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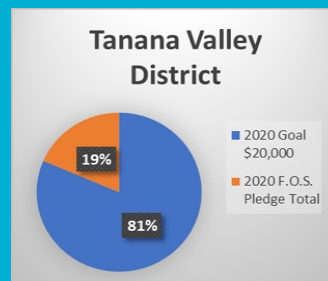
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Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Update

The 2020 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign is under way, and **congratulations** to Troop 1138 Girl Troop for becoming the first unit to reach their F.O.S. Goal!!



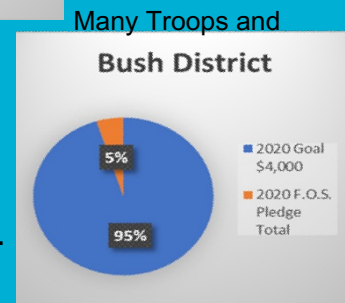
The Tanana Valley District has raised **\$4,552** towards the District Goal of **\$20,000** and the Bush District has raised **\$200** towards the District Goal of **\$4,000!**

Packs still need to pick up their F.O.S. packets and let Rob know the date of their planned presentation.

Unit Leaders or F.O.S. Coordinators, please

email robert.stewart@scouting.org to pass along the day, time, and location you plan to have your presentation.

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Important Dates

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March 2020

Mar 5 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Mar 7 - Tired Iron

Mar 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Mar 20-22 - OA Woadstok

Mar 24 - Eagles books due

Mar 31 - Eagle Board - (by appointment)

April 2020

Apr 2 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Apr 10 - Office Closed - Good Friday

Apr 13 - Clean up Day Bag Disbursement

Apr 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Apr 21 - Eagle books due

Apr 28 - Eagle Board - (by appointment)

May 2020

May 2 - Clean up Day

May 2 - Toontuk Work Day at Camp

May 7 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

May 14 - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting

May 19 - Eagles books due

May 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

May 21 - Legends & Hero's Banquet

May 25 - Office Closed - Memorial Day

May 26 - Eagle Board - (by appointment)

May 29-31 - Spring Camporee

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OFFICE AND SCOUT SHOP



The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be held on March 5th, 2020 at 7 pm at the Earl and Pat Cook Service Center.

Please join us to learn valuable information and participate in the program planned by Roundtable Commissioner Nathan Platt.

The next Bush District Roundtable will be held on March 18th, 2020 starting at 5:45 pm at Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction, led by Roundtable Commissioner Brad Kilburn.

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2020 Merit Badge Day!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, **April 18th** for the 2020 Merit Badge Day!

Cost is \$10 and includes lunch/patch.

Where: First United Methodist Church Fairbanks
915 2nd Ave,
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Registration will be open soon **ONLINE** at meritbadge.info

Adult leaders are encouraged to register their Scouts at one time.

Please make payment at the Council office.
If you have any questions: please call the Council Office at 907-452-1976 or contact Lani Widell at 4koa@alaska.net

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OPENING HOURS!

Monday - Friday
9AM - 5PM

Saturday/Sunday: CLOSED

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REMINDER

The Midnight Sun Council Office will automatically be closed if the temperature hits - 50 F by 8:00 AM.
Temperature reading can be checked by calling 907-488-1111.

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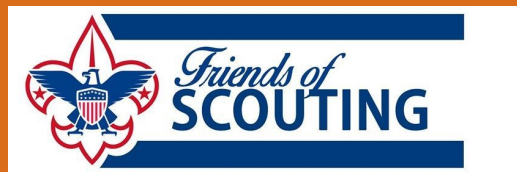
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Mark your calendars

for May 29th-30th for the 2020 Midnight Sun Council Spring Camporee!

The Spring Camporee will be hosted by the Bush District this year and more information will be available soon.

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The Midnight Sun Council thanks Tammy Illguth for being our Registrar and wishes her the best.

