



## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - JAN 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](#)

## Midnight Sun Council News 15 January, 2025



### IMPORTANT DATES

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

#### January 2025

- Jan 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Jan 15 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Jan 18 - @ 2pm TV District Annual Meeting with Committee and Commissioner Planning Meeting immediately following
- Jan 20 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 21 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED
- Jan 22 - Eagle Books due
- Jan 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### February 2025

- Feb 6 - TV District Roundtable
- Feb 8 - Council Annual Meeting
- Feb 8 - Annual Recognition Dinner

### SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES



**It's time to start planning for  
Summer Camp!**

If your unit is planning to attend, please call the office to make a deposit.

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 25 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)  
 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 25 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)  
 Mar 29 - Kids Fishing Derby at Lost Lake Scout Camp

**Fishing Derby 2025**



**Kids Fishing Derby!  
At Lost Lake Scout Camp**

- When - March 29th (lines wet at 8:00am (late arrivals welcome) Weigh in 4pm - 5pm 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 (weight of 5 fish) - 2nd Place (weight of 5 fish) and Biggest Fish (by weight) and 18yo and over same three categories
- Lunch option on site provided by Troops 38 & T38G for a donation
- Call or email CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org) or (907) 452-1976 to enter (16yo and over are required to have Alaska State fishing license)

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**



**Kids Fishing Derby  
Midnight Sun Council**

Saturday, March 29th  
 Lost Lake Scout Camp  
 Check In Starts at 7 AM  
 Fishing starts 8am  
 Weigh in 4pm  
 Awards 5pm

**AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS**

- Check Sponsorship \$3,000:** Includes 12"x 42" corporate signage-event display, premier advertising in promotional literature, social media advertising with direct special mentions.
- Check Sponsorship \$1,500:** Includes 12"x 36" corporate signage-event display, standard advertising in promotional literature, email special mentions.
- Check Sponsorship \$500:** Includes 12"x 30" corporate signage-event display, event special mentions.
- Check Sponsorship \$150:** Includes 12"x 30" corporate signage-event display.

See back for price recommendations

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Make checks payable to Midnight Sun Council  
 1400 Gillies Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701  
 (907) 452-1976



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

If you are interested in being a staff member, [click here](#) to fill out an online application.

**Friends of Scouting**



The Tanana Valley FOS Family Campaign kicked off on 13 Jan 2025 with our first Unit Presentation. We currently only have 4 presentations scheduled, so please email [tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org](mailto: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 donate directly online

**SAFEGUARDING YOUTH**

**Reminder: Transporting Scouts Safely**

Ensuring the safety of Scouts during transportation to and from Scouting activities is a top priority. To help maintain safety and adhere to Scouting guidelines, please remember the following:

**Driving Time Limits:**

Maximum driving time is 10 hours within a 24-hour period, regardless of the number of drivers available. This ensures drivers do not become fatigued, which could compromise safety.

**Barriers to Abuse Supervision Requirements:**

Ensure compliance with two-deep leadership at all times. This means there must always be at least two qualified adults present during transport. No one-on-one situations: Never transport a Scout alone with a single adult. Always ensure there is another adult or Scout in the vehicle, maintaining proper supervision.

**Age Requirements for Drivers:**

Only adults aged 18 or older are allowed to drive. Youth drivers are prohibited under any circumstances. Pre-Trip Planning and Vehicle Inspections

## The Midnight Sun Council's

### *Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner*

is scheduled for

**February 8, 2025.**

Nomination forms  
for the  
Silver Beaver and  
District Award of Merit along with  
Unit Leader and  
Veteran awards  
are available at the  
Scout Office.

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## 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!

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.

**Always use the SAFE Transportation Checklist** and conduct a Pre-Trip Inspection of the vehicle.

These tools help you plan transport effectively and ensure the vehicle is in safe working condition before starting the trip. You can access the **SAFE Transportation Checklist** and Pre-Trip Inspection **here**.

By following these guidelines, you help ensure the safety and well-being of all Scouts during transportation

## Updates to the Guide to Safe Scouting

In order to keep Scouts safe, National updates the Guide to Safe Scouting periodically.

Below is the link to recent made updates.

[Online Version | Guide to Safe Scouting](#)



## 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**

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## 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>



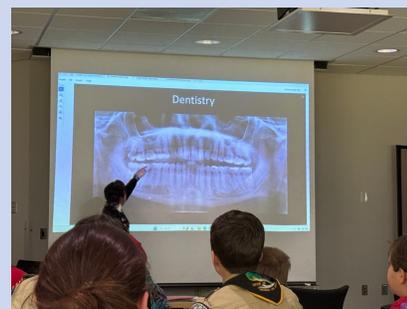
For more information, visit:

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

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

## Medical Merit Badge Day was a success!

We would like to thank Dr. Arnett and the awesome team he put together from Bassett Army Community Hospital. Twenty-seven Scouts took advantage of the opportunity, and they were able to complete almost all the requirements for 4 merit badges including Dentistry, Health Care Professions, Public Health and Disability Awareness.



CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

FROM THE  
REGISTRAR

SCOUT SHOP  
NEWS

Recharter is winding down! Please make sure that your current leadership has updated YPT. Midnight Sun Council requires YPT to be updated annually. If you have any questions, please contact

We have new Wolverine Council Strip Patches in store!



Linda at the Council office.

Membership renewal for the end of December is now in a lapsed phase.

If you have members that expired at the end of December, please have them renew their membership as soon as possible, so they are not dropped from their Pack or Troop.

There are only 15 Ermine Council Strips left!!



If your pack or troop plans to participate in Scout Sunday 2025 or MLK Day, please let us know how many patches you will need.



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](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!

**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 2024 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

**Slater Jones**  
*Troop 1078*  
Chena Kiwanis Club

*Trail to Eagle  
workbook*

**Midnight Sun Council Eagle  
Scout Candidate Checklist**



## NESA scholarship application season is almost here

The NESA scholarship application window opens in just a couple of weeks. Here's everything you need to know before then.

[Read More](#)

## THANK YOU! to our 2024 Golden Eagle Sponsors



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