



Happy Easter!



April 1, 2020

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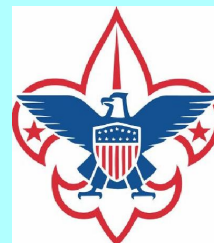
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For staff contact phone numbers, please scroll to the bottom of the newsletter.

Please contact them during business hours



To our Scouting families:

We would like to let everyone know, that during this Coronavirus pandemic, our first thoughts are about our families and their safety. To this end, we have posted on our Facebook page and website, various opportunities to do Scouting from home.

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*****OFFICE NEWS*****

**The Earl & Pat Cook Service Center
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notice.**

Only Minimum Basic Operations will be conducted. All business that can be conducted by mail, email, electronic meetings, and phone calls will happen.

Executive staff phone numbers are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

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**United Way
of Tanana Valley**

As a United Way agency, members have various resources at their disposal to help with food, shelter, and other needs. Here is their website: <https://unitedwaytv.com/>

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Important Dates

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

We are extending our advisory to postpone in person unit meetings **through April 30th**. All Council and District activities during this time period have either been postponed, cancelled, or moved to zoom meetings. Continue your social distancing and clean personal hygiene.

This week you should be receiving a letter regarding current events. Please let us know if you need anything to help get you through this period.

As for now, our *Day Camp, Spring Camporee, Summer Camp, Family Camp and High Adventure* programs are still on schedule and we are planning accordingly. There may be some modifications as to the normal ways of operating, but they are still going to happen. We hope to see you there. We have waived all late fees and are only charging the early bird prices for our local units.

Don't forget, we have a campership program to help our scouts attend summer camp, family camp, or day camp.

https://midnightsunbsa.org/images/Campership_-_scholarship_application.pdf

Please take advantage of this.

We will be offering quality programs which are funded through Friends of Scouting donations. Due to the current situation, FOS presentations have not been possible. We understand that these are tough times, but if you are able, please return the pledge card that is with the letter to the council office with your donation. If you can't, we fully understand and are here to support you.

There will be a staff member to receive mail, so you can call the office in the morning for credit card donations.

Stacy Brandon will also have access to process donations by calling (907)347-2714

***Together, we can make it through the
pandemic!***

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NEW OFFICE INFO



**The Earl & Pat Cook Service Center
Scout Shop and Council Office will be
closed until further notice.**

In light of the Governor's recent announcement, the Council office will be closed until further notice.

April 2020

Apr 2 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm - ZOOM

Apr 10 - Office Closed - Good Friday

Apr 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm-ZOOM

Apr 21 - Eagle books due - by appointment

Apr 28 - Eagle Board - by appointment

May 2020

May 2 - Toontuk Work Day at Camp

May 7 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

May 9 - Clean up Day

May 14 - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting

May 19 - Eagles books due

May 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

May 21 - Legends & Hero's Banquet

May 25 - Office Closed - Memorial Day

May 26 - Eagle Board - (by appointment)

May 29-31 - Spring Camporee

June 2020

Jun 4 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Jun 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Jun 23 - Eagles books due

Jun 30 - Eagle Board - (by appointment)

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Roundtable

Only Minimum Basic Operations will be conducted. All business that can be conducted by mail, email, electronic meetings, and phone calls will happen, including donations.

If you need an item from the Scout shop please call the office and we can see if we can make this happen.

Our Executive Staff will still be working from home. Scouting from home is still encouraged. Use the materials we have shared here, on our website, or create your own.

Now more than ever in recent history, our country needs the leaders we produce through the Scouting program.

Thank you for all you do, stay safe, and keep on Scouting.

Please remember to practice social distancing and hand washing. Scouting is still strong in the Interior and North Slope Alaska. Work on your advancements at home, go outside and have fun, and check our Facebook page and website for updates. We will continue to share ideas on how to do Scouting from home.

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2020 Merit Badge Day POSTPONED!!



