

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - FEB 2025 NEWS!



United Way
of Tanana Valley



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

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!
([click here for complete calendar](#))

February 2025

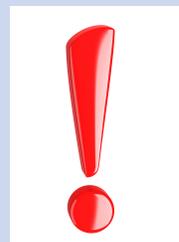
- Feb 17 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Presidents Day
- Feb 18 - Eagle Books due
- Feb 19 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Feb 19 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Feb 21 - Fundraising Committee Meeting
- Feb 25 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
- Feb 26 - Training task Force
- Feb 26 - Day Camp via Zoom
- Feb 27 - TV District & Commissioner Meeting @ 6 pm

March 2025

- Mar 6 - TV District Roundtable
- Mar 18 - Eagle Books due
- Mar 19 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Mar 19 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Mar 21-23 - wOAdstOAK OA Toontuk
- Mar 21 - Fundraising Committee Meeting
- March 22- 20th Anniversary Tired Iron next to Freds east
- Mar 25 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
- Mar 27 - District and Commissioners Meeting @ 6pm
- Mar 29 - Kids Fishing Derby at Lost Lake Scout Camp

April 2025

- Apr 3 - TV District Roundtable
- Apr 4-6 - BALOO / IOLS
- Apr 16 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Apr 16 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Apr 18 - Fundraising Committee Meeting
- Apr 22 - Eagle Books due
- Apr 24 - TV District & Commissioner Meeting
- Apr 26 - University of Scouting
- Apr 29 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)



EAGLE PROJECTS IN JUNE 2025

BE AWARE THAT IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2025 **ONLY EAGLE PROJECTS AND EAGLE PROJECT REVIEW ARE SCHEDULED.**

Eagle Projects ONLY due on June 17th, 2025

Eagle Projects Review (by appointment only) on June 24th, 2025

Tanana Valley Friends of Scouting



The Tanana Valley FOS Family Campaign kicked off on 13 Jan 2025 with our first Unit Presentation. We have completed 5 presentations, and the Tanana Valley District is currently 37% of the goal. Please email tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org to schedule your Unit and to let us know who your Unit FOS contact is

Click [here](#) or scan QR code above to

Fishing Derby 2025

donate directly online

When: 29 March 2025
Where: Lost Lake Scout Camp



click [here](#) or scan QR code on the right to register for the Derby

Fishing Derby Sponsorship



click [here](#) or scan QR code to the left to register as a Fishing Derby Sponsor

Klondike Derby



Our Klondike Derby will be held at Chena Lake Recreation Area, headquartered at the Island View Pavilion on **22 February 2025**.

This will be a one-day event!

Guide to Advancement 2025



Every Scouting activity moves young people toward the basic aims of character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness.

[Advancement](#) is one of the eight methods used by Scout leaders to help youth fulfill the aims of Scouting America.

Click [here](#) to download the 2025 Guide to Advancement PDF

The new **Multi-Sport Merit Badge** will be introduced in March 2025. More information coming soon!

2025 Cub Scout Day Camp!!

Our only cost will be the facility rental so we will only be charging **\$15 per patrol/sled**. Please sign up and pay at the office by Unit and just let us know how many sleds will be competing.

Special thanks to Crew 1000 and the OA for staffing the event so all Troops may participate. More information will be released soon.



Click [here](#) or on image to view/download flyer in pdf format.

Friends of Scouting

We have officially kicked off the Friends of Scouting (FOS) or referred to by our Council “Fund the Adventure” campaign season.



We introduce the theme of the Klondike Derby featured on the patch and coin design depicting youth participating in a Klondike Derby competition. Keeping with the theme of a dog mushing sled carrying vital supplies long distances as our Scouts have this year.

Our volunteer board has similarly themed their campaign with the famous 1925 serum run that delivered desperately needed serum to Nome. Their goal is to raise the much-needed funding (serum) of \$60,000 to the Midnight Sun Council operating fund that supports over 10,000 youth annually. This is a friendly competition to get our teams sledding down the path to Nome, where we need to deliver much needed vials of serum (funding). Leading each of their 4 sled teams are famous sled dogs (team names) Togo, Fox, Balto and Granite. Will history repeat itself when Balto gets to the finish first or will teams Togo, Fox or Granite get there first??

