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Important Dates

April 2015

- 2 - Tanana Valley Roundtable
- 3 - Scout Shop & Office closed in observance of Good Friday
- 9 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 15 - Delta Roundtable



Roundtable Reminder

This month's Roundtable will be held on Thursday, April 2 starting at 7:00pm. For more information, or any questions you have, contact Jack or [Cat DeFabio](#).

YOUTH PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH



April is Youth Protection month in the Boy Scouts of America. The BSA, over 23 years ago, started one of the most comprehensive and first efforts by youth agencies to set up guidelines and training to protect our youth. Many of these guidelines have been duplicated in other organizations and continue to protect our youth. Guidelines such as 2-deep leadership, no one-on-one youth/adult associations, training for parents, youth, and leaders, approval of all adults working with youth by Chartered Partners, Criminal Background checks, and more have been, and still are, valuable in watching over our youth, as well as protecting adults.

Take time this month to update your youth protection in the training section at www.my.scouting.org. If you don't have internet access, you may check out training materials from the Council Office.



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 6pm) in preparation for Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 9. The Council Service Center is serving as the distribution and sign-up 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

16 - Tanana Valley Commissioners Meeting

21 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 6:00pm

23 - Tanana Valley District Meeting

25 - BALOO Training

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

May 2015

2 - Be My Neighbor Day

7 - Tanana Valley Roundtable (FOS Celebration!)

9 - Clean Up Day

14 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

15-17 - Spring Camporee (**Tentative Dates**)

19 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 6:00pm

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 - Lost Lake Work Weekend

29-30 - Outdoor Leadership Skills Training

June 2015

3-6 - Cub Scout Day Camp

4 - Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting

15-20 - Nat'l. Youth Leadership Training

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.** If you are interested in helping out, please contact [Tasmine Stebbins](#) at the Council Office.

[Clean Up Day Flyer](#)



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.**

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. If this is something your Unit or you are interested in please contact [Tasmine Stebbins](#) at the Council Office.

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Cub Scout Day Camp

This year the theme for Cub Scout Day Camp is *Cub Scouts on the Go!* There is an exciting program planned for June 3rd-6th at Birch Hill Recreation Area. Sign up is available at the Council Office, along with the Leader's Guide. Registration is requested by April 10th to receive the early-bird discount. **Cost per Cub Scout is \$75 before April 10th, and \$85 April 10th-May 29th. Any registrations after May 29th have a late fee included bringing the total to \$100 per Cub Scout.** Contact [Tammy Illguth](#) for additional information.

[Day Camp Leader's Guide](#)



Lost Lake Scout 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.**

22-27 - Staff Week at Lost Lake Camp

23 - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 6:00pm

29-July 3 - Magnet Week at Lost Lake Camp

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

Merit Badge PowWow a Success!



Over 50 Scouts registered for a dozen or more Merit Badges in everything from Genealogy to Personal Management at the Spring Merit Badge PowWow, held on both February 28 and March 7. Tyson Forbush, District Commissioner, wanted to thank all who were involved!

Midnight Sun Camperships

The Council maintains a campership fund that distributes funds to campers needing financial assistance to any of the Council camps. Donors add to the fund yearly and the interest is used for camperships. A youth may apply for all or part of any Day Camp or Scout Camp registration fee. Deadline this year for the volunteer selection committee is June 5. Applications are available at www.midnightsunbsa.org.

2017 National Jamboree



Lost Lake Magnet Week

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 the Council Office.

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Spring Camporee

Spring Camporee is tentatively being planned for May 15-17. Location and Cost: TBA. Contact [David Wilcox](#) at the Council Office for more information. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success!



Deadlines for Camp FOS Discount Approaching Fast

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual campaign of the Midnight Sun Council that helps provide the necessary funds to ensure a quality Scouting program for every youth! Units that meet their goals get discounts on Day Camp, Summer Camp, and more!

Congratulations to the following Units who made their goals:

Pack 1551 Troop 9 Troop 1392 Ship 1776

To sign up for a presentation, or for more information, contact [David Wilcox](#) at the Council Office.

Training Opportunities



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



The next BSA National Jamboree is closer than you

think! Sign up to get info about attending Scouting's next big party at the Summit with the Midnight Sun Council! Sign up is available at

www.midnightsunbsa.org

Fish & Wildlife Service Eagle Project Opportunities

For great projects for Scouts working on their Eagle - contact: Vince Mathews at 907-455-1823 or at 1-800-531-0676.

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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. The cost is \$25 per person. Contact Jack

DeFabio at 540-908-5326 with any questions.

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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!



Lost Lake Work Weekend

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 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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Scout Family Camp

Family Camp is being planned for August 14-15 at Lost Lake Scout Camp. Family Camp is a weekend camp that will handle all the food and program necessities, while still having plenty of time for all Scouts (both Cub and Boy Scouts) and their families to go





hiking, fishing, etc. Cost: TBA. Contact [Tyler Brooks](#) at the Council Office for more information.



Northern Lights High Adventure

There are a few slots left open at the discounted rate of \$195 for Troops and Crews within the Midnight Sun Council districts. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Kodiak Challenge Provisional Trek

This Trek is an opportunity for a Scout to spend a week experiencing Alaska without having to attend with his Troop; A Scoutmaster and Troop leadership will be provided for all provisional Scouts in attendance.

Kodiak is grounded in experimental education; participants further develop leadership skills in an outdoor classroom and may even earn a couple new badges. This is a perfect follow-up for youth and leaders after experiencing Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills or NYLT! **The Kodiak provisional trek will be held June 12-18.** Contact [David Wilcox](#) at the Council Office for more information.

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Harlem Globetrotters in Town!



Sunday, April 12th, 2015 @ 2pm

EXCLUSIVE BOY SCOUTS MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL DISCOUNT OFFER - SAVE UP TO \$7 PER TICKET!

Boy Scouts can receive a discount on tickets to see the Harlem Globetrotters & they will receive a complimentary patch with their ticket. The discount can save them up to \$7 per ticket! The first 50 people to order their tickets through [Stefanie Lamm](#) with Harlem Globetrotters at 602-707-7034 will be eligible for a meet 'n greet.

[Harlem Globetrotters Sign Up](#)

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:

Stephen Adamczak	Alaska Riverways	Bill Beistline
Albert Bell	Larry Bennett	Tim Cline
Skip Cook	Jeff Cook	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.

	Wallace Cox	Design Alaska, Inc.	Fairbanks Gold Mining
	Robert Groseclose	GVEA Goodcents Foundation	Rodger Hughes
	Gary Lewis	Travis Lewis	Ben Lomond, Inc.
	Jim Lund	Drena McIntyre	NRA Foundation, Inc.
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