

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - May 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](#)

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IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!
([click here for complete calendar](#)).

SUMMER HOURS:

JUNE 1ST - AUGUST 4TH -CLOSED FRIDAYS

May 2026

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

June 2026

Jun 2-4 - Cub Scouts Day Camp
Jun 8 - TV District Picnic
Jun 13 - Beaver Day
Jun 17 - Legends and Heroes Banquet @ 6 pm
Jun 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Jun 17 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Jun 19 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Juneteenth
Jun 23 - Eagle Books due
Jun 28-July 4 - Lost Lake Resident Camp Staff Week
Jun 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

July 2026

Jun 28-Jul 4 - Lost Lake Resident Camp Staff Week
Jul 3 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED
Jul 5-Jul11 - Lost Lake Resident Camp
Jul 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Jul 21 - Eagle Books due
Jul 23 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Jul 23 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
Jul 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

Scouting America Collaborates with NASA's Artemis Program to Inspire the Next Generation of Space Explorers

Scouting America today announced a new collaboration with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in support of the Artemis program, opening the door to expanded, hands-on educational opportunities for Scouts across the country. The collaboration is designed to ignite curiosity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) while reinforcing Scouting America's commitment to leadership, innovation, and service.

[Click here to read full article](#)



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



Military Family Fee Waiver

Effective June 1, 2026, Scouting America is expanding access to Scouting for military-connected youth by waiving the \$85 national youth registration fee for eligible families. This program applies to youth members only and is available for both new and renewing online registrations. The initiative is funded nationally through philanthropic efforts.

Eligible families include those with current service in the Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard. The waiver covers only the national youth registration fee, reducing the \$85 cost to \$0 after the required verification and discount code process is completed. Local council fees, unit dues, optional add-ons such as Scout Life magazine, and processing fees may still apply.

To receive the waiver, families should select "Get Military Discount Code" during the online registration process, complete the verification steps, receive the verification code, and enter it at checkout. Once the code is applied, the national registration fee is reduced to \$0.

Scouting America notes that the \$85 fee may initially appear during checkout but will be removed after the verification code is entered. The waiver is available only for online registrations.



2026 Spring Fishing Raffle

Congratulations to Charles M. for winning the first draw for the Halibut Charter for two!

Congratulations to Chris J. for winning the second draw for the Klutina Salmon Float for 4!

Congratulations to Alvin B. for winning the third draw for the Okuma Silver Salmon Rod & Reel!

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.

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

Huge Thank you to the sellers for making this fundraiser a success! The Sellers of the winning tickets also won Carol K. sold the first ticket and she takes home \$200, Cathie T. sold the second drawn ticket and she takes home \$175. CJ sold the third drawn ticket and takes \$125 (I pledge to donate that back to the Council).

Thank you all who supported us by purchasing a ticket (or a book). Questions or comments can be directed to CJ, Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org



The final day to register for Day Camp is May 28. We always welcome more volunteers, too. Tee shirts are no longer guaranteed for youth or adults.

Amanda is requesting glass jars 4 oz to 14 oz for a project. They do not need a lid. You can drop them off at the Council office anytime we are open.

[click here or on image to view/download flyer](#)

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

BEAVER DAY aka WORK DAY AT LOST LAKE CAMP



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

If you would like to contribute to future MSC NESAs Scholarships, use the QR code below



Spring Camporee Success



Jodi Tanski and Venturers from Crew 1000 for organized a memorable camporee!

JUNE 13th, 2026

[click here or on image for more information](#)

6th Annual Legends and Heroes Award Banquet

Postponed until 2027



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2026 Golden Heart Clean Up Day!

We will update the [Midnight Sun BSA](#) webpage with our results once we have them finalized.

If you missed it and still want to participate, you can.

The Midnight Sun Council, Scouting America office will continue to pass out yellow bags until the end of May. You will need to get the full yellow bags to the landfill. You will not be charged; just tell them it is Clean Up Day trash. They will track the tonnage until June 1st.

Please refer to the [2026 flyer](#). The back page has additional information on what to do after May 16th.

Results of New Eagle Scout Study Revealed at NAM

The results of a new research study, "Eagle Scouts: A Legacy of Values-Based Leadership and Service," were revealed during the 2026 National Annual Meeting. Through the Scouting program, Eagle Scouts build character and lifelong strengths that set



Scouts embraced the spirit of the Highlands during our MSC Spring Camporee: Scottish Highland Games! Throughout the weekend, clans competed in Highland-inspired

challenges that tested teamwork, Scout skills, strength, and spirit — from log drags and ladder lashings to tomahawk throwing and welly tossing.

A special thank you to Karl and Aislinn Olson for sharing their time, talents, and demonstrations with our Scouts. Their passion and knowledge helped bring the traditions and culture of the Scottish Highlands to life and made the event even more memorable for everyone involved.

Thank you to all the leaders, volunteers, and Scouts who made this incredible weekend such a success!



University of Scouting

Our Spring Addition of University of Scouting was held April 25th.