We only show amounts given to the board campaign here, most board members also contribute to individual Units or sponsor fundraising events. Not showing are those amounts that were given to a district and/or unit level, as they get accounted for in a different campaign.

F O S Race Update

We have already exceeded 10% of our goal and we just started. Team Fox, proving themselves as the lead dog, were quick out of the gate and checked in with the first \$5,000. They left Fairbanks and arrived in Nenana, but they didn't stop for long. After a short rest, they took off and made it to Tanana!

Team Balto is following in second place for the moment. They said that they believe that they will arrive in Nome first. We shall see. They have reached Skinny Dick's Halfway Inn.

They are being followed by Team Togo. Team Togo is pacing themselves to do the long haul, knowing that they will have the long and arduous task of traversing Norton Sound eventually. Location: near Ester.

Team Granite is still looking for enough booties for their feet before they head out. They know Alaska can be harsh and they want to be prepared for it. Location: Cold Spot

Feeds.

Good luck everyone on our way to Nome!

Rest Area or current location for each team:

Fairbanks Start Granite

Ester Togo

Skinny Dick Halfway Inn Balto

Nenana \$2,500

Tanana \$5,000 Fox

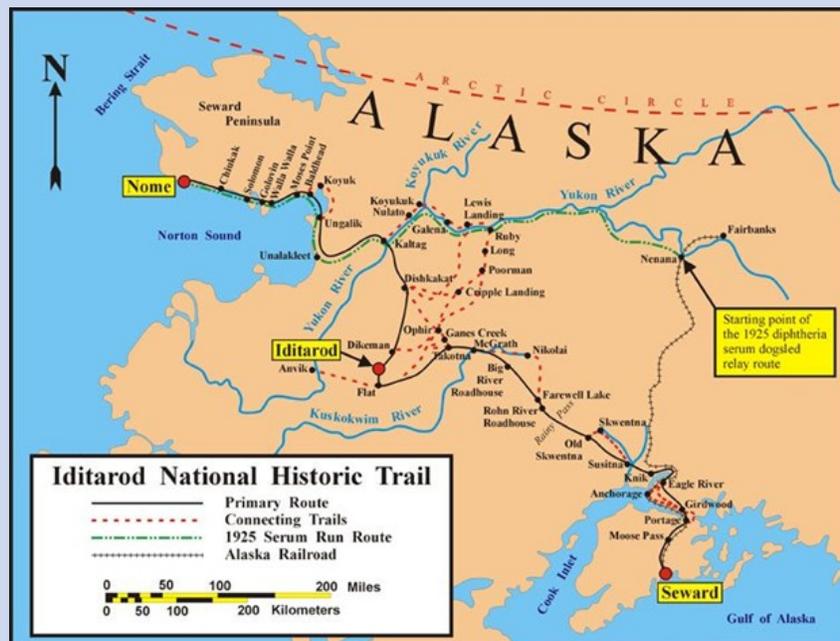
Kaltag \$7,500

Unalakleet \$10,000

Seward Peninsula \$12,500

NOME \$15,000

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



Are you interested in attending the 2026 National Jamboree?

Midnight Sun Council is attending Jamboree.

The contingent will be a Venturing Crew, so you must be at least 13 years old and have completed the 8th grade or be 14 years old but not yet 21 years old.

If you are interested in attending the National Jamboree or just want more information, click the link below and fill out the Interest Form.

<https://forms.gle/mkBHUtivAcvpShji6>

For more information, visit:

<https://jamboree.scouting.org/>

or contact the Jamboree Crew Advisor [Mark Smurda](#) at 719-213-7535.



CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

FROM THE REGISTRAR

If your Pack or Troop has not finished rechartering, please get the information in as soon as possible.

Memberships that expired on 12/31/2024 and 1/31/2025 are now in a lapsed period.

The office will be closed on February 17th in observance of President's Day.

