



MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - June 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 June 16, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

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

June 2022

June 16 - Build Day - Golden Day Parade Float
June 18 - BEAVER DAY aka Lost Lake Camp Work Day
June 20 - SCOUT SHOP / OFFICE CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH
June 21 - Eagle Books due
June 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
June 30 - TV District Commissioner meeting @ 10:00 am
June 30 - TV District Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

July 2022

July 3-9 - Lost Lake Camp Staff Week
July 4 - SCOUT SHOP / OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
July 10-16 - Lost Lake Scout Resident Summer Camp
July 13 - Executive Board Meeting at Lost Lake Camp
July 19 - Eagle Books due
July 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
July 28 - TV District Commissioner meeting @ 6:00 pm followed by TV District Committee meeting @ 7:00 pm

August 2022

Aug 4 - TV District Roundtable @ 7 pm
Aug 6 - Shooting Clays Tournament
Aug 16 - POPCORN KICKOFF
Aug 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting
Aug 19 - Council Executive Board Meeting
Aug 23 - Eagle books due
Aug 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

Volunteer of the Month



It is camping season and everyone is busy. This is a time volunteers really shine.

They are the hidden gems we all seek. They are what make the activities and events work. Without them scouting would fail.

Some of them give of themselves in several areas. It may be in a cub den, at fundraisers, summer camp or activities out at camp.

One such volunteer has been known to recruit fellow coworkers to work hard on their time off.

This particular volunteer has been named before but he has been an



**Come to the Council Office
TODAY!
and help build our Float**



Who: Cub Scouts,
Scouts BSA,
Scouters –
everyone!

What: Preparing a
float and accessories for the 4th of July and
Golden Days Parades!

Build day:
June 16, 4-8pm@ Council Office
(additional build day available if necessary)

Please bring any tools or materials you have
that we can use.

Parades:

July 4: parade on 1st Avenue,
more details to come

July 23: Golden Days Parade,
more details to come

A parental release is required to participate
in parade.

[Click here to view/download flier for more
details and information](#)

LET'S REPEAT LAST YEARS' SUCCESS!



**Lost Lake Scout Camp
Beaver Day**

outstanding volunteer again.



Thank you
Ryan Capporelli
for all you do!

11th Annual Sporting Clays



**Come out and test your aim at the
Midnight Sun Councils
11th Annual Sporting Clays Event!**

**August 6th, 2022 at
the Fairbanks Trap Club.**

You and 4 friends will shoot round robin style and
compete for bragging rights against other teams.
Various door prizes and raffles will be conducted
throughout the event. Event/Ammunition/Food
sponsorships are available.

The event committee is looking for more help! If
interested please contact CJ (info below).
Shooting Team fee of \$500 includes lunch, pigeons,
and shells.

Team Captains can also sign up by contacting
CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or calling
(907) 452-1976.



POPCORN KICKOFF TRAINING

Inviting all Popcorn
Kernels and Senior
Patrol Leaders to the
Midnight Sun Council Popcorn Kickoff training
scheduled for

August 16th at 6pm at the Council office

• Pizza for dinner and door prizes will coincide

aka Work Day



Come and join us for BEAVER DAY!

Help us make Lost Lake Camp - **The Best Camp in Alaska** - even better!

Beaver Day participants will need to bring and turn in a copy of their BSA Health and Medical Record Parts A & B when they check in. Forms will be returned at the end of the event. Forms that are not picked up will be destroyed.

Date for upcoming Beaver Day:
When: Saturday, June 18, 2022

Breakfast (8:00 am)

Work will begin at 9:00 am

Lunch (noon)

Supper (6:00 pm)

The Order of the Arrow is going to supply food for that day.

[click here for more Beaver Day details](#)

with training and information.

