

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - February 2026 NEWS!



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 18 February, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

February 2026

Feb 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Feb 18 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Feb 24 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
Feb 26 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Feb 26 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm

March 2026

Mar 5 - TV District Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
Mar 7 - Klondike Derby
Mar 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Mar 18 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Mar 20-22 - wOAdstOak
Mar 24 - Eagle Books due
Mar 26 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Mar 26 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
Mar 28 - Kids Fishing Derby
Mar 31 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

April 2026

Apr 2 - TV District Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
Apr 3 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Good Friday
Apr 11 - Board Retreat
Apr 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Apr 15 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Apr 21 - Eagle Books due
Apr 23 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Apr 23 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
Apr 25 - Scouting University
Apr 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

Congratulations to Pack 92 AOLs. They crossed over to American Legion Post 11's Troop 47



*Left to right: Alex Green,
Logan Muehlbauer, and Samuel Morrell*



Kyle Green and Dave Minto

World Scout Jamboree Registration is Open!

2026 KLONDIKE DERBY



Klondike Derby
March 6-8, 2026
Lost Lake Camp

Check in after 6:00PM
Registration Cost: \$10.00 Scouts \$5 Leaders

Units can reserve cabins, 1st come, first choice at office or during registration!

The Klondike Derby is an event where Patrols compete against each other, traveling from station to station, showcasing their Scoutcraft skills and teamwork.

For More Information & to REGISTER YOUR UNIT Visit:

Contact: Will Lentz
907-590-9775



Fire Building ❄ Winter Shelter ❄ First Aid ❄ Sled Race

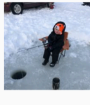
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[click here or scan QR code to register](#)

2026 Fishing Derby!!

Kids Fishing Derby! At Lost Lake Scout Camp

- When – March 28th lines wet at 8:00am (late arrivals welcome) Weigh in 3pm – 4pm awards
- Who – open to everyone! Derby entry fee is \$25 (17yo and under fee paid for by Rod's Alaskan Guide Service)
- Prizes for: Kids (17yo and under) 1st Place (Length of 5 fish) – 2nd Place (Length of 5 fish) and Biggest Fish (by Length) and 18yo and over same three categories
- Lunch option on site for a donation
- Call or email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or (907) 452-1976 to enter (18yo and over are required to have Alaska State fishing license)



Thank you to these organizations for their volunteers or Sponsorship!

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click following link to register:
<https://pci.jotform.com/form/250066748881062>

2026 Cub Scout Day Camp

The World Scout Jamboree is one of the most significant events in the global Scouting movement, bringing together thousands of young people from around the world to celebrate unity, adventure, and cultural exchange. The next one is July 30 - August 8, 2027, in Poland, and registration is now open for the USA Contingent! Want to learn more before you register? Check out the website: <https://wsj2027.us/>



Ready to sign up? Register now: [World Scout Jamboree Registration!](#)

Youth participants must be 14 - 17 during the time of the event. IST, or the International Service Team, is looking for anyone over 18 who wants to attend and help as staff or leadership for the programs at the World Scout Jamboree. If you're interested in being a unit leader or member of the Contingent Management Team, fill out [this interest form](#), but if you know you still want to go as an IST if you aren't chosen, then fill out your registration form now!

The cost will be \$6,000+ for unit leaders and participants (including travel) and approximately \$3,000 for IST and CMT (excluding travel), but the first deposit is due January 2026, so sign up now and start saving!

[World Scout Jamboree Registration](#)

Midnight Sun Council Alumni Committee

The Midnight Sun Council (MSC) has established an executive board level Alumni Committee that directs Alumni actions within the council.

Affiliate groups fall under the umbrella of the Alumni Committee.

Current MSC affiliates include:
National Eagle Scout Association
Chapter, Order of the Arrow Alliance,
Lost Lake Camp Alumni and MSC
Alumni Group.



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2025 Midnight Sun Council SALES CAMPAIGN (Discount Cards)

❑ **The Discount Card Sales Campaign still has cards that need to be sold!**
There are over 200 cards still not checked out at the Council Office as well as over 200 cards unsold yet held by various Units. These cards are good through September 2026! Come in, sign out the cards and help fund your Scouting Adventure!



Since we are a small council, the alumni committee is currently coordinating and organizing all affiliate activities.

The MSC National Eagle Scout Association Chapter presented the first Eagle Scout Project of the Year at the December Distinguished Citizen banquet. Nes Van Dyke from Troop 20 was the 2025 winner. An original oil painting depicting an Eagle and \$250 dollar scholarship was presented.

Midnight Sun Scouting Alumni has established a Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61584124181824>

If you would like to stay in touch with the council newsletter and group activities postings, there is a SIGN-UP button on the page.

