

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - March 2026 NEWS!



As a United Way agency members of the Midnight Sun Council have various resources at their disposal to help with food, shelter, and other needs. Here is the United Way's website: <https://unitedwaytv.com/>

[To see more upcoming events and activities, please visit our website](#)

Midnight Sun Council News 16 March, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

March 2026

Mar 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Mar 18 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Mar 20-22 - wOAdstOAK
Mar 24 - Eagle Books due
Mar 26 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Mar 26 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
Mar 28 - Kids Fishing Derby
Mar 31 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

April 2026

Apr 2 - TV District Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
Apr 3 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Good Friday
Apr 10-11 - Klondike Derby
Apr 11 - Board Retreat
Apr 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Apr 15 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Apr 21 - Eagle Books due
Apr 23 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Apr 23 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
Apr 25 - Scouting University
Apr 25 - Farewell to Ranger Rick - noon to 1pm @ United Methodist Church
Apr 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

May 2026

May 1-3 - Spring Camporee
May 7 - TV District Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
May 15-17 - OA Spring Ordeal
May 16 - Clean up Day

Video Contest Kick Off!



Earn this patch for every registered member in your Unit by submitting a 30/60 second video!

- ▣ Best video submission receives \$150 deposit into Units account and a Unit pizza party.
- ▣ Funniest OR most heartfelt earns \$100 deposit into Units account.
- ▣ Honorable mentions also receive a Unit pizza party

Show off those uniforms, tell us why your part of the movement, what did you learn, most enjoyable moments in Scouting. You get the picture.

Deadline: April 15th (Tax Day)

Submit to Midnightsunbsa@gmail.com

Subject line: Video Contest submission

Here is the official kickoff video link on our new Facebook Page:

May 16 - Aviation Merit Badge

May 19 - Eagle Books due

May 20 - Legend and Heroes Banquet @ 6 pm

May 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm

May 20 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm

May 25 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day

May 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

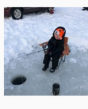
May 28 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm

May 28 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm

2026 Fishing Derby!!

Kids Fishing Derby! At Lost Lake Scout Camp

- When - March 28th lines wet at 8:00am (late arrivals welcome) Weigh in 3pm - 4pm 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 (Length of 5 fish) - 2nd Place (Length of 5 fish) and Biggest Fish (by Length) and 18yo and over same three categories
- Lunch option on site for a donation
- Call or email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or (907) 452-1976 to enter (18yo and over are required to have Alaska State fishing license)



Thank you to these organizations for their volunteers or Sponsorship!

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click following link to register:

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/250066748881062>

KLONDIKE DERBY



Klondike Derby

April 10-11, 2026
Lost Lake Camp

UPDATED

Check in after 6:00PM
Registration Cost: \$10.00 Scouts \$5 Leaders

Units can reserve cabins, 1st come, first choice at the office!

The Klondike Derby is an event where Patrols compete against each other, traveling from station to station, showcasing their Scoutcraft skills and teamwork.

For More Information & to REGISTER YOUR UNIT Visit:

Contact: Will Lentz
907-590-9775



Fire Building ❄ Winter Shelter ❄ First Aid ❄ Sled Race

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World Scout Jamboree Registration is Open!



The World Scout Jamboree is one of the most significant events in the global Scouting movement, bringing together thousands of young people from around the world to celebrate unity, adventure, and cultural exchange. The next one is July 30 - August 8, 2027, in Poland, and registration is now open for the USA Contingent! Want to learn more before you register? Check out the website: <https://wsj2027.us/>

Ready to sign up? Register now: [World Scout Jamboree Registration!](#)

Youth participants must be 14 - 17 during the time of the event. IST, or the International Service Team, is looking for anyone over 18 who wants to attend and help as staff or leadership for the programs at the World Scout Jamboree. If you're interested in being a unit leader or member of the Contingent Management Team, fill out [this interest form](#), but if you know you still want to go as an IST if you aren't chosen, then fill out your registration form now!

The cost will be \$6,000+ for unit leaders and participants (including travel) and approximately \$3,000 for IST and CMT (excluding travel), but the first deposit is due January 2026, so sign up now and start saving!

[World Scout Jamboree Registration](#)

Midnight Sun Council Alumni Committee

The Midnight Sun Council (MSC) has established an executive board level Alumni Committee that directs Alumni actions within the council.

Affiliate groups fall under the umbrella of the Alumni Committee.

