

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 2015

- 5 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
- 12 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 - Super Saturday Training
- 19 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting
- 24 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 6:00 p.m.
- 25 - Delta Roundtable
- 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 in observance of Good Friday

Roundtable Reminder



This month's Roundtable will be held on Thurs., March 5 starting at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact David Wilcox at david.wilcox@scouting.org.

Spring Camporee



The 2015 Spring Camporee is being planned for May 15th-17th, **Location and Cost (per person): TBA.** All registered Scouts, Venturers, and Scout Leaders are invited. Webelos are able to come individually with a parent, or as a group with two-deep leadership. Webelos will need to be sponsored by a Troop and participate with that Troop. **Registration and fees are due on or before May 13th.** The Spring Camporee Leaders Packet with the sign up forms will be available soon. **We are looking for volunteers to help with this event, please contact David Wilcox at david.wilcox@scouting.org if you are interested.**

New Cub Scout Program Soon!



The new Cub Scout program tested for the last 3 years will debut on June 1st! The Council is scheduled to have the new books and materials by May 18th. There is training online and webinars for more information. Follow the presentations at the monthly Roundtables!

Clean Up Day

Volunteers are needed to help hand out bags at the Scout Service Center from April 27 to May 8 during office hours (10am to 5pm) in preparation for



3 - Scout Shop & Office closed in observance of 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 p.m.

23 - Tanana Valley District Meeting

25 - BALOO Training at North Star Volunteer Fire Dept.

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

May 2015

2 - Be my Neighbor Day

7 - Tanana Valley Roundtable

9 - Clean Up Day

14 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

15-17 - Spring Camporee

19 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 6:00 p.m.

20 - Delta Roundtable

21 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting

22-23 - OA Spring Ordeal

25 - Scout Shop & Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

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

28 - Tanana Valley District Meeting

29-30 - Outdoor Leadership Skills Training



Service Center from April 27 to May 8 during office hours (10am to 6pm) in preparation for Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 9. The Council Service Center is serving as the distribution and

signup point for the community-wide event. Bags and area signups are available starting Monday, April 27 at the Service Center or at Roundtable on Thursday, May 7. Community Service Vests are available for checkout, first come first served at the Council Office. **We are also helping to organize the Trash Bash (a fun thank you to the community) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 9. We will need volunteers to help set up, serve food, and clean up afterwards.**

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Be My Neighbor Day



As an organization that is only possible through volunteers, it seemed like a perfect fit to partner in an event that promotes volunteerism to

youth and their families. The Midnight Sun Council is excited to partner with KUAC in Be My Neighbor Day on May 2 from 1 to 4 pm. KUAC was one of 8 approved grants nation-wide given by the Fred Rodgers Foundation.

During Be My Neighbor Day Scouts will be able to talk about why it's so important to volunteer and we will hand out Cleanup Day Bags. Older Scouts will be asked to lead small groups of families to clean up outside the Food Bank. Other partners that will be doing activities include Calypso Farms, Meals on Wheels and the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. If this is something your Unit or you are interested in please email tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org.

Summer Camp!!



Summer camp at Lost Lake is closer than you think! We've got new options available for Scouts this year, including a 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. **Sign up soon, available campsites are filling up fast! Staff applications are still available at www.midnightsunbsa.org**

29-30 - Outdoor Leadership Skills Training

29-30 - Lost Lake Camp Work Weekend

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout!



Noah Khalsa

Troop 92
Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks

Fish & Wildlife Service available for Eagle Projects!

For great projects for boys working on their Eagle - contact: Vince Mathews, Refuge Subsistence Specialist for Arctic, Kanuti, and Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuges, at 907-455-1823.

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Tired Iron Event a Success!



The Tired Iron Festival finished up with races on Sunday Mar. 1 for over 50 volunteers and workers from the Midnight Sun Council and local troops. Units were able to raise money for their local meetings, equipment, and camp fees. The Council was also

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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. Cost for Magnet Week is \$175 per Scout! 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.

