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Help Wanted!

If you are interested in a career in Scouting, please submit a resume and cover letter to [Stephen Smith](#). We have an opportunity for a [District Executive](#). Please click on the link above to see job description.

Important Dates

March 2016

3rd - Tanana Valley Roundtable

5th - Tired Iron

12th - Super Saturday Training

Council Annual Recognition Dinner Follow Up

Over 100 Scouts and Scouters attended this year's Recognition Dinner at Pike's Waterfront Lodge to honor all of our deserving recipients and Eagle Scout Class. Both food and fellowship were fantastic! Congratulations to all of our honorees:

<p><u>Silver Beaver Award:</u> Wayne Miller Stephen Adamczak</p>	<p><u>District Award of Merit:</u> Glenn Burnham Ronald Weiss Collin Cogley Dana Mock Tyson Forbush Benjamin Tompkins</p>
<p><u>Whitney Young, Jr. Award:</u> Dana Mock Rockie Nethercott Mark Smith</p>	<p><u>James E. West Award:</u> Eric Cater</p>
<p><u>Veteran Awards:</u> Teresa Knapp - 10 years Bryant Christensen - 45 years</p>	<p><u>Young American Award:</u> Jessica McLaughlin</p>
<p><u>Venturing Leadership Award:</u> Nick Taylor Aaron Weiss</p>	<p><u>National Outstanding Eagle Award:</u> Jack DeFabio</p>

Tired Iron

The Midnight Sun Council will be teaming up with the Tired Iron community event again this year! Many of the same fun activities will be happening including the vintage snow machine races, moose turd bowling, ping pong ball drop, and dog sled rides! The Jamboree troop will be running the food tents this year as a fund raiser to help scouts get to the Jamboree in 2017.



Due to our unusually warm winter the event will be split over two weekends and in new locales. The first part will take place Saturday, March 5th with the morning races being held in in the lot in-between the North Fred Meyers and the First Student Bus Barn, and the ball drop and other festivities being held in the WalMart Parking lot. The second half of the races will take place on Sunday, March 21st in the

13th - Tired Iron (North Pole)

22nd - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 5:00pm

23rd - Delta Roundtable

25th - Office & Scout Shop closed for Good Friday

29th - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only

April 2016

2nd - Cub Scout Summit

7th - Tanana Valley Roundtable

16th - Spring Recruitment Extravaganza

19th - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 5:00pm

20th - Delta Roundtable

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

May 2016

5th - Tanana Valley Roundtable

7th - Clean Up Day

13th-15th - Spring Camporee

18th - Delta Roundtable

20th-22nd - OA Spring Ordeal

24th - Eagle Application or Project Books due by 5:00pm

27th-28th - OLS & BALOO Training

27th-28th - Lost Lake Work Weekend

30th - Scout Shop and Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

31st - Eagle Board of Review and Project Reviews by appointment only

flood control project next to Chena Lakes and past North Pole. For more information contact our volunteer coordinator [Heidi Giles](#).

Roundtable Reminder

This month's Roundtable will be held on March 3rd, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Office. Please contact [Tyler Brooks](#) with any questions.



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Friends of Scouting!

FOS is in full swing for 2016 and unit presentations have already begun. Our District level volunteers have already raised almost \$8000 and we expect that number to grow as more and more units schedule for their FOS presentations. There's a new council shoulder patch for those who donate \$100 or more and a car magnet for those who donate any amount. As always the generosity of our Scouting families is one of the major sources of funding that helps keeps the lights on at the Midnight Sun Council and we are always grateful. Contact [Tyler Brooks](#) if you need assistance scheduling your presentation date!



[2016 FOS Brochure](#)

Pick.Click.Give

As you fill out your PFD remember that you can Pick.Click.Give to the Midnight Sun Council! No matter who you choose your donation to go to, one lucky donor's dividend will be doubled! [Try it out!](#) It's a quick and easy way to give. The deadline to file for your PFD is March 31st!