We care deeply about the safety of our communities and health of Scouts enjoying our programs.

In order to do our part to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in Alaska, the Merit Badge Day Committee has chosen to postpone the Tanana Valley District Merit Badge Day scheduled for April 18th.

More details will be shared as time goes on but for now, stay healthy and keep on Scouting!

Contact
robert.stewart@scouting.org
if you have any questions about ways to continue Scouting remotely.

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**Questions and Answers Cub
Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea**



The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online on April 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 pm through Zoom.

Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this

Meeting ID: 461 814 862

TVD: <https://zoom.us/j/461814862>

The next Bush District Roundtable will also be held online on April 15th, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm.

Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this

Meeting ID: 512 927 083

BD: <https://zoom.us/j/512927083>

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Fairbanks Aviation Day!



We are excited to be partnering once again with the Alaska Operators Council and their Fairbanks Aviation Day,

Saturday, May 16th, 2020, 7 am - 2 pm

Location: East Ramp, Fairbanks International Airport,
3504 South University Avenue

Scouts can register by emailing robert.stewart@scouting.org and will have the opportunity to complete the requirements for the Aviation Merit Badge while participating in the many fun and exciting planned activities.

Space is limited, and breakfast will be included with a **\$10 registration fee.**

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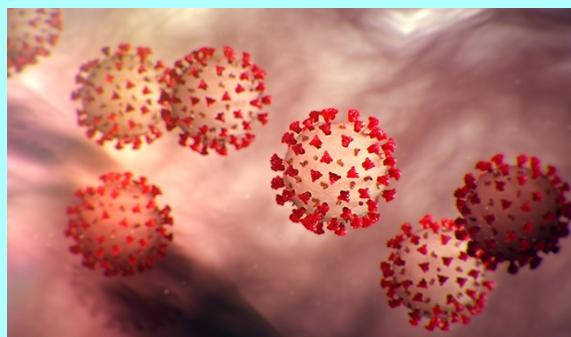
THE MERITS OF AT-HOME SCOUTING:



Across the nation, councils are finding ways to help keep their youth members engaged and Scouting.

These out-of-the-box, in-home activities are centered around providing advancement-related content to help keep kids safe, engaged and to

Scouting Rank Advancement and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)



[Click here to view/download the Q&A.pdf file](#)

Scouting Advancement can still happen from home!

Remember, Scouts still need their Unit Leader's approval to start working on a **Merit Badge**, and Youth Protection policies must be observed even in a digital setting

Online Merit Badge Opportunities:

This is a great time to encourage Scouts to complete their [Cyber Chip!](#)

[Piedmont Council - \\$5 cost to cover resources](#)

[Gulf Stream Council- Remote Activity Workshops](#)

[Cascade Pacific Council - Advancement Academy](#)

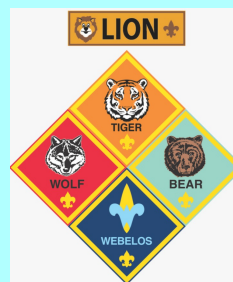
Other Resources:

[click here for Bryan on Scouting - merit badges](#)

[click here for Bryan on Scouting - conducting a Board of Review through video conferencing](#)

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30 DAY CHALLENGES!



click on the link below for more information!

[30 Day Challenges pdf](#)

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help them make the best of home time.

[Click Here](#) to view just a few examples of what councils are doing.

Please check the scouting at home link below regularly, and let your friends know about these great options for at-home fun and learning for Scouting families and non-Scouting families alike.

