

## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - August 2025 NEWS!



United Way  
of Tanana Valley



As a United Way agency members of the Midnight Sun Council have various resources at their disposal to help with food, shelter, and other needs. Here is the United Way's website: <https://unitedwaytv.com/>

[To see more upcoming events and activities, please visit our website](#)

## Midnight Sun Council News 15 August, 2025

### IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

#### August 2025

- Aug 15-17 - OA Toontuk Fall Ordeal
- Aug 19 - Eagle Books due
- Aug 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Aug 20 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Aug 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
- Aug 28 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
- Aug 28 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm

#### September 2025

- Sep 4 - TVD Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
- Sep 12-14 - Fall Camporee
- Sep 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Sep 17 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Sep 19-21 - Council Rock
- Sep 23 - Eagle Books due
- Sep 25 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
- Sep 25 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Sep 26-28 - OA Fall Fellowship Toontuk
- Sep 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### October 2025

- Oct 4 - Freeze Up Canoe Race
- Oct 13 - Scout Shop and Council Office CLOSED in observance of Indigenous People's/Columbus Day
- Oct 15- Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Oct 15 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Oct 18-19 - OA Toontuk Vigil Weekend
- Oct 21 - Eagle Books Due
- Oct 24-25 - Haunted Trail
- Oct 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

### SAVE THE DATE!!

The 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET



The Midnight Sun Council, Scouting America

*Includes*  
*Gary & Sue Wilken*

*Save  
the  
Date  
December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm*

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6pm social hour - 7pm dinner  
Information & RSVP contact: (907) 452-1976  
[Stacey.Brandon@Scouting.Org](mailto:Stacey.Brandon@Scouting.Org)  
\$125 per seat, tables and sponsorships are currently still available

### Looking for Lego donations



Do you have Legos that you don't need anymore? We would love it if you could donate some to the office. Amanda Foley 3D printed Pinewood Derby car bases so kids can build Lego cars and race them on pinewood derby tracks during recruitment events. It will be more interactive than them choosing an already built car! Please drop them off at the Council office.



It's not too late to donate to the Midnight Council through [Pick.Click.Give](https://Pick.Click.Give).

**Midnight Sun Council  
SALES CAMPAIGN 2025!**

## You spoke and we listened!

Popcorn wasn't getting you to your goals. Here is what the fundraising committee voted on.... This year we are selling discount cards, working with MVP/ABC fundraising we put together a discount card you can use here locally to receive discounts at local stores and vendors. Big savings at Cold Stone Creamery, Big Daddy's BBQ, Fat Burger, The Cookie Jar, Arctic Sun VR, Escape Room Ak, Alyeska Tire, Friar Tucks Hoogie house, 15 total discounts well worth over the \$20 cost. Making this card very easy to sell.

<p><b>MURPHY'S</b> \$4 OFF any Size Pizza Valid at Both Fairbanks Locations</p>	<p><b>AURORA</b> FREE Appetizer or Dessert W/P of 2 Entrées 1452 S Cushman St</p>	<p><b>alyeska</b> \$10 OFF an Oil Change 3250 Peger Rd</p>	<p>10 OFF Your Purchase 1800 Airport Way</p>
<p><b>Wendy's</b> \$10 OFF any Service 378 Old Chena Pump Rd</p>	<p><b>Domino's</b> FREE Breadsticks W/P of \$10 or More 410 Merhar Ave 1</p>	<p>10% OFF Your Purchase <b>River City Cafe</b> 535 2nd Ave</p>	<p><b>ESCAPE ROOM AK</b> \$5 OFF General Admission 516 2nd Ave</p>
<p>2 Hours of Jump Time &amp; 2 Pairs of Jump Socks for \$23 <b>FLY</b> 747 Old Richardson Hwy</p>	<p>FREE Appetizer W/P of \$85 or More <b>PANDA GARDEN</b> 29 College Rd</p>	<p>\$5 OFF W/P of \$50 or More <b>FRIAR TUCKS HOOGIE HOUSE</b> 427 Merhar Ave</p>	<p>Buy 1 Dozen Cookies Get a 1/2 Dozen FREE <b>COOKIE JAR</b> 1006 Cadillac Ct</p>

All Scouts need to practice each point of the Scout Law, during fundraising. Scouts practice being trustworthy, helpful, courteous, kind, cheerful, thrifty, brave and clean, while fundraising for their goals to attend camp, High Adventure and basically fund their Scouting goals! This campaign isn't just about fundraising, its also built into the program.

Discount Card Sales will start after the cards arrive in the third week of August.

Changes will be added or changed online through August 31st.

## COUNCIL ROCK 2025

[click on image to view/download flyer](#)

## WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

The World Scout Jamboree is held every four years around the world.

