



## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - APR 2024 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 15 April, 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

#### April 2024

- Apr 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
- Apr 20 - Board Retreat and Board Meeting
- Apr 23 - Eagle Books due
- April 25 - TV District Meeting @ 6pm
- April 27 - Scouting University (tentative)
- Apr 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### May 2024

- May 3-5 - Council Camporee @ Lost Lake
- May 3 - TV District Roundtable @ 7 pm
- May 9 - Legends and Heroes
- May 10-11 - BALOO**
- May 11 - Clean up Day
- May 18 - Aviation Day
- May 21-23 - Cub Scout Day Camp
- May 21 - Eagle Books due
- May 27 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed in observance to Memorial Day
- May 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### June 2024

- Jun 7 - TV District Picnic
- Jun 18 - Eagle Books due
- Jun 19 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed in observance of Juneteenth
- Jun 25 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



While every adult leader in Scouting is important, this volunteer of the month goes to our Scoutmasters. The role of a Scoutmaster is huge! In Scouts BSA, a youth led program, they are responsible for training and guiding youth leaders in the operation of the troop, and for managing, training, and supporting his or her assistant Scoutmasters in their role. In the Midnight Sun Council, we have an amazing group of Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. During the Klondike Derby last month, we had the opportunity to see every registered Scoutmaster and many assistant Scoutmasters in action! We managed to get most of the Scoutmasters in one picture; and we'd like to thank Michael, Mark, Craig, Matt, Jamie, Jon, Dave (not pictured), Wade, Steve, and Andrea for their commitment to supporting our Scouts in a youth led program.

### Upcoming Changes to Calendar in Scoutbook

As of Thursday, April 4, 2024, Scoutbook will redirect all calendar functionality to [advancements.scouting.org](https://advancements.scouting.org), also known as Scoutbook Plus Internet Advancement.

This change is part of the migration of Scoutbook to Scoutbook Plus Internet Advancement due to the fact that Scoutbook is built on old classic ASP (Application Service Provider) which offers application services over the internet and needs to be retired.

A user guide is available at [Using Scoutbook Plus Internet Advancement Calendar \(IA\) – Scoutbook Knowledge Base \(scouting.org\)](#)

[Click here for full article!](#)



## CLEAN UP DAY!

Golden Heart Clean Up Day is May 11. The Midnight Sun Council co-sponsors this community event. Registration and

Bag pickup will begin on April 29. We do need volunteers to help register people and pass out bags to the two weeks leading up to Clean Up Day. Contact Tasmine if you can help. [tasmine.bennett@scouting.org](mailto:tasmine.bennett@scouting.org)

[Click here or image to view/download flyer.](#)

**BALOO was just moved to May 10/11, 2024**

**Who:** All Cub Scout adult leaders who would like camping as part of their Pack program. At least one BALOO trained leader is required to be in attendance at any Pack camping event.



**Friday, May 10 @ 6pm- Saturday, May 11 @ noon.** The location is yet to be determined but it will be held close to the Fairbanks/North Pole area.

Registration is open at <https://scoutingevent.com/696>

## Wise Wolf Camporee

## Outdoor Adventure - Cub Scout Day Camp 2024



Is your cub ready to have three fun-filled adventures as they run, explore, and create? We will have crafts, STEM, BBs, archery, and more outdoor adventures planned! New program updates are included for scouts!

**May 21st - 23rd / Tuesday - Thursday**  
Day Camp, 8:30a to 3:30pm daily / Late pick up until 5pm

**Cost: \$125** Late pick-up is \$15/day.

**Location:** Birch Hill Recreation Area

**Who can attend?** Scouts that will be 5 years of age / entering Kindergarten in the fall (Lion) through 11 years of age and entering 5th grade (Arrow of Light). Campership Applications are available at Scout office. Adults who volunteer as station leaders or Wolf, Bear, or Webelos den leader for all three days receive \$25 off per scout! Discounts will be taken off at the MSC office.

