

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - MAR 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 March, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

March 2025

- 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 21 - Fundraising Committee Meeting
- March 22- 20th Anniversary Tired Iron next to Freds east
- Mar 25 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
- Mar 27 - District and Commissioners Meeting @ 6pm
- Mar 29 - Kids Fishing Derby at Lost Lake Scout Camp

April 2025

- Apr 3 - TV District Roundtable
- Apr 4-6 - BALOO / IOLS
- Apr 16 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- Apr 16 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Apr 18 - Fundraising Committee Meeting
- Apr 22 - Eagle Books due
- Apr 24 - TV District & Commissioner Meeting
- Apr 26 - University of Scouting
- Apr 29 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

May 2025

- May 1 - TV District Roundtable
- May 2-4 - Spring Camporee
- May 7 - Annual Legends & Heroes Banquet
- May 10 - Clean up Day
- May 20 - Eagle Books due
- May 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
- May 21 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
- May 22 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
- May 22 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
- May 23-25 - OA Toontuk Spring Ordeal
- May 24 - Lost Lake Beaver Day
- May 26 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance to Memorial Day
- May 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)



EAGLE PROJECTS IN JUNE 2025

BE AWARE THAT IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2025 **ONLY EAGLE PROJECTS AND EAGLE PROJECT REVIEW ARE SCHEDULED.**

Eagle Projects ONLY due on June 17th, 2025

Eagle Projects Review (by appointment only) on June 24th, 2025

Tanana Valley Friends of Scouting



The Tanana Valley FOS Family Campaign is over 65% with 3 Units; Pack 25, Pack 42 and Troop 47 above their Goal!

All the rest of the Units need to contact Tasmine at tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org to set up a presentation or plan a follow up plan.

Thank you! Only 35% more to go!

Fishing Derby 2025

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



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

Klondike Derby

Alaska Kids are tough! -5 deg. F. This is a great highlight video of the 2024 MSC Klondike Derby. Whoever created this, please take your credit. It...

[Read More](#)

BLUE AND GOLD CEREMONY PACK 92

CUSTOM PATCH CAMPAIGN

The Midnight Sun Council Volunteer Board started its annual fundraising campaign to raise funds to support our Scouts' programs. This year's theme honors the famous 1925 serum run from Nenana to Nome and **YOU** can be part of it. The board is set up in four sled teams each named after a famous sled dog



You can pick a team to support by following the link below or calling (907) 452-1976. <https://form.jotform.com/250635980581059>

Donations of \$100 or more will be sent the patch of an Alaskan Malamute (see pic), but any amount is welcome. Make sure you enter your contact information on the form so we can send you your patch.

Each team's goal is \$15,000.

On February 8th, Pack 92's Webelos Den Leader & Blue and Gold Chair Mike Bradley and Committee Member & Historian Nicole Bradley put on a wonderful Blue and Gold Ceremony for our Pack.

501st Legion featured in the picture below



Multisport

Scouting America, in partnership with USA Triathlon, is pleased to announce the launch of a new Multisport Merit Badge designed to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Scouts who learn about physical endurance activities and lifestyle. View current Multisport Merit Badge requirements and resources from the official Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Hub

[Read More](#)

B.A.L.O.O. BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION

WHEN: Friday April 4, 2025 at 6PM
- to -
Saturday April 5, 2025 by 12Noon

WHERE: Lost Lake
12660 Lost Lake Road
Salcha, AK 99714

SAVE THE DATE



Click [here](#) to download flyer in pdf format

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WHEN:
Saturday April 5, 2025 (time TBD)
- to -
Sunday April 6, 2025 by 12Noon

WHERE: Lost Lake
12660 Lost Lake Road
Salcha, AK 99714

I.O.L.S.
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Click [here](#) to download flyer in pdf format

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2025 Cub Scout Day Camp!!

Registration starts now:
go to <https://scoutingevent.com/696>

Click [here](#) or on image to view/download flyer in pdf format.

SAVE THE DATE !!
2025 LEGENDS AND HEROES

5th ANNUAL LEGENDS AND HEROES AWARD BANQUET

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL, SCOUTING AMERICA

Salutes

Kris Capps and Randy Zarnke

Please Join us

Wednesday May 7th, 2025

Centennial Center (Pioneer Park)

2300 Airport Way Fairbanks

6pm is Social hour - 7pm dinner

Information and RSVP by contacting (907) 452-1976 or

Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org

\$100 per meal, tables & sponsorships are available



Friends of Scouting

We have officially kicked off the Friends of Scouting (FOS) or referred to by our Council "Fund the Adventure" campaign season.

We introduce the theme of the Klondike Derby featured on the patch and coin design depicting youth participating in a Klondike Derby competition. Keeping with the theme of a dog mushing sled carrying vital supplies long distances as our Scouts have this year.



Our volunteer board has similarly themed their campaign with the famous 1925 serum run that delivered desperately needed serum to Nome. Their goal is to raise the much-needed funding (serum) of \$60,000 to the Midnight Sun Council operating fund that supports over 10,000 youth annually. This is a friendly competition to get our teams sledding down the path to Nome, where we need to deliver much needed vials of serum (funding). Leading each of their 4 sled teams are famous sled dogs (team names) Togo, Fox, Balto and Granite. Will history repeat itself when Balto gets to the finish first or will teams Togo, Fox or Granite get there first??

We only show amounts given to the board campaign here, most board members also contribute to individual Units or sponsor fundraising events. Not showing are those amounts that were given to a district and/or unit level, as they get accounted for in a different campaign.

