



## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - MAY 2023 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](#)

## Midnight Sun Council News MAY 15, 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

[\(click here for complete calendar\)](#)

#### May 2023

May 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting  
May 20 - Aviation Day  
May 21 - OA Spring Induction  
May 23 - Eagle Books due  
May 24-26 - Cub Scout Day Camp @ Birch Hill  
May 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### June 2023

June 1 - Tanana Valley District Picnic  
June 3 - Beaver Day @ Lost Lake Camp  
June 19 - Council Office and Scoutshop CLOSED in observance of Juneteenth  
June 20 - Eagle Books due  
June 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting  
June 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### July 2023

July 2-8 - Lost Lake Camp Staff Week  
July 9-15 - Lost Lake Resident Summer Camp  
July 18 - Eagle Books due  
July 19 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting  
July 25 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH!

**Kieran Gleason** was a huge help for the Klondike Derby which was held at Lost Lake Scout Camp.

The Derby almost didn't happen. The snow on Loveless Loop was over 40 inches and the tractor was unable to clear all the areas needing snow removal in the allotted time. That is where Kieran came to the rescue!

Kieran Gleason saw the need and loaded his skid steer on his trailer and took it to camp. There he cleared snow allowing access for cars to drop off gear at unit sites.

Kieran earned his Eagle and is currently the assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 20.

Thank you **Kieran** for all you do!

### 2023 Outstanding Senior Volunteer



Dave Minto was one of about a dozen volunteers that were chosen as a "2023 Outstanding Senior Volunteer" at the recent Senior Recognition

**CLEAN UP DAY!**  
**May 20th, 2023**



[click here or on image for registration more information](#)

[Click here to view/download 2023 Clean up Day Flyer](#)

Click links below for Safety Tips:  
[Clean Up Day Dos and Dont's](#)  
[Clean Up Day - Syringe](#)

For more information visit our website at  
[www.midnightsunbsa.org](http://www.midnightsunbsa.org)

## 2023 Scouts BSA Aviation Merit Badge Day



Saturday, May 20, 2023  
 7:00am-3:00pm  
 Fairbanks Aviation Day, UAF CTC Hangar –  
 Fairbanks International Airport

**Pre-Registration is required and space is limited!**

[click here for more information](#)

## CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2023!



### HELP NEEDED!

We need someone all 3 camp days with first aid and CPR to be the health officer!!

Please contact Tasmine at  
[tasmine.bennett@scouting.org](mailto:tasmine.bennett@scouting.org) or at 907-452-1976

[CLICK HERE OR ON IMAGE FOR MORE INFO](#)

The **3rd Annual Legends and Heroes** award banquet was a hit!

Luncheon held at the Carlson Center, for his work with the Midnight Sun Council serving our youth. The event was put on by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Department of Parks & Recreation and is the largest senior recognition event in the state.

Dave works tirelessly with Troop 47 and Troop 78, prepares food for Order of the Arrow (OA) weekends, mentors adults and youth in the OA, mans the Clean Up Day table at the office to hand out bags and assigns routes on the map. He sits on the Council's Properties Committee, and is a Camp Visitation Specialist. He performs many other countless services for the Council, his church, and the community. Please join us in congratulating Dave on his well-deserved award.



**Popcorn Selling** season is right around the corner! Featured here is the 2023 seller's patch! All you need to do is register your unit & Scouts for the 2023 selling campaign.

I've included here a link to make things simple & easy to find <https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration>

This is the way we can fund your fun! By selling popcorn each Scout gains a commission from sales and that money can be used for anything Scouting. Do you want to go to Summer Camp? Sell popcorn. Do you want to go to Philmont, Sea Base or Northern Tier? Sell popcorn. Do you want to go to Day camp? Sell popcorn.

