



## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - JUNE 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 June, 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

#### June 2024

- Jun 18 - Eagle Books due
- Jun 19 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed in observance of Juneteenth
- Jun 25 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
- Jun 27 - TV District Meeting @ 6 pm

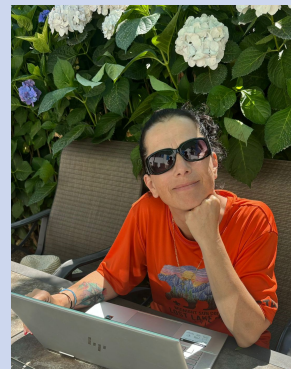
#### July 2024

- Jul 4 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed in observance of Independence Day
- Jul 7-13 - Lost Lake Scout Camp Staff Week
- Jul 13 - Cubs Bike
- Jul 14-20 - Lost Lake Scout Resident Summer Camp
- Jul 20 - BALOO
- Jul 23 - Eagle Books due
- Jul 25 - TV District Meeting @ 6 pm
- Jul 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### August 2024

- Aug 1 - TV District Roundtable @ 7 pm
- 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 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Yvonne Orsini-Boone, our previous registrar, is no longer physically with us, but is still helping our community through volunteering her time while living in a different country! She's an incredible woman who helps us maintain the Midnight Sun Council Newsletter and the website. We wouldn't be able to get these tasks completed without her continued dedication.

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



### 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.

With experienced and friendly staff guiding the way, campers of all ages can develop invaluable life skills, forge lasting friendships, and foster a deep appreciation for the great outdoors.

Join us at Lost Lake Scout Camp for an adventure-packed retreat where the spirit of exploration knows no bounds!

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

attending this training a priority.

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

## 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 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 (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 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.

## 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)

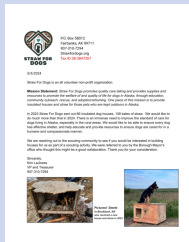
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : 300 Gallons of Heating oil  
(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)  
(Prize donated by Everts Air)

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](#)

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>



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

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

[Read More](#)

**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.

Each year many of the Midnight Sun Council supporters contribute 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





SCOUT SHOP  
NEWS

As a reminder, starting May 1, the registration fees have changed.


  
**2024 Annual Membership Fees**

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**EFFECTIVE**  
**APRIL 1 2024** FOR ALL NEW AND EXISTING MEMBERS

NATIONAL \$85/YR COUNCIL \$0 /YR	Participants in kindergarten through age 20. 
NATIONAL \$50/YR COUNCIL \$0 /YR	<b>EXPLORING</b> For all Exploring youth and adults.
NATIONAL \$65/YR COUNCIL \$0 /YR	 All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).
NATIONAL \$30/YR COUNCIL \$0 /YR	Scoutreach participants in kindergarten through age 20. 
NATIONAL \$25/YR COUNCIL \$0 /YR	This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers. 

Additional fees may be charged by local councils and units.


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**UNIT RENEWAL FEE**

**\$100/YR**  
 For all new and existing units.

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**SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE**


**\$15/YR**

We have some new items that have arrived in the Scout Shop. Stop by to check out what has arrived. We have a few of the new performance shirts on hand in a youth size currently.



With the new Cub Scout program rolling out as of June 1, we are beginning to run low or out of some of the Cub Scout Adventures. Please let me know if your pack or den are working on any of the retiring adventures as some are getting harder to order. We would like to make sure they are on hand for the Cub Scouts that have earned them.

The Scout Shop and Council Office will be **CLOSED** in observance of:

**JUNETEENTH** on June 19th, 2024 and **INDEPENDENCE DAY** on July 4th, 2024

## 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

**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 (nonswimmer, 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).



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

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



**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>

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## 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](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase)

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 NESAs 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!

## **NESAs Update 2024**

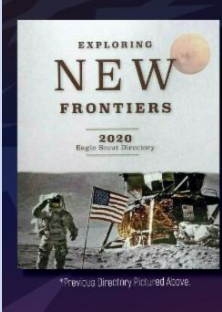
Eagle Scouts from across the nation received post cards relating to the 2025 Eagle Scout directory. The last one done of this nature was in 2020. [Please see attached flyer.](#) NESAs and Publishing Concepts (PCI) have been working together in the past to create this directory as an opportunity for Eagle 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 Sponsors**





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