



MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - JANUARY 2023 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 January 15, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

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

January 2023

- 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)

March 2023

- Mar 2 - TVD Roundtable at 7 pm
- Mar 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
- Mar 21 - Eagle Books due
- Mar 23 - TV District Committee Meeting at 6 pm
- Mar 24-26 - WoadStoak
- Mar 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH!

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 Council has so many great volunteers that bring the Scouting program to the youth in our area. So, a heartfelt thank you

to the many volunteers that are helping to shape our youth into citizens of the world. There is sometimes a need for volunteers behind the scenes, as well. We'd like to think those volunteers that have given their time to help with the not so fun stuff that still needs to be done. At the Council office we have called upon volunteers to help with bag disbursement for Clean Up Day, which was primarily Dave Minto, and our very successful office cleanup day in September, which included Tammy Illguth, Amanda Foley, Dave Minto, Bradley and Donald Wessner. Recently, we called upon them again to help with the daunting task of counting the Insignia Wall, merit badge books and the stock room. James Hill, Dave Minto and Danny Beuchaw answered the call. Their efforts made the inventory process go smoothly and quickly. We appreciate all the efforts of our volunteers that help to make the Midnight Sun Council successful. We're sorry if we've missed anyone, but when there are so many, it's hard to remember you all.



Greetings Arrowmen

WOAdstOAK is March 24th - 26th.

Spring Induction is May 19th - 21st and our

Fall Induction is August 4th - 6th

Finally, Conclave is August 11th - 13th.

Toontuk is seeking Lost Arrowmen. If you know how to get ahold of a Lost Arrowmen, Please email toontuklodge0549@gmail.com

Thank you all for reading and I hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,
Trevor Gilman, Lodge Secretary
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Toontuk Lodge

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

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!](#)



Snowbox Derby hosted by Pack 6

Monday, March

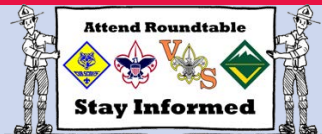
13 @2pm
UAF Sledding Hill (UAF Nanook Recreation)

This is a friendly create and race event. Lions do have an adventure that this will help complete.

Challenge: Create a sled using cardboard and duck tape to race down the hill. Scouts will be going to the top of the hill as the starting point. HELMETS are required to race.

Participate at your own risk.

CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION



The next Bush District Roundtable will be held in-person on **January 18, 2023 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 **February 2, 2023** at 7:00pm. **In-Person** participants are asked to bring their favorite Spaghetti sauce recipe, meat, side or dessert for Spaghetti night. **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?pwd=WmlmRzdUYng3MllxeCt4RUtWanVIIdz09>

Bring your kids to Roundtable!

There will be fun activities for them to participate!

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. All funds raised through FOS stay with the Council.

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



Each year many of the Midnight Sun Council supporters contribute their Friends of Scouting donations through the [Pick Click Give](#) option. This is just another option which allows Alaskan residents to pledge and pay a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) in support of the youth, volunteers, and Scouting. Below is a link that takes you right to the [Councils summary on the PFD webpage](#). This is a great way to pledge now and pay later. The deadline to make adjustments for donations from the 2023 PFD is August 31, 2023.

<https://www.pickclickgive.org/index.cfm/pfdorgs.info/Midnight-Sun-Council-Boy-Scouts-Of-America>



Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day. An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

If your unit is going to participate and would like patches, these are a special order.

From the Registrar



**2022/2023
RECHARTERS -TIME
IS RUNNING OUT!**

Paper (manual) recharterers have to be submitted and payed at the Council office NO later than January 18th, 2023.

Online recharterers need to be submitted, electronically signed by the Charter Organization Representative (COR), and payment made to the Council office NO later than January 22nd, 2023.

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

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

**Scout Shop and Council Office
Holiday Hours:**

**January 16th - CLOSED inobservance of
Martin Luther King Day**

January 23rd - CLOSED for Staff Training

**February 20th - CLOSED in observance of
President's Day**

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

Congratulations to all our 2022 Eagle Scouts



[Trail to Eagle workbook](#)

**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

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 \(nesa.org\)](https://www.nesa.org)

THANK YOU! to our 2022 Golden Eagle Sponsors



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Chena Hot Springs	IBEW	Cathie Tordoff
Resort	JADE Construction	TOTE
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Skip Cook	Kal Kennedy	Jerrie Wagner
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National BSA news

[Click for Training Opportunities](#)

Did you know that there are training plans designed specifically for your position on [My.Scouting.org](https://www.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!



Winter Activity Safety

There is magic to camping in winter. It is one of the most challenging outdoor adventures. However, potentially extreme weather ...

[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](#)



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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.

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