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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

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

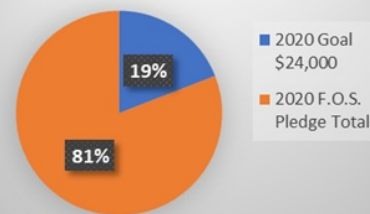
December 2020

Dec 8 - Eagle books due

Dec 9 - POSTPONED -38th Distinguished Citizen Banquet

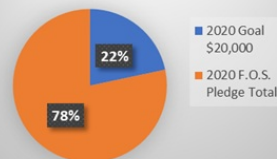
Dec 15 - Eagle board (by appointment only)

Midnight Sun Council



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 1042, Troop 1047 and Pack 1551 for achieving their F.O.S. Goals!!

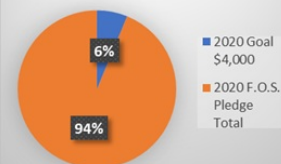
Tanana Valley District



The Tanana Valley District has raised \$ **15,669** towards the District Goal of **\$20,000** and the Bush District has raised \$ **3,750** towards the District Goal of **\$4,000!**

Unit Leaders or F.O.S. Coordinators, included in your recharter packet is a form to schedule your FOS presentation in 2021. Please complete and return with your recharter!

Bush District



Send an email

to robert.stewart@scouting.org

if you need a packet or a guest presenter. We understand that these are difficult times financially for our families and thank you for your support both financially and through your time!

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POSTPONED!! 38th Distinguished Citizen Banquet

THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL
DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET

Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America

Salute

POSTPONED

Craig Comeau

Please Join us

Wednesday December 9th, 2020 at the Wedgewood Resort in Fairbanks.

6pm is Social hour - 7pm dinner

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

<https://fb.me/e/1A82EsG4>

(Covid-19 Protocol in place and the event will follow Wedgewood policies)

Event Postponed

We have made the difficult decision to postpone the event.

Craig, the event committee, and the Boy Scouts look forward to celebrating next year in December!

Dec 16 - Bush District Annual Meeting and Annual Dinner @ 5:45 pm

Dec 17 - TVD Annual Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Dec 21-22 - Scout Shop closed, but Office open

Dec 23-25 - Office and Scout Shop closed

Dec 28-30 - Scout Shop closed, but Office open

Dec 31 - Office closes @ 3 pm and Scout Shop closed

January 2021

Jan 1 - Office and Scout Shop closed

Jan 7 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Jan 16 - Annual Toontuk Dinner

Jan 19 - Eagle Books due

Jan 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Jan 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

February 2021

Feb 4 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Feb 13 - Annual Meeting - Annual Dinner

Feb 16 - Eagle Books due

Feb 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Feb 23 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

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Support Midnight Sun Council of the Boy Scouts of America

If you can't find what you want locally and shop via Amazon, support the Midnight Sun Council at the same time! Shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to the Midnight Sun Council, at no cost to you.

We thank the committee for all of their hard work and look forward to continuing the planning for the future date.

We are pleased that so many have still made donations. We will continue to accept donations for this event or the special project for registration assistance.

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THANK YOU!!



For your dedication in keeping the Scouting program going during these tough times, the Midnight Sun Council is offering the following to your unit. All we ask is for you to tell us what you have been doing to help your families remain active in your unit, how and where you are meeting (virtual, in person, or combination), and participation level. Just jot down the information and send it in with your order or reservation.

For Cub Packs: You will receive free Pinewood Derby cars for each of your registered youth. Already picked up your cars but get a new youth to join? No problem, they can get a car too. Offer valid through December 31, 2020 and available now.

For Scout Troops: You get one free weekend camping at Lost Lake through December 31, 2021, depending on availability. This includes cabins. The dining hall is also available, but use of the kitchen will cost \$50 to cover the cost of fuel, etc. The weekend would consist of Friday night check in starting at 6 PM through Sunday check out by noon with the Ranger's approval of cleanliness of the facilities used.

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Special Membership Promotion

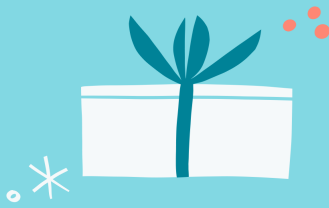


Special promotion: As an additional incentive, Troops which grow 5 members from 7/31/2020 to 12/31/2020 will earn a free day of high C.O.P.E. at Lost Lake Scout Camp.

Packs which grow by 5 members over the same time period will earn 10% off Pinewood Derby accessories for the

Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at AmazonSmile and Amazon donates
amazon smile



Additionally

AmazonSmile supporters can **NOW** donate items **DIRECTLY** to Boy Scouts of America Council by shopping our [Charity List](#) in the Amazon Shopping app on their mobile phones.



