



## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - MAY 2022 NEWS!



United Way  
of Tanana Valley

As a United Way agency the Midnight Sun Council has various resources at their disposal to help with food, shelter, and other needs. Here is their website: <https://unitedwaytv.com/>

[To see more upcoming events and activities, please visit our website](#)

## To All – Call to Action for the Manley, AK recovery

As I am sure you are aware, **Manley, AK has been declared a disaster area** by the state due to recent flooding. Our office has been contacted by a community leader in Manley asking for our help in cleaning up the community after the flooding they just had. About 50 people have been displaced from their homes. The job is nothing heavy, but the community is elderly and small in number. They can use all the help they can get. The National Guard had been there and did a lot of the heavy lifting. This presents some opportunities for our Scouts for service hours and more. If you or any of your Scouting families are interested in helping out, please let me know via email, and include names, emails and phone numbers. I will be the point of contact at the Scout Office, my contact information is below.

Basically, the request covers things like stacking wood for the families and other general outdoor clean up throughout the community, think of it as a continuation of clean-up day. The flood waters came through and moved a whole bunch of things around, like their firewood stacks. You are asked to bring gloves, proper footwear, and trash bags – we have plenty of bags here at our office that can be used. There is an area that was not touched by the flooding that your unit could camp in, if they choose to stay overnight. It does take approximately 4-hours to get there from Fairbanks. If you decide to camp out overnight, you'll need to bring your own gear, including first aid kits and cooking gear, and food. The Council can supply Mountain House meals to those helping out. Currently, there are no places to stay indoors overnight, though water and showers are available in town. There is a gas station in town that is open 24 hours. For those helping out, the Manley Hot Springs will be available as a thank you for your service. **Remember that this is a disaster area and we are looking for older youth (Scouts BSA) and adults to help out.**

We are planning this coming weekend, so it is a short turn-around time. Please contact your families and get back to me as soon as possible. You can go up at any time, but please let me know, so I can inform them that you will be there.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

See what's happening!  
([click here for complete calendar](#))

#### May 2022

May 18 - LEGENDS & HEROES Award Banquet  
May 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting  
May 21 - Aviation Day  
May 24 - Eagle Books due  
May 26 - TV District Commissioner meeting @ 6:00 pm followed by TV District Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm  
May 30 - SCOUT SHOP / OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY  
May 31 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

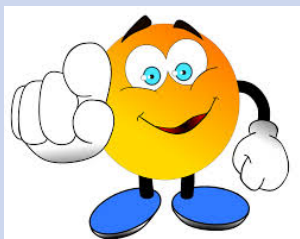
#### June 2022

June 1-3 Day Camp  
June 3-5 Spring Camporee  
June 6-10 - SCOUT SHOP / OFFICE EARLY CLOSURE AT 3:30 PM  
June 7 - Build Day - Golden Day Parade Float  
June 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting  
June 16 - Build Day - Golden Day Parade Float  
June 18 - BEAVER DAY aka Lost Lake Camp Work Day  
June 20 - SCOUT SHOP / OFFICE CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH  
June 26 - Eagle Books due  
June 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### July 2022

July 3-9 - Lost Lake Camp Staff Week  
July 4 - SCOUT SHOP / OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY  
July 10-16 - Lost Lake Scout Resident Summer Camp  
July 13 - Executive Board Meeting at Lost Lake Camp  
July 19 - Eagle Books due  
July 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting  
July 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)  
July 28 - TV District Commissioner meeting @ 6:00 pm followed by TV District Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

**May 2022**  
**Volunteers of the Month??**  
**YOU of course!!**



A huge THANK YOU to all Clean up day participants in the FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR COMMUNITY and the HEAVY HAULERS

***It's NOT too late!***  
***COME JOIN US!***

The Midnight Sun Council will be honoring two great individuals well known to the Fairbanks Community during our **Legends and Heroes Dinner on May 18th, 2022.**

Our honorees are **Craig Compeau** and **Monte Pearson**. The dinner will be held at Compeau's, 4122 Boat Street, Fairbanks.

**Craig** is an outdoor enthusiast having fun with his toys. Do you need a boat or side by side? He's the one to see. Craig was instrumental in getting the annual Tired Iron up and running.



**Monte** is well known for his "Pay It Forward Fairbanks" campaign, helping people start their cars when they are

frozen. He is also known in the racing circles around the area. Come on out to show your support for these two great people and what they have done to improve the lives of those in the Fairbanks area.