Units who wish to sell popcorn can sign the unit registration/commitment that night or if you are unable to make the training and still wish to sell popcorn this season, or for further information and questions please contact CJ at (907) 452-1976 or by emailing Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org

CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION



There will be **no Roundtable** for TVD and Bush District in June and July 2022. The **next** Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be **online** through Zoom and **in-person** at the Council Office **on August 4th, 2022 at 7:00 pm**. Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information: Meeting ID: 823 1589 6231 Passcode: vp4eEc

TVD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89301656441?pwd=V2F5ZE9vK2JLaXhETIFZd0ZKVVNhdz09>

The **next** Bush District Roundtable will be held **in-person** on **August 17th, 2022 starting at 6:15 pm** at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction. Please come and join us.

**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING
RECOGNITION**



Friends of Scouting (FOS) – Thank you to all of our donors!

Units can sign up for their District FOS campaign in support of the Scouting program Council-wide, by contacting Tasmine at the Council office or by emailing her at Tasmine.Bennett@Scouting.org.

Please do so today. The goals for the Family Campaigns are \$15,000 for the Tanana Valley District (currently at 15% of goal) and \$4,000 for the Bush District. Special thanks to Troop 78 and Troop 47 for surpassing their Unit goals.



Cub Day Camp Was So Fun



Cub Scout Day Camp was held at Birch Hill Recreation Area on June 1-3rd. We had 33 youth in attendance. Through the theme, Weird Science, the Cubs did lots of fun

stuff including building and launching paper rockets, making Slime and ice cream and participating science experiments. They also learned about shooting sports safety with Sling Shots, Archery and BB guns. They played lots of games, hiked, and enjoyed the outdoors. Many adult and older Scout volunteers were on hand to give them a fun and safe experience. Special thanks to Program Director, Jodi Tansky, and the team she put together!



Spring Camporee Was a Success

Due to our late spring, Spring Camporee was moved to June 3-5th. It was held at the Harding Lake Recreation Area and Scouts BSA members loved the location. We had 8 Troops attend with a total of 53 Scouts.

They were able to work on Pioneering and First Aid merit badges. They assembled an impressive rope bridge and tested their skills with competitions ranging from building launchers and making desserts in Dutch Ovens. Troop 20 walked away with the antler award and Troop 38 won the spirit award. Special thanks to Jon Emmett, Troop 42 and Troop 84 for planning the event and Toontuk Lodge for hosting the Campfire.





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

From the
Registrar

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

HEADS UP!

*National registration fees starting
August 1st, 2022:*

Youth \$75/yr

Adults \$45/yr

Exploring \$45/yr

New Member Joining Fee \$25

Unit Recharter fee \$100

The Scout Shop and Council Office will be
CLOSED on

June 20th, 2022 - Juneteenth and on

July 4th, 2022 - Independence Day

Cub Scout Cyber Chip Replaced with Protect Yourself Rules

As announced in 2018, the
Cyber Chip program for Cub
Scout Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of
Light ranks will be replaced with the Protect
Yourself Rules video associated for their rank.



- As a result, Cub Scout Cyber Chip Emblem and Pocket Certificate will no longer be part of the advancement program for the 2022-2023 program year.
- These items will be available for purchase only while supplies last.



The Midnight Sun Council
is looking for
volunteers to serve as
NOVA Counselors

[click here to view/download
NOVA Counselor requirements](#)



The Tanana
Valley District
is looking
for volunteers
to serve as
Unit
Commissioners!

These individuals play a key role in
supporting our units with focused
attention and serve as a bridge
between the unit and available
District or Council Resources.
Please reach out to Leanne Bulger
at leanne.bulger@gmail.com to
learn more!

The 2nd Legends & Heroes Banquet in honor of Craig Compeau and Monte Pearson was a terrific success!



Over 160 Alaskans from around the state came to pay tribute to these two deserving individuals. The Prime Rib was out of the world, thanks to Tommy G's for preparing them and Jon from Fairbanks Stump Grinders for supplying them. We also had some fantastic pulled pork smoked by David Pruhs which was supplied by Midtown meats. If you weren't there you missed out! We had a "Dutch Oven Demo" by some local Scouts and their adult leaders. A superb call out auction supported by Jerri Wagner, Richard Baumfalk, David Lambert, Leon Unruh, the Spur and a few other anonymous donors of items. We do have the start of a new Legends & Heroes custom.... The Alaska Song which was sung solo by Johnny Hajdukovich!! What a fantastic time we had!