**Registrations made after April 24th are not guaranteed a t-shirt, so early sign-up is recommended!**

**Registrations end May 13, 2024! No additions can be made after May 13, 2024!**

We need washed 24oz spaghetti jars for a project. Please drop them off at the Council office.

We still need Scout BSA and adult volunteers. We need at least 3 adults to volunteer for shooting sports. All shooting sports volunteers need to be range certified by Ranger Rick before Day Camp. We have multiple training times available.

Please contact Amanda at [foley.amanda.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:foley.amanda.scouts@gmail.com) or Tasmine at [tasmine.bennett@scouting.org](mailto:tasmine.bennett@scouting.org) if you are interested in volunteer positions.

## First Aid Kits

As we gear up for

The **Wise Wolf Camporee** will be held at Lost Lake Camp on May 3-5. Four outdoor skill tracks will be offered: Trapping (learn about furbearers, fur and conservation), Fly Fishing (be ready for fishing season!), Outdoor Gourmet (show your troop how to prepare feasts on campouts) and Search & Rescue (learn how not to get lost and help on a mock search effort). Scouts get to choose the track they will attend on Saturday and will learn skills, complete some merit badge requirements and have lots of fun!

We expect some classes to fill up, so get your registration in quickly!

[Click here to Register](#)  
[Click here for Leader's Guide](#)



## Save the Date for Merit Badge Days!

### Aviation MB Day- May 18

The AOC is offering a Scout Aviation MB Day during their Aviation Day community event. There will be spots available for 16 Scouts and then we will start a waitlist. We will need at least 3 registered adults for this event.

Registration is open at the office. A parent or guardian must come to the office to sign the release form in order for their Scout to be registered.

## Explore, Discover, and Adventure at Lost Lake Scout Camp!



Nestled amidst the tranquil beauty of nature in the Heart of Alaska's interior, Lost Lake Scout Camp invites you to embark on an unforgettable journey filled with excitement, camaraderie, and lifelong memories.

summer adventures, let's reinforce our commitment to the "Be Prepared" motto.



Scouts and leaders should ensure they have a readily available and well-stocked first-aid kit, whether simple or advanced.

BSA's Safety Moment on First Aid Kits is here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/first-aid-kits/>

## Annual Health & Medical Record (AHMR)

As we gear up for another exciting camping season, it's crucial to prioritize everyone's well-being. Begin by completing the Annual Health & Medical Record (AHMR) accurately and fully for ALL Scouting activities.

The AHMR has three sections. Parts A & B applies to all participants for all Scouting activities. Part C must be completed for any camp or event lasting 72 hours or more. Any questions? You can find the answers on the [AHMR landing page](#) or the [AHMR FAQ page](#).

## Scouting.org Page Relaunch on Incident Reporting

The National office is excited to announce the relaunch of their Incident Reporting landing page!

The updates to the landing page aim to streamline the reporting process, provide comprehensive guidance for Units and Councils, and offer valuable resources for handling various incidents.

For more information and details visit the new Incident Reporting landing page here: [Incident Reporting | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#)

## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

We have an exciting opportunity on the horizon for our Scouts BSA Troop members: participation in the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program, hosted by the Great Alaska Council in Anchorage at Camp Gorsuch, held August 4-9.

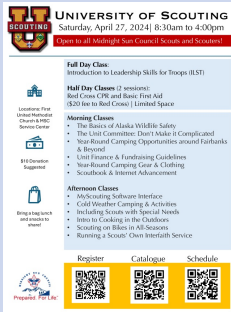
Our camp offers a plethora of thrilling outdoor activities, including canoeing, hiking, archery, and campfire sing-alongs under the midnight sun.

Dive into the calm and refreshing waters of Chisholm, the "Lost Lake" for a refreshing swim, or test your angling skills with some fishing along the serene shoreline.

With experienced and friendly staff guiding the way, campers of all ages can develop invaluable life skills, forge lasting friendships, and foster a deep appreciation for the great outdoors.

Join us at Lost Lake Scout Camp for an adventure-packed retreat where the spirit of exploration knows no bounds!

