

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - July 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!
[\(click here for complete calendar\)](#)

July 2025

- Jul 13-19 - Lost Lake Scout Resident Camp
- Jul 22 - Eagle Books due
- Jul 24 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
- Jul 24 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Jul 29 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

August 2025

- Aug 2 - MSC Sporting Clays Tournament
- Aug 7 - TVD Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
- 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)

**Merit Badge Program
Revolutionized with Ongoing
Digital Transformation**



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

Pledges can be added or changed online through August 31st.



**POSTPONED!!
NYLT 2025 –
All-Alaska Youth
Leadership
Course!**

New Date TBD!

Questions?
Email midnightsun.nylt@gmail.com or call the Midnight Sun Council office at (907) 452-1976

**Tanana Valley
Friends of
Scouting**



The Tanana Valley FOS Family Campaign is over 100% with 9 Units; Pack 25, Pack 42, Troop 1B, Troop 1G, Troop 38B, Troop 38G, Troop 42, Troop 47 and Troop 78 reaching their Goal!

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

As discussed during the National Annual Meeting, Scouts BSA volunteer leadership, working closely with Scouting America professional staff, has launched a major digital transformation of the iconic merit badge program for Scouts BSA youth, making all merit badge pamphlets available as free PDFs online, and planning for the release of exciting new badges later this year. Additionally, as part of the upcoming launch of the Scoutly chatbot, Scouts will be able to have an additional resource to help them learn about badge requirements for select merit badges.

Earlier this year, the Scouts BSA Merit Badge "Test Lab" launched to gather feedback on potential new merit badges, including Auctioneering, Life Skills, and Wildland Fire Management. Remind Scouts to keep an eye on the Test Lab for updates with future potential merit badges.

This multi-year digital plan aims to modernize the merit badge experience with interactive content, resource videos, and digital guides—recognizing that today's Scouts expect digital experiences to be easy, effective, and engaging – like the tech platforms they've grown up with. More information can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-scouts-bsa/>.

World Scout Jamboree - Gather Interest for Leaders and Participants - Are you ready for Poland?



Plans are underway for the 2027 World Scout Jamboree in Gdansk, Poland.

The US Contingent size will need to be determined by the end of October 2025.

Please visit the World Jamboree website where Scouts and their parents can sign up for the email list so they can be kept up to date on the registration process, including the cost. Interested camp staff and leaders can also show interest in becoming a World Jamboree Staff member or Unit Leader on the website.

Contact Bill McKinney, Head of Contingent:

usapoland2027@gmail.com

Contingent Website is [here](#).

Mailing List sign up is [here](#).

Contingent Management Expression of Interest is [here](#).

Event Website is [here](#).

This event is not supported by a local contingent.

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.

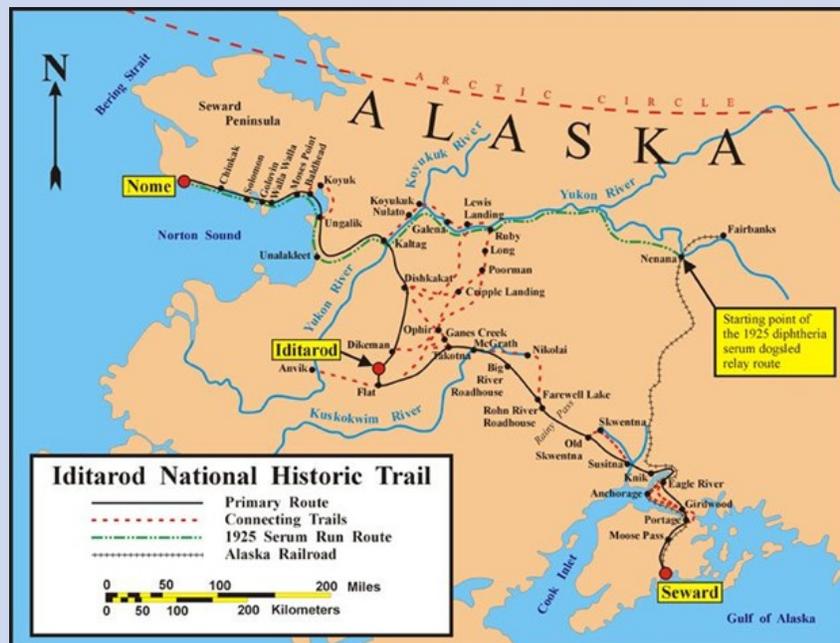
Make sure you enter your contact information on the form, so we can get you your patch!