The next Jamboree will be held in Gdansk, Poland in the summer of 2027 and will have approximately 45,000 Scouts and leaders from over 140 countries in attendance.

Participants must be between age 14-17 at the start of the Jamboree on July 30, 2027. Anyone older than that can apply to be a unit leader or on staff. Anyone younger than that will have to wait for the 2031 Jamboree in Denmark. Here are two key websites:

The World Scout Jamboree website: <https://www.jamboree2027.org>

The US Contingent website: <https://wsj2027.us>

Units, please coordinate with CJ  
at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org)

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### Coming Soon!



Alaska is known for their salmon. We have 5 variations here: Chinook (King), Sockeye (Red), Coho (Silver), Pink (Humpy), and Chum (Dog). Salmon life cycles are well known, as they are born in fresh water, travel to the ocean, and then come back to fresh water to lay eggs for the next generation.

Thank you Charlotte of Troop 38G for making the design and artwork.

Price will be \$5.00 each and there will only be 200 total available. **Yes, we can ship them.** Please visit or call the Council Office at 907-452-1976 after they have arrived, and we can take your order.

### Conclave to Camporee

Fall Camporee will be held at Lost Lake September 12-14.

The early bird cost is \$20 for Scouts and \$5 for Scouters if paid by Sept 4.

Starting Sept 5, the cost will be \$25 for Scouts and \$10 for Scouters.

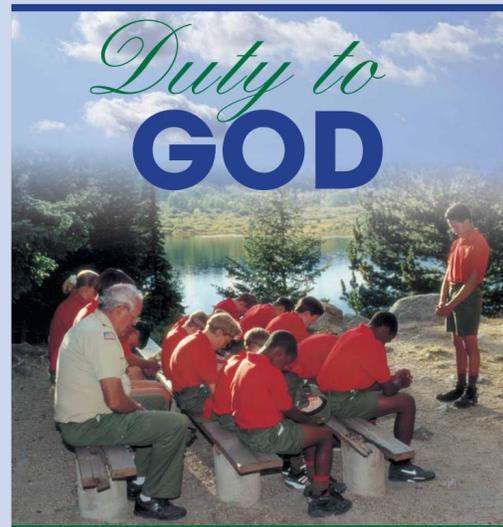
The Order of the Arrow will be organizing the camporee. Some of the activities include gold panning, metal detection, Native dance, knots and orienteering.

### Lost Lake Grace!

This year, we introduced a new Lost Lake Grace during summer camp, thanks to Lodge Chief Daniel B.

#### The Lost Lake Grace:

*For the hills, the sky, the northern light,  
For the lake that shines by day and night,  
For fellowship and food we share,  
We thank you, Lord, with heartfelt prayer.  
Bless the hands that made this fare,  
And guide us in Thy loving care.  
Amen.*



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[Click here to view/download our Sea Scout Information flyer](#)



must be 14 years old (or 13 years and completed the eighth grade)

### Sea Scout Informational Meeting

Sea Scouts, BSA is a co-ed youth boating program where teens can go sailing, kayaking, paddleboarding, learn marine engineering, make new friends, and have fun. Check us out at our Informational meeting.

Date: [Monday, August 11, 2025](#)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 1400 Gillam Way (downstairs)

Contact Information: James Hill

[ship907ak@gmail.com](mailto:ship907ak@gmail.com)



## **Board Fund the Adventure F O S Race Update**



After taking in the spring and what seems like the first half of the summer the racers are still slogging their way through the now mostly covered tundra, and through the mosquito covered marshy spots that have long since thawed. That might be the issue, everyone is taking in their fair share of Vitamin D and the sunshine. Probably catching some lake trout and grayling.

Let's remind our racers of their task and get them moving again in the direction towards Nome. The serum is already overdue in Nome since June 1st and yet the village is still holding on, hoping and depending on ALL our teams to arrive sometime really soon.

Help us get our teams to focus on getting up the trail by sending a (or more) little pick me up to the team of your choice. Just follow this link or scan the QR and you can show support and get a limited patch.

### ***Help our Board get to Nome!***

**Total Goal: \$60,000 raised. Total value of serum delivered: Priceless!**

Pick a team to support by following <https://form.jotform.com/250635980581059> or by scanning the QR code below



Donations of \$100 or more will be sent the above patch of an Alaskan Malamute, but any amount is welcome.

Make sure you enter your contact information on the form, so we can get you your patch!

