



## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - July 2024 NEWS!



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 July, 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

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

**REMEMBER SCOUT SHOP AND COUNCIL OFFICE  
ARE CLOSED ON MONDAYS THROUGH AUGUST  
2024!!**

#### July 2024

- Jul 14-20 - Lost Lake Scout Resident Summer Camp
- Jul 19 - **OFFICE AND SCOUT SHOP CLOSED**
- Jul 20/21 - BALOO Training
- Jul 23 - Eagle Books due
- Jul 25 - TV District and Commissioner Meeting @ 6 pm
- Jul 27 - Cubs Bike! 12:30 - 4:00 pm
- Jul 29 - TV State Fair Recruitment opportunity
- Jul 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
- Jul 31 - TV State Fair Service Opportunity

#### August 2024

- Aug 1 - TV District Roundtable Kickoff
- Aug 3 - Sporting Clay Tournament
- Aug 15 - Popcorn Kick off @ 6 pm
- Aug 16-18 - OA Toontuk Fall Ordeal
- Aug 20 - Eagle Books due
- Aug 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Aug 21 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Aug 22 - TV District & Commissioner Meeting
- Aug 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### September 2024

- Sep 2 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Labor Day
- Sep 6 - TV District Roundtable
- Sep 13-15 - Council Rock
- Sep 14-15 - IOLS Training
- Sep 17 - Eagle Books due
- Sep 19 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



This month we would like to recognize all our Board Members!

They give of their time and energy to guide the Midnight Sun Council. Most of them don't have youth in the program but believe strongly in the mission of the scouting program. In addition to their Board duties, some are volunteers at the District level and are even volunteering as Scoutmasters or other positions at the unit level.

Board members serve on special committees to help plan our special events: The Annual Distinguished Citizens Banquet, Legends and Heroes Dinner and the Sporting Clays event. Their constant fundraising efforts help fund the programs the Scouts enjoy.

Hats off to the 2024 Board of Directors: Bob Groseclose, Matt Cooper, Kal Kennedy, Steve Adamczak, Lance Cook,

Sep 19 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm  
Sep 20-22 - OA Toontuk Fall Fellowship  
Sep 21 - Equinox Fundraiser  
Sep 24 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)  
Sep 26 - TV District & Commissioner Meeting  
Sep 27-29 - Fall Camporee

The Midnight Sun Council, BSA  
Council Office and Scout Shop

### NEW SUMMER HOURS

May 28, 2024 – June 6, 2024  
Tue – Fri: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sat - Mon: CLOSED

June 7, 2024 – Sep 2, 2024  
Tue – Fri: 09:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sat - Mon: CLOSED



## Explore, Discover, and Adventure at Lost Lake Scout Camp!



Nestled amidst the tranquil beauty of nature in the Heart of Alaska's interior, Lost Lake Scout Camp invites you to embark on an unforgettable journey filled with excitement, camaraderie, and lifelong memories.

Our camp offers a plethora of thrilling outdoor activities, including canoeing, hiking, archery, and campfire sing-alongs under the midnight sun.

Dive into the calm and refreshing waters of Chisholm, the "Lost Lake" for a refreshing swim, or test your angling skills with some fishing along the serene shoreline.

For rental information contact the Council office at (907) 452-1976

Bill Wright, Cathie Tordoff, Aaron Rhoades, Tyler Brooks, Don Frazier, Larry Bennett and our newest members, Julia Phelan, Mark Terra and Michael Garza.

Thank you for all the work you do throughout the year! The picture above was taken at the 2024 Annual Dinner, so not all Board members are pictured.

Mark February 8, 2025 for the 2025 Annual Dinner.

The next BALOO training for Cub Scout Leaders will be offered **July 20, 2024** by Ariel Cunningham.



If you don't have a leader trained and plan to camp out at Council Rock, please make attending this training a priority.

Any Pack that plans on camping must have a BALOO trained adult present at the campout.

[Click here](#) for more information.

