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**Scouting is about character  
and leadership.**



The Scout Oath and Law - our very foundation - call for helpfulness, bravery, common courtesy, and respect among all people. Our values call us to stand up to injustice, as we strive to help other people at all times.

The Scouting movement recognizes and celebrates that the attributes that make us different actually draw us together as Scouts, citizens, and human beings. We refuse to accept violence or injustice

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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

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### July 2020

Jul 3 - Office Closed - Independence Day

Jul 5-11 - Summer Camp Staff Week

Jul 12-18 - Summer Camp Lost Lake week 1

toward another human being.

As Scouts, we recognize that much work remains to be done. We are committed to empathy, compassion, and to meaningfully improve. Scouting teaches young people to come together to find peaceful solutions, to work to become the best versions of themselves, and to create a better world.

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## Bob Groseclose as Council Commissioner.

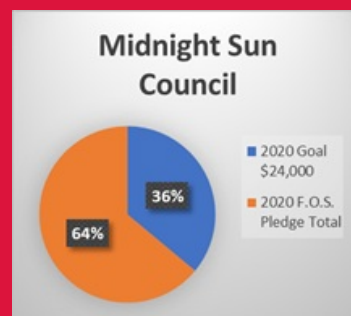


Bob Groseclose has accepted the position of Council Commissioner. Bob was serving as our legal counsel and prior to that, served as our Council President for three years. Bob enjoyed Scouting as a youth, and currently is involved in Pack 1551 and Troop 38G with his granddaughters.

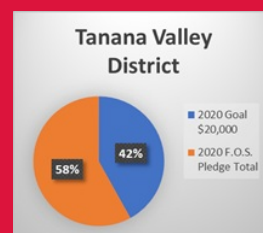
Bob is replacing Cindy Mascadri, who had to step down due to scheduling conflicts. We thank Cindy for her time as Council Commissioner.

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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 **\$12,604** towards the District Goal of **\$20,000** and the Bush District has raised **\$3,750** towards the District Goal of **\$4,000!**

Jul 19-25 - Summer Camp Lost Lake week 2

Jul 21 - Eagle books due

Jul 28 - Eagle Board - by appointment

### **August 2020**

August 1 - World's Largest Backpack Giveaway

August 6 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

August 8 - MSC Shooting Clay Tournament

August 12 - Popcorn Kick off and Kernel Training

August 14-16 - Toontuk Fall Induction

August 18 - Eagle books due

August 19 - Bush District Roundtable

August 22 - Youth Safety Day

August 25 - Eagle Board - by appointment

### **September 2020**

September 3 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

September 7 - Office and Scout Shop closed - Labor Day

September 16 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

September 22 - Eagle books due

September 29 - Eagle Board - by appointment

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### **BeAScout.org: The smart and simple way to recruit Scouts during COVID-19**

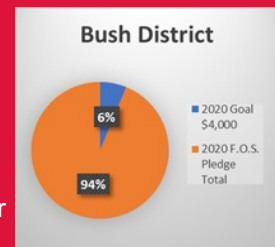
Fortunately, you don't need to be a master of search engine optimization to recruit new families to your pack, troop, crew or ship. You just need to update your [BeAScout pin](#). And thanks to some volunteer-focused changes to this process, it's now easier than ever to do so.... [Click here for more information](#)

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## **ATTENTION PACK LEADERS!!!**

Let's pick back up where we left off with this campaign!

**Unit Leaders or F.O.S. Coordinators**, please continue to plan to hold an F.O.S. presentation once your Troop or Pack resumes meeting in person and email [robert.stewart@scouting.org](mailto:robert.stewart@scouting.org) if you need a packet or a guest presenter.



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## **Bush District Commissioner update:**

The Bush District is pleased to announce that Dean Jazzo has agreed to serve as our District Commissioner!



Dean has served faithfully as a member of the District Committee and we are excited to grow Scouting with him as a member of the District Key Three team.

