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Centennial Camporee and Family Camp

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting and the 50th Anniversary of the Midnight Sun Council by bringing the entire family Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-31, to the Centennial Camporee and Family Camp. What a great opportunity to spend time with friends and family while having fun in the Scouting atmosphere.

There will be more activities than you could hope to complete in only four days. There will be a merit badge midway for the Boy Scouts and the Triple Crown for the Cub Scouts and an Amazing Race for Venturers. Try your luck at human foosball, bring your bikes and helmets for the bike rodeo, learn to skate board, mountain board, rappel, shoot BB's, 22's, shotgun, and archery, hike to Donelly Dome, and many other activities too numerous to mention.

There will be two arena shows and three separate church services Sunday morning; LDS, Catholic, and Scouts Own. What a great way to celebrate the last 100 years and continue the journey.

For more information on the Centennial Camporee and Family Camp, go to www.midnightsunbsa.org and click on Centennial Celebration or call the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center at 907-452-1976.

Important Note about Tour Permits

Every Troop, Pack and Crew attending the Camporee must have a tour permit. Tour Permits must be submitted two weeks before the event. Do not wait. The people who can approve tour permits will be out of the office starting May 24 so that they can set up for the event. This means that no one will be here to approve your Unit's tour permit if it is turned in after Friday, May 21.



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GOLDEN EAGLE CLUB

The Golden Eagle Club is a group of Scouting benefactors who contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the general operations fund of the Midnight Sun Council. Included in this list are all contributors to any of our fundraisers at the \$1000 level.

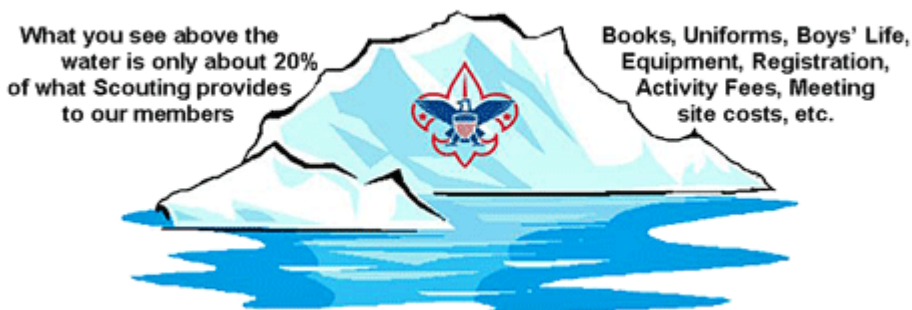
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Friends of Scouting

What is Friends of Scouting? Why is it so important to contribute to the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign? Two great questions! Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual giving campaign of the Midnight Sun Council, BSA, which provides the necessary funds to ensure a quality Scouting program for youth.

More specifically, by supporting FOS, you help us keep:

- The cost of our camps affordable
- Our Service Center and camping facilities in top condition
- Our promise of a quality Scouting experience to your son and others in Scouting.



The Friends of Scouting Campaign is a vital component to the programs and services of the Midnight Sun Council. Remember we only see about 20% of the cost of Scouting in a boy's book, uniform, equipment, and registration. Like an ice berg in the Bering Sea, 80% of the cost of Scouting in northern Alaska is unseen in volunteer training, a council service center, a year-round camping facility at Lost Lake, council website, a professional staff and more. The money raised through Friends of Scouting offsets normally unseen costs to support Scouting in northern Alaska by the Midnight Sun Council. It costs the Midnight Sun Council close to \$390 to provide a quality Scouting experience for one boy per year. Parents of Scouts play a vital role in the annual Friends of Scouting campaign by contributing money based on their interest in the program and their ability to give to this important component of the Scouting program.

The Family Campaign, as of April 15th, was almost at 50% with more coming in every day, but it can't make it to 100% without **YOU!** For more information about the Friends of Scouting Family Campaign, contact Sven Gilkey at the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center at 452-1976.


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Midnight Sun BSA
And
Lost Lake Camp


Congratulations 2010 Eagles

Cole Taylor
Troop 1
Fairbanks Rotary Club

Daniel Coghill
Troop 42
North Star Volunteer Fire Dept

Tyler Toms
Troop 49
North Pole Rotary Club



Training

Every boy deserves a trained leader. With 100 years of history in Scouting the program has been pretty well figured out and training is our way to help you, THE UNIT, keep yourself from inventing the wheel with every new leader, or even old leader, that you might have join your Pack, Troop, Team or Crew. The Midnight Sun Council is dedicated to the quality of program in our units. So, to recharter for 2010, ALL Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches, Venturing Crew Advisors and their assistants must be trained. In addition, 75% of each Pack's Den Leaders must also be trained. These direct contact leaders are the backbone of our program. With training, they make for a stronger and better Scouting experience for their Scouts and for themselves. For a definition of a "Trained" direct contact leader and opportunities for training visit the council website at www.midnightsunbsa.org.

