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With heartfelt gratitude the Midnight Sun Council would like to thank all our 2020 donors.

Without your continued support and passion for Scouting we would not be able to deliver quality programs to our youth.

These programs enhance their future and help us all take part in quality youth development.

THANK YOU!

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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

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January 2021

GOLDEN EAGLE SPONSORS

Steve Adamczak	Carol Adamczak	Steve Adams
Alaska Riverways, Inc	Hank Bartos	Bell Development
Ben Lomond	Bennett Engineering	Andrew Bennett
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Fairbanks Gold Mine	Firehouse Subs Foundation	Bob Groseclose
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Cindy Mascadri	City of North Pole	Dennis and Mary Wise
Mt. McKinley Bank	Nenana Ice Classic	The Optimist Club of Fairbanks
Outdoor Heritage Foundation	Rasmuson Foundation	Rod's Alaskan Guide Service
Wendell Shiffler	Stephen Smth	Rob Taylor
Tired Iron Sponsors	Toontuk Lodge #549	Usibelli Foundation
VFW Post #10029	Warwick and Shikora	Jack Wilbur
Wise Family Trust	Weeks Foundation	

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2021 Annual Dinner POSTPONED

Jan 16 - Annual Toontuk Dinner

Jan 18 - Office and Scout Shop closed - Martin Luther King Day

Jan 19 - Eagle Books due

Jan 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Jan 25 - Office and Scout Shop closed - Staff Planning Conference

Jan 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

February 2021

Feb 4 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

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

Mar 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Mar 23 - Eagle Books due

Mar 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

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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-protection/>

If you are currently registered with the



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.

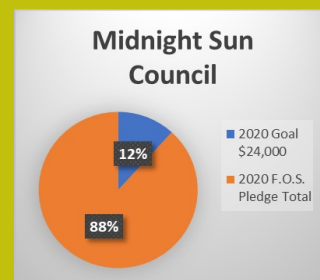
May 8th, 2021

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

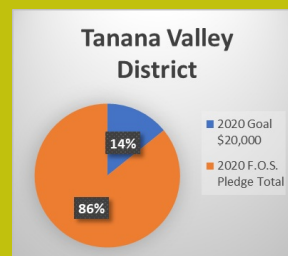
As of now, we are planning to hold our dinner in person at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. Plans may adjust as the state of Alaska directs, with potential for a "call-in" option for those not comfortable with in-person gatherings.

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Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Update



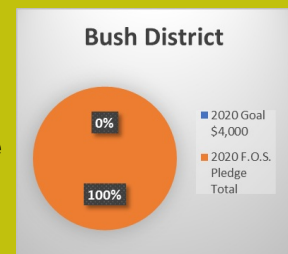
Thank you to everyone who has helped get the 2020 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign off to a strong start, and **congratulations** to Troop 1138 B, Troop 1138 G, Troop 1042, Troop 1047 and Pack 1551 for achieving their F.O.S. Goals!!



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 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!

Send an email to robert.stewart@scouting.org



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 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 [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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SPRIT OF YOUTH RECOGNITION

\$2,000 scholarships from:

ALASKA529
EDUCATION SAVINGS PLAN

Deadline February 1

You have the power to make a difference in a young Alaskan's life! Nominate a deserving youth today.



VISIT SPIRITOFYOUTH.ORG

Do you know a teen or youth group doing something positive in your community? Nominate them for Spirit of Youth [recognition!](#)

Spirit of Youth knows that there are good things happening in our state and young people are often at the heart of them. For 23 years Spirit of Youth has empowered Alaska's youth through statewide, media-based youth recognition programs.

Spirit of Youth relies on community members to let youth know they matter by making a nomination for recognition. Nominations help create opportunities for youth leadership and allow teens to share their voices and get recognized for their contributions.

Of the nominees, eight youth or youth groups and eight runners-up are selected to receive Spirit of Youth Awards including a scholarship. All Alaskan youth ages 12-19 are eligible.

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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Annual Meeting Results

The Tanana Valley District and Bush District recently held their District Annual Meetings to elect District Committee members and to conduct year-end business.

THANK YOU and Congratulations to each of the volunteers who have accepted a role at the District level! Any volunteers who wish to be involved with either District are encouraged to reach out to the council office and ask for Rob.

Bush District

District Chair: Don Frazier
District Commissioner (*pending MSC Board Approval*): Dean Jazzo
District Advancement and Recognition Chair: Rick Stillie
District Committee Members at large: Tony Thacker and Ryan Capporelli

Tanana Valley District

District Chair: Hank Bartos
District Commissioner (*pending MSC Board Approval*): Mike Galloway
District Advancement and Recognition Chair: Kenny Grant
District Activities Chair: Kehaulani Widell
District Membership Chair: Ethan Kahl
District Committee Members at large: Joanne Gilman

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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!

The deadline to nominate youth has been extended to **February 1, 2021**.

For more information
email info@spiritofyouth.org.

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The Council Board Members Kicked off their FOS Campaign

Early!

This year the Council's Board Members goal is to collect "Premium Jet Fuel". The Scout rocket needs 55,000 gallons of fuel to land on the moon! Which team will gather the most fuel? Only time will tell, but I would keep my eyes on team "Lost In Space" as they take an early lead with a donation of \$2,250 dollars which is equal to 2,250 gallons of premium jet fuel.