For more information contact the Council office at 907-452-1976



**UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING**  
Saturday, April 27, 2024 | 8:00am to 4:00pm  
[Click here for all Midnight Sun Council, Scouts and Scouters!](#)

**Full Day Class:**  
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

**Half Day Classes (2 sessions):**  
Red Cross CPR and Basic First Aid (8:00am to Red Cross) | Limited Space

**Morning Classes**

- The Basics of Alaska Wildlife Safety
- The Unit Committee: Don't Make It Complicated
- Your Annual Camping Opportunities around Fairbanks & Beyond
- Unit Finances & Fundraising Guidelines
- Your Annual Camping Gear & Clothing
- Scoutbook & Insect Advancement

**Afternoon Classes**

- MyScouting Software Interface
- Cold Weather Camping & Activities
- Including Scouts with Special Needs into our Camping in the Outdoors
- Scouting on Bikes in All Seasons
- Running a Service/Charter Internship Service

Register Catalogue Schedule

## University of Scouting

Registration is open and located on our events page

at <https://scoutingevent.com/696>

This program is open to Scouts who have reached the rank of First Class, are at least 13 years old, and have completed the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) training. NYLT is renowned for shaping confident leaders equipped with skills essential for success in Scouting and beyond. Attending NYLT can be transformative for both the Scouts who attend and the units they are members of.

While Midnight Sun Council hasn't hosted NYLT in several years, our neighboring council's offering provides a chance for our Scouts to grow personally and prepare to lead in our own council. Let's take advantage of this chance to revive leadership development within our council and set the stage for even more opportunities in our Scouting community.

Click link below for more details and registration

<https://scoutingevent.com/610-nylt24>

## 4th ANNUAL LEGENDS AND HERO'S AWARD BANQUET

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



*Safutes*

Mr. Bryce Ward

*Please Join us*

Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Centennial Center (Pioneer Park)

2300 Airport Way Fairbanks

6pm is Social hour - 7pm dinner

Information and RSVP by contacting (907) 452-1976 or [Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org](mailto:Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org)



## FOS Family Campaign

Thank you to every Unit that has scheduled a Friends of Scouting presentation. We started the campaign on time this year and currently the TV District is at 59% with four Units (P25, T47, T38B and T38G) already reaching their Unit goal! The Bush District has reached 20% of their goal! The deadline for Unit Incentives is April 30 so if you have not scheduled your Unit's presentation, please do it ASAP. Contact Tasmine at [tasmine.bennett@scouting.org](mailto:tasmine.bennett@scouting.org) or CJ at [clinton.stewart@scouting.org](mailto:clinton.stewart@scouting.org) if you have any questions. The Bush District should contact Stephen Smith at [stephen.smith@scouting.org](mailto:stephen.smith@scouting.org) or CJ.



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 of support which allows Alaskan residents to pledge and pay a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) in support of the youth, volunteers, and Scouting. Elections can be made until August 31, 2024.

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. For more information, please contact CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org)

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

CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

FROM THE  
REGISTRAR

**NEW FEES STARTING MAY 1st, 2024!**

SCOUT SHOP  
NEWS

**NEW ITEMS IN STOCK!**

Come to the Scout Shop and check out the many new items we have in stock for you!

As a reminder, if your pack/den is working on any of the soon to be retired adventures, please let us know how many you anticipate needing. We would like to make sure that we are able to have the amount needed in stock, especially as item inventory dwindles!

# 2024 BSA National Annual Membership Fees

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL NEW  
AND EXISTING  
MEMBERS

NATIONAL \$85/YR	Participants in kindergarten through age 20.
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	
NATIONAL \$50/YR	For all Exploring youth and adults.
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	
NATIONAL \$65/YR	All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	
NATIONAL \$30/YR	Scoutreach participants in kindergarten through age 20.
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	
NATIONAL \$25/YR	This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors <b>who are not already registered volunteers.</b>
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	<small>Merit badge counselors who are not also registered in a unit position are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities/events.</small>

Additional fees might be charged by local councils and units.

