



## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - APRIL 2022 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](#)

April 18, 2022

### IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!  
([click here for complete calendar](#))

#### April 2022

Apr 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting  
Apr 19 - Eagle Books due  
Apr 25 - Board Retreat  
Apr 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)  
Apr 28 - TV District Commissioner meeting @ 6:00 pm followed by TV District Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

#### May 2022

May 5 - TVD Roundtable @ 7 pm  
May 14 - CLEAN UP Day  
May 13-15 - Spring Camporee  
May 18 - LEGENDS & HEROES Award Banquet  
May 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting  
May 21 - Aviation Day  
May 24 - Eagle Books due  
May 26 - TV District Commissioner meeting @ 6:00 pm followed by TV District Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm  
May 30 - SCOUT SHOP / OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY  
May 31 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### June 2022

June 1-3 Day Camp  
June 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting  
June 20 - SCOUT SHOP / OFFICE CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH  
June 21 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

## CLEAN UP DAY MAY 14, 2022



The Midnight Sun Council  
is looking for  
volunteers to help  
hand out  
**CLEAN UP DAY**  
Bags.

Please contact Tasmine at [tasmine.bennett@scouting.org](mailto:tasmine.bennett@scouting.org), via phone at (907)452-1976 or visit our website at <https://www.midnightsunbsa.org/programs/council-programs/clean-up-day.html> for more information

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH!

***SAVE THE DATE!***

The Midnight Sun Council will be honoring two great individuals well known to the Fairbanks Community during our

## Legends and Heroes Dinner on May 18th, 2022.

Our honorees are **Craig Compeau** and **Monte Pearson**. The dinner will be held at Compeau's, 4122 Boat Street, Fairbanks.

**Craig** is an outdoor enthusiast having fun with his toys. Do you need a boat or side by side? He's the one to see. Craig was instrumental in getting the annual Tired Iron up and running.



**Monte** is well known for his "Pay It Forward Fairbanks" campaign, helping people start their cars when they are frozen. He is also known

in the racing circles around the area.

Come on out to show your support for these two great people and what they have done to improve the lives of those in the Fairbanks area.

**SCAN QR CODE for more information**



This Month's volunteer spotlight features a quiet professional that most of the new Eagle Scouts and parents of those Scouts have had discussions with.

For many years **Alvin Beehler** has acted on all various committees serving the youth of our Council, most recently as the Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout Chair. This position helps to maintain the high standards across our membership for the highest rank achievement in Scouts, BSA.

For over three decades Alvin has been a part of Scouting in one way or another. Alvin and his wife Angie are beaded WOOD BADGE recipients and bring that knowledge and experience with them as they remain active in Interior Alaskan Scouting. Both of their sons, Andrew and Alex are Eagle Scouts.

His passion for the outdoors and the Scouting program is prevalent in everything he does. He is always safety minded first and loads of fun second. Fun fact about Alvin is that he served 32 years of active service in the United States Army and brings that experience and his leadership to our youth as well!

Help me in thanking **Alvin Beehler** for all he does for our youth and our volunteers!

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



The next Bush District Roundtable will be held **in-person** on **Apr 20, 2022** starting at **6:15 pm** at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction. Please come and join us.

The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be **online** through Zoom and **in-person** at the Council Office on **May 5, 2022** at **7:00 pm**. Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:

Meeting ID: 823 1589 6231 Passcode: vp4eEc

TVD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89301656441?pwd=V2F5ZE9vK2JLaXhETIFZd0ZKVVNhZD09>



OUR PACK AND OUR TROOP HAVE GREAT IDEAS FOR OUR FLOAT for THE 2022 GOLDEN DAYS PARADE

**WANTED: ALL PACKS AND TROOPS INTERESTED IN IDEAS AND MAKING A FLOAT FOR THE GOLDEN DAYS PARADE! ZOOM or ATTEND THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 28TH 7PM OR CALL OR TEXT**

**LANI 9079870011, BONNIE907987-0718, HANK-9073474498, LEANN3345209910, COUNCIL OFFICE 9074521976**

**Come attend** the District Committee Meeting, **August 28 at 7:00 pm**, if you are interested in working on the **Midnight Sun Council, BSA float** for the Golden Days Parade.



Scouts will decide the theme of the float, the Committee will help create it. Each unit is encouraged to create their idea in a drawing, then all units can decide which one.

Construction of the Float can begin ASAP as the snow is melted behind the Council Office.

A parental release is required to participate in parade.

**Golden Days Parade on Saturday July 23, 2022, 10 AM- 12PM**

Units need to be onsite at float at 9AM for our Safety Meeting and sign in sheet with Lani.

## SPRING CAMPOREE 2022

click image to download flyer.