F O S Race Update

We have already exceeded 10% of our goal and we just started. Team Fox, proving themselves as the lead dog, were quick out of the gate and checked in with the first \$5,000. They left Fairbanks and arrived in Nenana, but they didn't stop for long. After a short rest, they took off and made it to Tanana!

Team Balto is following in second place for the moment. They said that they believe that they will arrive in Nome first. We shall see. They have reached Skinny Dick's Halfway Inn.

They are being followed by Team Togo. Team Togo is pacing themselves to do the long haul, knowing that they will have the long and arduous task of traversing Norton Sound eventually. Location: near Ester.

Team Granite is still looking for enough booties for their feet before they head out. They know Alaska can be harsh and they want to be prepared for it. Location: Cold Spot Feeds.

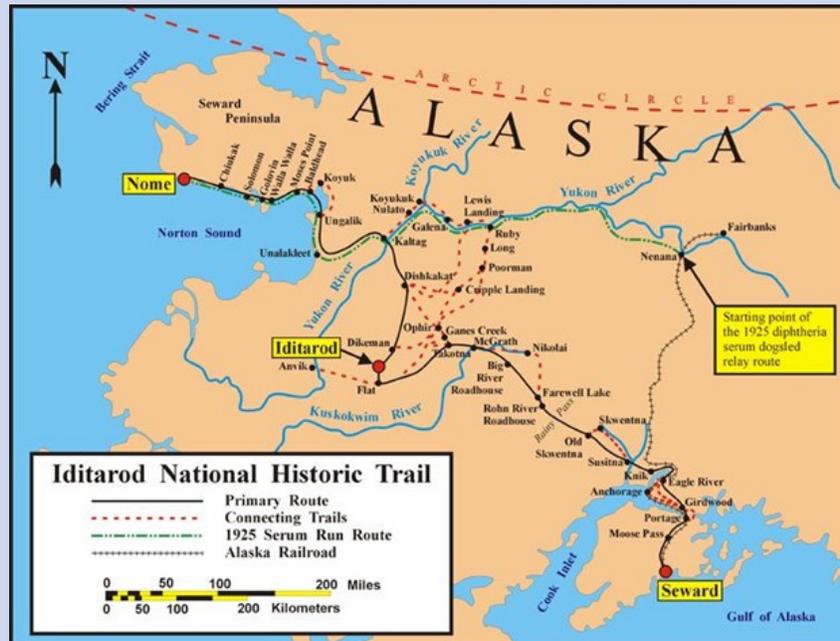
Good luck everyone on our way to Nome!

Rest Area or current location for each team:

Fairbanks Start Granite
Ester Togo
Skinny Dick Halfway Inn Balto

Nenana \$2,500
Tanana \$5,000 Fox
Kaltag \$7,500
Unalakleet \$10,000
Seward Peninsula \$12,500
NOME \$15,000

Total Goal: \$60,000 raised. Total value of serum delivered: Priceless!



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.



CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Thank you to all the Packs and Troops for getting their recharter paperwork in.

There will be a return to the 2-month lapse period in registration. Please check your registration dates. If you need to renew, please get it done as soon as possible.

If you need help with your renewal please contact Linda at the Scout office. There are still a few December renewals that have not yet been processed.

The return to a 2-month lapse period will resume on April 1, 2025.

o March 1st we will drop November 2024 unrenewed members (still a 3-month lapse)

o On April 1, 2025, we will drop December 2024 (3-month lapse) & January 2025 (2-month lapse) unrenewed members.

On May 1, 2025 we will drop February 2025 unrenewed members and moving forward every lapse period will be a 2 month lapse period

SCOUT SHOP NEWS



If your Pack or Troop participate in Scouting for Clean Waterways, there are patches available at the Scout Shop



The Midnight Sun Council has Pinewood Derby patches available.

New Items in Stock:

Scouts BSA Merit Badges
Tumbler 22oz, Stainless Steel



Cub Scout Magic Book



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.



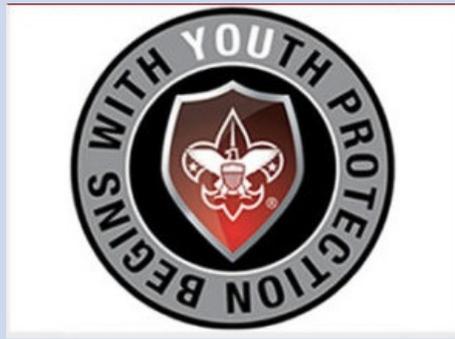
Please don't forget to renew your membership!

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 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 2025 Eagle Scouts



Edgar Nichols

Troop 1038 B
Tanana Lodge #3

Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout Candidate Checklist

Trail to Eagle workbook

American Legion Scholarships

Richard D. Johnson Memorial Post-secondary Scholarship. The American Legion is proud to offer this post-secondary scholarship to all graduating seniors in Alaska who meet the fixed criteria. This scholarship is not based on exceptional grades or athletic abilities. This scholarship is designed for people who are ready to make a commitment to their future and invest in some form of post-secondary education in order to prepare themselves for the rest of their life. All post secondary programs are acceptable including college, university, vocational training, apprenticeship, or any other program. What you have done in the past is not as important as what you want to do in the future. Please show your dedication to your future by completing this application on time and to the best of your ability. It need not be typed but please make it legible.

Please submit your application to the local American Legion Post Commander on or before **MARCH 30, 2025**. Questions contact Department Headquarters at (907) 278-8598 or email adjutant@alaska-legion.org.

<https://alaskalegion.org/scholarships/#62dd47758a8e207c6>

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