

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - November 2025 NEWS!



United Way
of Tanana Valley



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](#)

Midnight Sun Council News 15 November, 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

November 2025

Nov 14-15 - OA Toontuk Lodge Leadership Development
Nov 19 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Nov 19 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Nov 20 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Nov 20 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
Nov 27-28 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving

December 2025

Dec 4 - TV District Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
Dec 9 - Eagle Books due
Dec 10 - Distinguished Citizens Banquet @ 6 pm
Dec 16 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
Dec 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Dec 17 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Dec 18 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Dec 18 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
Dec 19-31 - Scout Shop CLOSED for Inventory

January 2026

Jan 8 - TV District Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
Jan 10 - OA Winter Banquet
Jan 13-15 - Staff Planning Conference
Jan 13 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED

SAVE THE DATE!!

The 42nd ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET



The Midnight Sun Council, Scouting America

Salutes

Gary & Sue Wilken

**Save
Date**
December 10th 6:00pm

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 10th, 2025
6pm social hour - 7pm dinner
Information & RSVP contact: (907) 452-1976
Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org

\$125 per seat, tables and sponsorships are currently still available

Jan 17 - TV District Annual Meeting @ noon
 Jan 19 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of MLK Jr. Day
 Jan 20 - Eagle Books due
 Jan 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
 Jan 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:45 pm
 Jan 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

Ship 907 Book Fair & Gift Wrapping Fundraiser!

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December 4th - 10th

Barnes & Noble will have a Voucher code that can be used in-store and on-line for purchases. **DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4th - 10th** purchases made using the code will have a percentage of that money donated to the Ship.

We will also have gift wrapping fundraisers during December as well as at Fred Meyer's East & Barnes & Noble

Dec 7th : 1pm till 6pm, at East Fred Meyer's

Dec 19th : 3pm till 7pm at East Fred Meyer's

Dec 6th : 12pm till 6pm at Barnes & Noble

All money raised at these fundraisers will go toward helping our youth learn more with Seamanship Skills, Water Safety Skills, and to help fund trips to learn those skills.

[Click here or on image for view/download flyer](#)

Midnight Sun Council SALES CAMPAIGN 2025!

You spoke and we listened!

Popcorn wasn't getting you to your goals. Here is what the fundraising committee voted on.... This year we are selling discount cards, working with MVP/ABC fundraising we put together a discount card you can use here locally to receive discounts at local stores and vendors. Big savings at Cold Stone Creamery, Big Daddy's BBQ, Fat Burger, The Cookie Jar, Arctic Sun VR, Escape Room Ak, Alyeska Tire, Friar Tucks Hoogie house, 15 total discounts well worth over the \$20

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PATIENT Essential Care PACKS

The Midnight Sun Council of Scouts is working with the employees of Foundation Health Partners to put together Patient Care Packs for patients who need a little extra support.

Travel-sized*:

- Wipes
- Lip balm
- Deodorant
- Moisturizer
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush

Donations needed by Dec. 1

*Fragrance-free when possible

Drop-off locations:

- Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Main Lobby near the Information Desk
- Midnight Sun Council of Scouts Office: 1400 Gillam Way

Can you help?

The Midnight Sun Council of Scouts is working with the employees of Foundation Health Partners on a special project.

This is an employee-led effort to extend care beyond medical treatment. Together, we're preparing and providing kits filled with travel-size toiletries for patients who need a little extra support or the essentials.

Many of the patients who receive care at the hospital don't have the basics or access to hygiene items. Even things as seemingly simple as a toothbrush or deodorant.

These small things can make a big difference in how someone feels before or after receiving care.

For patients struggling with long hospital stays, housing insecurity, or financial hardship, a Patient Care Pack can make a difference.

Questions: FHPCommunityFeedback@FoundationHealth.org

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

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 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](#)

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

POLAND 2027
JULY 30th - AUGUST 8th 2027

Join us to celebrate 120 years of scouting

You can be a youth participant if you were born between July 30, 2009, and July 30, 2013

Visit Our Website

Visit WSJ Website: wsj2027.us

Email us: USAPoland2027@gmail.com

cost. Making this card very easy to sell.



All Scouts need to practice each point of the Scout Law, during fundraising. Scouts practice being trustworthy, helpful, courteous, kind, cheerful, thrifty, brave and clean, while fundraising for their goals to attend camp, High Adventure and basically fund their Scouting goals! This campaign isn't just about fundraising, its also built into the program.

Discount Card Sales continue. If you need more cards, please coordinate with CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org

NEB APPROVES FAMILY TROOP OPTION

Thank you, Troop 20, in participating in the pilot program!!

Click on image below to view/download letter.

[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](#)

New Scouts BSA Advancement Education Series Addresses Common Challenges

Scouts BSA is launching "Scouts BSA Advancement Demystified: Separating Myth from Reality," a monthly webinar series designed to clarify advancement procedures for troop leaders, parents, and Scouts.