**call the Council office at 907-452-1976 to reserve your seats or**

[click here to get your tickets on](#)

**Eventbrite**

**you can also SCAN QR CODE for more information**



**AVIATION**  
**MERIT BADGE DAY!**

YOU ALL ARE AWESOME!



It's great to see so many people dedicating their valuable time and energy in going out and cleaning up our community.



Information about tonnage collected and number of registered volunteers will be announced soon.

Fairbanks and the many surrounding areas are looking **GREAT!**  
**THANK YOU**, Fairbanks North Star Borough Community and Heavy Haulers!



Airport Operators' Council  
Fairbanks International Airport  
6450 Airport Way, Suite 24, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709  
2022 Scouts BSA Aviation Merit Badge

When: Saturday, May 21, 2022, 7:00am-3:00pm  
Where: Fairbanks Aviation Day, UAF CTC Hangar – Fairbanks International Airport  
Note: This is a one-day merit badge program for active Scouts. Pre-Registration is required, and space is limited. Sign up at the **Earl and Pat Cook Service Center** before May 6. The first 24 Scouts signed up with the permission slip signed, will be registered for the class.  
• Scouts must be in uniform  
• Bring lunch or \$5 for lunch  
Questions: Contact Melissa Osborn at [fairbanks.aoc@gmail.com](mailto:fairbanks.aoc@gmail.com) or 907-978-3788

The initial 24 seats are already filled but **we have a waiting list** for those who are interested in participating. To be placed on the waiting list, please call at 907-452-1976 or come to the office.

**CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION**



The **next** Bush District Roundtable will be held **in-person** on **May 18th, 2022** starting at **6:15 pm** at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction. Please come and join us.

There will be **no Roundtable** for TVD in **June and July 2022**. The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be **online** through Zoom and **in-person** at the Council Office on **August 4th, 2022** at 7:00 pm. Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information: Meeting ID: 823 1589 6231 Passcode: vp4eEc  
TVD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89301656441?pwd=V2F5ZE9vK2JLaXhETIFZd0ZKVVNhdz09>

**RESCHEDULED!**  
**SPRING**  
**CAMPOREE**  
DUE TO GROUND  
CONDITIONS, SPRING  
CAMPOREE IS



**RESCHEDULED TO**



**PARADE TIME!!!**

**Who:** Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Scouters – everyone!

**What:** Preparing a float and accessories for the 4th of July and Golden Days Parades!

3-5 JUNE 2022

[click here or on image for details](#)

## SAVE THE DATE SCOUTS!



*June 1-3, 2022*



**Cub Scout Day Camp 2022** will be loaded and full of all the adventures Cubs love the most - BB guns & Archery, STEM & Scout Crafts, Nature hikes, and much more!

Scouts will learn to be scientists, as well as their world and the outdoors.

*Come investigate the fun!*

*More info coming soon!  
Check our website at  
[www.midnightsunbsa.org](http://www.midnightsunbsa.org)*

**When/Where:**

**Build days:**

June 7, 11am-3pm @ Council Office

June 16, 4-8pm @ Council Office

Please bring any tools or materials you have that we can use.

**Parades:**

July 4: parade on 1st Avenue,  
more details to come

July 23: Golden Days Parade,  
more details to come

A parental release is required to participate in parade.

[Click here to view/download flier for more details and information](#)



## Lost Lake Scout Camp Beaver Day aka Work Day

Come and join us for BEAVER DAY!

**Help us make Lost Lake Camp - The Best Camp in Alaska - even better!**

Beaver Day participants will need to bring and turn in a copy of their BSA Health and Medical Record Parts A & B when they check in. Forms will be returned at the end of the event. Forms that are not picked up will be destroyed.

**Date for upcoming Beaver Day:**

**When: Saturday, June 18, 2022**

Breakfast (8:00 am)

**Work will begin at 9:00 am**

Lunch (noon)

Supper (6:00 pm)

The Order of the Arrow is going to supply food for that day.

[click here for more Beaver Day details](#)

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING RECOGNITION

**Friends of Scouting (FOS) – Thank you to all of our donors!**

***Units can sign up for their***

**For the Board campaign**, our 4 patriotic teams are continuing to look for all the pieces of the national treasure, with a goal of finding all 75,000 relics (\$). The totals to date by team are listed below:

District FOS campaign in support of the Scouting program Council-wide, by contacting Tasmine at the Council office or by emailing her at [Tasmine.Bennett@Scouting.org](mailto:Tasmine.Bennett@Scouting.org).