Unfortunately, this means we will need to start looking for someone to fill her shoes. If you, or someone you know would like to work in a family friendly environment, Monday through Friday, from 8:45 - 5:15, with some additional evening and weekend times, please contact Stacy or Stephen at 907-452-1976.
Benefits available.

Truck Needed!!



Ranger Rick's famous blue 1997 GMC 2500 is starting to show its age, where 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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2nd Annual Legends & Hero's Banquet

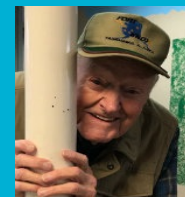
We are pleased to announce this year's theme for the second annual Legends & Hero's Banquet is "Community Service".



We are also excited to share that Glen Hackney is this year's honoree! The event is going to be held in May. The date has yet to be confirmed with our location. So look for updated news in our next newsletter or on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/midnightsuncouncil/> for updates!

We are still looking for committee members to assist us in the planning, advertising, sponsorships and program of the event. If you or someone you know would like to help us, please contact CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or by calling the



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participating in the many fun and exciting planned activities.

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Outstanding Scout of the Year



Deadline is 15 March 2020
Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three individuals who are:
Eagle Scout recipients, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank.

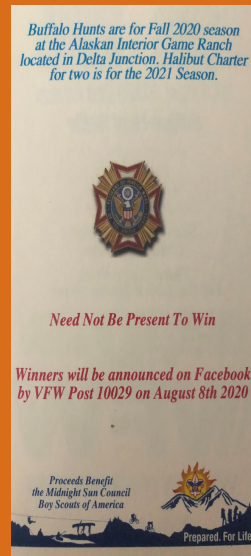
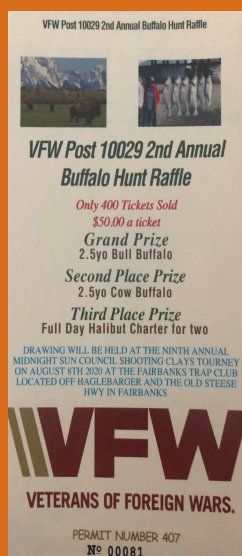
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**BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE TICKETS:
\$50 EACH DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020**



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Toontuk News!

<https://scoutingevent.com/696-35524>

Beaver Day participants will need to bring and turn in a copy of their

[BSA Health and Medical Record Parts A & B](#) when they check in.

Forms will be returned at the end of the event.
Forms that are not picked up will be destroyed.

When: June 26 - 28, 2020

Work will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Individuals and units planning to camp for the weekend will need to provide their own camping equipment for the entire weekend.

There is no fee for the campsites, but contact the office to reserve a site. They are available on a first come first serve basis. Cub Scout units will have priority on cabin assignments. Contact Matt at matthew.banaszewski@scouting.org

Friday cracker barrel, Saturday meals, and Sunday breakfast will be provided. Participants may come camp for the weekend free of charge or just come for the day Saturday to lend a hand.

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Midnight Sun Council's Annual Family Camp



Midnight Sun Council announces our Annual Family Camp Held at the Lost Lake Scout Camp.

Take part in some family fun: swimming, canoeing, fishing, BB shooting, archery shooting

Enjoy dining in the newly renovated Honor lodge with all meals prepared by the camp cooking staff.

When: July 26 - July 29, 2020

Where: Lost Lake Scout Camp

The four-day experience is \$100 dollars per adult and youth are \$75.

A deposit of \$100 dollars per family is due no later than 15 April 2020, with the full balance due 1 June 2020.

Register at the Midnight Sun Council office in person or by calling the office at 907-452-1976



The lodge held the annual dinner on the 22nd of February and had a great turn out for the event.

James Hill was presented with the Founder's Award and Ernest Hollcraft was the Arrowman of the year. We also presented the three new Vigil members, Sebastian Boice, Linda Hill, and Matthew Banaszewski, with their Vigil Certificates.