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AmazonSmile

Midnight Sun Council of the Boy Scouts of America received a \$14.24 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2015. **THANK YOU to the families that linked their accounts to the Midnight Sun Council!**



When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Midnight Sun Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/92-0027314> and support us every time you shop.

2016 Spring Recruitment Extravaganza!

Who: All Scouting Units in the Midnight Sun Council AND the public.

What: A community wide expo and celebration of Scouting to recruit new youth and adults

When: April 16th 10AM-3PM

Where: Chena Lakes Recreation Area

Why: To grow our membership in order to fulfill Baden-Powell's vision of a better world!

All units are expected to participate by manning an age appropriate "station" of your units creation and funding to entice the public to join your unit! In addition your units are responsible for providing a lunch worthy of your finest effort to your unit and all those you invite! Contact [Jeff Rogers](#) for more information!

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Join Our Mailing List!

Spring Camporee

Spring Camporee is May 13th-15th, located in Delta Junction, and is being hosted and organized by Delta's own Troop 56. It will be an orienteering themed event with possibly a bit of Search and rescue thrown in as well. For more information on the camporee contact Troop 56 Scoutmaster [Kelly Patton](#) for more information.



Outdoor Leadership Skills & BALOO Training

This course happening at Lost Lake on May 27th-28th is required for Scoutmasters and their Assistants, and is recommended for Venturing Advisers & Associates, Sea Scout Skippers & Mates, as well as Cubmasters, Webelos Den Leaders & their Assistants. Any volunteer who wants to become more comfortable with BSA's Outdoor Program is welcome to attend and volunteers who are already comfortable are encouraged to attend and share their knowledge. This is also a great course for Venturing and Sea Scout youth who came late to Scouting to get a better foundation of Scouting skills. The course fee is \$15 and meals are included. Contact course director [Garrett Sheets](#) for more information!



Scout Shop News!

The Scout Shop has a Spring Cleaning Sale! Marked items are up to 75% off! If you order online, remember to link Council 696 to your account!



New 2016 Scout Handbooks are now available!

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Clean Up Day!

Clean Up Day for 2016 is in the planning stages! The date is set for May 7th and will be followed by the Trash Bash party at Pioneer Park (11am - 2pm)! For more information, contact [Tasmine Stebbins](#).



Year of the Cub Scout Summit

For all Cub Scout parents, Den Leaders and Assistants, Cubmasters and Assistants, Pack Committee Members, and Pack Unit Commissioners: on Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00am to 2:00pm, the Midnight Sun Council will be hosting a Year of the Cub Scout Summit for all Cub Scout Pack leaders and interested parents. **Location: TBA.** The Summit will feature a special guest, Oscar

Santoyo, from our National Office! **We will be outlining the new Lion Cub pilot program!**

2016 Cub Scout Day Camp

Day Camp is approaching and leaders guides have been distributed! The staff is very excited to give you the best program possible! Scouts, siblings and families are all welcome! If siblings wish to participate fully the tagalong fee is \$15 for the week. Day camp is June 1st through 4th. Contact Camp Director [Tammy Illguth](#) for more information!

2016 Lost Lake Scout Camp

It's still not too early to reserve your site for Lost Lake in 2016! Week one is June 27th through July 4th, Magnet Week is July 5th through July 9th, Week two is July 11th through July 16th. Week two is filling up quickly and Week one still has a bit of space. Get your slot now! Contact Camp Director [Tyler Brooks](#) for more information.



2016 High Adventure Base

We have six units from places as far away as Hawaii and Florida joining us for both Scout Camp and High Adventure Treks this season. Please show them your hospitality if you meet them while they're here! Treks are still open to local units, but space is disappearing quickly!



We're looking for scouts and scouters to serve on staff for both the high adventure base the Lost Lake Camp this summer! Applications are available online at the following links: [Lost Lake](#) and [Northern Lights High Adventure](#). Contact [Tyler Brooks](#) for more information!



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2016 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 2016 Golden Eagle Club members:

Larry Bennett	Design Alaska, Inc.	Rodger Hughes
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