



MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - December 2022 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 December 19, 2022



IMPORTANT DATES

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

December 2022

- Dec 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
- Dec 19-22 - Scout Shop closed for inventory
- Dec 23 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed at 12pm
- Dec 26-27 Council Office and Scout Shop closed
- Dec 28-30 Scout Shop closed for inventory

January 2023

- Jan 2 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed for New Years Day
- Jan 4 - TVD Roundtable at 7 pm
- Jan 14 - OA Winter Banquet
- Jan 16 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
- Jan 23 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed for staff training
- Jan 24 - Eagle Books due
- Jan 26 - TV District Committee Meeting @ 6 pm
- Jan 31 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

February 2023

- Feb 2 - TVD Roundtable at 7 pm
- Feb 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
- Feb 18 - Annual Meeting at 4 pm
- Feb 18 - Annual Dinner at 6 pm
- Feb 20 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed in observance of Presidents' Day
- Feb 21 - Eagle Books due
- Feb 23 - TV District Committee Meeting @ 6 pm
- Feb 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

2023 Eagle Scout and Volunteer Recognition Annual Dinner



February 18, 2023

Reception - 6:00 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm Binkley Room,
Pikes Waterfront Lodge \$45.00/person
Please RSVP by February 6th, 2023

All 2022 Eagle Scouts along with various award recipients will be recognized at the Annual Dinner. 2022 Eagle Scouts should be receiving an invitation in the mail soon.

All Eagle Scouts are requested to RSVP and provide information about their project to the Council office, including Service hours, even if they are unable to attend. Please contact Tasmine Bennett at tasmine.bennett@scouting.org

[2023 Annual Dinner flyer](#)

Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit Nominations



Do you have a Scouter in mind that deserves to be recognized for their work above and beyond the responsibilities of their volunteer position? The Midnight Sun Council is seeking nominations for the Silver Beaver Award and the District Award of Merit.

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council level distinguished service award

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH!



There are numerous unsung volunteers that have a huge impact on our Council. One such volunteer not only volunteers for the Council but to the greater Fairbanks community as well. He can be found being a part of Clean Up Day helping organize it as a citizen and his company helping with logistics. He lives the Scout Oath. He is a former Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief.

He goes above and beyond when his help is needed in camp or the council office. He does not do it for recognition, he does it because he cares.

This person is JUSTIN COWLES

We thank you Justin for what you do for the community, Council, and people of Alaska

THANK YOU, Tyler Cunningham and JADE Construction



for your generous contribution of labor and materials to refloor the men's downstairs bathroom at the Scout Office!



THANK YOU, iPLOW for keeping our parking lot clear and plowed this winter!



Growth in membership reflects the great programs that you are providing the youth and their families that we serve. Families have a lot of organizations to choose from and will join those that are providing activities and experiences that they feel are important. You, as our unit leaders, have demonstrated that Scouting has what they want. Thank you.

Thank you all for the recruitment efforts you have put in this year. Our Council membership growth goal for December 31st was set at 7% - a pretty lofty goal. As of November 30th, we have attained 369 Scouts BSA, Cub Scout members, and Explorers, 69 more than December 31, 2021, or **23% growth!!** This is amazing. You have smashed that goal out of the park, and we still have a month to go! Though we are a small Council, we are one of the leaders in the country in percentage growth. That's not all. Realizing that long term growth in our Council relies on Cub Scout growth, we set a goal of attaining 170 Cub Scouts this year, 32

of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The nomination form can be found at this link:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils and is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The nomination form can be found at this link: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>

To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination. Awards will be given out at the Annual Dinner February 18, 2023 and nominations must be received by the council office no later than January 13th, 2023.



Greetings Arrowmen,

Just letting you know what has happened in the past month in the Lodge and what is to come.

In November the lodge had its LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) training. Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) offers lodges the chance to provide trainings aimed at improving leadership and teaching about the many facets of the Order.

On the 14th of January at 6:00 PM Toontuk is having our annual Winter Banquet. All Arrowmen and their families are invited. This event will be in the Binkley Room of Pike's Waterfront Lodge (Address: 1850 Hoselton Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99709). This is a time to have a night of fun and recognition of Toontuk Arrowmen who went above and beyond in service to the lodge. The cost is \$45.00 per person. This cost of this event is included in the season pass, so season pass holders are covered. You can register in person at the Midnight Sun Council office or by calling 907-452-1976. Registration closes Wednesday January 11.