In upcoming news for the lodge, we are having our annual Woodstoak weekend event from the 20th of March till the 22nd. Come to the monthly Lodge meeting on the 12th of March for more information.

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PICK.CLICK.GIVE



As you apply for your Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend please remember to **Pick.Click.Give!**

The Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America will be listed as an option

If you choose to **Pick.Click.Give** to the Council you can let us know about it later on your Friends of Scouting pledge card

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Interested in Fundraisers



For 2020, we are researching fundraising opportunities for the Spring to help with next year's rechartering cycle. If you have ideas or would like to be on the committee, contact CJ Stewart at clinton.stewart@scouting.org.

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Cub Scout Preview Adventure Protect Yourself Rules

Questions can be directed to Matt Banaszewski at the above number or emailed to Matthew.banaszewski@scouting.org

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH SPOTLIGHT!



This month we want to recognize a special volunteer for all they do for the Midnight Sun Council. Yvonne Orsini-Boone was the Administrative Assistant for the Council until she moved to Italy. Distance has not prevented her from continuing to serve. This very newsletter is edited and published each month through her dedication to our Council. She also maintains our website with staff updates. Join us this month in thanking her for her loyal and continued service!

THANK YOU SO MUCH YVONNE!

We miss you, Wallace, Thalia and Ezra!

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 be considered for the following newsletter.

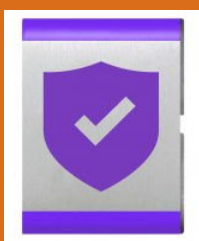
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The Tanana Valley District is looking for volunteers to serve as Unit Commissioners!

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



The BSA takes youth protection seriously.

In addition to requiring adults to complete Youth Protection Training, we also educate our youth on how to protect themselves. In partnership with the [Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Foundation](#) the BSA offers the Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure to our Cub Scouts. This adventure may be completed in lieu of the cyber chip.

For more information on the adventure, head to the [Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure](#) page. This adventure is available online only.

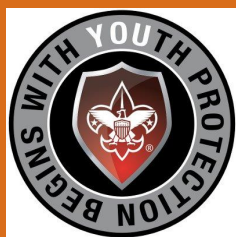
After you complete the adventure, please take a few minutes to complete the attached survey.

The BSA would really like to hear from you.

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Youth Protection Training Reminder

Remember, every volunteer in the Midnight Sun Council must complete the BSA's Youth Protection annually.



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Congratulations to our 2020 Eagle Scouts



Galloway at mikegalloway55@gmail.com to learn more!

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POPCORN UPDATE



Trails End is discontinuing their scholarship program!

Here is what you need to know.

Scout families must turn in their 2019 scholarship forms by March 31, 2020.

Scouts enrolled in the scholarship by March 31, 2020, can continue to submit scholarship forms and their account will be credited 4% of their sales for the popcorn fundraiser in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Sales after December 31, 2022, will not be eligible for credits to a Scout's scholarship account.

There will be no new Scout enrollments into the scholarship program after March 31, 2020.

Trails End will continue to pay out existing scholarship funds to eligible recipients under the current scholarship program.

Scholarship changes were decided by Trails End, not your local council.

Trails End will be notifying Scouts who sold \$2,500+ in 2019, as well as active Scouts enrolled in the scholarship program.

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2020 Eagle Scout and Volunteer Recognition Annual Dinner

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Dinner February 8th and congratulations to all the award recipients!

Please see some photos from the evening below.



Samuel Bangerter

Troop 5
LDS 5th Ward

Westley Patton

Troop 56
Delta Lions Club

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Can packs, troops or crews participate in political rallies?



The BSA might be the most patriotic organization in the U.S. But we don't endorse any one political party. You could say that rather than being pro-left or pro-right, the BSA is pro-America.

The same applies to your pack, troop, post, ship or crew. You and your Scouts should Do Your Duty to Country but not by endorsing any one candidate.