OA Brotherhood Weekend

Toontuk Lodge of the Order of the Arrow is planning its 2010 Brotherhood Weekend for May 14-15 at Lost Lake. This is a weekend of cheerful service and brotherhood and is the opportunity for those Ordeal Members of our Lodge to obtain Brotherhood, sealing their commitment to the ideals of the Order and earning the bars on their sash. Registration will be \$25 and begin at 6:00 PM Friday May 14th.



BALOO

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is a one-day training event that introduces leaders and parents to the skills needed to plan and conduct Pack outdoor activities, particularly Pack camping.

Participants who complete this training course will:

- Understand the focus of the Cub Scout level of the BSA outdoor program.
- Gain the skills needed to plan and carry out a successful Cub Scout-level overnight activity.
- Learn more about the resources available from the BSA for carrying out this activity.

This training is required for any adult who is in charge of planning a pack campout. Our BALOO Course will be held on May 1 at the Lions Recreation Area on the corner of Danby and College Roads. We will be starting at 9AM and will be done before 5PM. The cost is \$15 per person and must be paid at the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center before attending. Contact Sven at 452-1976 with any questions.

Harlem Globetrotters



The Harlem Globetrotters are coming to town!! Come to the Carlson Center on May 1st, have a great night and introduce a friend to Scouting! This evening is a Scout recruitment event meant for Scouts to bring friends and let them see Scouting up-close and personal. The Harlem Globetrotters are a world renowned basketball team that combines athleticism, theater and comedy out on the court. Tickets are \$15 per person if Scouts bring a buddy that is NOT in Scouting with them to introduce them to the program!! The game will start at 7PM at the Carlson Center but we will be meeting with the team before hand at 6:30PM. Registration must be completed by noon on April 26th to take advantage of the cheap tickets. Parents and Scout leaders are welcome to attend for \$15. Sorry, siblings will have to pay the full \$33 for tickets. You may download the registration form at www.midnightsunbsa.org . For more information contact Sven at 452-1976.

Day Camp

Our little Western town of Cubville is just starting out and already it is having trouble!! Bandits are all over the Wild West and Mayor Durbin and Sheriff Bright Star are calling on all Cub Scouts to help make Cubville the best town in the territory!! To help out come to Cub Scout Day Camp this July 7-10 for the Tanana Valley District in Fairbanks and July 15-17 in Delta for the Bush District. Registration for Day Camp is \$75 if paid on or before May 7 and \$95 if paid after that.

The Cub Scout Day Camp program is designed to teach skills and develop attitudes that build character and make a boy more self-reliant and more at home in the outdoors. By participating in individual and team sports, games, crafts, exploring nature, and working on achievements, electives, and activity badges he will have fun with a purpose. Cub Scouts participate in outdoor activities that are centered on a camp theme. Boys attend Day Camp and return home each day. There is no overnight camping.

The 2010 theme for Day Camp is ***Riding off Into the Midnight Sun!!*** All Cub Scouts, from this year's Tiger Cubs to Webelos Scouts, are encouraged to attend. Day Camp is usually the first camp experience for a Cub Scout. Contact Sven at 452-1976 with any questions about Day Camp. Come on, Boys. Let's circle the wagons and have a GREAT TIME!!!

Race to Scouting

And the race begins! It's the Race to Scouting coming this August and we want every boy we can find. Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews this August is the beginning of the race to fill your unit with new members looking for the adventure of Scouting. We all know how exciting Scouting can be, but there are a lot of boys who may not know what they are missing out on, so get out and find them! Race to Scouting is more than just a membership drive, it's about the future of YOUR unit! Cub Scout Packs don't work without Tiger Cubs, and Boy Scout Troops don't work without Tenderfoot Scouts, so keep your unit strong with new members. Elementary schools have ice cream socials and other events where your Pack could set up shop for the evening. But, don't just have a table with flyers on it, call the principal before hand and talk to him or her about setting up a pinewood derby track or rain gutter regatta race. Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews, this fall is your time as well. Help Cub Scout Packs with their recruitment and have your members bring some friends camping over the summer. The key to having a successful race is preparation, so unit committees make sure you enter this summer with an individual who is charge of your unit Race to bring in more members. We are about to enter our hundredth year of Scouting and we shouldn't leave a single boy out of the magic!!