Also, the lodge is hosting its very first conclave August 11th-13th 2023, so make sure you have those dates on your calendar. This is a big event for our lodge to host. More information will be announced though out the year.

It's time to pay our 2023 OA Lodge dues. It is only \$25.00 to register with the lodge, or you can purchase a season pass for \$125.00. The season pass pays your lodge dues and covers all Toontuk events for the year. (Conclave not included since it's a section event). So reregister with the Toontuk and join us every second Thursday of the month at the scout office, at 7:00 PM, for the general lodge meetings. I hope to see you there. Sincerely,
James Hill
Toontuk Lodge Chief.

NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2023

July 19th-28th, 2023



The Midnight Sun Council is hosting a Jamboree Troop to attend next year's National Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia. Current plans would be to tour Washington D.C., visit various museums and then head to the Summit for a week of exciting fun with other Scouts from all over the country and world. [click here for more detailed information and registration!](#)

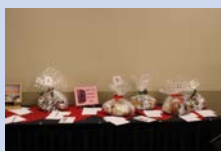
more than last December 31st. As of November 30th, we hit that goal thanks to your efforts. This reflects **23.2% growth in Cub Scouts**. In addition, the goal for Scouts BSA was 136 members and we have 145 or **6.6% over goal**. How did our Exploring program do? We projected 15 youth and registered 54, **360% of goal!**

Thank you again for the programs that you provide and for the dedication you have to Scouting.



Distinguished Citizen Banquet 2022

The 39th annual Distinguished Citizens award banquet in honor of Steve Ginnis (CEO of Fairbanks Native Association) went very well. On December 7th we gathered in the Gold room at the Westmark where we not only honored Steve for his various efforts in and around the community, we also had a successful fundraising event. We added desperately needed funds to the operating budget and received over half the funding for the Council Adventure van (Steve's special project).



After everyone had full bellies, laughed a bit together, completed both a silent auction and a call out auction, we presented Steve with the award and listened intently to his words of wisdom. We all left with a little more knowledge than we came with. We had a wonderful look into the Alaskan Native Culture and shared of our own that same evening. The Scouts are looking forward to the new opportunities that we can both share and learn from our neighbors here in the interior. Thank you everyone who attended and had a hand in helping put on the event!

CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION



The **next** Bush District Roundtable will be held **in-person** on **December 21, 2022 starting at 6:15 pm** at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction. Please come and join us.



The **next** Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be at the Council Office on **January 5, 2023** at 7:00pm. **In-Person participants** are asked to bring their lucky dish for a Good Luck pot luck. **Food will be ready at 6:45pm** ([click here for flyer](#)). Roundtable will

also be available **online** through Zoom. Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:

Meeting ID: 845 4672 9933 Passcode: r26DUw
TVD: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84546729933?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84546729933?pwd=WmlmRzdUYng3MlIxcCt4RUtWanVIdz09)
[pwd=WmlmRzdUYng3MlIxcCt4RUtWanVIdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84546729933?pwd=WmlmRzdUYng3MlIxcCt4RUtWanVIdz09)

Bring your kids to Roundtable!

There will be fun activities for them to participate!
For January Stacy is planning to create lucky rocks! Come and help her and McKinley!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

What is a family Friends of Scouting presentation and why is it something you don't want to miss? Courts of Honor and Blue & Gold Banquets will be here before you know it! What goes hand-in-hand with those events is the Family Friends of Scouting presentations at your unit. As Scouts, we all know the quality of the program, but we don't all know how we are able to offer it to any family who wants to participate. One of the answers to how we provide a quality program is Family Friends of Scouting (FOS).

These presentations are a chance for a District level volunteer to visit with your unit, often at a Blue & Gold Banquet or Court of Honor. This works well because units celebrate the Scouts success, it gives us a chance to also share the good news of Scouting throughout the Midnight Sun Council. Funds raised in FOS go to help provide training, insurance, lower camp fees, and better facilities.

If you are a unit leader and have not yet submitted a presentation date, please contact your district leadership to do so. Thank you!

For comments, questions or to donate contact the Council Service Center at (907) 452-1976 or email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or Tasmine at tasmine.bennett@scouting.org

From the Registrar



**2022/2023
RECHARTERS
DUE!**

**Please submit your online or manual (paper) recharter and payment before
DECEMBER 22nd, 2022**

Before you submit your online Re-charter, please make sure that all adult leaders have a valid Background Check (not earlier than Aug 2019) and current Youth Protection Training (required every year). Please use option: "Pay at Council". After the charter is submitted an email will be generated and sent to the Key 3 with the request to validate/approve the charter.