Thanks, Dean, for your ongoing commitment to Scouting! The Midnight Sun Council relies upon you and all of our adult volunteers to share the values of the Scouting program with Interior and Northern Alaska.

We are in search of Unit Commissioners to support Dean's efforts to strengthen Scouting in the Bush District. Interested volunteers are encouraged to reach out to [robert.stewart@scouting.org](mailto:robert.stewart@scouting.org) to learn about ways to get involved.

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## **Save The Date: 2020 Golden Days Grande Parade**

Saturday, July 18th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

This year the Golden Days Festival is putting on a REVERSE PARADE, which means instead of lining the streets of the parade route, families will cruise safely through the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds and greet floats as they pass.

We need your help to show the Fairbanks community what kinds of awesome activities our Scouts do! Space is limited, and if your Pack or Troop would be interested in participating in this event please contact [robert.stewart@scouting.org](mailto:robert.stewart@scouting.org) for more information.

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## **9th Annual Sporting Clays**





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WELCOME  
CUB SCOUT FAMILIES brochure](#)

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### Roundtable



No Roundtable meetings this month!

We look forward to having you join us once again August 6th (Tanana Valley District) and August 19th (Bush District.)

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Come out and test your aim at the Midnight Sun Council's 9th Annual Sporting Clays Event!

You and 4 friends can team up and join us **August 8th, 2020** at the Fairbanks Trap Club.

You will shoot round robin style and compete for first place against other teams. Various door prizes and raffles will be conducted throughout the event. The VFW will draw the three winning tickets for their Buffalo Hunt Raffle.

**Make sure to get your raffle tickets before they are sold out!**

The event committee is looking for more help! Sponsorships for the Event Ammunition and Food are needed. If interested please contact CJ (info below)

Shooting Team fee of \$500 includes lunch, pigeons and shells. Team Captains can also sign up by contacting the office at (907) 452-1976 or CJ via email at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org), via text or calling (907) 888-7368.

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### Scouting at Home Patch Program (Deadline EXTENDED to July 30th)



We are excited to be offering a Midnight Sun Council Scouting at Home patch! Members of the Council Executive Board are generously sponsoring this program, and Scouts can earn this special edition patch by completing activities related to Scouting at Home.

The requirements for both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA members can be found [here](#).

Cub Scouts just need to complete 4 of the listed options, and Scouts BSA members have 6 choices to

2020 Board Campaign Summary			
	Pledge	Payment	2019
Fishing For Funds	\$ 6,808.31	\$ 6,808.31	\$ 10,825.00
Catch & Keep	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 22,850.00
Smokin' Salmon	\$ 2,350.51	\$ 1,650.51	\$ 4,383.84
The Mighty Lemmings	\$ 13,718.99	\$ 11,687.49	\$ 25,740.83
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 45,677.81</b>	<b>\$ 38,546.31</b>	<b>\$ 63,799.67</b>
	Goal: \$55,000		
\$55,000			
\$50,000			
\$46,000	\$45,677.81 As of 6/10/2020		
\$40,000	\$44,361.50 As of 6/2/2020		
\$35,000	\$35,481.51 As of 5/28/2020		
\$30,000	\$31,771.00 As of 4/28/2020		
\$25,000	\$28,625.00 As of 4/13/2020		
\$20,000	\$25,525.00 As of 4/1/2020		
\$15,000	\$23,925.00 As of 3/26/2020		
\$10,000	\$19,125.00 As of 2/13/2020		
\$5,000			
		83.05% of goal	
		Great work everyone! Keep it up!	



The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is challenging individuals and families in new ways.

To help, the American Red Cross is offering a Psychological First Aid: Supporting Yourself and Others During COVID-19 Online course during the pandemic. The course content is based on guidance from the American Red Cross Scientific Advisory Council, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This online course is designed for anyone interested in learning techniques for supporting mental health during the COVID-19 crisis.