Cub Scouting at Home Fun projects for kids that you can do from home As public places, including many parks and campgrounds, are closing. <https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/>

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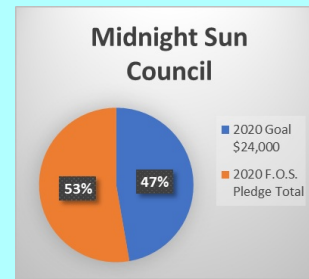


2020 Board Campaign Summary			
	Pledge	Payment	2019
Fishing For Funds	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 10,825.00
Catch & Keep	\$ 16,150.00	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 22,850.00
Bang For Your Buck	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,383.84
The Mighty Lemmings	\$ 4,295.00	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 26,990.83
Grand Totals:	\$ 23,925.00	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 65,049.67
Goal: \$55,000			
38.59% of goal			
Keep Up The Fantastic Work!			

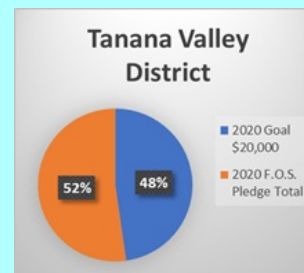
Friends of Scouting Board Campaign is in full swing! Teams have been divided, goals set, and members are already working towards achieving a combined goal of \$55,000 ! We are almost halfway to our goal and sitting nicely at \$23,925.00! Way to go teams!
keep up the great work!

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Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Update



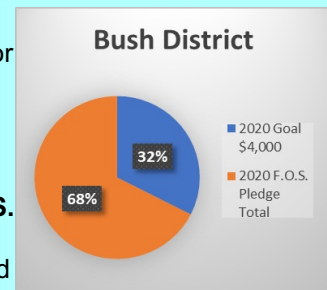
Thank you to everyone who has helped get the 2020 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign off to a strong start, and **congratulations** to Troop 1138 B, Troop 1138 G, Troop 1047 and Pack 1551 for achieving their F.O.S. Goals!!



The Tanana Valley District has raised **\$10,454** towards the District Goal of **\$20,000** and the Bush District has raised **\$2,700** towards the District Goal of **\$4,000!**

We realize that with meetings postponed for the time being, F.O.S. presentations will be difficult to schedule.

Unit Leaders or F.O.S. Coordinators, please continue to plan to hold an F.O.S. presentation once social restrictions are lifted, and email robert.stewart@scouting.org if you have questions about other ways that families can give on behalf of your unit in the meantime.



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Spring Camporee

Mark your calendars for May 29th-30th for the 2020 Alcan Spring Camporee!

The Spring Camporee will be hosted by the Bush District this year and will take place near Delta Junction, at Alaska Highway Mile 1405.

Come practice your Scout skills with us in the Last Frontier!

Some of the planned programs include Camp-Wide Capture the Flag, various Alaskan Backcountry activities, and the return of the Golden Skillet competition!

Registration will be online through our new



The Midnight Sun Council thanks Tammy Illguth for being our Registrar and wishes her the best.

Unfortunately, this means we will need to start looking for someone to fill her shoes. If you, or someone you know would like to work in a family friendly environment, Monday through Friday, from 8:45 - 5:15, with some additional evening and weekend times, please contact Stacy or Stephen at 907-452-1976. Benefits available.

VFW POST 10029

**BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE TICKETS: \$50
EACH DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020**



VFW POST 10029

BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE

TICKETS: \$50 EACH

DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020

Drawing held at the Fairbanks Trap Club

Located at 6.5 mile Old Steese HWY Fairbanks .

1st Drawing is for one **2.5 Year Old Bull Buffalo** at the Alaska Interior Game Ranch, Delta Junction (or \$2000 cash).

2nd Drawing is for a **2.5 Year Old Heifer** (female) **Buffalo** at the Alaska Interior Game Ranch, Delta Junction (or \$1000 cash).

3rd Drawing is for **1 full day of Chartered Halibut fishing** for 2 out of Valdez. (or \$500 Cash).

Contact C.J. Stewart at 907-888-7368 for tickets. Only 400 available.

Hunt Winners must be physically and mentally fit. Must be able and willing to walk long distances and carry a heavy pack.

Halibut Winner must possess all required licenses and permits from ADF&G.