### Cubs Bike!

If you plan to attend the Cub's Bike! event, please contact the Scout Office at 452-1976 or email [tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org](mailto:tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org). The event will be from 12:30 to 4 PM.



## 2024 FUEL OIL RAFFLE

THE FRIENDS OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL, BSA  
AND VFW POST 10029 ARE RAFFLING OFF

**1000 Gallons of Heating oil!!**



Purchase Tickets at:

(1) 1400 Gillam Way  
(Midnight Sun Council office)

(2) 4122 Boat St  
(Compeaus)

(3) 157 Old Steese Hwy  
(Graphic North, Inc.)

(4) 3157 VFW St North Pole  
(VFW post 10029)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize : 500 Gallons of Heating oil  
(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)  
(Prize donated by Compeaus)

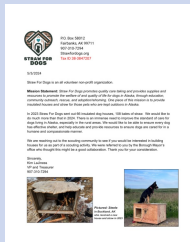
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : 300 Gallons of Heating oil  
(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)  
(Prize donated by Everts Air)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize : 200 Gallons of Heating oil  
(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)  
(Prize donated by the Friends of the Midnight Sun Council, BSA)

**\$20 per ticket! 1000 available.** Drawing held when all tickets are  
Proceeds will benefit the Midnight Sun Council, BSA. sold or October 19th 2024, which-  
Need not be present to win ever happens first.  
Permit # 704-24



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



### Opportunity for EAGLE SCOUT Project with Straw for Dogs

Straw for Dogs, an all-volunteer non-profit in Alaska which provides insulated dog houses and straw to dogs (pets) who are kept outside in Alaska is reaching out with a possible Eagle project.

[Click here for more information](#)

### Promoting Dens in Scoutbook Plus

During this time of year, Cub Scout leaders are moving or "promoting" their Cub Scouts from one den to another. For example, a Tiger Den now becomes a Wolf Den. Grade rollover does not move Cub Scouts in Scoutbook, leaders must do this manually.

The good news is that with Scoutbook Plus, promoting dens and adding youth to dens is simple and easy. It is also easy to "demote" a den, e.g. perhaps you made a mistake, and the Wolf Den needs to be

Join us for the  
**Midnight Sun Council**  
*Bike Rodeo*

**27 JULY**  
@ 12:30 PM

Dress for the weather!  
Parents **MUST** stay with scouts!  
Please bring water and a snack!

Please bring your 6 essentials  
Location: Beaver Sports 3480 Collage Rd.

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We need volunteers to help run stations! Scouts BSA and Scouters are needed for stations and the Bike Rodeo.

We have 4 stations in total: Safety Gear, Safety Rules, Safety Checks, and the Bike Rodeo.

We will also need help with set-up which we plan on starting at 11:30.

For more information and to sign up, use this Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com>

### Recruiting at the TV State Fair on July 29, 2024

We have secured space to setup a Pinewood Derby track for Kid's Day at the Tanana Valley Fair on July 29. Robin and Chelsea from Pack 6 have agreed to take the lead for this event but they need help from every Unit. This will be an awesome recruiting opportunity!

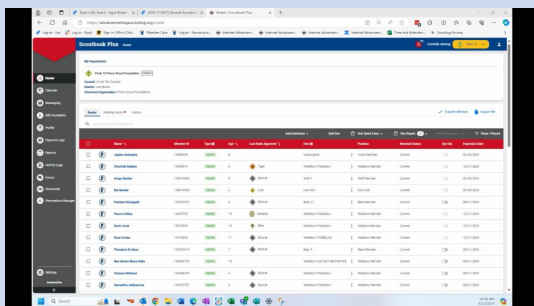
Our goal is to have at least 1-2 representatives (scouts and scouters) from ALL units in the district to participate. Here is the sign-up genius



the Tiger Den.

Here is a quick 2-minute hack video on how to promote the dens in your pack:

<https://t.email.scouting.org/r/?id=h351e7bff,149ab1e7,149f4b82>



## Unit Communications

Mark is working on simplifying communication between Units so you can collaborate on activities and service projects!