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## A colorful logo for 'SUMMER CAMP'. The words are in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue outline. The background is a blue sky with white clouds. On the left is a bright yellow sun with rays. On the right is a campfire with orange flames and grey logs. Green pine trees are on the left side of the text.

Our top priority is the safety of our Scouts, Volunteers and staff. There have been multiple updates over the last few weeks and we are

**SUPPORT SCOUTING  
BUY POPCORN!**

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America's Best Popcorn

Popcorn season is upon us! Kernels for Council, District and Units are needed.

**Kickoff and Kernel  
training is scheduled  
for the 12th of August**

I have asked our Trails End contact to join us for the training through Zoom or teleconference, so any questions or concerns can be answered directly from TE without delay. Additionally, in response to the Pandemic, Trails End has been busy updating their sales app and website to make online selling easier, this year's online & app sales can begin as early as 1 July!

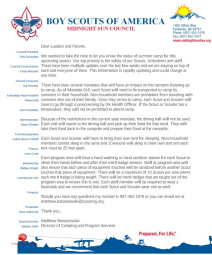
Popcorn Kernels can register units for selling popcorn through the Trails End site. Then the Council can approve units and selling can start that day. Email CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org) for information and further details.

Register your unit here: <https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration?council=b81595ce-f21c11e5a5eb0632e198f0a5&campaign=e45cb48d-09e2-11e9-9936-127eedb020aa>

## Tired Iron



staying on top of each and everyone of them. This information is rapidly updating and could change at any time.



[Please click here to view/download letter to Leaders and Parents from Director of Camping and Program Services, Matthew Banaszewski](#)

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## COPE AND CLIMBING BUILDING



Thank you to Larry Bennett and crew for working on the deck of the Climbing Building out at the COPE course.

They did a fantastic job repairing the deck, replacing the ramp, and adding some additions. We are waiting excitedly for our next group to use the facility.

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**VFW POST 10029  
BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE TICKETS:  
\$50 EACH DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020**

The Midnight Sun Council would like to give the Fairbanks Tired Iron crew a huge shout out of thanks and appreciation. Local organizations like this fund the adventure of Scouting!

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## Rifle Range



Thanks to the great volunteer work from a number of individuals, representing the Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks, Toontuk Lodge, and Midnight Sun Council Scouters, the new Rifle Range will be operational for summer camp this year! We will wait to paint it and do some cosmetic work afterwards.

Funding from the Friends of the NRA, The Optimist Club of Fairbanks, Outdoor Heritage Foundation, and Rolling Stone Gravel & Excavating helped make this possible, and to them, we owe a great deal of thanks.

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## Beaver Day



Wow, what a weekend we had at Lost Lake Scout Camp.

Midnight Sun Council held our work weekend at camp while Toontuk Lodge held their Spring Induction. There were over 50 Scouts, Scouters, and volunteers helping get the camp ready for summer camp.



Between everyone there was 450 service hours that was completed. From the Midnight Sun Council to everyone, thank you very much for your hard work preparing the camp.

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### 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 .

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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



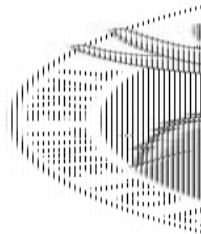
[Click here for flyer and more information](#)

or contact CJ at

[Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org)

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## State forestry seeks public's help naming new fire prevention moose



Every Alaskan has a stake in smart wildland fire prevention and management, so the Division of Forestry is holding a contest to give every Alaskan the chance to name its new "Take Time To LEARN Before You Burn" moose.

[Click here for more information](#)

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### Truck Needed!!



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

## OA Spring Induction

Toontuk Lodge held their Spring Induction this weekend at Lost Lake Scout Camp.



The Lodge had six Scouts go through their Ordeal with the first ever youth female in the Lodge. The Lodge also had three Scouts and two Scouters receive their Brotherhood.



It was a great weekend out at camp and we hope to see you at camp for the Fall Induction August 14-16.