Travel to and from locations is the responsibility of the winners.

Proceeds will benefit the Midnight Sun Council, BSA.

Need not be present to win

Permit # 704



[Click here for flyer and more information](#)

or contact CJ at
Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org

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Fishing Derby!



Finn, a Webelo Scout from Pack 1551, pulls a rainbow trout out of Lost Lake during the derby

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partnership with Black Pug software. Unit leaders should register their Scouts as a Troop, and the online registration link will be shared as soon as the new system is ready to accept registrations.

[Alcan Spring Camporee Schedule 2020](#)
[Spring Camporee 2020 location](#)

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2nd Annual Legends & Hero's Banquet

Currently scheduled for May 21st to coincide with the grand opening of the Food Bank's new volunteer building.



Additionally

We are looking for some scouts with adults in uniform at the event for a few different jobs such as help with guiding parking, open flags, set-up, tear-down and to cook desserts Dutch oven style. We have a few primary adult leaders to oversee dessert prep and cooking. All

equipment charcoal and food items used will be provided.



Look for updated news in our next newsletter or on [Facebook](#) for updates!

Planning committee has continued to meet via Zoom Conference.

If you or someone you know would like to help us, please contact CJ at
Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or at (907)888-7368.

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2020 DAY CAMP!



Please join us

"Hunting for Myths and Legends"



PFD Application extended

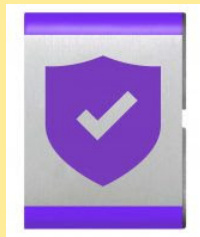
As you apply for your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend please remember to **Pick.Click.Give!**

The Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America will be listed as an option

If you choose to **Pick.Click.Give** to the Council please let us know about it on your Friends of Scouting pledge card.

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Cub Scout Preview Adventure Protect Yourself Rules



The BSA takes youth protection seriously.

In addition to requiring adults to complete Youth Protection Training, we also educate our youth on how to protect themselves. In partnership with the [Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Foundation](#) the BSA offers the Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure to our Cub Scouts. This adventure may be completed in lieu of the cyber chip.

For more information on the adventure, head to the [Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure](#) page. This adventure is available online only.

After you complete the adventure, please take a few minutes to complete the attached survey.

The BSA would really like to hear from you.

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Truck Needed!!



Ranger Rick's famous blue 1997 GMC 2500 is starting to show its age, where the repairs are starting to add up.

If anyone has a truck they'd like to donate that is in good condition, but wants to try out a new life by serving Lost Lake and our Scouts, please contact Matt at the office at 907-452-1976.

When: June 3-6, 2020

Where: June 3-5, 2020 Birch Hill Recreation Area and June 6, 2020 Family Day at Chena Lakes Recreation Area

Cost: Camp fee for Cub Scouts Tiger and older is \$65 and for Tagalongs/Lions \$40

Registration will be online through our new partnership with Black Pug software. Unit leaders should register their Scouts as a Troop, and the online registration link will be shared as soon as the new system is ready to accept registrations.

We understand that it might be hard to register for an upcoming event while families are wondering how long these new social recommendations are in place, so there will **no longer be a late fee** for registrations after April 15th.

Unfortunately, the uncertainty regarding how long the effects of COVID-19 will last also means we will not be able to order T shirts for Day Camp this year.

As a result, Day Camp registration will be \$10 cheaper than originally planned and those who have already paid their registration fee will receive a \$10 refund.

We are looking for Volunteers to help put on the amazing program planned for our Cub Scouts! If willing to volunteer for part or all of the time please fill out this [form](#).

[Click here to view/download Day Camp Packet](#) or visit our [website](#).

Questions? Contact Camp Director Dara Carpenter at 253-651-3414 or daracchen@yahoo.com

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Midnight Sun Council's Annual Family Camp



Midnight Sun Council announces our Annual Family Camp Held at the Lost Lake Scout Camp.

