



MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - MAR 2024 NEWS!



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 19 March, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

March 2024

- Mar 19 - Eagle Books due
- Mar 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
- Mar 22-24 - Klondike Derby
- Mar 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
- March 28 - TV District Meeting @ 6pm
- Mar 29 - Scout Shop and Council Office CLOSED in observance of Good Friday

April 2024

- Apr 5 - TV District Roundtable @ 7 pm
- Apr 13 - Medical Merit Badge Day
- 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)

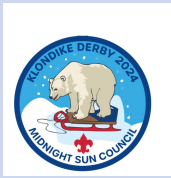
May 2024

- 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)

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Robin Fenwick is an amazing Committee Chair who goes above and beyond her call to ensure every Scout reaches their full potential with any help she can offer. She is kind and giving. She's super smart and always willing to share her knowledge. She is an incredible mentor to the Scouts, encouraging them to be the best they can be. Becoming the Committee Chair was not something she was comfortable taking over but with our chair leaving the pack was at risk of folding. She stepped up and put her heart and soul into the Pack. Everyone knows when they come to a meeting or event they will be welcomed with a warm smile and encouraging words! Robin is the embodiment of Cub Scout leaders and morals, and this pack and Scouts BSA are very lucky to have her! Thank you, Robin, for everything that you have



Klondike Derby

The Klondike Derby is March 22-24, 2024! Troop 1 has been busy planning a fun

weekend event for our Scouts BSA members. There is still a need for volunteers for the competition on Saturday. You may view the [volunteer needs](#) list online or email troop1fai@gmail.com to find out how you can help.

Please visit

<https://sites.google.com/view/msc-klondike-derby/home>

for the most up to date information on this event, including the leader's guide.

Remember, Troops register as a Unit. The Unit Leader needs to make a login and sign up. Payments can be made in the office or over the phone with a credit card or through the Unit Accounts. Please call the office to reserve your Unit's cabin. You can still update your Unit's registration information until Thursday, March 21, 2024, but please login and make sure the information you have matches what is in the registration system as soon as possible at <https://scoutingevent.com/696>

For AOL's that are coming out to visit for the day (Saturday), they will sign up individually with a parent or guardian. Use the link above. They will be able to observe and visit with different Troops. [Click here to view/download the invite flyer for more information.](#)

BALOO was just moved to May 10/11, 2024

BALOO: Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation will start at 6pm on May 10th and end by noon on May 11. The location and registration information will be released soon.



done and continue to do, you make every meeting, outing, event an incredible and unforgettable one! Thank you, Robin from Pack 6 and the Midnight Sun Council, for all you do!

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 Early Registration / \$150 after March 25th. 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 or

Scouts and Scouters – Save the Date!

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 when registration opens, don't wait!



Save the Date for Merit Badge Days!

Medical MB Day has a new date!

Medical MB Day will be on **April 13 from 8 am to 3 pm** at Bassett Community Hospital. FWW access is being arranged. They are tentatively offering Medical Professions, Dentistry, Public Health and Disability Awareness. As soon as class size is determined, registration information will be provided.

Aviation MB Day- May 18

The AOC is offering a Scout Aviation MB Day during their Aviation Day community event. Registration information will be available on March 21, 2024. 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.

University of Scouting

University of Scouting will be offered April 27, 2024. Registration information, location and the final class list will be released soon.

Currently classes include:

- How to use Scoutbook w/ Advancement tracking tips & coaching
- How to use My.Scouting w/ Coaching
- Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Cert (2 sessions)
- Scouting in Cold Weather
- Intro to Cycling Gear
- ILST

Tasmine at tasmine.bennett@scouting.org if you are interested in volunteer positions.

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](#).

Heart Health Awareness in Scouting

Prioritize your well-being before engaging in any Scouting activity.

Know Your Medical Risk Factors: Be conscious of any medical conditions that could affect your involvement in Scouting. Plan well in advance of upcoming events and engage in a conversation with your healthcare provider. Discuss the specific programs you'll be attending, and the physical demands involved. Assess your level of preparedness so that you can develop a plan with your healthcare provider to help mitigate any health issues. Understanding and addressing medical risk factors is essential for a safe and enjoyable Scouting experience.

Prepare for High-Adventure: Whether preparing for high-adventure activities or any physically demanding pursuit, prioritize safety in your preparation. Explore valuable ideas and guidelines to ensure a secure start to your adventurous endeavors. Taking proactive steps in your preparation contributes to a safer and more enjoyable Scouting experience. This safety moment can give you some ideas on where to start.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/be-prepared-for-high-adventure/>

Questions? Reach out to us at Health.Safety@Scouting.org.

