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The next Bush District
Roundtable will be held online on
Feb 17th, 2021 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: 55163BD: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89229275711?
pwd=Z29UTnJaeFZ5Tzc4SENZZXJzbjFvQT09

The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online through Zoom and in-person at the Council Office on **Mar 4, 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=V2F5ZE9vK2JLaXhETIFZd0ZKVVNhdz09

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JOIN US FOR THE 'BE THE CHANGE' EVENT

as we celebrate the first class of female Eagle Scouts on Facebook Live!

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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)

February 2021

Feb 15 - Office and Scout Shop closed - Presidents' Day

Feb 16 - Eagle Books due

Feb 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Feb 23 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

March 2021

Mar 4 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Mar 11 - Toontuk General Lodge Mtg @ 7:00 pm



A full schedule will be provided by BSA soon!

Fairbanks Area Teen Set to Soar as One of the Nation's First Female Eagle Scouts

This Young Woman is Set to be Among Hundreds in the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts



Sarah Coss (Trp 1138G)

Fairbanks teen Sarah Coss of Troop 1138G, chartered to the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks made history on 12/22/2020, which set her to become one of the nation's first female Eagle Scouts - a prestigious achievement attained by some of the country's most noteworthy figures. Sarah is among hundreds of young women who will make up the Inaugural Class of female Eagle Scouts.

"Earning the rank of Eagle Scout takes hard work and perseverance, and we are honored to recognize Sarah for this significant accomplishment," said Stephen Smith, Scout Executive/CEO. "Along the journey to Eagle Scout, young people gain new skills, learn to overcome obstacles and demonstrate leadership among their peers and in their communities. These benefits are invaluable for everyone, and we are thrilled that they are now available to even more youth."

Young women have been part of Scouting for decades in co-ed programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), including Sea Scouts, Venturing, Exploring and STEM Scouts. The BSA expanded that legacy further in recent years by welcoming girls into Cub Scouts and then into Scouts BSA last February. Scouts BSA is the program for youth ages 11 to 17 previously known as Boy Scouts. Since then, tens of thousands of young women throughout Alaska and

Mar 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Mar 23 - Eagle Books due

Mar 26-28 - BALOO training

Mar 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

April 2021

Apr 1 - TVD District Roundtable @ 6:00 pm

Apr 20 - Eagle Books due

Apr 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Apr 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

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Midnight Sun Council Online Merit Badge Classes



Our Tanana Valley District Advancement Chair Kenny Grant has been working to host Virtual Merit Badge Classes for our Midnight Sun Council Scouts!

These are classes are taking place regularly each Mon evening at 7 pm.

Please contact your Scoutmaster or the Council office at 907-452-1976 for the meeting login information.

For these sessions, please direct your Scouts to be in a room in the house with other adults within earshot, or to invite a parent/guardian to sit in for the class. The Zoom link will become active at 6:50 pm.

Topic: MSC Virtual Merit Badge Sessions-Engineering

> Feb 15, 2021 07:00 PM Feb 22, 2021 07:00 PM March 1, 2021 07:00 PM March 8, 2021, 07:00 PM

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across the country have joined the organization's most iconic program with many, including Sarah, working their way toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout is the program's highest rank, which only about 6% of Scouts achieve on average. To earn it, an individual has to take on leadership roles within their troop and their community; earn a minimum of 21 merit badges that cover a broad range of topics including first aid and safety, civics, business and the environment; and they must research, organize and complete a large community service project.

Sarah's Eagle Scout project was building a permanent orienteering course at the UAF trails, as well as creating a map to go along with the course. She planned and oversaw each step in the project leading up to the installation of the posts, including recruiting fellow Scouts to verify that the posts correlated with the locations marked on the map! This is a permanent installment that will be enjoyed by members of the Fairbanks community for years to come.

In addition to gaining skills that last a lifetime, individuals who earn the esteemed Eagle Scout rank can reference it for academic, vocational, and military recognition, including scholarships and advanced enlistment grade.

Sarah joins her brother Jonathan, who earned his Eagle just one month prior to Sarah, while her other brother David is close to earning his.



Eagle Scout siblings Jonathan and Sarah Coss

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2021 Annual Dinner POSTPONED



Postponed to MAY 8th

Save the date for our 2021 Eagle Scout and Volunteer Recognition Annual Dinner!

