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NEW OFFICE INFO



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Scouting Leaders, Scouts, and Families:

In accordance with Governor Dunleavy's recent announcement regarding the reopening of Alaska, we invite you all back to in-person Scouting. **Starting Friday, May 22, 2020**, restrictions on group size has been lifted and units can start meeting again.

We recommend strongly that certain procedures stay in place. Maintain social distancing, keep surfaces clean and wear your face masks. Follow the guidance that is put out by our state, which can be found here:

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>

While we strive to maintain cleanliness and recommended best practices, we need to be aware that there is still the possibility of the virus spreading, so please continue to be mindful of others and remember the Scout Oath and Law. We can only do our best to prevent the spread.

We thank you all for being patient and for Scouting at Home. We hope that the suggestions we posted on our website and shared

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

OA Special Announcement

LDS update! Vision 2020

Legends & Hero's Banquet Postponed

Scout Shop News!

Golden Eagle Sponsors



**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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June 2020

Jun 3-5 - Day Camp at Birch Hill Recreation Area

Jun 4 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Jun 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Jun 23 - Eagle books due

Jun 30 - Eagle Board - by appointment

July 2020

Jul 3 - Office Closed - Independence Day

Jul 5-11 - Summer Camp Staff Week

Jul 12-18 - Summer Camp Lost Lake week 1

Jul 19-25 - Summer Camp Lost Lake week 2

Jul 21 - Eagle books due

Jul 28 - Eagle Board - by appointment

August 2020

August 6 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

August 8 - MSC Shooting Clay Tournament

August 14-16 - Toontuk Fall Induction

August 18 - Eagle books due

August 22 - Youth Safety Day

August 25 - Eagle Board - by appointment

with you were found to be helpful. We are awaiting the patches to arrive for those that met the criteria for Scouting at Home, and we will let you know when they will be available. If you continue to Scout from home, you can still earn the patch until June 30, 2020.

While we are reopening, we will still follow the safety guidelines during our District and Council activities.

The following programs are coming up quickly and registrations are currently underway. If you haven't registered yet, please do so as quickly as possible.

For Cub Scouts:

Day Camp June 3rd through 5th at Birch Hill

For Scouts BSA:

Spring Camporee May 29th through 31st at Mile marker 1405 Delta Junction

Summer Camp Week 1 July 12th through 18th

Summer Camp Week 2 July 19th through 25th

Please refer to the information that has been shared (or will be shortly in case of summer camp) regarding the safety aspects that are in place for each program.

Thank you again for all you do for Scouting and our youth.

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| Matt Cooper | Cindy Mascadri | Stephen Smith |
| Council | Council | Scout |
| President | Commissioner | Executive |

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Midnight Sun Council Scouting at Home Patch Program



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 make from their list of options!



Roundtable



The next **Tanana Valley District Roundtable** will be online on June 4th, 2020 at 7:00 pm downstairs at the Earl and Pat Cook Service Center.

You can also join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering

this information:

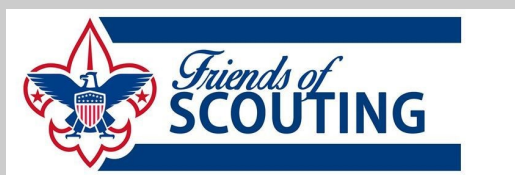
Meeting ID: 867 8455 8436 and
Password: 25139
TVD: <https://us02web.zoom.us>

The next **Bush District Roundtable** will be held at Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction on June 17th, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm.

You can also join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:

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Password: 32146
BD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>

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| 2020 Board Campaign Summary | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Pledge | Payment | 2019 |
| Fishing For Funds | \$ 5,462.00 | \$ 5,462.00 | \$ 10,825.00 |
| Catch & Keep | \$ 22,050.00 | \$ 11,150.00 | \$ 22,850.00 |
| Smokin' Salmon | \$ 1,904.51 | \$ 1,489.51 | \$ 4,383.84 |
| The Mighty Lemmings | \$ 4,545.00 | \$ 2,664.00 | \$ 26,740.83 |
| Grand Totals: | \$ 33,961.51 | \$ 20,765.51 | \$ 64,799.67 |
| Goal: \$55,000 | | | |
| \$55,000 | | | |
| \$50,000 | | | |
| \$45,000 | | | |
| \$40,000 | | | |
| \$35,000 | | | |
| \$30,000 | \$33,961.51 As of 5/20/2020 | | |
| \$25,000 | \$31,772.00 As of 4/18/2020 | | |
| \$20,000 | \$28,605.00 As of 4/13/2020 | | |
| \$15,000 | \$25,525.00 As of 4/11/2020 | | |
| \$10,000 | \$23,905.00 As of 3/20/2020 | | |
| \$5,000 | \$19,125.00 As of 2/13/2020 | | |
| \$0,000 | | | |
| 61.75% of goal | | | |
| Great work everyone! Keep it up! | | | |