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## We hope you enjoyed "Hunting for Myths and Legends" at Cub Scout Day Camp this year!



TVD Day Camp took place at Birch Hill Recreation Area June 3-5.

The Day Camp Committee worked hard to put on a safe and fun event for 53 of our Cub Scouts. Attendees learned about first aid, designed their own T-shirts and animal prints, lassoed unicorns, completed a compass course, and much more! Pictures can be found on the [Council Facebook](#) page and [website](#).

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.

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## **NATIONAL RECRUITMENT WEBINAR:**

### **TECH HACKS:**

Making BeAScout and Online Registration Work for You

### **PLUS - A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!**

Thursday, July 9, 2020

8:00 p.m. ET / 7:00 p.m.  
CT

Who should attend: Unit Leaders, Council Staff, Commissioners, Marketing staff and volunteers - anyone involved in welcoming more youth into Scouting!

Join us on Thursday, July 9, for the next national recruitment webinar where we'll talk about BeAScout.org and Online Registration. There have been major improvements to both systems - and we'll talk about how to make them work for you.

- How to easily customize your unit info on BeAScout.org.
- How online registration works and how to use it to make joining easier
- Five easy ways to invite families to join your unit
- We'll answer your questions!

PLUS - Did you watch the National Camp-In? Then join us for a sneak preview of a special virtual event coming up August!

### **REGISTER NOW**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

You can view recordings of this and previous National Recruiting webinars on ScoutingWire. <https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/>

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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.



A special thank you to Camp Director Dara Carpenter, Program Director Maria Mingus, and all of the volunteers who made it possible to plan and carry out an amazing Day Camp experience for our Cub Scouts to enjoy!!

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## **Alcan Spring Camporee Recap**



Spring Camporee was hosted by the Bush District May 29-31, 2020 at AK Hwy. Mile Marker 1405.5. 38 Scouts from 7 Troops joined us in Delta and participated in various "Summer of Backpacking" activities such as navigation, knot tying, bear safety, Leave No Trace, and more!



Special thanks to Camporee Chairman Alan Levinson and members of the Bush District for planning and hosting this event!

Pictures can be found on the [Council Facebook](#) page or [website](#)

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## **Flag Retirement Ceremonies**



Please reach out to District Commissioner Mike Galloway at [mikegalloway55@gmail.com](mailto: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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### 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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### 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)



We have quite a few old flags for units to use to teach scouts how to respectfully retire a flag.

They are available for pick up at the scout office during regular business hours.

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## SCOUT SHOP NEWS

### Safety Recall - Cub Scout Activity Pin



On June 24th, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America, announced a voluntary recall of Cub Scout Activity Pins sold between April 2016 and June 2020.

No other products are impacted by this issue, and we are not aware of any illness or injury resulting from the affected product.

However, we are contacting you because our records indicate that you might have purchased one of the affected activity pins through [scoutshop.org](https://scoutshop.org) or at a local Scout Shop. If so, you should immediately take the recalled pin away from children and return the pin to any Boy Scouts of America retail store or contact Boy Scout of America's National Distribution Center for a full refund or for a merchandise credit.

We apologize for this inconvenience. The safety of our products is our number one priority. We believe we have identified all items that were affected, and we believe the production error that caused the problem was

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**  
*Troop 14*  
North Pole Community

**Wesley Patton**  
*Troop 56*  
Delta Lions Club

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an isolated occurrence and has been corrected. We will remain vigilant in maintaining product quality and safety.

For further information about the recall, please contact Customer Service by email at [customerservice@scoutshop.org](mailto:customerservice@scoutshop.org) or by phone 800-323-0736 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

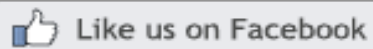
ET Monday through Friday or visit the [Product Recall](#) page at [scoutshop.org](http://scoutshop.org).

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## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2020 GOLDEN EAGLE SPONSORS

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

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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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