Fundraising is a very important element of the Scouting program. As a lesson on the 9<sup>th</sup> word of the Scout Law "Thrifty" lets get this selling season off to a great start. Want to find out more? Like how to increase your youths commission rate? Contact CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org) or the Scout Shop at (907) 452-1976

## Midnight Sun Council Lost Lake Scout Camp Scouts BSA Summer Resident Camp July 9 – 15, 2023



Are you interested in camping, hiking, or just learning about the great outdoors? Do you have an interest in science or technology? How about engineering or surveying? Would you like to learn to sail or scuba dive? At Lost Lake Scout Camp





In a packed Pioneer Park Centennial Center we honored four humble individuals who graciously accepted their honors, awards, and proclamations.

We feasted well, enjoyed the social event, and raised money for the local youth.

Thank you, Mayor Bryce Ward and Mayor David Pruhs, for attending and presenting the proclamations.

**Thank you to our generous sponsors!**

Doyon Utilities, The Dillon Family, Sani-Can, Cold Spot Feeds, Bettisworth North, Golden Heart Emergency Physicians, Foundation Health Partners, North Pole Coffee Roasting Company, Warwick & Schikora and Tommy G's We would also like to thank Lavelle's, The Dry Cabin String Band, and Larae's Bread Pies & Espresso. Mr. Tom Gross graced the event with his rendition of the Alaska Flag Song.

A special thanks goes to our volunteers and of course the community, who have supported our honorees and our youth.

summer resident camp you could explore all these things. Visit your local Troop or call 907-452-1976 for more information.



## To All Scouts!!



The Goldpanners are providing a special opportunity to Scouts for 2 nights this baseball season.

All you have to do is call the Scout office at 907-452-1976 to let us

know how many Scouts you have attending and then show up in Uniform and get in Free!

Come to one or to both games. Games are on **June 18th, 2023** and **June 21st, 2023**.

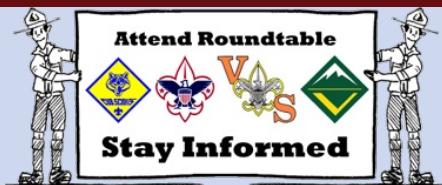
## NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2023



**July 19th-28th, 2023**

The Midnight Sun Council is hosting a Jamboree Troop to attend next year's National Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia. Current plans would be to tour Washington D.C., visit various museums and then head to the Summit for a week of exciting fun with other Scouts from all over the country and world. [click here for more detailed information and registration!](#)

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



The next Bush District Roundtable will be held in-person on **May 19th, 2023 starting at 6:15 pm** at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction. Please come and join us.



**COME JOIN US** at the Tanana Valley District PICNIC in the Park

**Where:** Growden Park Pavilion  
**When:** Thursday, June 1st from 6 pm - 8 pm

[CLICK HERE for flyer and more information](#)

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

*Congratulations to Troop 1047 for surpassing their 2023 FOS goal!*

What is a family Friends of Scouting presentation and why is it something you don't want to miss? Courts of Honor and Blue & Gold Banquets will be here before you know it! What goes

hand-in-hand with those events is the Family Friends of Scouting presentations at your unit. As Scouts, we all know the quality of the program, but we don't all know how we are able to offer it to any family who wants to participate. One of the answers to how we provide a quality program is Family Friends of Scouting (FOS).

These presentations are a chance for a District level volunteer to visit with your unit, often at a Blue & Gold Banquet or Court of Honor. This works well because units celebrate the Scouts success, it gives us a chance to also share the good news of Scouting throughout the Midnight Sun Council. Funds raised in FOS go to help provide training, insurance, lower camp fees, and better facilities. All funds raised through FOS stay with the Council.

If you are a unit leader and have not yet submitted a presentation date, please contact your district leadership to do so. Thank you!

For comments, questions or to donate contact the Council Service Center at (907) 452-1976 or email CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org) or Tasmine at [tasmine.bennett@scouting.org](mailto:tasmine.bennett@scouting.org)



Each year many of the Midnight Sun Council supporters contribute their Friends of Scouting donations through the [Pick Click Give](#) option. This is just another option which allows Alaskan residents to pledge and pay a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) in support of the youth, volunteers, and Scouting. Below is a link that takes you right to the [Councils summary on the PFD webpage](#). This is a great way to pledge now and pay later. The deadline to make adjustments for donations from the 2023 PFD is August 31, 2023.

