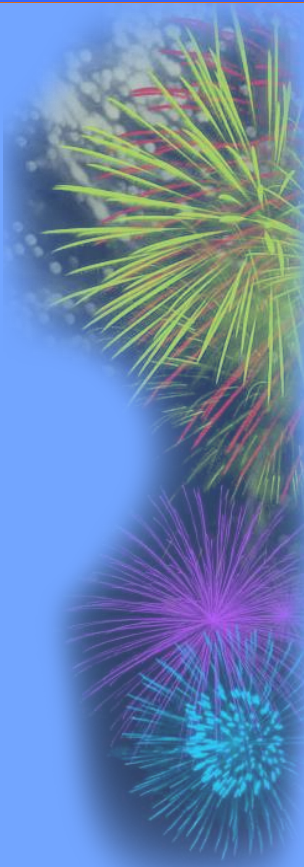


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Thank You to our 2015 Golden Eagles!

Please join us in giving a BIG Thank You to our 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.

<i>Stephen Adamczak</i>	<i>Alaska Riverways</i>	<i>Bill Beistline</i>
<i>Albert Bell</i>	<i>Larry Bennett</i>	<i>Bower's Office Supply</i>
<i>BP</i>	<i>Tim Cline</i>	<i>Jeff Cook</i>
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