

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - MAY 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!

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

May 2025

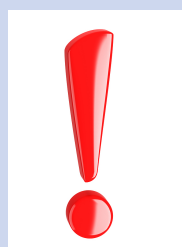
May 20 - Eagle Books due
May 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
May 21 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
May 22 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
May 22 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
May 23-25 - OA Toontuk Spring Ordeal
May 24 - Lost Lake Beaver Day
May 26 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance to Memorial Day
May 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
May 28-30 - Cub Scout Day Camp

June 2025

Jun 5 - District Picnic
Jun 17 - Eagle Projects only due
June 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
June 18 - Bush District meeting @ 6:45 pm
June 21 - Kiwanis at the Goldpanners-Tickets available soon!
Jun 24 - Eagle Projects by appointment only

July 2025

Jul 4 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance to Independence Day
Jul 6-12 - Summer Camp Staff Week
Jul 13-19 - Lost Lake Scout Resident Camp
Jul 22 - Eagle Books due
Jul 23-31 - NYLT Set/Staff Training
Jul 24 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Jul 24 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
Jul 29 - 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 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

2025 Fund the Adventure Race to Nome!

Midnight Sun Council Board Campaign

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.

**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.

**Thank you for
participating in
2025's Clean Up
Day.**



**We were
responsible for removing over**

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.

Balto - The dog who was credited for leading the final leg into Nome

Togo - The dog who ran the most dangerous leg of the run

Fox - According to Leonhard Seppala, was the real leader of the team

Granite - Not part of the serum run, but was Susan Butcher's greatest lead dog

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!

2025 LEGENDS AND HEROES



What a fantastic evening celebrating Randy Zarnke & Kris Capps!

Local Alaskans came together at the Centennial Center (Pioneer Park) we raced some Pinewood Derby Cars, feasted on some tasty food, honored two great individuals, raised some money and gone by 8:45pm!

Thank you Fairbanks and Denali borough folks for celebrating with us!

Huge thank you to our sponsors!



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.



Class# 130316

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 are into the first weeks of April, and we have exceeded \$1,000 in donations from the online link. Please post it on your Facebook page and share it via email with your contact list. It's working and is a great way to ask someone, if you are bashful about doing so.

Team Balto is still relaxing at the hot springs and their skin is getting wrinkly.

Team Granite has not made it to Ruby yet. They encountered a Hairy Man and thought to hide, but it appears that he just wanted to pet the puppies. Unfortunately, he didn't have any money to donate for the cause. Team Granite did receive a gift of raw meat (don't ask, just accept it). Don't upset the Hairy Man.

Team Fox has moved on after some ice fishing, stopped at the Old Woman Cabin for a short time, and then proceeded to pass it on their way to Unalakleet.

Team Togo is really spooked by the ice conditions as they continue to try to find their way across the Sound.

Rest Area or current location for each team:

Fairbanks Start

Nenana \$2,500

Manley Hot Springs - **Balto**

Tanana \$5,000

Outside of Ruby - **Granite**, made a new friend

Kaltag \$7,500

Somewhere between Old Woman Cabin and Unalakleet - **Fox**

Unalakleet \$10,000

Just past Ungalik - **Togo**

Seward Peninsula \$12,500

NOME \$15,000

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

52.04% of the goal has been attained.

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



CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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 you register through OLR or through BeAScout, the system is going to treat you like a new member and assign a new member ID number and new profile.

By reregistering at the council the existing member ID number can be pulled over connected with the new registration maintaining one member ID number and one complete history.

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

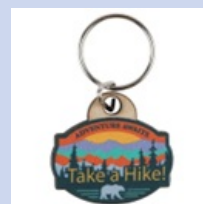
If you have an Eagle Scout graduating soon and would like to order Eagle Scout Graduation Honor Cords, please let us know as soon as possible to hopefully get them here in time.



Great Gift for Scouting Parents: **Bear keychain**. An ideal gift for anyone involved in Scouting.



NEW IN STORE



Adventure awaits keychain

Carry a piece of the Scouting adventure everywhere. Show off your Scouting spirit with our Adventure Awaits

Wood Keychain. Features the "Adventure Awaits" message, fostering Scouting spirit. Ideal Gift: A thoughtful and practical gift for Scouts, leaders, or parents involved in Scouting.



"Do a Good Turn" Spinner Coin

A new take on a century-old motto. The center "featuring Do a Good Turn Daily" lettering is designed to rotate! Outer rings

proudly display the 12 Points of the Scout Law. As a reminder to the Scout who carries it, coin's back includes this encouraging message: Transfer to your right pocket after your daily good turn is done.



Calling all Arrowman of Toontuk Lodge!!

Last Thursday was our General Lodge Meeting. We discussed upcoming Lodge events as well as a few fundraising opportunities. We did a fun challenge where three teams worked together to build the tallest standing tower out of tiny marshmallows and large skewers. Congratulations, James, Mr. Minto, and Stephen Smith for building the tallest tower without it collapsing while trying to measure it!

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 is hosting their annual Spring Ordeal at Lost Lake from Friday evening, May 23rd, to Sunday Morning, May 25th.

This is a weekend to help guide newly elected candidates into the Order of the Arrow while completing service projects around Lost Lake. The cost is \$20 for the event. Please register and pay at the Scout Office at 1400 Gillam Way.

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.

Spring Ordeal - May 23rd-25th

Fall Ordeal - August 15th-17th

Section G-15 Conclave - September 12th-14th

Fall Fellowship - September 26th-28th

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) November 14th-16th.



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](#)



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 scouts 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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