## UNIT RENEWAL FEE

**\$100**/YR

For all new and existing units.

## SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE



## Youth Protection Training (YPT)

**As part of the BSA's goal to become the National Leader in Youth Safety there are some changes coming to Youth Protection Training. The Unit Key-3 will no longer be able to edit the YPT dates. As of March 4th, 2024, the BSA will be requiring that the Criminal Background Check is completed before you can become an active adult leader.**

**Units that are rechartering, should encourage their leadership to check on and update their YPT if it has been at least a year since they last completed it. Remember that this can be done individually or the leadership can set up a training date for their unit to complete it all at the same time. Please remember that if your unit does their Youth Protection Training as a unit to turn in a Training Attendance report to the Council with the updated information. This form is available at the Council office, and can be picked up or emailed to you. As a reminder the Midnight Sun Council requires our adult leaders and merit badge counselors to complete their YPT yearly.**

**Please check your YPT training as some members are past the one year date**

## Details On the Update to Scouting's Barriers to Abuse Concerning the Policy for 18–20-year-old Adult Leaders/Program Participants

Please note the following update to the Guide to Safe Scouting and help communicate this important information to your units.

### Update:

17-year-old\* youth members transitioning to an adult leader (Scouts BSA), Camp Staff or adult program participant (Order of the Arrow, Venturing and Sea Scouts) upon their 18th birthday may continue to participate while their adult application and CBC are processed, but this period shall not exceed 30 days. These individuals are subject to the same youth protection policies and guidelines as all adult Scouters even during this registration transition period.

This includes:

Adhere to the Youth Protection and Barriers to abuse policies of the BSA.

Follow housing and tenting policies that apply to adult membership.

Utilize restroom and shower facilities for adults.

Buddy system is not required but is recommended for all participants.

While adult program participants do not require two deep leadership, as they are subject to the same youth protection policies and guidelines as all adult Scouters. All Scouting activities are still required to meet barriers to abuse and must have two leaders over 21.

Adult Program Participants and adult leaders aged 18 – 20 are an important part of the Order of the Arrow, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts and Exploring programs. These young adults continue to participate in the program, have leadership and advancement opportunities and can participate in activities along with youth members under 18.

However, like all adult participants, they must register as an adult in the BSA registration system. They take Youth Protection Training and must complete a criminal background check (CBC) just like all other registered adults. In addition, they must adhere to the same Youth Protection Policies applicable to all adults in the Program. Since they are participating in the program as adults, they must be treated the same as any other adult members of the BSA and Exploring Programs.

### \*Exception

17-year-old youth members whose 18th birthday occurs during active participation at Summer Camp, a High Adventure Base or any BSA National Events may complete the activity they started as a youth participant without interruption; however, at its conclusion they must immediately register as an adult. This exception is intended for limited use in scenarios such as completing a trek while staying in the same tent or accommodation in the last few days of an event. It does not change or extend Eagle Scout or other advancement required to be completed by a Scouts 18th Birthday; they will need to follow all applicable advancement policies.

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

**BOOK YOUR 2024 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 the Council office at 907-452-1976 or find us on Facebook [@NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase)

## NESA Update 2024

Beginning in mid-April, Eagle Scouts from across the nation will be receiving post cards relating to the 2025 Eagle Scout directory. The last one done of this nature was in 2020. [Please see attached flyer.](#) NESA and Publishing Concepts (PCI) have been working together in the past to create this directory as an opportunity for Eagle Scouts to share their life stories and photos with a much larger audience.

There is no purchase obligation to participate. There will be an opportunity to purchase the directory

and other items offered by PCI, this is optional.

Once the production of the yearbook is completed, purchased directories will be shipped directly to the purchasers.

Questions can be directed to [nesa@scouting.org](mailto:nesa@scouting.org).

**Congratulations to all our 2024 Eagle Scouts**

**Henry Repasky**  
*Troop 1138*  
Midnight Sun Council, BSA

**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 2024 Golden Eagle  
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