Thank you so much to all the local Alaskans that came out to support us as well as our event sponsors listed below:

Everts Air Cargo – Chena Hot Springs Resort – Midtown Meats – Pearsons Auto – Playwright Marketing – Compeaus – Bennett Engineering – Fairbanks Stump Grinders – Somers and Sotheby's Realty

With the local support and sponsorships, we did a very good job at having fun, honoring our awardees, and raising money for the Boy Scouts locally. Thanks for a superb event!



Aviation Merit Badge Day was a Great Opportunity



When the Aviation Operators Council (AOC) made the decision to cancel local aviation day, they offered to continue with the

Clean Up Day Results

Golden Heart Clean Up Day is organized by a volunteer committee with representatives from our Council and many other organizations. All Clean



portion of the event for our Scouts BSA members. They organized a great event for our Scouts that incorporated all the requirements for earning their Aviation Merit Badge. Scouts even got to see the control tower, the radar system and go on a flight! There were many volunteers on hand to give the Scouts a glimpse at many careers that aviation has to offer including operations and pilots. 20 Scouts completed their badge. Special Thanks to Melissa Osborn and the rest of the AOC for organizing this opportunity for our Scouts!

up Day Debris that is taken to the landfill is counted towards our Clean Up Day efforts.

The 2022 event accounted for 18.47 tons of trash picked up from within our borough!

Thank you to all the Tanana Valley District Units that participated in this Council service event, we had had 100% Troop involvement and over 80% of Packs.

Congratulations to all our 2022 Eagle Scouts



Lincoln Miller

Troop 1001 BT
Rotary Club of Fairbanks

Samuel Anderson

Troop 1138 BT
Midnight Sun Council, BSA

Louis Wood

Troop 1092 BT
Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks

**Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout
Candidate Checklist**

**Trail to Eagle
workbook**

Effective **January 1, 2022**, the **Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA)** nomination process changed to a set nomination time period similar to the Silver Beaver, Antelope and Buffalo awards.

Visit the [DESA awards page](#) for more information. Updated timeline and FAQ attached

Reminder: NESA Scholarship Application Portal Is Now Open.

The National Eagle Scout Association is now accepting applications for its annual scholarships. See the site below for information, and encourage your Eagle Scouts to apply.

[Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association \(nesa.org\)](https://nesa.org)

Discontinue Use of NESA Paper applications with Old Pricing Info

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) has recently implemented new pricing for its membership.

NESA requests that all new Eagle Scouts should now be directed to <https://nesa.org> to complete their NESA membership applications.

THANK YOU! to our 2022 Golden Eagle Sponsors



Steve Adams

Alaska Riverways

Larry Bennett

Hank Bartos

Mary Binkley

Chena Hot Springs Resort

Craig Compeau

Skip Cook

Conoco Phillips Alaska

Matt Cooper

Fairbanks Stump Grinders

Robert Groseclose

Michael Helmbrecht

Bernie Karl

Kal Kennedy

Benny Linn

Jon Odsather

Optimist Club of Fairbanks

Nenana Ice Classic

Bill Satterberg

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Brad Tilden

Leonard Thiltgen

Toontuk Lodge

Cathie Tordoff

Leon Unruh

Jerrie Wagner

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[Click for Training Opportunities](#)

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

May is National Bike Month

COUNCIL RESOURCES

- The [BMX Biking Program](#) provides guidance for local councils that wish to operate a BMX biking program in the future or improving existing program,
- The [BMX Design Reference Guide](#) is a design reference guideline intended to describe the different types of program activities in practice within the industry and to provide guidance to the council

on aspects of a successful program that should be considered as they relate to scope, cost, resources, effort and safe design.