Strike It Rich Diabetes Camp

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital's Diabetes Center along with Lost Lake Camp presents the Sourdough Strike it Rich camp at Lost Lake to help your family hit paydirt with a goldmine of information on the ins and outs of diabetes. Enjoy swimming, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, archery, and a shooting range. An exciting 43 foot climbing tower and a 475 foot zip line will stake your claim of t status! Mark July 11-14, 2010, on your calendars for this fun and exciting time. Call the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center for more information.



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

The Tanana Valley District invites you to participate in Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, a fun-filled program of hands-on skills training in the outdoors, designed to help you master basic camp skills required for Tenderfoot to First Class. This course will be at Lost Lake Camp May 14-15th, with registration at 6:00 PM, the cost will be \$25 per participant. Please register for this course no later than the May 6th at Roundtable or an additional \$5 will be charged. If you can't make it in May for this training it will be offered again in August on the 20-21, but don't put it off, this training is important to having a strong productive unit.

Instructors will help you learn how to set up camp, cook, work with woods tools and about ropes, first aid, planning campfire programs, map reading and compass skills, hiking and packing techniques, nature identification, and Leave No Trace. Each outdoor session will bring to life the pages of the Boy Scout Handbook to help you deliver the promise of Scouting to yourself and the youth you serve. It will increase your comfort level and give you confidence as a trained, skilled leader. The program will also give you the opportunity to work with other Scout leaders from your area, meet new friends, and reinforce skill techniques with fellow unit leaders.

This course is more than just learning the skills, but also how to better teach those skills to the Scouts we serve. To do this we fall back on the pride of the Boy Scout program, the patrol method, so come and learn how the patrols can help YOU make your outdoor program even better!

This Training is required for ALL Scoutmasters and Assistants as well as ALL Varsity Coaches and Assistants

Lost Lake Work Day

Mark your calendars for May 22, 2010! Come and help us get camp ready for the summer and get some projects done to improve camp for year round use. If you would like to come to camp and stay Friday night there will be no charge, but we need you to call and make a reservation so we have campsites and cabins available for you. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Please call the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center and let us know if you are coming so we can make sure we have enough food prepared. We could really use the help in getting projects completed around camp!

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Testimonial

This past September I had the opportunity to attend one of the best practical training programs I ever had in my Scouting career. That program was the Outdoor Leadership Skills course. The course, held at Lost Lake Scout Camp, was conducted by Jason Buist and his training staff. All of the trainers had a wide variety of skills and knowledge and were more than willing to share those with the course participants. The skills that I learned are ones that I will be able to bring back to my Scout Troop and use to instruct our Troop's boys. Being a trained leader is a responsibility that all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters have. It is quality training like this that is enjoyable and educational which, in turn provides better trained leaders for our Scouts. Next time it's offered, attend!! You owe it to yourself and the Scouts you lead. – Jeff Tucker

Cub Scout 2010

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR CUB LEADERS!!!

The National Council, in looking at the changes in American society, has made some changes to the Cub Scout program effective this year. Cub Scout 2010 is a reflection that, in modern America fewer families have the ability to help their Scouts with the foundation of their advancement at home. So, with the launch of Cub Scout 2010 the Cub Scout advancement program will be principally completed in Den and Pack meetings. To support this change in the program the National Council has discontinued the Cub Scout Program Helps and is launching a new book entitled the "Cub Scout Den and Pack Resource Guide". Also, there is a redraft of Cub Scout Specific Training that will be launched in mid-May as the syllabus becomes available.

ALL CUB SCOUT LEADERS WILL NEED TO RETAKE THEIR SPECIFIC TRAINING TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE IN PROGRAM

Effective June 1st 2010 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training for all Den Leaders, Cubmasters, and Pack Committee members will be offered online through your MyScouting portal at www.scouting.org. The Midnight Sun Council will continue to offer these courses on a regular basis.

For upcoming training dates check the council website at www.midnightsunbsa.org.

Lost Lake Boy Scout Camp

Lost Lake Boy Scout Camp is going to be exciting this year. It is the 60th Anniversary of Lost Lake Camp, the 50th Anniversary of the Midnight Sun Council and the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. What a year to celebrate! Week two of Lost Lake Camp is full and Week one is filling fast. If you have not gotten your site reserved, you should do so to ensure your spot in this year's camp.

We are offering the tried and true merit badges and also some new and exciting ones. We are offering the four Historical Badges that will only be offered this year along with the new Geocaching Merit Badge, just to name a few. Merit Badge schedules will be going out in the mail mid-April to all the units who have signed up for camp. The Camp Leaders Guide was mailed out last month to the units that have signed up. If you did not receive yours, it is available on the website or, you may come into the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center to get your copy.