Take part in some family fun: swimming, canoeing, fishing, BB shooting, archery shooting



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 District Commissioner Mike Galloway at mikegalloway55@gmail.com to learn more!

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Youth Protection Reminder

It's critical that we all continue to keep youth protection top-of-mind whether our Scouting activities are taking place in person or through a digital platform.

Of note, remember that BSA prohibits any one-on-one interaction between an adult leader and a Scout - in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form.

Detailed youth protection information is [available here](#). To ensure you are following safety standards for all Scouting activities, please reference the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

The [BSA's Social Media Guidelines](#) serve as a complement to our youth protection policies

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EXPLORING UPDATED ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

The Learning for Life & Exploring Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) has been updated and is now available on [Exploring.org](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/).

The form was previously updated in 2014 and the changes you will see on the newly updated form are minor. 2020 will be a transitional year and we will continue to honor valid records in the old format.

Advisors and Explorers will begin using the new version for their next pre-participation physical and for all new program participants. Older versions of the AHMR will be obsolete as of **January 1, 2021**.

For more information related to the updated AHMR visit <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

Enjoy dining in the newly renovated Honor lodge with all meals prepared by the camp cooking staff.

When: July 26 - July 29, 2020

Where: Lost Lake Scout Camp

The four-day experience is \$100 dollars per adult and youth are \$75.

A deposit of \$100 dollars per family is due no later than 15 May 2020, with the full balance due 1 June 2020.

Registration needs to be made by 15 May 2020.

To register contact Matt Banaszewski by email Matthew.banaszewski@scouting.org or call 907-987-4204.

(Leave a phone number and we will call to get the \$100 deposit)

[click here to view/download flyer](#)

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH SPOTLIGHT!



This month we want to recognize a special volunteer for all they do for the Midnight Sun Council.

RYAN CAPPORELLI

Ryan is willing to do any job in camp. He cuts wood, cleans brush, shovels snow and helps paint.

Ryan is active duty Army National Guard at Ft. Greely. He is married to Christine. They have a 2 year old son, Rowan, and are expecting their second child.

Ryan is from Lafayette Indiana and has worked in several camps. He worked with the ranger and has held several program director positions. He has held the position as Cubmaster and Commissioner.

Prior to coming to Ft Greely he was in Juneau.

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Annual Health and Medical Record visit
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-formfaqs/>

Safety Moment - How to Review the AHMR:
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safetymoments/how-to-review-the-ahmr/>

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Advancement during COVID-19: Official details about Eagle extensions and more



The BSA has a message to young people concerned that the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak will prevent them from completing Eagle Scout rank requirements before their 18th birthday: Don't worry; we've got your back.

[Click here for more information!](#)

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Congratulations to our 2020 Eagle Scouts



Samuel Bangerter
Troop 5
LDS 5th Ward

Noah Connolly and Simon Connolly
Troop 14
North Pole Community

Westley Patton
Troop 56
Delta Lions Club

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He has worked as a corrections officer at a prison and is currently an MP.

RYAN! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

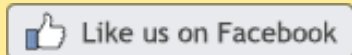
This will be a continued feature in our Newsletter. To nominate a Volunteer of the Month please email tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org by the 15th to be considered for the following newsletter.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2020 GOLDEN EAGLE SPONSORS

Steve Adamczak	Steve Adams	Alaska Riverways, Inc
Hank Bartos	Larry Bennett	Mary Binkley
Dennis "Skip" Cook	Jeff Cook	Fairbanks Gold Mine
Bob Groseclose	Kal Kennedy	Ben Lomond
The Optimist Club of Fairbanks	Stephen Smith	Rob Taylor

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Are you a friend of the Midnight Sun Council's Facebook page? If the answer is no, then you are missing out on all of the important updates and announcements that we share via Facebook, like our meeting announcements, upgrades at Lost Lake, changes in program, and more! Come check us out, "LIKE" the page and "SHARE" the stories with your friends.

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