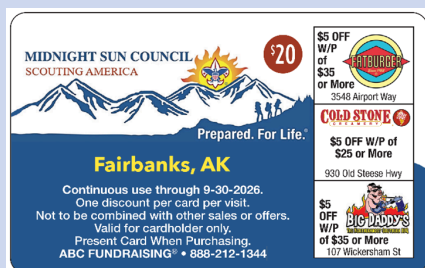
them apart. To better understand these advantages, Scouting America partnered with The Harris Poll to survey thousands of adults and study how Eagle Scouts compare to people who have not participated in Scouting.

The results of this survey help demonstrate the strong advantage Eagle Scouts gain and provide a powerful message about the value of Scouting to prospective members and donors.

Review and share [this interactive website](#) on the study and download a printable booklet for the study [HERE](#).

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!



Aviation Day

Thanks to the Airport Operators Council, we had 13 Scouts complete their Aviation Merit Badge on May 16th. They create a program for our Scouts and the Girl Scouts in conjunction with their public event. Thank you to Robin Fenwick T38, Scott Sample T20, Jeff Muehlbauer T47,

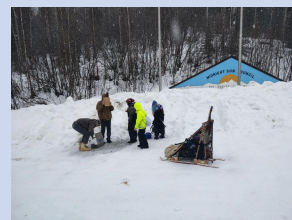
The classes offered included First Aid/CPR/AED, Day Camp Den Walker, Day Camp Station Leader, Scouting Uniforms, Outdoor Gear, Using AI in Scouting, Dutch Oven Cooking and Range Safety for Cub Scout Activities.

Our instructors included Cathie Tordoff (with Dave Minto assisting), Matt Cooper, Tyler Brooks, Jamie Banaszewski, Amanda Foley and Ranger Rick.

During lunch we were joined by many Scouts and Scouters to tell Richard congratulations on his retirement!

Thank you to everyone who attended as an instructor or participant. And thank you to Bob Jones and First United Methodist Church for letting us use their building!

Klondike Derby



After getting postponed due to a snow storm, the

Klondike Derby was held on April 11. Special thanks to Mark Smurda for preplanning the event and to Will Lentz and Crew 1000 for providing leadership, running stations and timing during the event.



To view all pictures please click [here](#).

[Please click here and give us your feedback.](#) ANYONE can fill out the survey, whether they went to the Klondike Derby or not. The hope is to get feedback and, essentially, have next year's Derby planned and ready to go.

From the

Maxx Morrell T47 and Kyle Green T47 for providing adult leadership for this event!



National Annual Meeting

Brad Tilden introducing the
incoming National Chairman
Ricky Mason



Membership/Recruiting

With Robin moving, the Tanana Valley is in need of a Membership Chair. Until we get her replaced, please consider organizing one membership/recruiting event this summer. A few event options are below. Once organized, we can invite other Units to participate. If you or your Unit wants more information please contact Tasmine at tasmine.bennett@scouting.org.

Golden Heart Waste's Family Fun Day on June 13th. It's a big community event and we've been invited to have a table. This is the same day as Beaver Day so a Pack would be ideal.

Kiwanis' Kids Day at the Goldpanners game on June 20. Scouts should wear their Uniform. We will be provided with tickets for families to get in free. We are still waiting on confirmation regarding having a recruitment table.

North Pole Grange's 4th of July celebration: We are invited to participate volunteering and/or providing an activity.

United Way's Partners in the Park on July 18. We have been invited to have a table and/or do an activity

Golden Days Parade on July 25th: Pack 49 has planned a float. They are inviting other Scouts to walk with them provided they have the proper adult supervision.

The airshow on Eielson on Aug 1 & 2. We could have a recruiting table.

The Tanana Valley State Fair has a few opportunities. Each of these would take a different lead. Kid's Day is Aug 3 and they would like us to do a pinewood derby activity. Senior Day is Aug 5th and they would like us to help with the senior luncheon. They would like older Scout (15+) to help with parking on busy days and this would also be a fundraiser.

2026 Tanana Valley Friends of Scouting Fund the Adventure Campaign!

Tanana Valley had their FOS Celebration on May 7, and they had a lot to celebrate!



For the first time in memorable history, EVERY Unit in the Tanana Valley made their FOS goal and the Tanana Valley District as a whole is at 112% of their goal!

Thank you to every Unit Leader that made time for an FOS presentation, every volunteer who helped with Unit presentations and to every individual and family who helped FUND THE ADVENTURE of Scouting!

Board Fund the Adventure FOS Campaign

Together our teams brought in \$5,785.00 in pledges/payments. A special shout out to Team Quantum Accelerator who figured out some quirks with their time machine and came through with paid pledges in excess of \$4,000! Thanks Larry, Matt, Kal and Mike for heeding our pleas and contacting prospects.