Rest Area or current location for each team:

**Fairbanks Start**

**Nenana \$2,500**

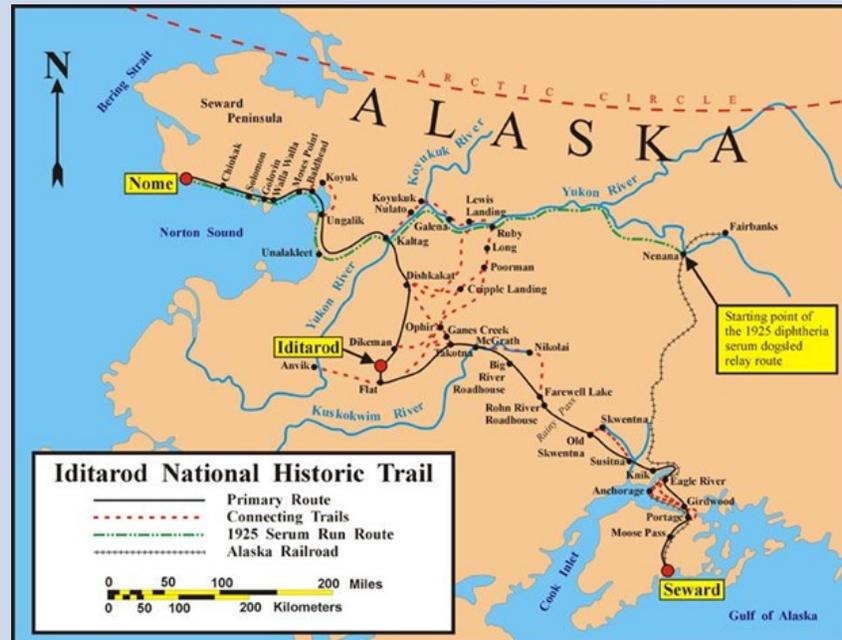
**Manley Hot Springs \$3,750**

Tanana \$5,000  
 Outside of Ruby (\$6,101  Balto)  
 Kaltag \$7,500  
 Somewhere between Old Woman Cabin and Unalakleet (\$8,045  Granite)  
 Unalakleet \$10,000  
 Just past Ungalik (\$11,050  Fox )  
 Seward Peninsula (\$12,540  Togo)  
 NOME \$15,000

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62.89% of the goal has been attained.

Project Sales Goal: **\$33,000. 78.39%** has been attained.



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**FROM THE REGISTRAR**

As August and September roll around, please remind your scouting families that a lot of registrations are coming due.

**Anyone that has dropped from lapse (S/R) and is reregistering should do it manually through the council!**

**That is the only way to maintain one member ID number and history. If they register through OLR or through BeAScout, the system is going to treat them like a new member and assign them a new member ID number and new profile.**

**By reregistering them at the council**

**SCOUT SHOP NEWS**

**The Scout Shop will be closed on Fridays from June 6 to September 1, 2025.**

The Scout Shop has been restocked with Lost Lake caps. If you were looking for one at summer camp when we ran out of stock, they are now available.

through Add Reg, we are able to pull in their existing member ID number and connect it with the new registration maintaining one member ID number and one complete history.



### □ New requirements for S/R units/members:

o Youth do not need new applications for the first 3 months after dropping (S/R period). After 3 months a new application is required.

□ le: A youth expires March 31. Lapse period is April and May. Drops June 1 st . Can use existing app if renews June, July or August. Starting September 1 would need a new application.

o Adults need new applications as soon as they drop. There is no “grace period” for adults.

□ le: An adult expires March 31. Lapse period is April and May. Drops June 1. Will need a new application on or after June 1.

o The existing unit app is good for an S/R unit for the first 6 months. After that, a new “New Unit App” will be required.

□ le: A unit expires March 31. Lapse period is April and May. Drops June 1. June through November existing app is acceptable. Renewal December 1 or later will need a new application.

We have a few Cub Scout blankets in stock.



Adventure Awaits and Bear Wood Keychain



## Lost Lake Summer Camp

Congratulations to the staff for achieving the status of a Nationally Accredited Camp!

105 scouts participated in this year's summer camp programs, including scouts from the lower 48. A special thank you to Joanne Gilman, who served her first year as Camp Director, and to Spencer Snoap who returned as the Program Director. The staff under their leadership put on an excellent program, including shooting sports, waterfront activities, nature studies, COPE, crafts, and more. The waterfront was able to use a new motorboat for its offerings. We had a new cargo net element added to the COPE course. Also new this year, was a branding station to get the Lost Lake logo added to your hats, belts, or boots. Thanks to Mike Abels' generous donation, the kitchen had a new heated holding rack for food. To welcome everyone as they arrived, the road entering the camp was improved - no more ruts! One of the highlights this year, was a solemn flag retirement ceremony.





## Calling all Arrowman of Toontuk Lodge!!

Our General Lodge Meetings are on the second Thursday of every month and are usually located downstairs at the Scout Office from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Toontuk Lodge has several events in the coming months. Please note the dates and look for the Lodge's emails for sign-up times and additional details.