2026 Cub Scout Day Camp



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[click here or scan QR code to register](#)

2025 Midnight Sun Council SALES CAMPAIGN (Discount Cards)

❑ **The Discount Card Sales Campaign still has cards that need to be sold!**
There are over 200 cards still not checked out at the Council Office as well as over 200 cards unsold yet held by various Units. These cards are good through September 2026! Come in, sign out the cards and help fund your Scouting Adventure!



Current MSC affiliates include:
National Eagle Scout Association
Chapter, Order of the Arrow Alliance,
Lost Lake Camp Alumni and MSC
Alumni Group.

Since we are a small council, the alumni committee is currently coordinating and organizing all affiliate activities.

The MSC National Eagle Scout Association Chapter presented the first Eagle Scout Project of the Year at the December Distinguished Citizen banquet. Nes Van Dyke from Troop 20 was the 2025 winner. An original oil painting depicting an Eagle and \$250 dollar scholarship was presented.

Midnight Sun Scouting Alumni has established a Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61584124181824>

If you would like to stay in touch with the council newsletter and group activities postings, there is a SIGN-UP button on the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61584124181824>

If you have questions, the committee has established an email contact:
midnight.sun.scouting.alumni@gmail.com

2026 Fund the Adventure Campaign Kick off!

This year our theme will celebrate great achievements along with the 250th year for the United States! This year's we will celebrate historic milestones through our nation's history. Everyone's campaign will begin during the Revolutionary War time frame. As your "Time Traveling team or Unit" secures donations then your team will unlock year specific details and milestones for your measure. Milestone information that may or may not be depicted on this year's special "FUND THE ADVENTURE" patch bordered in Red White and Blue!



Units are already scheduling FOS presentations beginning in February. If you want to schedule a meeting let us know at round table or contact CJ or Tasmine to schedule a presentation.

Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or
Tasmine.Bennett@Scouting.Org

Board Fund the Adventure FOS Campaign

As the fifth week of our board campaign concludes we achieve 32.5% (or \$21,615.00) of our overall goal of \$66,500. Keep up the work everyone. March is a big month for the board campaign (budgeted for an additional \$12,500.00) rightfully so as we should start to receive pledges/donations from your team's efforts. Halfway through the month we have received \$3,500 in pledges, I hope we pick up the pace for the rest of this month, we have \$9,000 to go to hit budget this month!

As we all know the Council is short on cash early in the year with added multiple bills from freezing pipes at the office as well as getting additional heating oil due to the extended time and drop in temperatures. Thank goodness Iplow donates the office parking snow plowing. Thank you so much Larry Bennett for that project sale coordination, this is truly a budget-relieving service. With these added expenses, paid if full pledges would help us pay those bills now. We do have additional fundraising efforts spinning up to cover those expenses, but direct support now would help tremendously.

Board Campaign Time Traveling Status



Team Delorean seems to be having trouble finding fuel or fixing a flat tire or something. Their time machine has a thin layer of dust on it from the last two weeks in 1792. Bob notices some hot water splashed on the floor and a faint smell of chlorine in the air as Brandon, Steve Dan and himself all return to the time machine's location (old barn in 1792) from looking for

donations. I am sure we will see a time jump soon. Team remains in the year 1792 at 20.18% of their goal or \$3,355.00.



Team Quantum Accelerator Took some time this week exploring the new terrain they find themselves in. Remaining in 1803 when the United States completed the Louisiana Purchase. Expanding our borders Northwest from New Orleans all the way up to what Montana is now.

Seeing all that land and wanting to explore Matt, Kal, Larry and Mike took some time this week and added \$20.00 to their total. They remain in 1803 only now in December instead of November. After exploring new territory in December, they return to their time machine to see a perfectly formed square of ice with a hollow center on the ground. Almost like a bunch of water overfilled a very large water trough. Puzzled by the phenomenon, the team

refocuses on their task at hand. The Team moved from 25.26% to 25.38% or \$4,220.00 this week.