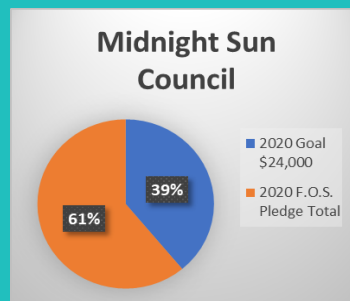
Once a Scout has completed the requirements for his or her age group to earn the patch, an adult should send the completed [Tracker form](#)

(a scanned copy or a photo is fine) to the TVD Advancement Chair Kenny Grant at kenny.grant789@gmail.com before June 30th, 2020.

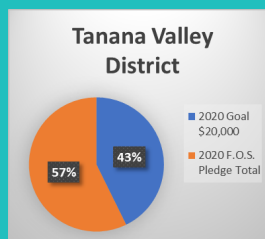
Please remember to practice social distancing and hand washing. Scouting is still strong in Interior and North Slope Alaska. Work on your advancements at home, go outside and have fun, and check our Facebook page and website for updates. We will continue to share information and updates.

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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!!



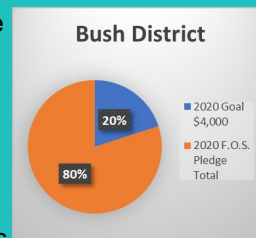
The Tanana Valley District has raised **\$11,454** towards the District Goal of **\$20,000** and the Bush District has raised **\$3,200** towards the District Goal of **\$4,000!**

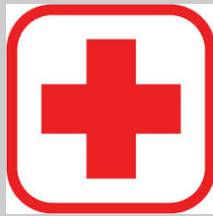
Let's pick back up where we left off with this campaign!

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 if you need a packet or a guest presenter.

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2020 DAY CAMP!





SAFETY MOMENTS

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

Psychological First Aid, the practice of recognizing and responding to people experiencing crisis-related stress, can be used to help yourself and others to cope in the face of stressful events.

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.

Here is the link to for the free Mental Health Course <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/coronavirus-information/psychological-first-aid-online-course>

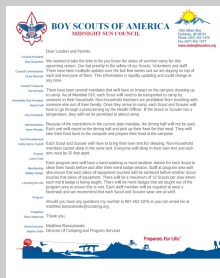
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UPCOMING SUMMER CAMP CURRENT STATUS



We wanted to take the time to let you know the status of summer camp for this upcoming season.

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 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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PICK.CLICK.GIVE



We hope you're excited for

"Hunting for Myths and Legends"
at Cub Scout Day Camp this year!

When: June 3-5, 2020

Where: June 3-5, 2020 Birch Hill Recreation Area

Cost: Camp fee for Cub Scouts Tiger and older is **\$65** and for Tagalongs/Lions **\$40**

Reminder: June 6, 2020 Family Day at Chena Lakes Recreation Area is **CANCELLED**

Please review the Pre-Event Health Screening Checklist [here](#) with your Day Camp attendees each day. If a member of the household cannot pass this pre-screening or your child is not feeling well, please stay home from Day Camp and you'll be issued a prorated refund for days missed.

We can still use more Volunteers to help put on the amazing program planned for our Cub Scouts! If willing to volunteer for part or all of the time please fill out this [form](#).

[Click here to view/download Day CampPacket](#) or visit our [website](#)

Questions? Contact Camp Director Dara Carpenter at 253-651-3414 or daracchen@yahoo.com

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9th Annual Sporting Clays



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

You and 4 friends 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



Pick.
Click.
Give.

The new pledge deadline (formerly August 31st) has been moved to June 17th to accommodate the early pay out.

Follow this link <https://www.pickclickgive.org/> to the [pick.click.give](https://www.pickclickgive.org/) website & more information about us and how you can show support.

Please let us know that you have [Pick.Click.Give.](https://www.pickclickgive.org/) on your pledge card

If you choose to [Pick.Click.Give](https://www.pickclickgive.org/) to donate to the Council in this fashion, please let us know about it on your Friends of Scouting pledge card.

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

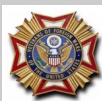
Fortunately, you don't need to be a master of search engine optimization to recruit new families to your pack, troop, crew or ship. You just need to update your [BeAScout pin](#). And thanks to some volunteer-focused changes to this process, it's now easier than ever to do so.... [Click here for more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

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VFW POST 10029

BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE TICKETS: \$50

EACH DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020



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 .

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

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

3rd 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

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 CJ via email at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org, via text or calling (907) 888-7368.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH SPOTLIGHT!

The volunteer of the month decision was easy this time around.

It is YOU!