- Fall Ordeal - August 15th-17th**
- Section G-15 Conclave - September 12th-14th**
- Fall Fellowship - September 26th-28th**
- Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) November 14th-16th.**



James Hill, one of the Midnight Sun Council's Eagle Scouts and Lost Lake lifeguard was honored at his work on 24 July.

James was awarded the Customer Service Individual of the quarter for 1 April to 30 June. According to the certificate he was awarded he "proactively managed swim lesson registration that generated over \$10,000 in revenue for the Aquatics Center (on Ft. Wainwright), fostered a positive environment for



both patrons and staff, notably by providing a well-stocked break room with healthy options. Your professionalism and knowledge reflect great credit upon yourself, the Fort Wainwright Aquatics Center, the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the United States Army Garrison, Alaska and the United States Army.”

The Midnight Sun Council would like to congratulate James on his achievement.



**Reminder:** *The Midnight Sun Council requires all registered adults to complete their safeguarding youth training on an annual basis.*

## Scouting America Launches Enhanced Safeguarding Youth Training

Scouting America has unveiled a new comprehensive Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) program, reinforcing its unwavering commitment to creating the safest possible environment for young people. This updated training represents a significant step forward in Scouting America's multi-layered approach to youth protection.

The new training is mandatory for all registered adult volunteers and has been developed with insights from leading experts in child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology. It incorporates the latest strategies for recognizing, responding to, and preventing various forms of abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

### **Key Features of the Updated Training:**

**Comprehensive Focus:** Our new Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training) program reflects the more comprehensive nature of the training and its focus on safeguarding youth from all threats.

**Inclusive Content:** The training covers a wide range of topics, ensuring volunteers are well-informed about potential risks and best practices for youth protection.

**Annual Refresher Courses:** Recognizing the ongoing need for education and awareness, Scouting America will now require annual refresher courses, estimated to take 15-20 minutes, to keep youth protection knowledge current.

*Alignment with Best Practices:* Scouting America regularly consults with experts to ensure its policies and training reflect the most up-to-date knowledge and prevention techniques in the field of youth safety.

*Focus on Prevention:* The training emphasizes proactive measures to prevent abuse and create a culture of safety within Scouting.

**For the Midnight Sun Council, your existing Youth Protection Training remains valid one year from date taken, at which point the new Safeguarding Youth Training will be required.**

Scouting America's proactive approach to youth safety underscores its dedication to providing a secure and enriching environment where young people can learn, grow, and thrive. The launch of this enhanced Safeguarding Youth Training demonstrates a continuous effort to adapt and improve safety measures, ensuring the well-being of all Scouts remains the top priority.

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## Join Our Northern Lights High Adventure Staff for 2026!

Are you over 18, passionate about the outdoors, and eager for a summer filled with adventure? The Midnight Sun Council is excited to announce staffing opportunities for our Northern Lights High Adventure program! We're looking for dedicated individuals with experience in trekking, canoeing, and wilderness guiding. If you hold special certifications in these areas, we want to hear from you!

This is a rewarding opportunity to immerse yourself in the breathtaking Alaskan wilderness while guiding scouts through incredible outdoor experiences. However, we want to be upfront: this role will involve hard work, long days, and modest pay. You will be challenged both physically and mentally, but the fulfillment that comes from teaching and leading young adventurers is truly unparalleled.

Working with the Northern Lights High Adventure program means you'll be part of a supportive team, creating memories that last a lifetime—not just for the scouts, but for you as well. This is your chance to explore some of the most stunning landscapes Alaska has to offer while making a real impact on the lives of young people.

If you're ready to embrace the challenge and adventure of a lifetime, apply to be part of our Northern Lights High Adventure staff this summer!

To apply, please fill out the form below:

[High Adventure Staff application](#)

You can email your application to Stephen Smith at [stephen.smith@scouting.org](mailto:stephen.smith@scouting.org) or send it via mail to Midnight Sun Council, Attn: Stephen Smith, 1400 Gillam Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701

We look forward to your application and hope to see you this summer!

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**NORTHERN LIGHTS HIGH ADVENTURE TREKS! CLICK HERE  
AND BOOK YOURS NOW!!**

**BOOK YOUR 2026 TREK NOW!**

Our Alaska High Adventure website is currently undergoing some changes and updates. Therefore it might not open for you or just partly open up. We



apologize for any inconvenience this might cause.

For questions please contact the Council office at 907-452-1976 or find us on Facebook [@NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase](#)



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*Midnight Sun Council Eagle  
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workbook*

**THANK YOU! to our 2025 Golden Eagle Sponsors**



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