Please inform the COR/Key 3 that they need to be on the look-out for that email in their inbox or junk-mail folders. The charter has to be approved by the COR in order to be further processed by the Council office.

For questions please contact the Council Office at 907-452-1976 or via email to yvonne.orsini-boone2@scouting.org

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Scout Shop and Council Office Holiday Hours:

Click image to view/download



Congratulations to all our 2022 Eagle Scouts



**Sam Lentz
Lincoln Miller**
Troop 1001 BT

Rotary Club of Fairbanks

**Samuel Anderson
David Coss
James Tyson**

Troop 1138 BT
Midnight Sun Council, BSA

Jason Powers
Troop 1047 BT

American Legion Post 11

[Trail to Eagle workbook](#)

Louis Wood
Nelson Wappett
Troop 1092 BT
Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks

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

Visit the [Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards page](#) for more information. Updated timeline and FAQ attached.

NESA Scholarship Window Is Now Open

Be sure to let your units know that the National Eagle Scout Association scholarship application window is now open. Last year, NESA awarded more than \$536,000 to members. Whether your Eagle Scouts plan to attend a 4-year university or trade school, remind them to apply.

[Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association \(nesa.org\)](#)

THANK YOU! to our 2022 Golden Eagle Sponsors



| | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mike Abels | Tyler Cunningham | Nenana Ice Classic |
| Steve Adams | Doyon Limited | Outdoor Heritage |
| Alaska Airlines | Doyon Utilities | Karen Perdue |
| Alaska Riverways | Fairbanks Central Labor Council | Rods Alaskan Guide Service |
| Hank Bartos | Fairbanks Stump Grinders | Sani-Can |
| Bell Development | Foundation Health Partners | Bill Satterberg |
| Bennett Engineering | FNA Behavioral Health | Stephen Smith |
| Larry Bennett | GHEMM | Somers and Sotheby's Realty |
| C.B. Bettisworth | Golden Valley Electric Association | Brad Tilden |
| John and Judy Binkley | Robert Groseclose | Leonard Thiltgen |
| Mary Binkley | Michael Helmbrecht | Toontuk Lodge |
| Chena Hot Springs | IBEW | Cathie Tordoff |
| Resort | JADE Construction | TOTE |
| Craig Comepeau | Bernie Karl | Leon Unruh |
| Skip Cook | Kal Kennedy | Jerrie Wagner |
| Conoco Phillips Alaska | Benny Linn | Jack and Carol Wilbur |
| Denali State Bank | Mt. McKinley Bank | Dennis Wise |
| Matt Cooper | Jon Odsather | |
| CSG, Inc | | |

[Midnight Sun Council News](#)

[National BSA news](#)

[Click for Training Opportunities](#)

Did you know that there are training plans designed specifically for your position on [My.Scouting.org](#)?

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, and you can complete these courses at your own pace!

Please log into [My.Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) and follow the steps (Menu>My Training>Training Center) to see what kinds of training plans are available that relate to your position.

SAFETY CORNER!



CPR

Are you prepared to help in a real and very common crisis—one that could happen at any time? Do you know how to correctly perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)? ...

[Read more](#)

<https://www.scouting.org>

NORTHERN LIGHTS HIGH ADVENTURE TREKS ARE BACK! CLICK HERE AND BOOK YOURS NOW!!



BOOK YOUR 2023 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 Phil at phil_burkett@scouting.org, or call the office at 907-452-1976 or find us on Facebook

[@NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase](#)



**DONATE /
SUPPORT**



**Pick.
Click.
Give.**

UPDATED Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse



As Scouting continues to improve the safety of our youth, please visit the links below check for updates. The Barriers for Abuse FAQs were last updated 3/11/21

[Youth Protection and Adult Leadership | Boy Scouts of America](#)

[Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs - Boy Scouts of America](#)

DON'T FORGET!
The Midnight Sun Council, BSA requires
ANNUAL
YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING!

- Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and is a joining requirement.

Midnight Sun Council | 907-452-1976 | 1400 Gillam Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701 | www.midnightsunbsa.org

CONTACT US

Visit the Midnight Sun Council website for updates and more news and information!



Join our Newsletter

Midnight Sun Council | 1400 Gilliam Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701

[Unsubscribe_{recipient's email}](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by stacy.brandon@scouting.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!