Please do so today. The goals for the Family Campaigns are \$15,000 for the Tanana Valley District (currently at 15% of goal) and \$4,000 for the Bush District. Special thanks to Troop 78 and Troop 47 for surpassing their Unit goals.



2022 Board Campaign Summary				
	Pledge	Payment	2021	2022 Project Sales
Bills of Rights	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Stars with Stripes	\$ 8,650.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 22,550.00	\$ 4,350.00
Tricorns	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,900.00	
Franklins Turkeys	\$ 9,693.50	\$ 7,881.50	\$ 21,776.00	\$1,800.25
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$28,843.50</b>	<b>\$ 16,631.50</b>	<b>\$ 58,226.00</b>	<b>\$6,150.25</b>

\$75,000			<b>Friends of Scouting</b>	
\$70,000			Goal \$75,000	
\$65,000			<b>38.46%</b>	
\$60,000				
\$55,000			<b>Project Sales*</b>	
\$50,000			Goal \$25,550	
\$45,000			<b>24.07%</b>	
\$40,000				
\$35,000				
\$30,000				
\$25,000	\$28,843.50 as of 4/3/2022			
\$20,000	\$23,126.00 as of 3/8/2022			
\$15,000	\$14,022.00 as of 2/15/2022			
\$10,000	\$6,472.00 as of 2/9/2022			
\$5,000	\$5,472.00 as of 2/1/2022			
	\$3,122.00 as of 1/25/2022			

\* we are currently showing the full Riverboat ticket amount, but we can only officially count the tickets used towards this amount.



## Update to Scouts BSA joining requirements opens the door to more young people

While Scouts love to climb mountains and hike across rugged terrain, their path to joining Scouts BSA shouldn't be met with similarly daunting obstacles.

To that end, a change to the Scouts BSA joining requirements will make it easier for young people to join a troop alongside their friends and classmates.

Effective April 18, 2022, the Scouts BSA joining requirements have changed. They now state that a young person can be a member of Scouts BSA if they meet **any** of these requirements below.

### New Scouts BSA joining requirements (effective April 18, 2022)

- At least 10 years old, currently in the fifth grade and register on or after March 1
- or
- At least 10 years old and have earned the Arrow of Light Award
- or
- At least 11 years old (but not yet 18)

As a reminder, the previous joining requirements stated that a young person could be a Scouts BSA member if they met any of the requirements below.

### Old Scouts BSA joining requirements (prior to April 18, 2022)

- At least 10 years old and have completed the fifth grade
- or
- At least 10 years old and have earned the Arrow of Light Award
- or
- At least 11 years old (but not yet 18)

In comparing the two sets of bullets, you can see that the change primarily applies to young people who are still in the fifth grade. Thanks to the change, a 10-year-old who wants to join a Scouts BSA troop in March of their fifth grade year (or beyond) is welcome to do so.

## An option to cross over

Some parents might wonder whether a Cub Scout working on Arrow of Light must move to a Scouts BSA troop if they turn 11 but haven't finished the rank.

The answer is no. The pack can continue to work on rank advancement as normal and move the Scout into a



troop when they complete the rank or at the regular program roll-up in June. In other words, the only mandatory crossover is when they have completed the fifth grade. Like all the other ranks in Cub Scouting, once school ends, the Cub Scout is now the next rank.

## From the Registrar



### Scoutbook's Den Leader Experience

is a valuable tool for Den Leaders to reduce planning

time and eliminate advancement reports. Updates have been made to create greater flexibility in the calendar system based on user feedback.

A "sandbox" environment has been created for anyone to check it out and help support Den Leaders.

<https://leaderpp.scouting.org/login> to log in click on the upper left hand corner and pick one of the three users. The username and password will auto populate.

## SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Scout Shop and Council Office will be closed on **May 30th, 2022** in observance of



## STEM Nova Awards Change

**Beginning on June 1, 2022**, Councils will be administering and delivering the STEM Nova Awards on a **local level**. The STEM Nova Awards program is designed to bring awareness to STEM and provide recognition to Scouts who go beyond current advancement requirements to pursue a STEM topic. **Effective June 1, 2022, local councils will support and deliver STEM Nova Awards including recognition at the local level.**

**The STEM Nova Award website will remain on Scouting.org** as a national resource for the requirements with all other aspects of the award moved to the local council. This includes recognition items. Local councils will continue to approve Supernova Counselors and **effective June 1, 2022**, will approve any Dr. Albert Einstein Supernova Applications. All activity & programming used in conjunction with the STEM Nova Awards program must be followed and implemented as designed by the BSA. Local Councils may not add or subtract activities or requirements from this BSA designed program.