Supporters can also continue to shop our Charity list at smile.amazon.com on desktop or mobile web browsers. **This is another way supporters can donate to the Midnight Sun Council if they don't want to just give money!**

[Additionally find out here how to shop with your Fred Meyers Rewards Card and donate to the Midnight Sun Council](#)



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BeAScout.org: The s

mart and simple way to recruit Scouts during COVID-19

Fortunately, you don't need to be a master of search engine optimization to recruit new families to your pack, troop, crew or ship. You

whole Pack and year!

Please contact Rob Stewart at robert.stewart@scouting.org or 907-452-1976 for more information.

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District Annual Meeting

District Committee Members, Chartered Organization Representatives, and Board Members residing within the District are invited to attend the District Annual Meetings.

Bush District Annual Meeting and Annual Dinner on Dec 16th, 2020 at 5:45 pm

Tanana Valley District Annual Mtg on Dec 17th, 2020 at 7pm

Please reach out to robert.stewart@scouting.org for the Zoom meeting options



January 2021 Roundtable

The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online through Zoom and in-person at the Council Office on Jan. 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:

Meeting ID: 893 0165 6441 and Passcode: 55157
TVD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89301656441?pwd=V2F5ZE9vK2JLaXhETIFZd0ZKVVNhcz09>

The next Bush District Roundtable will also be held online on Jan. 20th, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm and in - person at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction. Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:

Meeting ID: 892 2927 5711 Passcode: 55163
BD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89229275711?pwd=Z29UTnJaeFZ5Tzc4SENZZXJzbnJFvQT09>

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Online Registration

just need to update your [BeAScout pin](#). And thanks to some volunteer-focused changes to this process, it's now easier than ever to do so...

[Click here for more information](#)

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Advancement Updates



[click here to view BSA Final Advancement COVID-19 update pdf](#)

TOONTUK CORNER

The Lodge Annual dinner
will be held on
January 16, 2021 at 6 pm.
The location will be determined at a
later date so look for more news on
it in the future.

Cub Scout Adult Leader Training



The Cub Scout English E-Learning and Facilitated Adult Training have been updated to match current Cub Scout Program changes and updates to include using Scoutbook - especially in relation to conducting a Cub Scout Den Meeting using the Den Leader Experience.

The new modules are available in the BSA



The Online Registration Training site is completely updated now. There are training videos for unit volunteers and for councils. The Unit Guidebook has also

been updated so that it reflects all of the changes. Go check these resources out!

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/>

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FROM THE REGISTRAR!

Please complete Re-Charters by December 18th!

Please check with your members to make sure their most current information is listed so our records stay up to date.

New Background Check Forms came out last year. Please make sure that your adults all have turned in the new form, as registrations cannot be processed without them. Youth Protection is a serious part of scouting and our council requires all adults to renew their certification each year. Registrations cannot be processed without a current certificate.

Merit Badge Counselors- Please turn in a new adult application with a 2019 updated background check form and current YPT certificate as we are updating our records. Please include a new merit badge application so we can record the merit badges you want to be a counselor for.

We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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Save the Date!



of our 2021 Eagle Scout and Volunteer Recognition Annual Dinner!

All 2019 Eagle Scouts along with various award recipients will be recognized for their accomplishments and service.

February 13th, 2021

Reception - 6:00 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm

As of now, we are planning to hold our dinner in

Learn Center, and the following modules have been updated:

- Conducting a Cub Scout Den Meeting
- Annual Program Planning
- Cub Scout Uniforms
- Conducting a Cub Scout Pack Meeting
- Resources
- Involving Adults in Cub Scouting
- Conducting a Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting
- The new English Facilitated materials can be downloaded from the

scouting.org/training/adult page or by clicking [here](#).

We encourage even those already position trained to accomplish the new modules so they are current with the latest program changes.

[Cub Scout-Leader-Training-Facilitator-Guide](#)

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Reminder to all 2020 Eagle Scouts



All of our 2020 Eagles will be invited to our Annual Dinner on February 13th to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Please email Rob with details on your Eagle Scout project including the total hours that you and volunteers spent planning and carrying out your project to robert.stewart@scouting.org

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Information About Online Registration for Councils and Unit Leaders

The Boy Scouts of America offers an online application process for youth and adults that can be completed from start to finish without a single piece of paper changing hands.

This allows prospective members and leaders to register and pay in a way that's convenient for them, and it creates a more efficient and

person at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. Plans may adjust as the state of Alaska directs, with potential for a "call-in" option for those not comfortable with in-person gatherings.

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Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit Nominations

Do you have a Scouter in mind that deserves to be recognized for their work above and beyond the responsibilities of their volunteer position?

The Midnight Sun Council is seeking nominations for The Silver Beaver Award and the District Award of Merit.