Please join one or both Google Groups below. You do not need to have a gmail account to join!

Google Group for Pack Leaders; Cub Master, Asst. Cub Master, Den Leaders, Committee Members, parents,.... <https://groups.google.com/g/msc-pack-leaders/about>

Google Group for Troop Leaders; Scoutmaster, Asst. Scoutmaster, Committee Members, Parents.... <https://groups.google.com/g/msc-troop-leaders/about>



## Announcing Scouting for Clean Waterways, a new conservation program for all Scouts

for the time slots.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/.../9040D48ABAE22ABFC1...>

## *Service Project at the TV State Fair for the Senior Luncheon July 31, 2024*

Troop 38 B&G are inviting all Units to help with the senior luncheon at the TV State Fair.

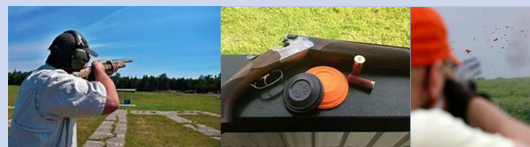
Setup will be Tuesday night (July 30) at 7pm and the day of the event they will need people from 10 am until 2:30 PM. The day of the event, volunteers will be serving free food and drinks to **hundreds** of seniors in our community.

Anyone who participates in this service project will get to get a pass into the fair for the day and you will get a free lunch if you help during the event. Scouts are also welcome to make centerpieces for the event, the flower theme is fireweed.

Cub Scouts and their families are welcome to help. Scouts BSA and their families are welcome to help, or they can help as a Unit with Troop leadership.

Please contact Joanne 907-378-7087 or Lani 907-987-0011 with questions and to sign up.

## 13th Annual Sporting Clays



Come out and test your aim at the Midnight Sun Councils 13th Annual Sporting Clays Event!

You and 4 friends team up and come out August 3rd, 2024 at the Fairbanks Trap Club. You will shoot round robin style and compete for first place against other

Scouting for Clean Waterways is a nationwide effort designed to inspire Scouts to actively participate in cleaning waterways in their communities.

[Read More](#)



### Cub Scout Leader Training Update

Cub Scout leader training has been updated on My.Scouting to match the updated Cub Scouting program.

The syllabus for in-person training is scheduled to be released August 1. Cub Scout volunteers who completed training before these updates, do not have to retake training, but Scouting U encourages Cub Scouters to retake these key modules.

Den Leader & Assistant	Cubmaster & Assistant	Pack Committee Member	Pack Committee Chair
Bobcat Advancement Cub Scout Uniforms Conducting a Den Meeting Denners and Den Chiefs	Bobcat Advancement Cub Scout Uniforms Conducting a Pack Meeting Denners and Den Chiefs	Cub Scout Uniforms Pack Structure	Cub Scout Uniforms Pack Structure Annual Program Planning

## Fall Camporee

The dates for Fall Camporee are September 27-29 and Troop 38 B & G are planning an **Amazing Race!**

teams. Various door prizes and raffles will be conducted throughout the event.

Make sure to get your tickets before they are sold out! Event/Ammunition/Food sponsorships are available.

The event committee is looking for more help! If interested, please contact CJ or Stephen (info below)

Shooting Team fee of \$500 includes lunch, pigeons, and shells. Team Captains can also sign up by contacting CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org) or Stephen at [Stephen.Smith@scouting.org](mailto:Stephen.Smith@scouting.org), or by calling (907) 452-1976.

## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

We have an exciting opportunity on the horizon for our Scouts BSA Troop members: participation in the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program, hosted by the Great Alaska Council in Anchorage at Camp Gorsuch, held August 4-9.

This program is open to Scouts who have reached the rank of First Class, are at least 13 years old, and have completed the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) training. NYLT is renowned for shaping confident leaders equipped with skills essential for success in Scouting and beyond. Attending NYLT can be transformative for both the Scouts who attend and the units they are members of.