There are camperships available for camp and applications are available at the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center. Please do not allow a boy to miss the opportunity of a summer camp experience! If you have any questions, contact Shari Crismore at the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center.

Scouting For Food

To Celebrate 100 years of Scouting, the Midnight Sun Council will be Scouting for Food this fall to support the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. On September 11, we will be going door to door throughout the community passing out grocery bags and letting people know that the following Saturday, September 18, Scouts will be out in full force doing a good turn! Our goal is to collect at least 15,000 lbs of food for our Food Bank. As this huge event gets closer we will start strategizing how to cover the full Fairbanks North Star Borough. For now, mark out both dates on your Unit Calendar and plan on making a huge difference in our community.



COPE Instructor Training

The Midnight Sun Council's Project COPE Committee will be conducting a COPE Instructor training class April 30 and May 1. This class is for anyone who has an interest in getting more involved in Project COPE beyond the participant level. People who complete this class will be able to facilitate events on both Low and High COPE under the supervision of a Director. The April 30 session will be held from 6:00PM-10:00PM at the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center and the May 1 session will be held at Lost Lake Camp from 9:00AM-4:00PM. You must participate in both sessions to be certified as an instructor. The cost is \$20, which includes training materials and lunch on Saturday. For more information, please call 452-1976

NRA Basic Instructor Training

The Midnight Sun Council's Shooting Sports Committee is pleased to announce a unique National Rifle Association training opportunity at Lost Lake Camp. On May 14 Basic Instructor Training will be offered. On May 15 and 16, Rifle Instructor, Range Safety Officer, Shotgun Shooting, and Pistol Instructor (*you can only take one*) training will be offered. It would normally cost you several hundred dollars to take these classes, but during this weekend the cost is \$25 to cover the cost of meals and housing. What a great way to improve your Unit's program. For more information please call Shari or Clifford Crismore at 452-1976.

Paddle Craft Safety

There will be a Paddle Craft Safety Course offered at Lost Lake on May 22, 2010. At least one person needs to be certified in this course and in attendance at a unit outing where there are boating activities. The \$35 fee covers this course plus the Water Rescue course that will be offered at a later date. For the safety of our youth and to help your unit out please consider this course. We will be serving you lunch at camp on the 22nd.



Big Changes in 2010's Popcorn Sale

Here are some bullet points:

- More product/ less packaging!
- More taste/ better for you!
- \$600 Club is new! Sell \$600 and receive a Marshmallow Crossbow!
- Unit Popcorn Sale in a Box!
- Online and Traditional Sales will be combined for prizes!
- Chocolate Carmel Crunch is back!
- Earlier start date for the sale!

We will be combining the September Roundtable with the Popcorn Kick-Off to have a Bar B Q on September 2nd! Each Unit will be given their Popcorn Sale in a Box and then they can start the selling! If you are ready to go with a Unit kick-off that weekend you can increase your sales time to 5 or 6 weekends! Choose your popcorn kernel now and email their name and contact info to tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org. Our Trails End Representative, Robert, will be joining us for the Centennial Camporee in Delta so we can be ready for this exciting sale!



2010 Alaska Public Safety Explorer Conference

*Sponsored by the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Hosted by the Fairbanks Police Explorers and Volunteers in Policing*

The 2010 Alaska Youth Emergency Preparedness Explorer Conference will provide Police, Fire and Medical Explorers and their Advisors an opportunity to participate in public safety and emergency management training as well as leadership training and other specialized training. Explorers will return to their communities after the conference and create a service project, activity or event to teach others in their community about disaster preparedness, safety, crime prevention, fire prevention, drug abuse prevention or similar topics. The conference will be July 16-25, 2010. This will be a live-in conference. Participants must stay for the entire conference and participate fully in all aspects of the conference.



The program will consist of several days of exciting training and activities including seminars and training scenarios based on the interest of the participants and the statewide objectives and will include hands-on Police, Fire, Medical and Emergency Management. Service projects will also be part of the program with Explorers participating and assisting with the Golden Days Parade, Street fair and associated activities. Explorers will have the opportunity to participate in Team Competitions which will be described in detail at a later date. Social activities may include movie nights, dances, and field trips. Explorers must be accompanied by an advisor of the same sex from their post. There must be one Advisor registered for every ten Explorers who are registered. If an Explorer Post has youth who are interested in attending but do not have advisors who can attend, please contact Lorna Weese and arrangements may be made to allow the youth to attend as "adopted" members of another post. There is no cost for registration, housing, meals or transportation for approved participants.



If you have any questions please contact Lorna Weese at akexplorers@gmail.com.