SCOUT SHOP NEWS



If your Pack or Troop participate in Scouting for Clean Waterways, there are patches available at the Scout Shop

New Items in Stock:

Scouts BSA Merit Badges
Tumbler 22oz, Stainless Steel



Cub Scout Magic Book



Greetings all Arrowman of Toontuk Lodge!!

Next big event coming up is going to be **Woodstoak**. It'll be from **March 21st to the 23rd** and we will be doing some more service as well of fellowship out at Lost lake. This event will cost \$20 unless you have the Season Pass.

Please don't forget to renew your membership!

Membership dues or season pass were due no later than **December 3, 2024**.

Cost is \$50 for the yearly membership.

Cost for Season Pass is \$175 (which covers six events).



Youth Protection Training (YPT)



As part of the BSA's goal to become the National Leader in Youth Safety there are some changes coming to Youth Protection Training. The Unit Key-3 will no longer be able to edit the YPT dates. As of March 4th, 2024, the BSA will be requiring that the Criminal Background Check is completed before you can become an active adult leader.

Units that are rechartering, should encourage their leadership to check on and update their YPT if it has been at least a year since they last completed it. Remember that this can be done individually or the leadership can set up a training date for their unit to complete it all at the same time. Please remember that if your unit does their Youth Protection Training as a unit to turn in a Training Attendance report to the Council with the updated information. This form is available at the Council office or [click here to download](#)

As a reminder the Midnight Sun Council requires our adult leaders and merit badge counselors to complete their YPT yearly.

Please check your YPT training as some members are past the one year date required by the Midnight Sun Council.

Join Our Northern Lights High Adventure Staff!

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 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!

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



BOOK YOUR 2025 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](#)

Congratulations to all our 2025 Eagle Scouts



Myles Werle

Troop 1001

Rotary Club of Fairbanks

David Arnett

Ayden Foor

Henry Repasky

Troop 1138

Masonic Lodge - Tanana #3

Devin Emmett

Troop 1042

North Star Volunteer Fire Dept. Station 1

Donald Wessner

Troop 1047

American Legion Dorman H Baker Post 11

*Trail to Eagle
workbook*

Slater Jones

Troop 1078

Chena Kiwanis Club

**Midnight Sun Council Eagle
Scout Candidate Checklist**

American Legion Scholarships

Richard D. Johnson Memorial Post-secondary Scholarship. The American Legion is proud to offer this post-secondary scholarship to all graduating seniors in Alaska who meet the fixed criteria. This scholarship is not based on exceptional grades or athletic abilities. This scholarship is designed for people who are ready to make a commitment to their future and invest in some form of post-secondary education in order to prepare themselves for the rest of their life. All post secondary programs are acceptable including

college, university, vocational training, apprenticeship, or any other program. What you have done in the past is not as important as what you want to do in the future. Please show your dedication to your future by completing this application on time and to the best of your ability. It need not be typed but please make it legible.

Please submit your application to the local American Legion Post Commander on or before **MARCH 30, 2025**. Questions contact Department Headquarters at (907) 278-8598 or email adjutant@alaska-legion.org.

<https://alaskalegion.org/scholarships/#62dd47758a8e207c6>

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year nomination window is from **November 1st to March 1st, annually**. Nomination packets must be received by each applicant's respective American Legion Department (state) **no later than March 1st**. Then each respective American Legion Department (state) Selection Committee will determine the Eagle Scout judged to be the best in their Department (state). The Department (state) will then send that packet, along with a list of the members serving on that Selection Committee, to The American Legion National Headquarters no later than April 1st.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three (3) runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each. The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship upon enrollment to an accredited trade school, college, or university within the United States. Disbursement of the scholarship funds through an online request will be made available jointly to the student and the school. Scholarship winners must utilize the total award within four (4) years of their post high school graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission.

Additionally, the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will travel to join the Youth Champion Delegation of The American Legion that is honored each August at the annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Applicants having questions or seeking additional information about their application, or the application process should contact their respective [American Legion Department \(state\)](#)[\(Opens in a new window\)](#).

During the annual nomination window, the application form is available at the following link.

<https://www.legion.org/getmedia/e660e1bc-6726-42a9-964e-83776b727473/16ACY1021-Eagle-Scout-Nomination-Form.pdf>

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