<https://www.pickclickgive.org/index.cfm/pfdorgs.info/Midnight-Sun-Council-Boy-Scouts-Of-America>

## From the REGISTRAR

### **HOW AN ADULT MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND SUMMER CAMP 2023**

Adult leaders attending camp with their unit must be registered in their specific chartered organization's unit if they are at camp for more than 72 hours. (***Note the "72-hour" policy will change effective 9/1/2023. Early adoption is always encouraged; however, for summer 2023 the "72-hour rule" remains in effect. If you missed the webinar regarding the upcoming change to the 72-hour rule, [click here](#) to view the recording.*** You can also review Scouting's Barriers to abuse [here](#) and the Barriers to Abuse FAQs [here](#).)

For more information visit our website at [www.midnightsunbsa.org/council/resources/](http://www.midnightsunbsa.org/council/resources/) or call the Office at 907-452-1976

## SCOUT SHOP NEWS

### SCOUT SHOP AND COUNCIL OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

**MONDAY: 9 am - 5 pm**

(closed from 2 pm-3 pm)

**TUESDAY - THURSDAY: 9 am - 5 pm**

**FRIDAY: 10 am - 6 pm**

(closed from 2 pm - 3 pm)

### SCOUT SHOP AND COUNCIL OFFICE **CLOSED** ON

**May 29th, 2023: Memorial Day**

**June 19th, 2023: Juneteenth**

**July 4th, 2023: Independence Day**

**Congratulations to all our 2023 Eagle  
Scouts**

**Isabel Brown**





*Lone Scout*  
Denali Park, AK

**McKinley Rhoades**  
*Troop 1042*  
Vol. Fire Department, North Pole

*Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout  
Candidate Checklist*

*Trail to Eagle  
workbook*

Visit the [Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards page](#) for more information. Updated timeline and FAQ attached.

**THANK YOU! to our 2023 Golden Eagle Sponsors**



Steve Adams

Carol and Steve Adameczak

C.B. Bettisworth

Dennis "Skip" Cook

Jeff Cook

Fairbanks Gold Mine

The Optimist Club of Fairbanks

Karen Perdue

Cathie Tordoff

Stephen Smith

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## **[SAFETY CORNER!](#)**

We may not have snakes in Alaska, but you may encounter one travelling elsewhere in the world. The nature of outdoor programs puts Scouts in the natural habitats of a variety of venomous and non-venomous snakes. The venomous snakes that live in the United States include .....[READ MORE](#)

**Click for Training Opportunities**

Did you know that there are training plans designed specifically for your position on [My.Scouting.org](#)?

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

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

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



### **BOOK YOUR 2024 TREK NOW!**

Slots are still available for 2023.

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](#)

### **Looking for scouting host for student!**

Brenda Agee, the Local Coordinator for International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) is hoping to find a host family for a student from the Czech Republic. His name is Tomas. He is 16 years old and will be a junior in high school while on his exchange. Brenda is reaching out to the Boy Scouts because she would like to support his current scouting journey by finding him a host family in Fairbanks or North Pole that are active in Boy Scouts. Tomas likes playing American football, chess, downhill skiing, recreational swimming, astronomy and of course participating in Boy Scouts. He does have allergies to cats and dogs so he will need to be in a home with neither animal. He has seasonal allergies, but they are controlled with medication. He is an honors student. He will be on exchange from August 2023 to May 2024. For more information on hosting Tomas please reach Brenda at [bagee@icesusa.org](mailto:bagee@icesusa.org) or call her at 907.687.4017



### **North Pole Grange 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival**

Is offering the opportunity to **purchase a booth at the event for \$50** to sell merchandise or information



to join the Boy Scouts of America (Midnight Sun Council)

OR

**for Scouts to come to volunteer and receive a 10x10 space for a booth at no charge!**

The volunteer positions are cotton candy machine, run kids games, serve food (hotdogs, drinks), clean up and possibly but not totally certain, help with the petting zoo 😊

If interested, please contact Heather Pierce at 907-371-8095 or the Vice President of the North Pole Grange.

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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.

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