All 2020 Eagle Scouts along with various award recipients will be recognized for their accomplishments and service.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BALOO TRAINING!



Who: All Cub Scout Leaders, interested

parents

What: Cub Scout Outdoor Leadership

Training

Where: Lost Lake Scout Camp

Why: To take your Cub Scouts Camping!

When: 7 pm Fri. March 26th - 11 am Sun.

March 28th

Cost: \$15 for food and supplies

Register and pay at:

Midnight Sun Council office by Fri. March 19th

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Reminder to all 2020 Eagle Scouts



All of our 2020 Eagles will be invited to our Annual Dinner on **May 8th** 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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The Board is working hard for the 2021 FOS Campaign! They have reached 20% of their goal & fuel reserves are sitting at 11,199 gallons out of the 55,000 gallons needed!

We are sure the Scout's rocket will be on its way to the moon by the launch date on May 31st.

A few short weeks have passed since we

May 8th, 2021

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

As of now, we are planning to hold our dinner in person at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. Plans may adjust as the state of Alaska directs, with potential for a "callin" option for those not comfortable with in-person gatherings.

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Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Update



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2020 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign, and congratulations to Troop 1138 G, Troop 1138 B, Troop 1042, Troop 1047, and Pack 1551 for achieving their 2020 F.O.S. Goals!!

of **\$4,000!**



The Tanana Valley District has raised \$17,169.17 towards the District Goal of \$20,000. Congratulations to the Bush District on achieving their goal

Mark Your Calendars: 2021 F.O.S. Kickoff Mon, Feb. 15th at 6 pm at the Council office.

We understand that this was a difficult year financially for our families and thank you for your support both financially and through your time! Unit



Leaders, please begin thinking about the 2021 campaign and the best ways for presenters to connect with your families. We are happy to work with each unit to match whatever method of meeting is taking place.

Send an email to robert.stewart@scouting.org if you need a packet or a guest presenter.

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Woods Services Award Deadline Extended

kicked off the board campaign and we are in a nail-biting contest. Team "Lost in Space" shot out the gate for an early lead but was quickly passed by "To Infinity and Beyond" early last week. In a shocking turn at the end of the week, team "Blast off for Big Bucks" has edged them out of the lead by finding great sources of fuel AND by finding the funds to build the rocket's blast off platform.



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2021 Fund the Adventure patch



Introducing the 2021 Fund the Adventure patch which showcases the Scouting program through the pandemic we started to face during 2020.

The challenges were difficult to overcome but with the tenacity and determination of our volunteers and youth we continued to bring quality program and continued support to our youth!

Let us get fundraising started early this year to reach our goals!

Contact CJ Stewart via email at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or by calling the Council office at (907) 452-1976 for more details.

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protection/

Youth Protection Reminder!

Remember, every volunteer in the Midnight Sun Council must complete Youth **Protection Training!**

We appreciate your service to Scouting and want you to stay involved!

Please help protect our Scouts by completing this training at the link below. https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-

If you are currently registered with the Midnight Sun Council, please contact Tammy

to get your Member number before creating an account on my.scouting.org

Once completed, print the certificate and



The Woods Services Award is a national-level recognition for Woods volunteer adults who provide outstanding service to Scouts with special needs.

Nominees must be currently registered as a member of the Boy Scouts of America and have three or more years of service in any Scouting capacity related to Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and/or Venturers with disabilities.



The application deadline has been extended to February 28, 2021.

Download the application here

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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 councillevel 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

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 May 8, 2021 and nominations must be received by the council office no later than March 31, 2021.

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forward to the office.

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 <u>BSA's Social Media Guidelines</u> 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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Safety Corner

Two recently published <u>safety momentsÂ</u> that focus on the dangers and possible tragic consequences of unsupervised activity are now available. You may use them in your meetings, newsletters and publications to highlight the importance of Scouting's buddy system and two-deep adult supervision <u>requirements</u> that exist both to prevent abuse and safeguard against tragedy.

- Adult leaders emphasize the buddy system in unit planning and training activities.
- Adults supervise youth activities.
- Two-deep adult supervision by registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required for all Scouting activities.
- This includes patrol activities. These enhanced requirements have been in effect since October 2018.