## AVIATION MERIT BADGE DAY!

**ONLY 19 SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE! DON'T MISS IT**



Airport Operators' Council

Fairbanks International Airport  
6450 Airport Way, Suite 14, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

2022 Scouts BSA Aviation Merit Badge

When: Saturday, May 21, 2022. 7:00am-3:00pm

Where: Fairbanks Aviation Day, UAF CTC Hangar – Fairbanks International Airport

Note: This is a one-day merit badge program for active Scouts. Pre-Registration is required, and space is limited. Sign up at the **Earl and Pat Cook Service Center** before May 6. The first 24 Scouts signed up with the permission slip signed, will be registered for the class.

- Scouts must be in uniform
- Bring lunch or \$\$ for lunch

Questions: Contact Melissa Osborn at [fairbanks.aoc@gmail.com](mailto:fairbanks.aoc@gmail.com) or 907-978-3788

## SAVE THE DATE SCOUTS!



**June 1-3, 2022**



**Cub Scout Day Camp 2022** will be loaded full of all the adventures Cubs love the most - BB guns & Archery, STEM & Scout Crafts, Nature hikes, and much more!

Scouts will learn to be scientists, about their world and the outdoors.



Harding Lake  
May 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Pioneering – Back to Basics**

**Check in: 5:00pm,**

**Cracker Barrel – 8:00pm**

### Build Competitions: Troop Launcher and a campsite tool

**Skill Development Stations: Knots, Lashings, Rope Making and whipping/fusing, Anchors, Rope Throwing**

### Golden Skillet Competition – Dutch Oven Dessert

**Cost: \$15 per Scout / \$5 per Adult**

**Leaders Guide will be available by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March**

Sponsored by Troop 42 & 84



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

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING RECOGNITION

**Friends of Scouting (FOS) – Thank you to all of our donors!**

***Units can sign up for their District FOS campaign in support of the Scouting program Council-wide, by contacting Tasmine at the Council office or by emailing her at [Tasmine.Bennett@Scouting.org](mailto:Tasmine.Bennett@Scouting.org).***

Please do so today. The goals for the Family Campaigns are \$15,000 for the Tanana Valley District (currently at 15% of goal) and \$4,000 for the Bush District. Special thanks to Troop 78 and Troop 47 for surpassing their Unit goals.



**For the Board campaign**, our 4 patriotic teams are continuing to look for all the pieces of the national treasure, with a goal of finding all 75,000 relics (\$). The totals to date by team are listed below:

## 2022 Board Campaign Summary

	Pledge	Payment	2021	2022 Project Sales
Bills of Rights	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Stars with Stripes	\$ 8,650.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 22,550.00	\$ 4,350.00
Tricorns	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,900.00	
Franklins Turkeys	\$ 9,693.50	\$ 7,881.50	\$ 21,776.00	\$1,800.25
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	\$28,843.50	\$ 16,631.50	\$ 58,226.00	\$6,150.25

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\* we are currently showing the full Riverboat ticket amount, but we can only officially count the tickets used towards this amount.





The BSA has been looking at the barriers to joining for today's families and we want to simplify this for any youth who wants to participate in our programs. The joining requirements for the Scouts BSA program currently state:

*Youth can be Scouts if they have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, **OR** have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, **OR** are age 11 but have not reached age 18.*

**Beginning April 18, 2022**, the Scouts BSA program joining requirements **will be changed to the following**:

*Youth can be Scouts if they are at least 10 years old, currently in the fifth grade and register on or after March 1st; **OR** have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, **OR** are age 11 but have not reached age 18.*

This language will be updated on the BSA Youth Application as well as in the Registration Guidebook.

### From the Registrar

#### Merit Badge Counselors!

Please remember that your **registration** and **Youth Protection** needs to be current and renewed annually, otherwise you are not able to counsel Scouts for their Merit Badges.

Please contact the Council Service Center at 907-452-1976 to renew your application and to update your record.



#### Fiscal Policies and Procedures FAQs for BSA Units

BSA has updated FAQs for its Fiscal Policies and Procedures for BSA Units.

These FAQs include information on current unit registration options, tax exempt status, unit banking, equipment insurance, dissolution of the unit, and fundraising.

[Click here for complete document](#)

#### PayPal/Venmo Update for BSA Units

Beginning January 1, 2022, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) introduced new reporting requirements for payments received for goods and services, which will lower the reporting threshold to \$600 for the 2022 tax season, from 2021's threshold of \$20,000 and

### SCOUT SHOP NEWS



#### Nineteen Cub Scout elective adventures will be retired...

If your Bear Cub Scout earned the World of Sound elective adventure, he or she was one of the few who did. Nineteen elective adventures (listed below) have been some of the least popular with some being earned by fewer than 3% of Cub Scouts....

[Read more](#)  
[blog.scoutingmagazine.org](http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org)

#### Scouting U and National Supply Group Announce Changes to Den Leader Training Award Devices

As part of the ongoing mission to streamline and simplify the Scouting program, Scouting U, in collaboration with National Supply Group, has identified three Cub Scout device pins that will be discontinued from the program effective immediately.