While Midnight Sun Council hasn't hosted NYLT in several years, our neighboring council's offering provides a chance for our Scouts to grow personally and prepare to lead in our own council. Let's take advantage of this chance to revive leadership development within our council and set the stage for even more opportunities in our Scouting community.

Click link below for more details and registration  
<https://scoutingevent.com/610-nylt24>







Troops: we are looking for Scouts to run or assist at stations. Please let Amanda know if your Troop is willing to run a station or you have Scouts that are willing to assist! Email her at [foley.amanda.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:foley.amanda.scouts@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATE!!

FORTY FIRST ANNUAL  
DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS  
AWARD BANQUET



Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America  
Salutes  
**Jo Kuchle & Gene Therriault**



Please join us Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
at the Westmarks Gold room  
6pm social hour - 7pm dinner  
Information & RSVP contact (907) 452-1976 or  
[Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org](mailto:Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org)  
\$125 per seat, tables and sponsorships are currently still available

## FOS Family Campaign

The Tanana Valley District reached their goal and the following Units met or exceeded their Unit goal; Troop 47B, Troop 38B, Troop 38G, Troop 78B, Pack 25 and Pack 20.

If your Unit has not met their goal, please reach out to your families and remind them to help "fund the adventure!"

Two Units in the Bush District also reached their goal, Troop 56B and Troop 65G.

If you have any questions about FOS, please email Tasmine Stebbins at [tasmine.bennett@scouting.org](mailto:tasmine.bennett@scouting.org) or CJ Stewart at [clinton.stewart@scouting.org](mailto:clinton.stewart@scouting.org).

Pick.  
Click.  
Give.

their Friends of Scouting donations through the [Pick Click Give](#) option. This is just another option of support which allows Alaskan residents to pledge and pay a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) in support of the youth, volunteers, and Scouting. Elections can be made until August 31, 2024.

Below is a link that takes you right to the Councils summary on the PFD webpage. This is a great way to pledge now and pay later. For more information, please contact CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org)

<https://www.pickclickgive.org/index.cfm/pfdorgs.info/Midnight-Sun-Council-Boy-Scouts-of-America>

CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

## FROM THE REGISTRAR

As a reminder, the new **yearly registrations** that started Aug 1, 2023 are **coming up for renewal**.

For those who registered in August/September of last year, you should be receiving or have received an email reminding you of your annual renewal being due.

As this is a new process for all of us, please be patient as we work out the details.

For adult scouters/volunteers, please remember that the Midnight Sun Council requires yearly Youth Protection Training. Please make sure that yours is up to date.

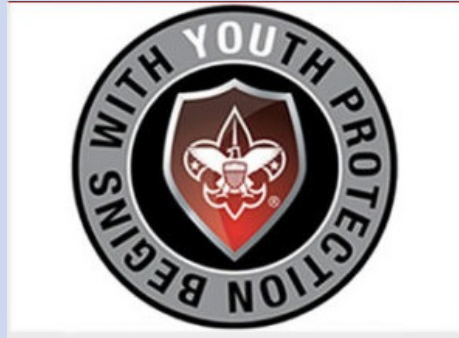
## SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Check out our Scout Shop articles!!





## 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, and can be picked up or emailed to you.**

**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.**

Outdoor Programs and Properties

Scouting America

### Boating Safety Alert

May 29, 2024

As National Water Safety Month in May draws to a close, it's crucial for everyone in Scouting to continue to focus on facilitating safe aquatics programs this summer. A few recent incidents serve as reminders of the ever-present need for vigilance.