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The nomination form can be found at this link:



https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf



The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils and is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The nomination form can be found at this link:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>

To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination. Awards will be given out at the Annual Dinner February 13, 2021 and **nominations must be received by the council office no later than December 28, 2020.**

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NATIONAL RESOURCES:

BSA's national Cub Scout staff have put together some fun activity videos that can be useful Cub Scout recruiting tools. The YouTube videos are short, 2 to 5 minutes, with a purpose and an activity. Activities are all requirements found in our program. They are not branded as BSA or Cub Scouts.

[Here is the link](#) to a YouTube playlist for K-2 nd grade

user-friendly registration experience for units, districts, and councils.

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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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Online Position Specific Training



Did you know that there are training plans designed specifically for your position on [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)?

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, and you can complete these courses at your own pace!

Please log into [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and follow the steps below to see what kinds of training plans are available that relate to your position.

Menu>My Training>Training Center

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Journey to Excellence Update

Scouting's Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the BSA's planning, performance and recognition program designed to encourage and reward the success of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

The BSA recognizes that given the extraordinary circumstances occurring in 2020, benchmarking 2019 to 2020 and 2021 to 2020 is not constructive, therefore, effective immediately, the Journey to Excellence recognition program for Districts and Councils will be discontinued

[Here is the link](#) to a YouTube playlist for 3rd-4th grade

The national Scouting at home site is here to help members and nonmembers engage in Scouting while we shelter in place. Lots of good resources are included.

<https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome>

Tools and resources to strengthen your units can be found here, including some timely webinars on zoom meetings, digital recruiting, school access during covid, and much more.

<https://scoutingwire.org>

Bryon on Scouting has also published some of the best digital scouting resources from around the country: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/06/24>

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HELP WANTED

CAMPING DIRECTOR



The position is responsible for developing, administering, and promoting the year-round outdoor and camping program of the council, serving as advisor to the council camping and high adventure committees, supervising summer camp operations, including Lost Lake Scout Camp and the Northern

Lights High Adventure Base, implementing conservation and maintenance plans related to the council's outdoor facilities and properties, and being the staff advisor to the Order of the Arrow Toontuk Lodge. This position reports to the Scout Executive. The position supervises the Camp Director and has other responsibilities that will result in an increasing number of youth participating in a quality Scouting program.

Bachelor's Degree required, though life skills can be reviewed to qualify.

If you are interested in this position, please provide a resume with cover letter to the Scout Service Center attn: Stephen Smith. Please mark it CONFIDENTIAL.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

TVD Roundtable Commissioner Nathan Platt

for 2020 and 2021.

The Journey to Excellence Unit recognition program will continue.

The JTE data is valuable information, and to assist with membership data analysis in the future, a new membership reporting tool is under development. This tool will provide councils and districts with key membership data, including gender and ethnic diversity. Stay tuned for details about the rollout of the new tool.

Unit Recognition Revised unit criteria, due to the pandemic, is available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/>

2021 unit scorecards are available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>

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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.

Please remember that the Midnight Sun Council requires YPT to be renewed annually to be considered current!

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



Each month, we like to recognize a special volunteer who has gone above and beyond in supporting the Scouting program.

This month's spotlight is the Tanana Valley Roundtable Commissioner,
Nathan Platt



Nathan entered this role less than a year ago but has done a great job of hosting informative and exciting Roundtables! Nathan focuses on topics which apply to both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA members and has refined his methods given the challenges presented by COVID-19.

Nathan Platt has been involved in Scouting for many years, most recently serving as the Cubmaster of Pack 1551 in Fairbanks, just prior to Matt Cooper assuming that role. Nathan works at the University of Alaska Fairbanks as the Director of Maintenance and Operations.

Thanks for all that you do, Nathan!

Join us at Roundtable the first Thursday of each month to see the programming Nathan has planned for yourself.

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SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Please let us know if you are planning an event that will require a large number of an individual award so we are sure to have enough on hand for your scouts.

Shop at our Scout Shop for your favorite Scout!

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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TRAIL TO EAGLE

We are proud of our prospective Eagle Scouts. Workbooks are available online. If you have questions please note that appointments are needed as people you may need to talk to are not always available.



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Congratulations to our 2020 Eagle Scouts



Samuel Bangerter
Troop 5
LDS 5th Ward

**Noah Connolly and
Simon Connolly
Dawson Freeman
Caleb Snell
JR Lannet**
Troop 14
North Pole Community

**Kaleb Johnson
Jaden Minton**
Troop 42
North Star Volunteer Fire Dept.



If COVID closes our doors contact the staff at 907-452-1976 to fill Curbside Pick up orders.

See the council [website](#) for more items and specials.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2020 GOLDEN EAGLE SPONSORS

Steve Adamczak	Carol Adamczak	Steve Adams
Alaska Riverways, Inc	Hank Bartos	Bell Development
Ben Lomond	Bennett Engineering	Andrew Bennett
Larry Bennett	Mary Binkley	Mick Braun
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Like us on Facebook

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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