Rest Area or current location for each team:

- Fairbanks Start**
- Monderosa**
- Nenana \$2,500**
- Tanana \$5,000**

52.04% of the goal has been attained.

Project Sales Goal: \$33,000. **79.88%** has been attained.



FROM THE REGISTRAR

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 through Add Reg, you 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.

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

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



Update to Training Requirements: Journey to Excellence Course Removed

As part of Scouting America's retirement of the Journey to Excellence program, Scouting U has removed the related training course from the required learning plans for the following positions:

1. Pack Committee Chair
2. Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster
3. Troop Committee Chair
4. Troop Committee Members
5. Venturing Committee Chair & Committee Members
6. Post/Club Committee Chair & Committee Members

Updated position-trained requirements are now available at the following links:

1. [Position Trained Requirements](#)
2. [Training Quicklinks](#)
3. [My Scouting Training Requirements Tool](#)

Thank you for your commitment to ongoing training and delivering a quality Scouting experience!

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.**



Reminder: *The Midnight Sun Council requires all registered adults to complete their youth protection 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.



New Safeguarding Youth Facilitator Materials

We are pleased to announce that the Facilitator's Guide for In-Person Safeguarding Youth Training is now available for download in both English and Spanish. The downloadable ZIP files include the Facilitator Guide (complete with tests and answer keys) as well as the accompanying videos. Please share these links with training chairs, champions, district executives, and anyone else responsible for in-person facilitated training.

Important Note: This training is intended exclusively for use by training teams who are prepared to teach this course. It is not meant for broad distribution and should not be posted on publicly accessible websites. The new release of Safeguarding Youth supersedes all previous versions of In-Person YPT materials, which should no longer be used.

The links below will allow for immediate download of the ZIP files. Please note that access approval from Scouting U is required for anyone without a [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) account.

English Version:

[Safeguarding Youth Facilitator Guide.zip](#)

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 ARE
BACK! 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](#)



Good morning, my name is Andrew Johnson and I am the Alaska State Advocate for the Leave No Trace Center. I am a Member of the Eagle class of 1992, and my son is a member of the Eagle class of 2023. I have been involved in the Leave No Trace community for just under 10 years in Arizona, Georgia, the United Kingdom, and now here in Alaska. I also currently run the Leave No Trace Alaska Facebook page as part of my role as

the State Advocate (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069079574875>).

As the Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate for the Great Alaska Council, I have worked hard with troops, crews, packs, and scouters to recognize the value of the program, especially with the renewed emphasis in the cub scout adventure program as well as with Scouting rank requirements. I'm sure we agree that having trained adults provides for a better program and there is an opportunity coming up in August.

Our regional director for Outdoor Ethics, Daryl Krossman, informed me that there is an LNT level 2 Instructor course (formerly known as a Master Educator) at Camp Pioneer in Oregon running from 10-15 August. The cost is \$275, for which there is a scholarship available. Transportation would be up to the individual to get to Portland. Registration closes at the end of July. More information on the course can be found at <https://scoutingevent.com/492-lnt2#>

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you have on the Leave No Trace program. Thank you for your time.

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Congratulations to all our 2025 Eagle Scouts



**Will Mingus
Edgar Nichols**
Troop 1138 B
Tanana Lodge #3

Mary Burke
Troop 1138 G
Tanana Lodge #3

*Midnight Sun Council Eagle
Scout Candidate Checklist*

*Trail to Eagle
workbook*

THANK YOU! to our 2025 Golden Eagle Sponsors



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