Please review the following Boating Safety Alert information and share with all Scouting units, camp staff and volunteers immediately:

- 1) Ensure the principles of Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat are always followed. Both training courses must be renewed every two years.
- 2) Leverage the annual swim check process to ensure everyone is prepared to participate based on their swim classification (non-swimmer, beginner, swimmer). Review Aquatics Supervision Chapter 5 for details.
- 3) Per Safety Afloat Principle #4, "Properly fitted life jackets with U.S. Coast Guard approval for the activity must be worn by all persons while boating."
- 4) Utilize the Buddy System (see Safety Afloat Principle #5 and Safe Swim Defense Principle #7). All participants in an activity afloat are paired as buddies who are always aware of each other's situation and prepared to sound an alarm and lend assistance immediately when needed.
- 5) Review Aquatics Supervision Chapter 7 prior to facilitating swimming activities from boats.  
**Reminder - swimming from a boat under way is not authorized.**
  - If Scouts are towed behind or allowed to swim from the boat, then the engine must be turned off prior to anyone entering or leaving the water.
  - For tow sports, there must be a designated observer or lookout in addition to a qualified boat operator (see chapter 26 "Tow Sports" of Aquatics Supervision). That person and the boat operator will both visually inspect the water entirely around the boat and confirm by a headcount during a buddy check that everyone in the party is either securely on board or well clear of the propulsion system before the engine is re-started.
- 6) **Reminder - Motorboats may be operated by youth, subject to state requirements, only when accompanied in the boat by an experienced leader or camp staff member who meets state requirements for motorboat operation.**

From Scouting's Commitment to Safety, "In Scouting, we will not compromise the safety of our youth, volunteers, and employees. Safety is a value that must be taught and reinforced at every opportunity. We are all responsible and must hold each other accountable to provide a safe environment for all participants."

Questions regarding aquatics programs? Email [outdoorprograms@scouting.org](mailto:outdoorprograms@scouting.org).

10/24/24

**As we begin summer, please be mindful of boat safety!**

[click here or on image to view/download Boat Safety alert document](#)



## VFW YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS



**Good day everyone! Just a quick spotlight on a great opportunity for youth to express their own thoughts while earning college, tech school or any other higher learning scholarships!**

(Deadlines are October!)

### **Voice of Democracy** (High Schoolers 9th through 12th Grade)

2024-2025 theme "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

(Audio / Voice Recorded)

The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships ranges from \$1,000-\$21,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins at least a scholarship of \$1,000.

### **Patriot Pen** (6th through 8th Grade)

2024-2025 theme "My Voice in America's Democracy?"

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

For more info click <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships!>

Another program that recognizes outstanding youth, Scout of the Year Program: Applications due in March 2025. Eagle Scouts – Gold Stars – Quartermasters and the Summit Award winners in 2024 or prior are eligible until the age of 18.

Link for more info <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Scout-of-the-Year/ScoutoftheYearBrochureandEntryForm.pdf?v=1&amp;d=20210708T183715Z&amp;la=en>

Contact CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org)

**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



The **National Eagle Scout Association** has partnered with **Publishing Concepts (PCI)** to publish the latest **Eagle Scout Directory**.

Starting soon, **PCI will be contacting you directly by mail, phone and email** asking you to participate by updating your information.

We understand security and privacy are concerns, **but please know that PCI is a trusted NESA partner.**

Don't miss out on this opportunity to stay connected with the friends you made, the memories you shared, and the adventures that helped shape the person you are today!

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**Look for your postcard or email starting March 2024!**

## NESA Update 2024

Eagle Scouts from across the nation received post cards relating to the 2025 Eagle Scout directory. The last one done of this nature was in 2020. [Please see attached flyer.](#) NESA and Publishing Concepts (PCI) have been working together in the past to create this directory as an opportunity for Eagle Scouts to share their life stories and photos with a much larger audience.

There is no purchase obligation to participate. There will be an opportunity to purchase the directory

and other items offered by PCI, this is optional.

Once the production of the yearbook is completed, purchased directories will be shipped directly to the purchasers.

Questions can be directed to [nesa@scouting.org](mailto:nesa@scouting.org).

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**Congratulations to all our 2024 Eagle Scouts**

**Henry Repasky**  
*Troop 1138*  
Midnight Sun Council, BSA

**Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout Candidate Checklist**





*Trail to Eagle  
workbook*

Visit the [Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards page](#) for more information. Updated timeline and FAQ attached.



THANK YOU! to our 2024 Golden Eagle  
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