The series began October 1st at 8pm Eastern and will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. The inaugural session, "Advancement Myths – BUSTED!" focuses on correcting common misconceptions about advancement requirements. Later sessions will cover digital tools for merit badge counseling (November 5th) and effective boards of review (December 3rd).

Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance or during the live sessions. Additional sessions are planned for 2026.

Boys & Girls Club

We have lost a mainstay in our communities when the Boys & Girls Club closed its doors across the Interior and North Slope. We have reached out to their main office in Anchorage to see how we could possibly assist the families that are impacted by this loss. While we can't offer babysitting services, we might be able to assist with after school programs.

Scouting America Leadership,

In response to a growing need for some of our Scouting families, the National Executive Board has approved a family troop option for Scouts BSA, following a successful pilot. This new option will be available December 15, 2025.

This option provides chartered organizations with more flexibility in delivering Scouting to families in communities where there are not enough youth to have a boy-only or girl-only troop. While the vast majority of troops will continue to specifically serve boys or girls in the years ahead, this option gives chartered organizations the ability to meet the unique needs of their communities and families who want to do Scouting together in a unit.

A survey of pilot units indicated:

- Increased membership
- Stronger program delivery
- High satisfaction among youth, leaders and families.
- Greater efficiency in operations and resource use.

This model represents a forward-thinking approach in our goal of adapting and meeting the needs of families, while upholding the core values of Scouting and our ongoing commitment to our mission to serve more young people across the country.

I want to thank the Scouts BSA Committee, National Operations Leadership Committee, National Executive Board, councils, and units that participated in the pilot. Together we can deliver Scouting to a new generation of Americans.

Yours in Scouting,



Roger Krone
Chief Scout Executive
President & CEO
Scouting America

Click on the following links for more information:

[Family Troop Best Practices](#)

[Converting from a Family Troop](#)

[Family Troop Decision Guide](#)

If anyone is interested in providing a Scouting program after school, please contact our office at 907-452-1976. We don't know what this will look like yet, but we are putting a plan together to see if it is something we can provide our communities.

This is a wakeup call. The closing of the Boys & Girls Club locations should highlight the need to support local nonprofits, including the Midnight Sun Council, be it through volunteer time, financial support, or both. We all count on community support in order to provide the various programs that are needed in our community.

For those of you providing leadership, volunteer hours, and/or financial support for our Council, we can't state how thankful we are for all that you do to provide Scouting opportunities to our youth.



Board Fund the Adventure F O S Race Update

After taking in the spring and what seems like the first half of the summer the racers are still slogging their way through the now mostly covered tundra, and through the mosquito covered marshy spots that have long since thawed. That might be the issue, everyone is taking in their fair share of Vitamin D and the sunshine. Probably catching some lake trout and grayling.

Let's remind our racers of their task and get them moving again in the direction towards Nome. The serum is already overdue in Nome since June 1st and yet the village is still holding on, hoping and depending on ALL our teams to arrive sometime really soon.

Help us get our teams to focus on getting up the trail by sending a (or more) little pick me up to the team of your choice. Just follow this link or scan the QR and you can show support and get a limited patch.

Help our Board get to Nome!

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

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!

Pick a team to support by following <https://form.jotform.com/250635980581059> or by scanning the QR code below



Balto and Granite stayed back during the summer, knowing that the melting ice would have been very dangerous to cross by the time they got to it. We do appreciate them talking about Scouting to everyone they met along the way.

Team Fox picked up some more and were working their way around the Sound. They are currently in Koyuk. Why wait for the water to refreeze when they can go around, right? Well, it takes a bit more time that way. Safety first!

Team Togo took a more treacherous route and made it across some ice as it was breaking up. They made it to Walla Walla and rested in the remnants of an old roadhouse.

Here is a video of Team Togo going across the sound.

[Watch it and be motivated.](#)

Rest Area or current location for each team:

Fairbanks **Start**

Nenana **\$2,500**

Tanana **\$5,000**

Outside of Kallands 🐶 **Balto**

Kaltag **\$7,500** 🐾 **Granite**

Unalakleet **\$10,000**

Koyuk 🦊 **Fox**

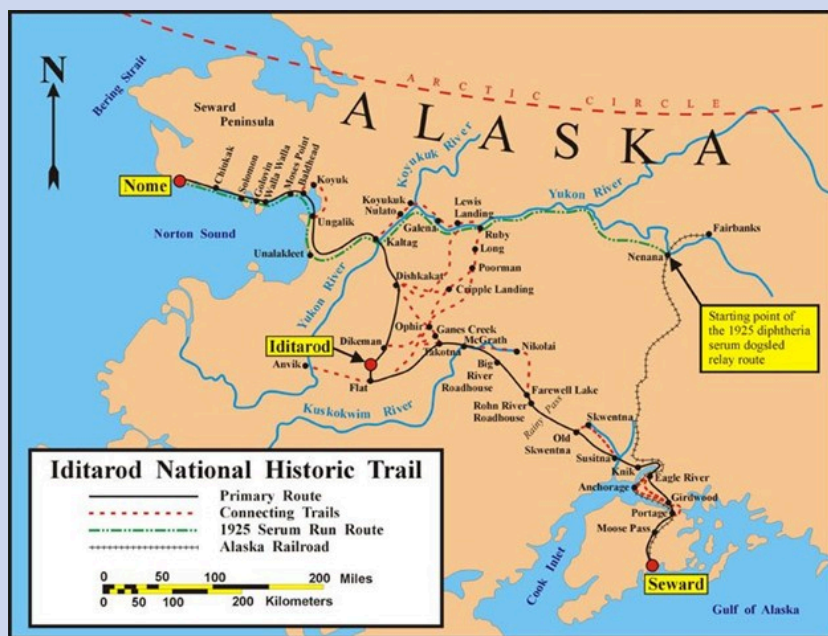
Seward Peninsula **\$12,500**

Walla Walla 🐺 **Togo**

NOME **\$15,000**

Total Goal: \$60,000 raised. Total value of serum delivered: Priceless!
67.73% of the goal has been attained.

Project Sales Goal: \$33,000. **225.55%** has been attained. The project sales total includes Capital funds.



CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Unit recharter time is coming up. If you have not already picked up the paperwork for your unit, please stop by the Council Office for your unit's packet. For any help with recharter, please stop by or call the Council Office.

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

By reregistering them at the council through Add Reg, we are able to pull in their existing member ID number and connect it with the new registration maintaining one member ID number and one complete history.

□ **New requirements for S/R units/members:**

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

The Scout Shop is back to its original opening hours!
We are open Monday to Friday
from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Salmon CSPs - Only 22 left!!



Come and get them before they are gone!!

Our new CSP has arrived!!

*Our newest Caribou CSP is now available for sale in the Scout Shop.
The cost is \$7.50.*

o Youth do not need new applications for the first 3 months after dropping (S/R period). After 3 months a new application is required.

□ *Example:* A youth expires March 31. Lapse period is April and May. Drops June 1 st . Can use existing app if renews June, July or August. Starting September 1 would need a new application.

o Adults need new applications as soon as they drop. There is no “grace period” for adults.

□ *Example:* An adult expires March 31. Lapse period is April and May. Drops June 1. Will need a new application on or after June 1.

o The existing unit app is good for an S/R unit for the first 6 months. After that, a new “New Unit App” will be required.

□ *Example:* A unit expires March 31. Lapse period is April and May. Drops June 1. June through November existing app is acceptable. Renewal December 1 or later will need a new application.



*The new OA Lodge Flap has arrived.
The cost is \$10.*

*Please visit or call the Council Office
at 907-452-1976 to purchase.
Yes, we can ship them.*



Calling all Arrowman of Toontuk Lodge!!

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 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.

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





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.

Join Our Northern Lights High Adventure Staff for 2026!

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!

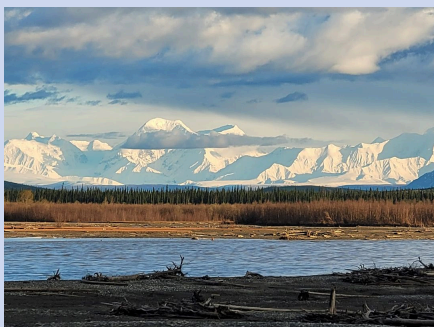
To apply, please fill out the form below:

[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! CLICK HERE
AND BOOK YOURS NOW!!**



BOOK YOUR 2026 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 2025 Eagle Scouts



Trail to Eagle workbook

Gabriel Tate

*Troop 1001 B
Rotary of Fairbanks*

Liam Danek Smurda

Noah Kai Lucas

Wednesday Raven Van Dyke

*Troop 1020 Co-ed
Goldstream Lions*

Armor Anderson

Will Mingus

Peter Joseph Mondelli

Edgar Nichols

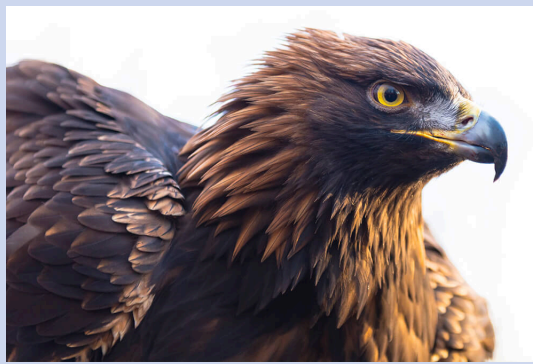
*Troop 1138 B
Tanana Lodge #3*

Mary Burke

*Troop 1138 G
Tanana Lodge #3*

*Midnight Sun Council Eagle
Scout Candidate Checklist*

THANK YOU! to our 2025 Golden Eagle Sponsors



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