End of April result \$34,465.00. Goal was \$38,500 Short by \$4035.00

End of May Goal. \$44,500.00. Current status \$40,250.00 (just \$4250.00 in two weeks to get on track or even try to get ahead of the game)

As we enter June the goal increases by \$5,000.00 bringing the total goal by end of June to \$49,500.00 (that is \$9,250 by June 30th)

Board Campaign Time Traveling Status



Team Delorean It seems the team realized to stash some fuel for the Flux Capacitor and are making moves through our timeline. After seeing President Andrew Johnson's Speech in 1865, they quickly piled back into the car and hit 88mph with purpose. This time jumping forward in time to 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.) Increased donations and pledges for \$1,600 came in for the team. Team has achieved \$8,455.00 or 50.86%



Team Quantum Accelerator Big moves this week! They hit the right button, turned the right switch and got the right equation inputted. They jump all the way in 1910 to visit with TARDIS at the "first encampment" in Silver Bay, NY, for the newly formed Boy Scouts of America which grew rapidly into the largest youth organization in the United States. Observing W. D. Boyce an American newspaper man and entrepreneur. According to legend, while visiting London he was lost on a foggy street when an unknown Scout came to his aid, guiding him back to his destination. The boy then refused Boyce's tip, explaining that he was merely doing his duty as a Boy Scout. It is said that immediately afterward, Boyce met

with General Robert Baden-Powell, who was the head of the Boy Scout Association at that time. Boyce returned to America, and, four months later, founded the Boy Scouts of America. This version of the legend has been printed in numerous BSA handbooks and magazines. There are several variations of this legend, such as one that claims he knew about Scouting ahead of time. After the encounter Boyce returned to the United States with Edward S. Stewart and Stanley D. Willis. He incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910, and applied for a congressional charter. The bill was tied up with a charter for the Rockefeller Foundation and Boyce withdrew it after many delays. Around this time, William Randolph Hearst, a rival newspaperman, formed the American Boy Scouts (ABS), a group that lasted through 1918. After a series of meetings in early 1910, the Woodcraft Indians led by Ernest Thompson Seton, the Boy Scouts of the United States headed by Colonel Peter Bokus and the National Scouts of America headed by Colonel William Verbeck were absorbed into the BSA. The National Highway Patrol Association Scouts headed by Colonel E. S. Cornell and the Boy Pioneers (formerly known as the Sons of Daniel Boone) headed by Daniel Carter Beard were folded. The BSA National Office opened in the 28th Street YMCA in New York City on June 1, 1910. Team Quantum Accelerator Takes the lead achieving \$11,520.00 or 69.29%! Fantastic job this week team, keep up the good work and maintain that lead!



TEAM TARDIS is getting comfortable watching the Wright Brothers invent the first airplane. They have been watching the aeronautics displays, failings and successes!

Little do they know that



The Hot tub Time Machine It would seem Stephen, Mike, Danny and Don are the nostalgic ones of the group, they are hanging out in 1910 at the first Boy Scouts of America Encampment. Maybe they felt their lead was enough to maintain first place....Team status unchanged and remains at \$11,050.00 or 66.97%

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

Keep up the good work everyone, If you haven't made your pledges or started to hit up prospects I urge you to get moving post haste.

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

CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Scouting America has lowered the minimum age for commissioner registration from 21 to 18.

Young adults who have aged out of the program can now step into a commissioner role right away — staying connected to Scouting and supporting the health of units in their communities.

Unit service is one of the most impactful ways a volunteer can serve.

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

New Products in Stock:



Adventure Shirts



America's 250th Cap, Navy

America 250 Pin



America 250 Stick



The Spring Induction for the OA has been moved to the weekend of June 12 to 14.



- SYT Refresher Training now available!

The new 20-minute Safeguarding Youth (SYT) Refresher course is Live.

If you have not taken the full 90 Minute course, you must take that first before you can take the refresher to get full SYT credit.

If your SYT is expired for 7 days or more, you must take the full 90-minute course again.

If you fail the course quiz on the refresher course with less than an 80% on your first attempt, you will be directed back to the full 90 minute course.

If you took the previous YPT course, you must take the full 90-minute SYT course. Taking the Refresher will not give you credit.

The course is available in the Volunteer Learn Center in English and Spanish.

- Safeguarding Youth Refresher
- Curso de actualización SYT



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.

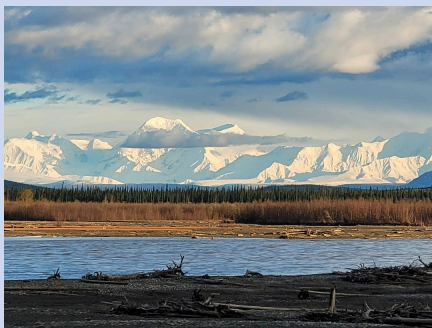
Alignment with Best Practices: Scouting America regularly consults with experts to ensure its policies and training reflect the most up-to-date knowledge and prevention techniques in the field of youth safety.

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.

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AND BOOK YOURS NOW!!**



BOOK YOUR 2027 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

Claire Burke

Troop 1138/GT
Tanana Lodge 3

Trail to Eagle workbook

*Midnight Sun Council Eagle
Scout Candidate Checklist*



Eagle Scouts:

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Check out the findings and the webpage with highlights here:

<https://www.scouting.org/about/research/eagle-scout-2026/>

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