



MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - AUG 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 AUGUST 16, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

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

August 2023

Aug 16 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
Aug 22 - Eagle Books due
Aug 24 - TVD Committee Meeting
Aug 25-27 - Fall Camporee
Aug 29 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

September 2023

Sep 4 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Labor Day
Sep 7 - TV District Roundtable @ 7 pm
Sep 16 - Equinox Marathon
Sep 19 - Eagle Books due
Sep 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
Sep 22-24 - Council Rock
Sep 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
Sep 28 - TVD Committee Meeting

October 2023

Oct 5 - TV District Roundtable @ 7 pm
Oct 9 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day
Oct 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
Oct 24 - Eagle Books due
Oct 26 - TV District Meeting
Oct 31 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

Training Survey

We are putting together a training team and we need your help. Will you take this survey regarding training needs in our Council? It should only take about 5 minutes of your time. Although it looks like you should request access, you do not. You can also do it without logging into a google account, you will just need to complete the survey once you begin because you can't save.

Just click this link when you are ready

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1e8W-D0fuFr_zKEgzCVgaOuvMPinhfN6NWnuOL5upcts/edit?ts=64cc93e4

FALL CAMPOREE

When: August 25-27, 2023

Where: Delta Junction
Buffalo Fields, Mile 1405.5
Alaska Highway (16 miles east of Delta Junction)

Rate: \$20 per person (12 - 25 August 2023)



For information:

Scoutmaster Steve Meurer 907-388-6551
stvmer1@gmail.com

Scoutmaster Andrea McCarrick:
907-616-0625
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Join our Facebook group "Delta Greely BSA Camporee" (scan QR code in Leaders Guide)

[click here to view/download RegForm](#)
[click here to view/download Leaders Guide](#)

Membership Fee increase 2023

National is raising its registration fees starting August 1st, 2023.

[More information as to why, etc. can be found here.](#)

[Click here to view the graphic for a summary version.](#)

For anyone needing assistance, families or unit leaders should contact the Scout Office. We have a small **fund** to help with registration fees and we do not want any youth to miss out on the Scouting experience due to financial needs. In addition, anyone wishing to **donate** to that restricted fund can contact the office directly at 907- 452-1976.

The Midnight Sun Council has taken steps to keep the cost of Scouting down in many ways, in order to assist families so they can enjoy the Scouting program. Though now allowed by the National office, we do NOT charge program fees (which could be equal to but not exceed registration fees), up front activity fees (pay in advance for all district and council level activities), and insurance fees. We have camperships available for our Cub Scout Day Camp and Scouts BSA Summer Camp. We also host an "experienced" uniform bank. This is why our annual popcorn sale and Family Friends of Scouting campaigns are so important. These fundraisers help us to continue to provide the above services to our Scouting families.



It's Popcorn Time!

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 9th 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 or the Scout Shop at (907) 452-1976



Fundraising Opportunity for 8 Units

Lani, our district fundraiser, has secured 8 water stops during the equinox marathon for Units to work and make some money! We have 7 Units signed up so we have 1 more spots available. The marathon happens on September 16 and Lani will be supplying each water stop with the materials they need to be successful. If you have any additional questions, contact Lani at 4koa@alaska.net



COUNCIL ROCK

When: Sep 22-24, 2023

Time: Activities start at 8:30 am Saturday

Where: Lost Lake Camp

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

Tent and backpack donation!



Eagle Scout William Roland has a couple of tents and 2 backpacks in good serviceable condition. He would like to donate them to a Scout who could benefit from them. He may be contacted directly at (907) 251-8740.



Good news for Cub Scouts who love to swim, canoe and kayak: the water is just fine.

Contrary to past BSA program design, all Cub Scouts — not just Webelos — may participate in paddle sports as a pack or den; previously, they could only do so at district or council events. And, of course, Cub Scouts may continue to participate in swimming as a pack or den activity.

[click here to read more](#)

[click here to download appropriate activities pdf](#)

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Congratulations to Troop 1047 and Pack 1551 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 or Tasmine at 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>

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

SCOUT SHOP AND COUNCIL OFFICE

SUMMER HOURS

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1st, 2023:

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9 am - 5 pm
FRIDAY- SUNDAY: CLOSED

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Youth Protection Updates for 9/1/2023

Effective September 1, 2023: Councils and camps must ensure that all programs meet the new NCAP requirements as of September 1, 2023.

Highlights include:

- All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or adult program participant. Registration as a Merit Badge Counselor **does not** satisfy this requirement.

- There is a limited exception for Cub Scout parents staying overnight with their

child/ward, (meaning that they can without being registered).

12th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament

The 12th Annual Sporting Clays event was held at the Fairbanks Trap Club. Thank you to our event sponsors: **Doyon Utilities, Bennett Engineering and Rods Alaskan Guide Service**. We had great weather for the occasion and plenty of range time to shoot clay pigeons. Doyon Utilities team won the team event this year and Rick B from Doyon team also won the Annie Oakley individual competition.

Thanks again everyone for coming out to support local Scouting and a special "Thank you" to **Sportmen's warehouse, Big Rays, Frontier Outfitters and Larea's Breads Pies and Espresso** for the donated raffle prizes and the wonderful breakfast items provided for our shooters. We are looking forward to the 13th annual Sporting Clays on August 3rd 2024.



Congratulations to all our 2023 Eagle Scouts



*Trail to Eagle
workbook*

Isabel Brown

Lone Scout
Denali Park, AK

McKinley Rhoades

Troop 1042
Vol. Fire Department, North Pole

Daniel Beuchaw

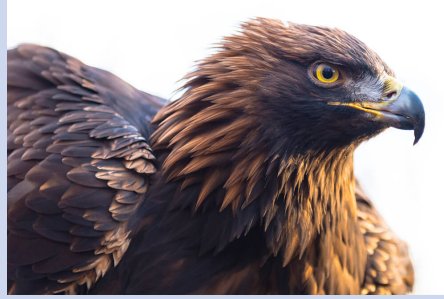
Henry Simoneau

Troop 1138
Midnight Sun Council, BSA

*Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout
Candidate Checklist*

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

Larry Bennett

C.B. Bettisworth

Bettisworth North

Wade Binkley

Cold Spot Feeds

Dennis "Skip" Cook

Jeff Cook

Doyon Utilities LLC

Shelley and Richard Ebenal

Joe Faulhaber

Golden Heart Emergency Physicians

Fairbanks Gold Mine

Bob Groseclose

Ben Lomond Inc

The Optimist Club of Fairbanks

Karen Perdue

Sani-Can

Mark Simon

Stephen Smith

Brad and Danielle Tilden

Toontuk Lodge

Cathie Tordoff

Warwick and Schikora CPA

**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 Phil at phil.burkett@scouting.org, or call the office at 907-452-1976 or find us on Facebook [@NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase)

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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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