These devices were traditionally worn on the

200 transactions.

These reporting requirements are only for payments received for a good or service, and do not apply to payments from.....

[Click here for complete document](#)

Den Leader Training Award Knot, which recognizes Den Leaders who have completed training, tenure, and performance requirements. Limited inventory of the Cub Scout Device Pins is available in Scout Shops while supplies last. These items will **not** be restocked once fully depleted. Here the eliminated items::

- Device WE Pin
- Device CS Pin
- Device Tiger 2015

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## STEM Nova Awards Change

**Beginning on June 1, 2022**, Councils will be administering and delivering the STEM Nova Awards on a **local level**. The STEM Nova Awards program is designed to bring awareness to STEM and provide recognition to Scouts who go beyond current advancement requirements to pursue a STEM topic. **Effective June 1, 2022, local councils will support and deliver STEM Nova Awards including recognition at the local level.**

**The STEM Nova Award website will remain on Scouting.org** as a national resource for the requirements with all other aspects of the award moved to the local council. This includes recognition items. Local councils will continue to approve Supernova Counselors and **effective June 1, 2022**, will approve any Dr. Albert Einstein Supernova Applications. All activity & programming used in conjunction with the STEM Nova Awards program must be followed and implemented as designed by the BSA. Local Councils may not add or subtract activities or requirements from this BSA designed program.



**The Midnight Sun Council  
is looking for  
volunteers to serve as  
NOVA Counselors**

[click here to view/download  
NOVA Counselor requirements](#)



**The Tanana  
Valley District  
is looking  
for volunteers  
to serve as  
Unit  
Commissioners!**

These individuals play a key role in supporting our units with focused attention and serve as a bridge between the unit and available District or Council Resources. Please reach out to Leanne Bulger at [leanne.bulger@gmail.com](mailto:leanne.bulger@gmail.com) to learn more!

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**Trail to Eagle  
workbook**

### Reminder: NESA Scholarship Application Portal Is Now Open.

The National Eagle Scout Association is now accepting applications for its annual scholarships. See the site below for information, and encourage your Eagle Scouts to apply.

[Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association \(nesa.org\)](https://nesa.org)

### Discontinue Use of NESA Paper applications with Old Pricing Info

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) has





recently implemented new pricing for its membership. NESAs requests that all new Eagle Scouts should now be directed to <https://nesa.org/> to complete their NESAs membership applications.

Effective **January 1, 2022**, the **Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA)** nomination process changed to a set nomination time period similar to the Silver Beaver, Antelope and Buffalo awards.

Visit the [DESA awards page](#) for more information.  
*Updated timeline and FAQ attached.*

## THANK YOU! to our 2022 Golden Eagle Sponsors



Steve Adams  
Alaska Riverways  
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Stephen Smith  
Brad Tilden  
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## Scouts BSA Branding Dos and Don'ts

With more than 305,000 girls participating in Cub Scouting and the Scouts BSA program, there's a lot of excitement around the programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America. Plus, there are now almost 2,200 female Eagle Scouts!

In all of this, it's important to remember that at all levels, from our members and volunteers to our professional staff, we take the brand and trademark





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



## BOOK YOUR 2022 OR 2023 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 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](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase)



## ONLY ONE SPOT LEFT!!

### **Philmont Scout Ranch 2022 High Adventure Trek!**

**HURRY!!  
GET IT WHILE YOU CAN!!**

To find out more [click here](#).



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## 2022 National Aquatics Conference Registration Now Available

**Where:** Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

**When:** October 19-23, 2022

**What:** The National Aquatics Conference is Scouting's largest conference for volunteers and professionals charged with delivering the aquatics program at any level for youth in the Scouting program!

The BSA's National Aquatics Conference features sessions, training, conversations, presentations and fellowship with Scouting's top aquatic leaders from around the country. Come to share ideas, best practices and fellowship. Learn how to grow your council Aquatic Leadership. See the newest ideas in aquatics program and equipment.



**BSA National Aquatics Conference**  
October 19 - 23, 2022  
The Florida High Adventure Sea Base

Learn more and register today, Space is limited!: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/2022-national->

Flyer to share with others: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-BSA-National-Aquatics-Conference.pdf>

### Calypso Farm & Ecology Center

hosts a variety of fun, hands-on, outdoor opportunities for youth over the summer!

Calypso offers fun on the farm, gardening events at the Hunter and Pearl Creek Elementary school gardens, **field trips for families or Scout groups**, and the Farm Camp Youth Leadership Program - a FREE volunteer leadership program for youth entering 7th-12th grade!

Please visit our website for more information: <https://calypsofarm.org/> or contact Leila Pyle at leila@calypsofarm or 907-451-0691



### 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.

Midnight Sun Council | 907-452-1976 | 1400 Gillam Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701 | [www.midnightsunbsa.org](http://www.midnightsunbsa.org)

CONTACT US

Visit the Midnight Sun Council website for updates and more news and information!

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