The Midnight Sun Council is looking for volunteers to serve as NOVA Counselors

[click here to view/download NOVA Counselor requirements](#)



The Tanana Valley District is looking for volunteers to serve as Unit Commissioners!

These individuals play a key role in supporting our units with focused attention and serve as a bridge between the unit and available District or Council Resources.

## Congratulations to all our 2022 Eagle Scouts



**Louis Wood**

*Troop 1092*

Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks

**Trail to Eagle  
workbook**

Effective **January 1, 2022**, the **Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA)** nomination process changed to a set nomination time period similar to the Silver Beaver, Antelope and Buffalo awards.

Visit the [DESA awards page](#) for more information. Updated timeline and FAQ attached

### **Reminder: NESAs Scholarship Application Portal Is Now Open.**

The National Eagle Scout Association is now accepting applications for its annual scholarships. See the site below for information, and encourage your Eagle Scouts to apply.

[Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association \(nesa.org\)](https://nesa.org)

### **Discontinue Use of NESAs Paper applications with Old Pricing Info**

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESAs) has recently implemented new pricing for its membership.

**NESAs requests that all new Eagle Scouts should now be directed to <https://nesa.org> to complete their NESAs membership applications.**

**THANK YOU! to our 2022 Golden Eagle Sponsors**



Alaska Riverways  
Larry Bennett  
Hank Bartos  
Mary Binkley

Skip Cook  
Conoco Phillips Alaska  
Matt Cooper  
Robert Groseclose  
Kal Kennedy

Stephen Smith  
Brad Tilden  
Toontuk Lodge  
Cathie Tordoff

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[Click for Training Opportunities](#)

Did you know that there are training plans designed specifically for your position on [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org)?

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, and you can complete these courses at your own pace!

Please log into [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org) and follow the steps (Menu>My Training>Training Center) to see what kinds of training plans are available that relate to your position.

## ***SAFETY CORNER!***



### **Are you prepared for Scouting adventures? You should ask ...**

Those who recite the Scout Oath vow to do their best to stay physically strong. During these past two years, that might have been a challenging promise to keep. For many units, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of campouts and outdoor ...

[Read more](#)

[blog.scoutingmagazine.org](https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org)



**NORTHERN LIGHTS HIGH ADVENTURE TREKS ARE BACK! CLICK  
HERE AND BOOK YOURS NOW!!**



**BOOK YOUR 2022 OR 2023 TREK NOW!**

Our Alaska High Adventure website is currently undergoing some changes and updates. Therefore it might not open for you or just partly open up. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause.

For questions please contact Phil at [phil.burkett@scouting.org](mailto:phil.burkett@scouting.org), or call the office at 907-452-1976 or find us on Facebook [@NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase)



**ONLY ONE SPOT LEFT!!**

**Philmont Scout Ranch**  
**2022 High Adventure Trek!**

**HURRY!!**  
**GET IT WHILE YOU CAN!!**

To find out more [click here](#).



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**UPDATED Youth Protection and Barriers to  
Abuse**



As Scouting continues to improve the safety of our youth, please visit the links below check for updates. The Barriers for Abuse FAQs were last updated 3/11/21

[Youth Protection and Adult Leadership | Boy Scouts of America](#)

[Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs - Boy Scouts of America](#)

**DON'T FORGET!**  
**The Midnight Sun Council, BSA requires**  
**ANNUAL**  
**YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING!**

- Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and is a joining requirement.



Project Opportunities at Midnight Sun Festival event on **Saturday, June 18** from noon-midnight. The Festival is a very popular event and is hosted by the Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services whose mission it is, in part, to *maintain the vitality and improve the overall quality of life in downtown Fairbanks*. There is more information about the Festival at the [Festival's webpage.](#)

Service Projects:

1. Anytime from June 5-16, fold and stack 800 Festival T-shirts. (No limit to group size. Ages 10 and older, I guess)
1. Friday, June 17 from 8 -10 PM, odd jobs setting up for the Festival, including : pitch garage-style tent, carry tables and chairs, place 60 sand bags on traffic barricades, etc. (I'd say 3-6 teens.)
1. Saturday, June 18 from 10 AM – 11:30 AM, odd jobs setting up for the Festival, including: arrange table and chairs, carrying tables, chairs and boxes of T-shirts. (3-6 teens.)

**All of these projects earn a Scout a Festival T-shirt.**

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CONTACT US

Visit the Midnight Sun Council website for updates and more news and information!

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