- The [Mountain Biking Program Guide](#) provides the recommended minimum standards that all BSA council operated mountain bike programs should maintain.
- The [Mountain Biking Design Guideline](#) provides general guidance in the layout and design of mountain biking trails and facilities in BSA Council camps.
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[https://www.scouting.org/wp-](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/MOUNTAIN_BIKING_DESIGN_GUIDELINE.pdf)

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Update to Scouts BSA joining requirements opens the door to more young people

While Scouts love to climb mountains and hike across rugged terrain, their path to joining Scouts BSA shouldn't be met with similarly daunting obstacles.

To that end, a change to the Scouts BSA joining requirements will make it easier for young people to join a troop alongside their friends and classmates.

Effective April 18, 2022, the Scouts BSA joining requirements have changed. They now state that a young person can be a member of Scouts BSA if they meet **any** of these requirements below.



New Scouts BSA joining requirements (effective April 18, 2022)

- At least 10 years old, currently in the fifth grade and register on or after March 1
- or
- At least 10 years old and have earned the Arrow of Light Award
- or
- At least 11 years old (but not yet 18)

An option to cross over

Some parents might wonder whether a Cub Scout working on Arrow of Light ~~must~~ move to a Scouts BSA troop if they turn 11 but haven't finished the rank.

The answer is no. The pack can continue to work on rank advancement as normal and move the Scout into a troop when they complete the rank or at the regular program roll-up in June.

In other words, the only mandatory crossover is when they have completed the fifth grade. Like all the other ranks in Cub Scouting, once school ends, the Cub Scout is now the next rank.

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.



We hope you are enjoying your summer so far and that you are doing lots of Scouting. We were contacted by 2 organizations this week, asking for your assistance.

The first is The **Friends of Creamers Field**. They are looking for some groups of volunteers to help with set-up/tear-down for Wild Arts Walk on June 26, 2022. The set-up shift would be from 7am until noon-ish and tear-down would be from 4:00pm-6:30ish. If you or any of your members would like to help, please contact Grace Nelson directly. Contact info is below. This one is coming up on very short notice.

Grace Nelson

Executive Director

Friends of Creamer's Field

PO Box 81065

Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

(907) 978-8457

www.friendsofcreamersfield.org

The second opportunity could be beneficial to both them and you. It's the **Tanana Valley Fair**. They have many opportunities, including a demo booth that you can use for recruitment and to promote your unit. The contact information is on the attached flyer ([demo booth reference page](#)). Another opportunity to volunteer is in helping to supervise the [bottle cap art project](#). You can go to tvfsa.org to register as a volunteer. Further questions can be directed to Ruth Pomeroy, contact info is below.

Ruth Pomeroy

Volunteer Coordinator

Tanana Valley State Fair Association

907-452-3750

Of course, we have a third opportunity where you can help and that is this Saturday out at Lost Lake for Beaver Day. We had a lot of damage caused by the weather this past winter and are looking for help in cleaning and fixing things up a bit. We lost two pavilions from the snow weight (Nature and Sparrowhawk), and a lot of tree

damage. Please contact our office 907-452-1976, if you are able to assist. Because of the work that needs to be done, we are asking for you not to bring young ones with you for their own safety. Food will be served.



Project Opportunities at Midnight Sun Festival event on **Saturday, June 18** from noon-midnight. The Festival is a very popular event and is hosted by the Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services whose mission it is, in part, to *maintain the vitality and improve the overall quality of life in downtown Fairbanks*. There is more information about the Festival at the [Festival's webpage.](#)

Service Projects:

1. Anytime from June 5-16, fold and stack 800 Festival T-shirts. (No limit to group size. Ages 10 and older, I guess)
1. Friday, June 17 from 8 -10 PM, odd jobs setting up for the Festival, including : pitch garage-style tent, carry tables and chairs, place 60 sand bags on traffic barricades, etc. (I'd say 3-6 teens.)
1. Saturday, June 18 from 10 AM – 11:30 AM, odd jobs setting up for the Festival, including: arrange table and chairs, carrying tables, chairs and boxes of T-shirts. (3-6 teens.)

All of these projects earn a Scout a Festival T-shirt.

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