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If you have questions, the committee has established an email contact:
midnight.sun.scouting.alumni@gmail.com

80 merit badges updated for 2026

Read on to see how some merit badges have been updated:

[80 merit badges updated for 2026 - Aaron On Scouting](#)



Midnight Sun Council Annual Dinner Recognition Banquet

On February 7, we had a lot of things to celebrate at our annual recognition dinner.

We had 9 Scouts achieve Eagle in 2025. We celebrated our Tanana Valley District's Award of Merit recipient, Robin Fenwick. Ryan Capporelli received the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award. We had 3 Silver Beavers, Jodi Tanski, Kal Kennedy and Jamie Banaszewski.

Amanda Foley and Julie Phelan will be presented with District Award of Merit at a later date.



2026 Fund the Adventure Campaign Kick off!

This year our theme will celebrate great achievements along with the 250th year for the United States! This year's we will celebrate historic milestones through our nation's history. Everyone's campaign will begin during the Revolutionary War time frame. As your "Time Traveling team or Unit" secures donations then your team will unlock year specific details and milestones for your measure. Milestone information that may or may not be depicted on this year's special "FUND THE ADVENTURE" patch bordered in Red White and Blue!



Units are already scheduling FOS presentations beginning in February. If you want to schedule a meeting let us know at round table or contact CJ or Tasmine to schedule a presentation.

Board Fund the Adventure FOS Campaign

Our goal this year is to raise \$66,500. Last year, we raised 91% (\$54,712) of our \$60,000 goal. With the planned increase in our Board size and the great momentum we have going into this year, we shall start off our campaign with a "shot heard around the world"! You can make your 2026 FOS pledge at any time, including today 😊. Come join us as we travel through time in celebration of our country's birthday.

Each of our four teams are being asked to raise \$16,625 this year.

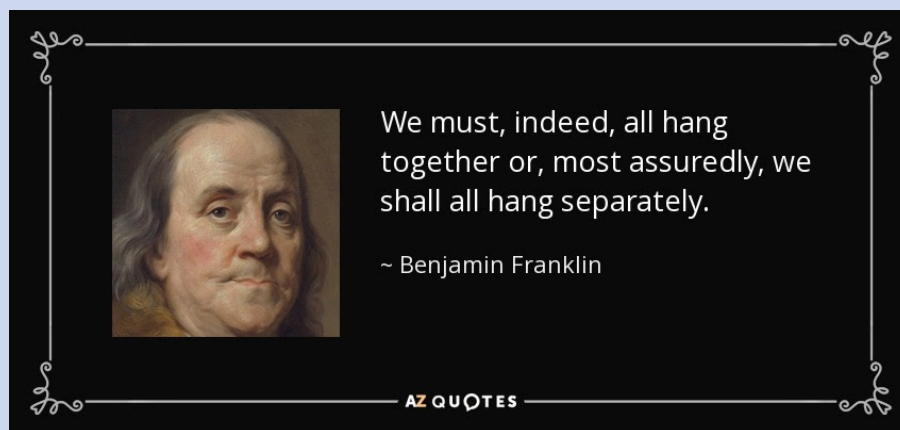
From <https://www.history.com/articles/what-was-the-shot-heard-round-the-world>:

On the night of April 18, 1775, hundreds of British troops set off from Boston toward Concord, Massachusetts, in order to seize weapons and ammunition stockpiled there by American colonists. Early the next morning, the British reached Lexington, where approximately 70 minutemen had gathered on the village green. Someone suddenly fired a shot—it's uncertain which side—and a melee ensued.

When the brief clash ended, eight Americans lay dead and at least an equal amount were injured, while one redcoat was wounded. The British continued on to nearby Concord, where that same day they encountered armed resistance from a group of patriots at the town's North Bridge. Gunfire was exchanged, leaving two colonists and three redcoats dead. Afterward, the British retreated back to Boston, skirmishing with colonial militiamen along the way and suffering a number of casualties; the Revolutionary War had begun.

With the Shot Heard Around the World, I know of at least one team that has bolted out of the gate and is sitting next to Benjamin Franklin in the Pennsylvania State House, now called Independence Hall, as the Declaration of Independence is being signed.

Ben leaned over to the team observing this great event, and stated the following:



Enjoy your trip through time and space - it can be a wibbly wobbly timey wimey sort of thing. This link will help explain the trip we all will be taking. It's about 15 seconds:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2nNzNo_Xps

CAUTION: You are time traveling this time. Do NOT go back in time, stay on the forward-facing time stream as if time is linear and gather money as you travel. If you go back, you may lose the money that you have collected. Do NOT meet yourself in the future, as that may cause a time paradox and we want you to be able to come back to our time line or worse, you may get stuck in the future and be of no use to us here in the now. There are fixed points in time as outlined below. Do NOT try to alter them.