For making Scouting happen during these tough times. Your ability to cross over to virtual meetings and activities, from in-person ones, was very much appreciated. From online scout skill lessons to full out virtual Unit meetings, you made it happen for our Scouts!

For adapting during these tough times, keeping the Scouting program alive and interesting, you have earned the VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH recognition!

THANK YOU SO MUCH

This will be a continued feature in our Newsletter. To nominate a Volunteer of the Month please email tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org by the 15th to nominate a Scouter for a future newsletter.

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Flag Retirement Ceremonies



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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Truck Needed!!



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

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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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



Special Announcement

In light of the extended period of camping restrictions attributable to COVID-19, the following temporary modification is being made to the camping requirements for OA eligibility: Virtual camping (i.e., backyard or solo camping) may be counted toward the required nights of camping for OA election eligibility if all the following stipulations are met:

- To be counted, all virtual camping nights should be a direct result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and be part of a BSA unit-organized unit camping event (i.e., multiple members of the unit are involved and camping simultaneously at remote locations).
- Some form of unit-organized communications should occur either during or immediately following the event.
- All existing youth protection policies and digital safety guidelines should be followed.
- No more than 3 nights of virtual camping are to be credited in any month in which government- or council-imposed COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

This change is in effect until September 1, 2020. Units which have already held an election between March 1, 2020, and April 30, 2020 are authorized to hold one additional election for any individuals who were ineligible at the time of the election due to the camping requirement, but would have been considered eligible at the time if this temporary policy had then been in effect. This second election must be completed no later than July 1, 2020. Those who were previously considered for election in the first election may not be reconsidered on this second ballot (i.e., no one can be considered for election more than once in a year).

For questions related to this update, please email membership@oa-bsa.org

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Latter-day Saint Scouting update!

VISION 2020

Register at:

VanguardScouting.org/virtual

Mark your calendars, Vision 2020 returns to Philmont Training Center July 3-10, 2021.

Philmont Conference Quality Training in the comfort of your own home.



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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EXPLORING UPDATED ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

The Learning for Life & Exploring Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) has been updated and is now available on [Exploring.org](https://exploring.org).

The form was previously updated in 2014 and the changes you will see on the newly updated form are minor. 2020 will be a transitional year and we will continue to honor valid records in the old format.

Advisors and Explorers will begin using the new version for their next pre-participation physical and for all new program participants. Older versions of the AHMR will be obsolete as of **January 1, 2021**.

For more information related to the updated AHMR visit <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Annual Health and Medical Record visit <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-formfaqs/>

Safety Moment - How to Review the AHMR:



A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY for Latter-day Saints to gain essential skills necessary to continue Scouting.

Join Charles Dahlquist, Mark & Nettie Francis and their hand-picked staff as they introduce the NEW RELIGIOUS AWARDS.

This exciting course is a catalyst for increased knowledge and energy among the Scouting community.

PROVIDES support, training, and information to help:

Find a new charter organization

Start a Scouting unit

Organize a committee

Recruit youth

Train adult and youth leaders

Develop an annual plan

Harmonize Scouting with the Church Youth Program

...and many more skills necessary to continue Scouting with energy, increased knowledge, and enthusiasm.

[Vision 2020 flyer](#)

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**2nd Annual
Legends & Hero's Banquet**

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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. 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



The safety, health, and well-being of everyone along with the state health and safety mandates have made clear our only responsible course of action, however difficult it is, is to postpone this event until next May. We look forward to celebrating and honoring Glen Hackney next spring!

The Planning Committee will continue to meet so that we can have an extra-large honoring of Glen next year! If you or someone you know would like to help, please contact CJ at

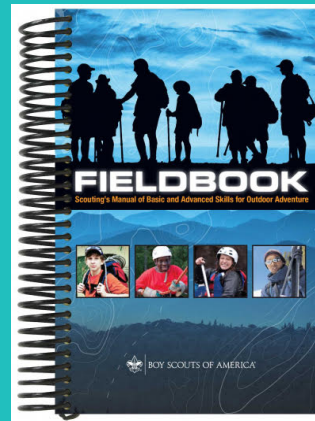


Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org
or (907)888-7368

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SCOUT SHOP NEWS

BSA Fieldbooks are in!



Always a best-seller, each generation of the BSA® Fieldbook has become the gold standard in outdoor survival know-how for its time... and this edition is no exception.

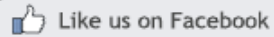
Recognized as a "Work of Significance" by the 2014 National Outdoor Book Awards, this fifth edition was awarded the honor as an acknowledgement of "its influence and importance in the outdoor world."

Based on over a century's worth of experiences from millions of Scouts and leaders, this book provides everything you need to know for outdoor living and camping in all season.

Simon Connolly
Troop 14
North Pole Community

Wesley Patton
Troop 56
Delta Lions Club

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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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