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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.



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.

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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Roundtable



The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online through Zoom and in-person at the Council Office on Jan. 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=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=Z29UTnJaeFZ5Tzc4SENZZXJzbjFvQT09>

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Online Registration



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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Scout Sunday

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 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 [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 scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/](https://scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/)

TOONTUK CORNER

**The Banquet is on Saturday,
January 16th 6:00pm - 8:30pm
at Pikes Waterfront Lodge**

Another reminder on dues, they are \$25 for general membership and \$140 for season pass.

A season pass means you can attend any lodge event for the single payment of \$140.00, paying \$25 means that you can



The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day. An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

The Scout units are urged to participate in the religious services. [Scout Sunday](#) is an opportunity for units can attend services in uniform, conduct a flag ceremony, speak about Scouting, present [religious awards](#) and/or formally thank the chartering organization for their support throughout the year, reserve pews, take an active participation in the service such as a prayer, request a notice in the church bulletin. Consider having a recruiting information table in the foyer or hospitality area. A Scout is Reverent.

Scout Sabbath is set for February 13th. The week between Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath is known as Scout Week.

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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.

attend lodge events such as induction. Another benefit of the season pass is that purchasing it this year will give you a significant discount on NLS next August.

For those who are registered for the banquet please send me an email so I can confirm your attendance. If you have any questions or concerns don't be afraid to contact me.

Yours in Scouting,
Ernest Hollcraft, Lodge Secretary

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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Camp Staff Application



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

Cub Scout Adult Leader Training

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 May 8, 2021 and **nominations must be received by the council office no later than January 11, 2021.**

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CONGRATULATE YOUR 2020 EAGLE SCOUT



You can congratulate your 2020 Eagle Scout in a special edition of Scout Life.

See the link below for details:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/01/07/>

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Congratulations to MSC member of Inaugural Class of female Eagle Scouts

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.



Jonny Coss (Trp 1138B) and Sarah Coss (Trp 1138G)

We would like to recognize and congratulate Sarah Coss of Troop 1138 G for achieving Scouting's highest rank! As a member of the Inaugural Class of female Eagle Scouts, Sarah is helping to pave the way for young ladies taking part in the Scouts BSA program. Please join us in congratulating both Sarah and Troop 1138 G for their achievement.



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

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

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Reminder: Details on the Upcoming "Be the Change" Event



We are inviting everyone to join us for a celebration of service, leadership, and the groundbreaking accomplishments of the first female Eagle Scouts during the upcoming **"Be the Change"** event. This event will be broadcast on Facebook Live on **February 21, 2021, at 8pm ET.**

Find more details about the event at www.scouting.org/bethechange, and be sure to invite others to view this special, historic event.

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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

[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



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?

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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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 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



Re-Chararters were due Jan 1, 2021

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

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

This month's volunteer of the month, Don Fraizer, has an extensive background in scouting. In his youth he worked on camp

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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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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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/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>.

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**

staff in Maine. He was working as a Ranger assistant where he met his wife, Dawn. Her father was a Scout Master. He is a member of The Order of the Arrow. He serves on the Properties Committee He has been an Opik instructor, Don was trained to be an ATV safety Instructor and was integral in getting our ATV program up and running.



He is currently our Bush District Chairman and resides in Delta. Don owned and operated Frazier Auto in Maine until he moved to Alaska. Don freely shares his knowledge and skills with the Council and is especially helpful to the Ranger on the automotive issues. Don exemplifies the Scout law and if Norman Rockwell had known Don, he would have been the person depicted on the Rockwell painting "the Scout Master".

Thanks for all that you do, Don!

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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!**



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.

Wesley Patton
Troop 56
Delta Lions Club

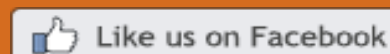
Drexel Miller, III
Troop 1001
Rotary Club of Fairbanks

Sebiyam Werdin-Kennicott
Troop 1092
Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks

Jonathan Coss
Troop 1138 BT
Catholic Schools of Fairbanks

Sarah Coss
Troop 1138 GT
Catholic Schools of Fairbanks

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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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Winter Activity - Boy Scouts of America



SUMMARY There is magic to camping in winter. It is one of the most challenging outdoor adventures. However, potentially extreme weather conditions, cold temperatures, and unique hazards associated with outdoor winter activities require careful planning to ensure safety. **GENERAL INFORMATION** Eating the right type of food when camping or playing in the...

[click here to read more](#)

[Download PDF here](#)

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Proposed Eagle Scout Required Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Merit Badge Delayed

The introduction of the proposed Diversity, Equity and Inclusion merit badge is being delayed to allow for the careful consideration and evaluation of feedback received from a wide variety of commenters on the draft requirements.

Until further notice, all Scouts working on the Eagle Scout rank should continue to use current rank

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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requirements. Once the Eagle-required Diversity, Equity and Inclusion merit badge is introduced, Scouts in the process of earning the rank of Eagle Scout will be given adequate time to earn it.

Updates regarding the merit badge will be shared with councils directly.

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