As we kicked off, the Hot Tub Time Machine moved slightly, as they were enjoying their time in the tub. I hope this doesn't become a problem, for they will get wrinkly and water-logged. The Hot Tub Time Machine landed outside of Concord.

The Quantum Accelerator stopped in 1782, June 20th to be exact, in order to witness Congress adopting the Bald Eagle as our national bird! Bald eagles are unique to North America, making them our eagle; they are strong and independent; they are survivors. They are majestic, bold, and faithful. They are a symbol of strength and determination. And in Scouting, I think we are all aware of what being an Eagle Scout means.

Upon hitting 88 mph, the Delorean's Mr. Fusion Unit popped the team off the road, leaving fire tracks along the roadway. They jumped past the signing of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. They landed in 1792, and witnessed President George Washington signing a law that established the United States Post Office Department on February 20th. This is not to be confused with the Post Office founded by Benjamin Franklin decades earlier for the American Confederation in 1775.

Seeing a TARDIS appearing on an American street in 1801 would be a weird site indeed. Using its Chameleon Circuit, it was able to disguise itself as a tree along the sidewalk. Team members saw Thomas Jefferson elected as the 3rd president of the United States in a vote of the House of Representatives after tying Aaron Burr, his Vice President, in the electoral college with 73 electors due to a flaw in the original vote for two system, which would be corrected in the 12th Amendment to the Constitution.

Time Travel Checkpoints:

\$0 1775 "Shot Heard Around the World" is our kickoff
\$140 Somewhere outside of Concord -- ***Hot Tub Time Machine***
\$1,000 1776 Declaration of Independence
\$2,200 Bald Eagle Adopted -- ***Quantum Accelerator***
\$2,500 1787 Constitution Signed
\$3,000 Establishment of the United States Post Office Department --
Delorean's Mr. Fusion
\$3,750 Thomas Jefferson elected president -- ***Blue Police Box***
\$4,100 1803 Louisiana Purchase
\$5,700 1865 End of the Civil War
\$7,300 1876 Invention of the Telephone
\$8,900 1903 Invention of the Airplane
\$10,500 1910 Boy Scouts of America was formed
\$12,100 1959 Alaska becomes the 49th state
\$13,725 1969 The Moon Landing
\$15,000 2004 Facebook started
\$16,625 2026 250th Birthday of the United States

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FROM THE REGISTRAR

Unit recharter time has started. If you have not already received the paperwork for your unit, please stop by the Council office and pickup your unit's packet. As a reminder, even if

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Our newest Caribou CSP is now available for sale in the Scout Shop. The cost is \$7.50.

you do your unit's recharter online and either pay at the Council or online the charter paperwork your unit received must be turned into the Council office. Thank you.

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.

For any questions, contact Linda at the Scout Office.

Ship 907 is working on the requirements for the Apprentice rank and on the small boat handler's award.

If interested in joining the Ship, their next meeting will be ????????? at the Council office starting at ????



Please visit or call the Council Office at 907-452-1976 to purchase.

Yes, we can ship them.



The new OA Lodge Flap has arrived. The cost is \$10.

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Scouting America Introduces Safeguarding Youth Parents' Guide Video

As Scouting America continues to invest in prevention efforts, we have recently introduced [this Parents' Guide video](#), which will also be sent directly to the parents of new members.

With this new asset, we aim to share key aspects of our Safeguarding approach with new parents while encouraging them to take the full [Safeguarding Youth Training](#) and join the journey with their child.

This video doesn't replace the written Parent Guides but instead acknowledges that people absorb information in different formats. Please watch it, share it with your parents and volunteers, and encourage them to share it with their own networks.

Watch the video here: [Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training - Parents Video](#)

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.

After the new Safeguarding Youth Training is taken, National requires a yearly refresher course.

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 until May 31, 2026, 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.



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!

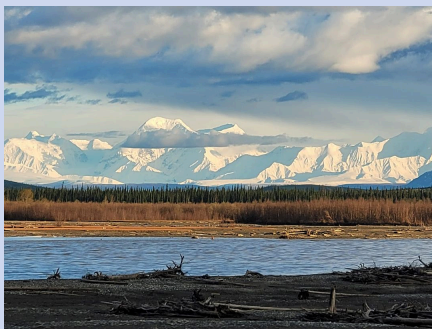
To apply, please fill out the form below:

[High Adventure Staff application](#)

You can email your application to Stephen Smith at stephen.smith@scouting.org 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! 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](#)



Trail to Eagle workbook

*Midnight Sun Council Eagle
Scout Candidate Checklist*

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