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Important Dates

November 2015

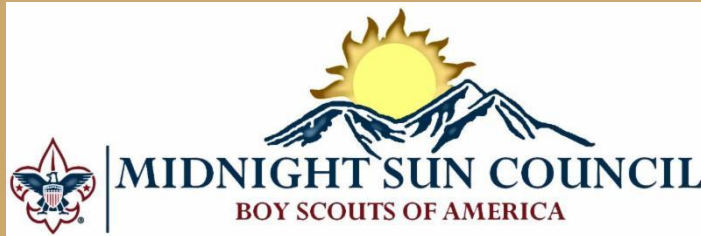
5 - Tanana Valley Roundtable - Recharter Training

12 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

12 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting

18 - Delta Roundtable

19 - Tanana Valley District



November 2, 2015

Located in this newsletter, is a chance to win a Hydration Pack! Read to find out how! Congratulations to Brian L. for winning the \$25 Amazon gift card from last month's prize drawing!

Roundtable Reminder

This month's Roundtable will be held on Thursday, November 5th, starting at 7:00pm. For more information or any questions you have, contact the Council Office at 907-452-1976.



For the School Year (Aug.-May), the Scout Shop will be open on Roundtable nights (1st Thursday of the month) from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Unit Recruitment & Advancements

During the next couple of months, we ask that Units turn in any new registration applications weekly. Our office is short staffed and timely registration helps us with activity planning and advancement tracking. It is extremely important that all awards and ranks have been put on an advancement form. In the Recharter packets are the advancement reports for all the youth. Please review them carefully and if there are any problems (i.e., missing ranks, merit badges, etc), please bring them into the Council Office so that they can be entered promptly. If you have any questions, please call the Council at 907-452-1976.



Thank you all for your commitment to Scouting!
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Meeting

20-21 - Lodge Leader Development

25 - Venturing Officers Association

26-27 - Scout Shop & Office Closed for Thanksgiving

27-28 - OA NLS Seattle

30 - Popcorn money due by 5:00pm

December 2015

1 - New Scout Executive Arrives!

3 - Tanana Valley Roundtable

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

9 - Distinguished Citizen Award Banquet

10 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

10 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting

15 - **Recharterers due by 5:00pm**

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

16 - Delta Roundtable

17 - Tanana Valley District Meeting

24 - Scout Shop & Office closes early at 3:00pm

24 - **Scout Bucks Expire!**

25 - Scout Shop & Office closed for Christmas

28 - Scout Shop & Office closed for Christmas

Recharter Training

Recharter training for the Tanana Valley District will start at 6:00 pm, prior to the November 5th Roundtable. A representative from each Charter Partner or Unit should be present for the 45 minute training. **Recharter packets are available for pickup at that time. If you have any questions please contact the Scout Office at 452-1976.** After the training you will have time to sign out your packets, ask questions. Included in the packets this year is an email request form (please print legibly). This is to assist in updating the Council's records so that leaders and parents can receive up-to-date information.



Recharterers are due on December 15th by 5:00pm

Popcorn!

We had a 10% increase in Sales this year! Great job Cubs, Scouts and Explorers! Our top selling Units in each Program area were Pack 1551 with over \$21,000, Post 17 with over \$17,500 and Troop 92 with \$10,000. Our top seller so far is Patrick out of Troop 56 in Delta. He sold over \$5,000!



Please ask that your Scouts deliver popcorn to their customers in a timely manner. Give them a deadline and encourage them to stick with it. I always get a bunch of customers calling who paid some random amount to some random Scout and they want their popcorn. So far I've been letting people know that the popcorn recently arrived and to give me a call back right before Thanksgiving if they have not received their order.

Popcorn money is due **from the Unit** the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 30. Make sure you know when your money is due to your Unit so they can pay on time. Please ensure that your payment is on time! The Council's Payment is due Dec 3 and prompt payment allows us to pay on time, without late fees. Scout Bucks will be ready for pickup at this time but only if your prize order was turned in. If you have any questions, contact [Tasmine](#) at the Council Office.

Welcome Our New Scout Executive!

We are pleased to announce the selection of Stephen Smith as Scout Executive of the Midnight Sun Council, effective December 1st, 2015!

Stephen began his Scouting career at the Columbia-Montour Council in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. He moved on to the Juniata Valley Council, Reedsville, Pennsylvania, and then Daniel Webster Council, Manchester, New Hampshire. He continued with the Southern New Jersey Council, Millville, New Jersey, and moved on to the Central New Jersey Council, Dayton, New Jersey. Stephen was then promoted to Assistant Scout Executive of the Monmouth Council, Morganville, New Jersey.