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Training Opportunities

Super Saturday Training



2014 Eagle Scouts at Annual Dinner

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. **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 <http://goo.gl/forms/7rzoh6G11B> 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.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation



BALOO Training is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at the North Star Volunteer Fire Department starting at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Please contact Michelle Pope at mlpope@alaska.edu for R.S.V.P.

for this event, if there are not at least two people registered for this event by Mon., April 20, the class will be cancelled. For more information, or to print a

were able to raise money for their local meetings, equipment, and camp fees. The Council was also able to generate income for participation in the event to replace the Monopoly Tournament. Units sold concessions, ran games and events, and officiated in the various races and events of Saturday and Sunday. The event will likely become a yearly event so plan on getting your unit involved next year!

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for this event, **if there are not at least two people registered for this event by Mon., April 20, the class will be cancelled.** For more information, or to print a flyer, go to www.midnightsunbsa.org.



Outdoor Leadership Skills Training

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 May 29-30 at Lost Lake Camp starting at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Please R.S.V.P. with the Council Office at 907-452-1976.

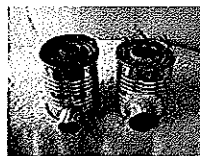
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National Youth Leadership Training



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting program designed to provide Scouts, Venturers and Sea Scouts with leadership training and experience. This program is offered June 15-20 at Lost Lake Camp. The cost is \$195 per person. Sign up is available at the Council Office. Call to reserve your spot at 907-452-1976!

Rocket Stove Workshop at UAF



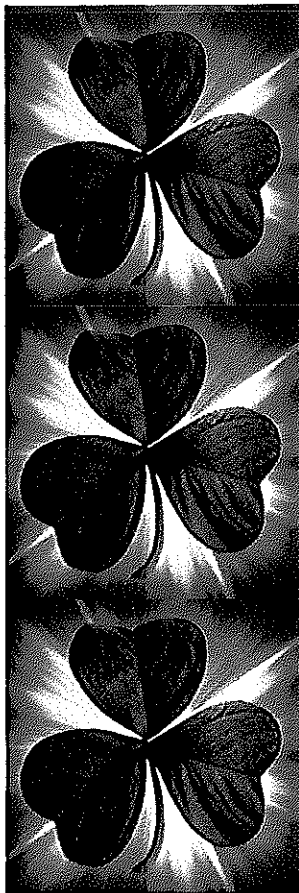
Rocket stoves are an efficient option for using loose biomass fuels in the environment. Wood gasses and oxygen mix in insulated chambers that concentrate the fire on the tip of the wood, which results in a more efficient burn. Rocket stoves are great for cooking and heating in camps and emergency situations. The standard rocket stove workshop is 1 ½ hours. These stoves are made for outdoor cooking and heating for recreation or emergency preparedness. They are particularly helpful where electricity may be lacking, or expensive to use. Each attendee goes home with a completed metal can rocket stove and instructions to make a Dunn burn box. **To get more information, or sign up, contact Art Nash at UAF Dept. of Natural Resources at 907-474-6366.**

Lost Lake Work Weekend



Savoonga Campsite Shelter Work - 2014

The Lost Lake Work Weekend is set for May 29-30. The Council will provide breakfast and lunch. Lists of projects and fun things to do are being prepared. You can stay at any of the cabins or sites, first come first served. You may



Savoonga Campsite Shelter Work - 2014 do are being prepared. You can stay at any of the cabins or sites, first come first served. You may camp overnight, or come for the day. Projects can be reviewed with Gary at the Council office, or the Ranger at camp. Hikes to Inspiration and Mitchell points are always a highlight. There is no charge for this event!

Council Service Center Help Needed



The Council has an office work day on May 5th. There will be need for some landscaping, painting, cleaning and overall "freshening up" of the Service

Center. We will be starting at 10:00 a.m. and go to 5:00 p.m. for a BBQ. Lunch will be provided. Call Gary at the Office at 907-452-1976 for tools, dress and available projects.

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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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