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#### **\*NEW OFFICE INFO\***



#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Midnight Sun Council Reopening Phase 1 (4/22/2020)**

After Governor Dunleavy's announcement about reopening the state (slowly), it has been decided to slowly reopen our office.

The staff started to come back to the office on Friday, April 24th.

#### **Store Opening:**

On **Monday, April 27th**, we opened the store for Clean Up Day bag distribution, which is handled by the staff on the store side of the building. We will continue to maintain social distancing practices while distributing the bags. **The store itself will reopen May 4th** following the guidelines set forth in Phase 1 of the Health Mandate 16.

#### **District Meetings:**

We will let the Districts decide how they want to proceed for District level meetings. The Districts can continue doing virtual meetings for a while longer or they could decide to meet in person, as

## 9th Annual Sporting Clays

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

## Legends & Hero's Banquet Postponed

## 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**

[\(click for complete calendar\)](#)

### **May 2020**

May 7 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

May 9 - Clean up Day

May 14 - Toontuk General Lodge Meeting

May 19 - Eagle books due

May 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

May 25 - Office Closed - Memorial Day

May 26 - Eagle Board - (by appointment)

### **June 2020**

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 12-25 - Summer Camp Lost Lake

Jul 21 - Eagle books due - by appointment

Jul 28 - Eagle Board - by appointment

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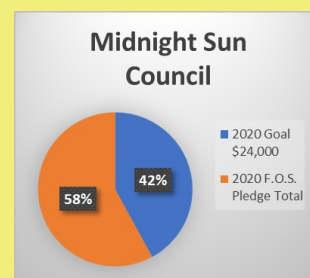
long as they follow the appropriate guidelines and protocols.

### **Unit Meetings:**

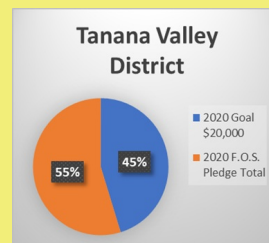
For the Unit level, we still have to wait, as some Pack meetings are larger than 20 people. We would recommend online den and patrol meetings to continue for now. For Troop meetings, it will be left up to the individual troop AND their Charter Partner, as long as meetings are smaller than 20 people and proper social distancing protocols are followed.. For the troop meetings, we recommend waiting until May 1st before meeting in person. Work together as a unit to earn the Scouting at Home Patch.

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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!!

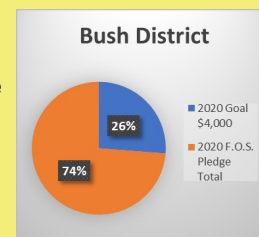


The Tanana Valley District has raised **\$10,954** towards the District Goal of **\$20,000** and the Bush District has raised **\$2,950** towards the District Goal of **\$4,000!**

We realize that with meetings postponed, F.O.S. presentations will be difficult to schedule.

### **Unit Leaders or F.O.S.**

**Coordinators**, please continue to plan to hold an F.O.S. presentation once social restrictions are lifted, and email [robert.stewart@scouting.org](mailto:robert.stewart@scouting.org) if you have questions about other ways that families can give on behalf of your unit in the meantime.



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## Roundtable



The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online on May 7th, 2020 at 7:00 pm through Zoom.

Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this

**Meeting ID: 910 6975 1395 and Password: 51582**

**TVD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91069751395>**

The next Bush District Roundtable will also be held online on May 20th, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm. Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this  
**Meeting ID: 823 7623 1755 and Password: 47529**

**BD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82376231755>**

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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!

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](#)



## 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](mailto:membership@oa-bsa.org)

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## Spring Camporee

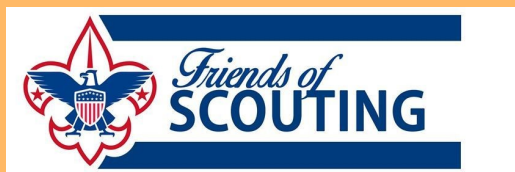


**Mark your calendars May 29th-30th for the 2020 Alcan Spring Camporee!**

(a scanned copy or a photo is fine) to the TVD Advancement Chair Kenny Grant at [kenny.grant789@gmail.com](mailto:kenny.grant789@gmail.com).