Stephen earned his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration/Computer and Information Science from Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania. He

28-30 - Red Cross Wilderness CPR & 1st aid course

29-31 - Scout Shop closed for Inventory (Office Open)

January 2016

1 - Scout Shop and Office closed for New Years Day

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

21 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting

23 - OA Banquet

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

27 - Venturing Officers Association

28 - Tanana Valley District Meeting

Scout Bucks Reminder!

Please remember that the 2015 Scout Bucks Expire on December 24th!

They are worth DOUBLE at the Scout Shop!

enjoys fishing, cooking, camping, photography, and spending time with his family.

His wife, Mary Ann, is from Midlothian, Illinois and he is from Congers, New York. They met when they both were attending Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania. They have been married for 31 years. They have lived in New Jersey for the past 12 years. Prior to that they lived in Pennsylvania and New Hampshire.

Mary Ann earned her Bachelors of Arts in Music History and was given her Teaching Certification in the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She is currently entering candidacy for ordination with the United Methodist Church. Mary Ann enjoys singing with the community and church choirs. Mary Ann is the Youth Coordinator for their congregation.

Stephen and his wife, Mary Ann, have four children, five grandchildren, and two dogs. They are expecting their sixth grandchild in November.

Please join us in welcoming Stephen as he begins working with the volunteers and staff of the Midnight Sun Council to deliver quality Scouting experiences to the young people of the communities we serve.

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Distinguished Citizen Award Banquet

The Midnight Sun Council is excited to honor Bert and Becky Bell as this year's recipients of the Distinguished Citizen Award.

Both raised in Fairbanks, they have continued to support the community, while building a strong family. Please join us on Wednesday, December 9 as we celebrate "*A Life Well Constructed*". Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Council Office at 907-452-1976.



Red Cross Wilderness CPR & First Aid Course

The Council will be offering this excellent and pertinent course to its members December 28th-31st. The fee will be \$75 per person (course costs in the private sector can be 2 to 3 times the amount). Please contact [Tyler Brooks](#) for more information.



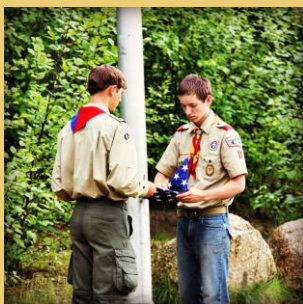
Scouting for Food Follow Up

Special thanks to the Units that participated in Scouting for Food this year. We had 5 Units visit us at the Fairbanks Community Foodbank on September 12th. Troop 42 brought in 519 lbs., Pack 1551 brought in 64



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lbs., Troop 2 brought in 197 lbs., one Scout in Pack 25 brought in 52 lbs. and Troop 9 was the Council winner with 1116 lbs. We had about 60 Scouts and Scouters participate. The patches have arrived! Unit leaders can come by and pick them up. If your Unit does a food drive, please let Tasmine know and she can still get you patches.

Pack 6 Food Drive

On October 3rd Pack 6 held a food drive from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm outside the Commissary. They were able to bring to the YMCA 800 lbs of food and \$73 in cash from the food drive.



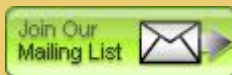
Winter Camporee

Winter camporee is being planned and run by the Venturing Officers Association. They are currently working on a winter survival/zombie apocalypse theme. The date is set for January 8th-10th, 2016. Location and cost: TBA. Please contact the Council Office with any questions at 907-452-1976.



(If you are reading this call 452-1976 and say "A Life Well Constructed". You will be entered into a drawing for the Hydration Pack).

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Word Search for Scouts

Cub Scouts!

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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ARROW
BEAR
BOBCAT
CAMPING
DEN

DOYOURBEST
FUN
HANDBOOK
LAW
LEARN
PACK

PROMISE
SALUTE
TIGER
WEBELOS
WOLF

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Silver Beaver & District Award of Merit Nominations

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. 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.

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- [2016 District Award of Merit Nomination](#)
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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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| <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> |
| <i>Skip Cook</i> | <i>Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc.</i> | <i>Wallace Cox</i> |
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| <i>Travis Lewis</i> | <i>Ben Lomond, Inc.</i> | <i>Jim Lund</i> |
| <i>Drena McIntyre</i> | <i>Nenana Ice Classic</i> | <i>NRA Foundation, Inc.</i> |
| <i>Optimist Club of Fairbanks</i> | <i>Nichole Pittman</i> | <i>Prospector Outfitters</i> |
| <i>Ravn Alaska</i> | <i>Warbelos Air Ventures</i> | <i>Walsh, Kelliher & Sharp</i> |
| <i>Wells Fargo</i> | <i>Wilson & Wilson, CPA</i> | |



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