Hot tub Time Machine Cathie, Bill, Craig & CJ were standing around their time machine when it was all powered up and filled but for two weeks fumbled around and couldn't decipher the controls. Frustrated, CJ kicked the side of the tub when it finally sparked, whizzed shuttered and jumped time in a flash! Seems all the prep work and rechecks on the hot tub paid off! In a whirl of time travel, the hot tub stopped quickly in 1776 at the

Declaration of Independence, then shot again to 1787 when the United States Constitution was signed, right past 1792 (past Team Delorean) when chlorine was added. The team didn't see any signs of Team TARDIS in 1803 but figured it was due to the chameleon circuit in the phone booth. With the hot tub working well the team propelled themselves to 1865, the year the Civil War ended. The Civil War effectively ended on April 9, 1865, when General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House. However, the war was not officially declared over until President Andrew Johnson's proclamation on August 20, 1866, where we leave this week's time traveling leaders. The Hot Tub Time Machine watches President Andrew Johnson's Speech announcing the end of the war. They increase from 6% to 37.53% (or \$6,240.00 of their team goal of \$16,500.00).



We thought **TEAM TARDIS** was in trouble and caught a slow worm hole. Well apparently, it was just a long jump that started out slow but picked up speed by Friday. They jumped again through time leap frogging right over the hot tub in 1865 and found themselves in Boston on March 10, 1876. Peering through a window from the street at the Bell & Watson

laboratory located at 5 Exeter Place in Boston. They see Mr. Bell speak into his "electrical speech machine" known today as the telephone. "Mr. Watson, come here! I want to see you." It was recorded in history as the very first telephone transmission. News of Bell's invention quickly spread throughout the country, even throughout Europe. The first long distance telephone call was made on August 10, 1876 by Bell from the family home in Brantford, Ontario to his assistant located in Paris, Ontario, ten miles away. By 1878, Bell had set up the first telephone exchange in New Haven, Connecticut. Long distance connections were made between Boston, Massachusetts and New York City by 1884, (the year IEEE was founded.)

In 1876, Bell got a patent for the telephone and started the Bell Telephone Company with others in July 1877. Two years later, this company joined the New England Telephone Company to form the National Bell Telephone Company. In 1880, they established the American Bell Telephone Company, and in 1885, American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T), still a large enterprise today.

Team TARDIS gathered an additional \$3,500.00 in pledges this week! Allowing them to see with their own eyes the first telephone call before jumping back into the time machine to find more pledges! Tardis retook the lead from the Hot Tub Time machine and now sits at 46.92% or \$7,800.00 out of their \$16,500 goal.

Time Travel Checkpoints:

\$0 1775 "Shot Heard Around the World" is our kickoff
\$1,000 1776 Declaration of Independence
\$2,500 1787 Constitution Signed
\$4,100 1803 Louisiana Purchase
\$5,700 1865 End of the Civil War
\$7,300 1876 Invention of the Telephone
\$8,900 1903 Invention of the Airplane
\$10,500 1910 Boy Scouts of America was formed
\$12,100 1959 Alaska becomes the 49th state
\$13,725 1969 The Moon Landing
\$15,000 2004 Facebook started
\$16,625 2026 250th Birthday of the United States

Link for online pledges and payments! <https://pci.jotform.com/form/243056393158056>

FROM THE REGISTRAR

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SCOUT SHOP NEWS



A circular bronze medal commemorating Scouting America's 25th anniversary. The medal features a stylized American flag in the center, with the stars and stripes. The text "CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 25TH" is inscribed along the top edge, and "SCOUTING AMERICA" is inscribed along the bottom edge. A small star is positioned between the top and bottom text on the left side. The medal is attached to a small metal ring.



Honor a historic milestone with the America 250 Pin. This pin marks 250 years of American history and is a simple way to show your pride at sporting events, community celebrations, or on your uniform. Wear your America 250 Pin with pride.





Scouting America Introduces Safeguarding Youth Parents' Guide Video

As Scouting America continues to invest in prevention efforts, we have recently introduced [this Parents' Guide video](#), which will also be sent directly to the parents of new members.

With this new asset, we aim to share key aspects of our Safeguarding approach with new parents while encouraging them to take the full [Safeguarding Youth Training](#) and join the journey with their child.

This video doesn't replace the written Parent Guides but instead acknowledges that people absorb information in different formats. Please watch it, share it with your parents and volunteers, and encourage them to share it with their own networks.

Watch the video here: [Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training - Parents Video](#)

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

After the new Safeguarding Youth Training is taken, National requires a yearly refresher course.

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 until May 31, 2026, 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.

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! 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](#)

CONGRATULATIONS to all our 2026 Eagle Scouts



Oscar Cooper

Troop 1138/BT
Tanana Lodge 3
Crew 1000
Midnight Sun Council

[Trail to Eagle workbook](#)

[Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout Candidate Checklist](#)

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