- Intro to Wildlife Safety
- Outdoor Cooking Basics
- Pack Committee Planning and Resources: Don't Make it Complicated
- Unit Finances
- Where to Camp in the Interior
- Gear Demo
- Including Scouts w/ Special Needs
- Running a Scouts' Own Interfaith Service

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 or CJ at clinton.stewart@scouting.org if you have any questions. The Bush District should contact Stephen Smith at stephen.smith@scouting.org or CJ.



CLEAN UP DAY!

Golden Heart Clean Up Day is May 11. The Midnight Sun Council co-sponsors this community event. We hope that every Unit in the FNSB will participate in this event. Registration and Bag pickup will begin on April 29 and the Scout office is a registration and bag pickup location. 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

Pick.
Click.
Give.

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

<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
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SCOUT SHOP
NEWS

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 who are not already registered volunteers.
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	<small>Merit badge counselors who are not also registered in a unit position are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities.</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



Merit Badge Counselors! If you are registered as Merit Badge Counselor as your only registered position you will need to pay the \$25 Merit Badge Counselor fee or you will be dropped by the system.



Cub Scout Packs! If the pack/den plans to work on any of the retiring cub scout advancements, please let us know how many you would need as we would like to make

sure that we have that amount in stock. For any questions on what advancements are retiring contact the Council office at 907-452-1976

Flag retirement

can be done by both a Cub Scout Pack or a Scout Troop. There are handouts available at the Council office on what the



requirements and procedures are for retiring flags. We have a box of flags that is full, and would like to be honorably retired.



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.

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](#)



SCUBA IS BACK!

Test the Waters is bringing back the SCUBA program to Lost Lake Summer Camp. Pricing is still being determined, but we wanted to get the word out as soon as possible!!

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

THANK YOU! to our 2024 Golden Eagle Sponsors



Stephen Adams

Alaska Riverways

Larry Bennett

Tom and Frances Burke

Matt Cooper

Craig Compeau

Optimist Club of Fairbanks

Rods Alaskan Guides Service

Stephen Smith

Annual Dinner

On February 17, 2024, the Midnight Sun Council hosted their Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner at Pike's Landing. At the Annual Meeting, the Council Board



voted in the new Board Members for the upcoming year. Our new Board Members are: Bob Groseclose (Council President), Matt Cooper (Council Commissioner), Stephen Adamczak, Larry Bennett, Lance Cook, Don Frazier, Kal Kennedy, Aaron Rhoades, Stephen Smith, Cathy Tordoff, and Bill Wright. The Council Board member officers were sworn in to their positions by the Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief, James Hill. The Board Meeting was followed by the Annual Recognition Dinner. At the dinner,



the Eagle Scouts were recognized for their hard work towards earning their Eagle rank. The Eagle Scouts for 2023 were Tyler Hansen (Troop 1), McKinley Rhoades (Troop 42), Daniel Beuchaw (Troop 38), DJ Dicken (Troop 38), and Henry Simoneau (Troop 38). Our adult volunteers were also recognized for their volunteer training and commitment. The recipients of the James E. West



Fellowship were recognized, too. Mark Smurda received the Unit Leader Award of

Merit- Scoutmaster and the District Award of Merit. Tyler Brooks received the District Committee Key Award and the District Award of Merit.

Joanne Gilman was awarded the Silver Beaver Award. Marlys Powers received an award for all the work she did on securing a donation for the new Council van. Robin Fenwick was awarded the Den Leader Training Award. The Veteran's Pins for Scouting went to Tyler Brooks(25 years), Bob Groseclose (30 years) and Don Frazier (40 years). The James E. West Fellowship Recognitions went to Robert "Bobby" Minto and In Memory of Wayne Miller (accepted by his son Daniel Miller). This year the guest speakers for the dinner were Liam Smurda and Wednesday Van Dyke from Troop 20 B & G. Liam and Wednesday gave a talk on their experiences at the 2023 National Jamboree.



The Lynden Training Center will conduct:

16-hr REFRESHER Wilderness First Responder (WFR) / Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician (WEMT)

Thursday-Friday, March 21 – 22, 2024 (\$280pp)

Lynden Training Center – 4325 Cinch St., Fairbanks, AK 99701

View our current course schedule at www.lynden.com/training, or call (907) 456-2223 to

register.
[click here to view/download LTC map](#)

Wilderness First Responder (WFR) / Wilderness EMT (WEMT)

This 80-hour course combines online course material with classroom and field instruction. It gives students the ability to make critical decisions when medical care is delayed and to administer emergency care to life threatening injuries and illnesses. The course includes instruction for providing care to non-life threatening situations when evacuation is impractical. This course offers several hands-on scenarios. Medically trained personnel with EMT 1 or higher will receive a WEMT certification. State of Alaska Emergency Trauma Technician IS INCLUDED with this course.



Feb. 12-15 AND Feb. 21-23, 2024
(7 days)
Fairbanks, Alaska

Lynden Training Center | (907) 456-2223
Register Online: lynden.com/training (MED07)

16hr WFR Refresher available March 21 - 22, 2024

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