Safety Moment - A Fatal Fall - Nolan Henderson's

Story: https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/fatal-fall-nolans-story/Â

safety/safety-moments/dangers-of-leavingscouts-unsupervised-sand-dunes-anddigging-in-sand-dunes-gages-story/

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

Here is the link to a YouTube playlist for 3 rd-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

Brian 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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FROM THE REGISTRAR



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.



Information About Online Registration for Councils and Unit Leaders

The Boy Scouts of America offers on online application process for youth and adults that can be completed from start to finish without

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.



Additionally

AmazonSmile supporters can **NOW** donate items <u>DIRECTLY</u> to Boy Scouts of America Council by shopping our <u>Charity List</u> 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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Click here or image to Get inspired by this never-ending list of virtual den meeting ideas! - Bryan on Scouting



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

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Online Registration Training



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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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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BeAScout.org: The smart 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 just need to update your <u>BeAScout pin</u>. 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 scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-fag/

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 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

<u>scouting.org/training/adult</u> page or by <u>clicking here.</u>



Interested in serving on Camp Staff for Lost Lake Camp in 2021?

Please visit this link and fill out the interest survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/

The 2021 Summer Camp Season will run from July 3 to July 18, 2021.

Staff Week: July 4-10

Scouts BSA Resident camp: July 11 to July 17

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

This month's volunteer spotlight features **Kevin O'Neal**.

Kevin found his way to Alaska after 22 years of active military service. Kevin is currently serving in three different positions within the Council; as a Den Leader in Pack 1551 he teaches, guides, and mentors' youth on the Scouting program and devotes countless hours to youth development. He subsequently volunteers as the Council's Shooting Sports Director where he teaches, coaches and mentors older scouts how to safely handle firearms during camps and other activities! He is also the Council Ethics/Leave No Trace Advocate. 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. Help me in thanking him for all he does for our youth and our volunteers!

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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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 Robert Stewart at rober.stewart@scouting.org 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?

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

Please log into 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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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.



Thanks for all that you do, Kevin!

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NORTHERN LIGHTS HIGH ADVENTURE

Looking for something to do this Summer? Have the Covid blues and are tired of watching the paint peel on your walls?



Let Northern Lights High Adventure Base get you and your unit out in the open air of Alaska! Whether you want to paddle a canoe down a river or in the ocean, hike across a glacier or even adventure up above the Arctic Circle we can make it happen! Chances at earning your 50-miler patch while you do it are available! We have special incentives for local troops too! The High Adventure season calendar is starting to fill up, do not wait, give me a call or email and we can get your unit on the rapidly closing calendar.

Contact CJ at <u>Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org</u> or call the Midnight Sun Council at 907-452-1976

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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

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TRAIL TO EAGLE

We are proud of our prospective Eagle Scouts.

The Eagle Scout **Project Workbook** has been revised as of January 2021.



Please make sure you are using the newest revision.

The link to the workbook is below.

https://www.scouting.org/programs/scoutsbsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scoutworkbook/.

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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Deadlines extended for Eagle Scouts to apply for these NESA scholarships



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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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Join Our Mailing List

of the BSA.

The BSA recognizes that given the extraordinary circumstances occurring in 2020 they needed to update the program for Units.

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.

The revised criteria for Unit Recognition is available at https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-toexcellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/

2021 unit scorecards are available at https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-toexcellence/unit/

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SCOUT SHOP NEWS

It's almost Pinewood Derby Time! Come to the scout shop and check out all the fun accessories for your cars!!

Shop at our Scout Shop for your favorite Scout!



See the council <u>website</u> for more items and specials

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Details On the 50th Anniversary Environmental Protection Agency Award -Program Term: January 1 - December 31, 2021

To commemorate the EPA's 50th anniversary last year, the **Boy Scouts of** America and EPA signed a

memorandum of







understanding to create a special award encouraging those in the Scouts BSA program to strive to protect the environment. The award, which features a patch, requires Scouts to earn environmental and community health-focused merit badges and participate in a service project.

Download the application here.

Completed applications are submitted to the local

Scout Shop to receive the commemorative patch

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2021 GOLDEN EAGLE SPONSORS

Steve Adamczak	Larry Bennett	Fairbanks Gold Mine
Kal Kennedy	The Optimist Club of Fairbanks	Stephen Smith
Brad Tilden		

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