*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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2020 Board Campaign Summary			
	Pledge	Payment	2019
Fishing For Funds	\$ 4,212.00	\$ 4,212.00	\$ 10,825.00
Catch & Keep	\$ 22,050.00	\$ 11,150.00	\$ 22,850.00
Smokin' Salmon	\$ 1,715.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 4,383.84
The Mighty Lemmings	\$ 3,795.00	\$ 2,414.00	\$ 26,740.83
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 31,772.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,076.00</b>	<b>\$ 64,799.67</b>
Goal: \$55,000			
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<b>57.77% of goal</b>			
<b>Great work everyone! Keep it up!</b>			

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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.

Come practice your Scout skills with us in the Last Frontier!

The Spring Camporee will be hosted by the Bush District this year and will take place near Delta Junction, at Alaska Highway Mile 1405.

**Please keep in mind that the safety of all participants is being considered as we make plans regarding the Camporee. Unit leaders will receive more information by email soon about what changes will be in place to align with Phase I of the "Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan."**

Some of the planned programs include Camp-Wide Capture the Flag, various Alaskan Backcountry activities, and the return of the Golden Skillet competition!

**click links below for more info:**  
[2020 Alcan Spring Camporee schedule](#)

[2020 Spring Camporee location](#)

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## Latter-day Saint Scouting update!

### VISION 2020

Little Philmont - Virtual Training  
for Latter-day Saint Scouters  
**May 15 - 16, 2020**

**NO COST!**

Register at:

[VanguardScouting.org/virtual](https://VanguardScouting.org/virtual)

The Conference will be broadcast  
via Zoom Webinar.

Link is provided upon registration.

Sessions will be  
Friday, May 15 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm MDT and  
Saturday, May 16 from 8:30am - 4:00pm MDT,  
with a 30 minute break for lunch.

The New Religious Awards will be announced  
Friday, May 15th.

**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.**





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

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

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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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**Fairbanks Aviation Day!**



**Fairbanks Aviation Day has been cancelled for this year. Check in next Spring for this annual event!**

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**PICK.CLICK.GIVE**



**It's not too late to donate through**  
**[Pick.Click.Give!](#)**

Changes can be made through August 31st.



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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**2020 DAY CAMP!**



**Please join us**

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

**When:** June 3-6, 2020

**Where:** June 3-5, 2020 Birch Hill Recreation Area and June 6, 2020 Family Day at Chena Lakes Recreation Area

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

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

If you choose to **Pick.Click.Give** 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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### 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](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](http://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](http://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**

**Unit leaders will receive more information by email soon about Day Camp this year and what changes will be in place to align with Phase I of the "Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan."**

We are looking for 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 Camp Packet](#) or visit our [website](#).

Questions? Contact Camp Director Dara Carpenter at 253-651-3414 or [daracrhen@yahoo.com](mailto:daracrhen@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 come out **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 including 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! Sponsorship 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](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org), via text or calling (907) 888-7368.

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**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH  
SPOTLIGHT!**

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](#).

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-formfaq/>

Safety Moment - How to Review the AHMR: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safetymoments/how-to-review-the-ahmr/>

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**Advancement during COVID-19:**  
Official details  
about Eagle extensions  
and more



This month we want to recognize a special volunteer for all they do for the Midnight Sun Council.

### **KENNY GRANT**

*This month we want to recognize a special volunteer who is always ready to smile or offer a helping hand!*

*Kenny Grant is retired from the United States Army and lives in Fairbanks with his wife Jackie and three children.*

*Kenny served faithfully as the Cubmaster of Pack 1006 (part-time Jedi Knight) and has recently joined Troop 1138 along with his son Kaden. Kenny also serves as the Advancement Chair for the Tanana Valley District.*

**KENNY! 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](mailto:tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org) by the 15th to nominate a Scouter for a future newsletter.

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

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have postponed this event for later this year, we look forward to celebrating and honoring Glen Hackney in the warmer summer or fall time frame

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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## **Congratulations to our 2020 Eagle Scouts**



### **Samuel Bangerter**

*Troop 5*  
LDS 5th Ward

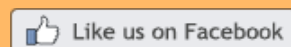
### **Noah Connolly and Simon Connolly**

*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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### **Additionally**

We are looking for some scouts and with adults in uniform at the event for a few different jobs such as help with guiding parking, opening flags, set-up, tear-down and to cook desserts Dutch oven style. We have a few primary adult leaders to oversee dessert prep and cooking. All

equipment charcoal and food items used will be provided.



Look for updated news in our next newsletter or on [Facebook](#) for updates!

Planning committee has continued to meet via Zoom Conference.

If you or someone you know would like to help us, please contact CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org) or at (907)888-7368.

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

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

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