During election years, the line between patriotism and political favoritism becomes thin, making it important to remind you of the BSA's official policy on Scout participation in political rallies.

Fact is, Scout units like the one pictured above are permitted to provide a color guard flag ceremony, in uniform, at political events. Troop 605 from Rocky River, Ohio, provided that service at a 2016 political event in Cleveland. (Nice job, Nick S., Tristan A., Grayson N. and Erik H.!) The troop served as color guard and then immediately left the stage and the premises. They provided a patriotic service and departed before things got political.

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions and the BSA's official answers:

Q: Could a pack, troop or crew provide a color guard flag ceremony for a candidate's public speaking event or rally?

A: Yes. But, BSA Policy requires our adult and youth members in uniform to leave immediately after the presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Should they want to stay they must do so as individuals, not Scouting representatives. That means they would have to change out of their uniforms.

Q: So Scouts and Scouters can't stand on the platform for the remainder of the speech or presentation?

District Award of Merit Recipients

The Tanana Valley District:

Lani Widell and Kevin O'Neal.



The Bush District:



Brad Kilburn.

The Silver Beaver Recipient:

Cathie Harms Tordoff



Guest Speaker Mayor Bryce Ward



To see all the pictures from the 2020 Annual Dinner, please visit this [link](#)

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SCOUT SHOP CORNER!

A: No, they should not remain on the speakers' platform or in a conspicuous location where media could construe their presence as an endorsement or symbol of support.

Q: Why is this the rule?

A: The policy is meant to prevent someone from using our brand to convey support of a candidate or ideology. This prevents Scouts from being used by any party in campaign advertisements or materials.

Q: So then why is it OK to even present the colors or lead the Pledge of Allegiance at all?

A: Those are displays of loyalty to the nation, something the BSA has always endorsed. Regardless of the outcome of the political race, the candidate and supporters pledge allegiance to the U.S. Because of this, it is always acceptable and deemed to be a part of the civic process. Also, this "service" is offered to any party, regardless of political affiliation.

Q: Can Scouts and Scouters pose for photos with political candidates at these events?

A: Yes. But photos of candidates or Scouts in uniform or BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind.

Q: Can adult leaders or Venturers who are 18 or older vote in elections?

A: Not only can they - they should! This policy isn't meant to limit the freedom of thought or action of any official or member acting as an individual. Scouters and Venturers shouldn't wear their uniform to the polling place, but they should vote for whichever candidate they prefer. That's all part of being a good citizen - something the BSA has taught for more than a century.

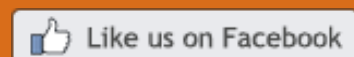
Q: What can Scout leaders do to support this policy?

A: Volunteers (and professionals) must be alert to situations that would imply that the BSA favors one candidate or party over another. Strict observance of our long-standing policy against the active participation of uniformed Scouts and leaders in political events is mandatory.

Q: Does Scouting still teach patriotism and citizenship?

A: Yes! The BSA teaches the ideals of patriotism and good citizenship as required to fulfill its purpose.

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New Scholarship Announced



Bold.org has announced a new scholarship called the Great Outdoors Wilderness Education Scholarship. Its purpose is to support students who have worked as wilderness trip leaders, organized or participated in outdoor education sessions, spend significant time in nature on their own, or have career aspirations in environmentalism and conservation.

Just follow this link if you are interested:
<https://bold.org/scholarships/the-great-outdoors-wilderness-education-scholarship/?msID=8e25393f-1cfe-46ef-863a-e52ccd516542>

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2020 GOLDEN EAGLE SPONSORS

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Hank Bartos	Larry Bennett	Mary Binkley
Dennis "Skip" Cook	Jeff Cook	Fairbanks Gold Mine
Kal Kennedy	Ben Lomond	The Optimist Club of Fairbanks
Stephen Smith	Rob Taylor	

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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