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CAMPING DIRECTOR



The position is responsible for developing, administering, and promoting the year-round outdoor and camping program of the council, serving as advisor to the council camping and high adventure committees, supervising summer camp operations, including Lost Lake Scout Camp and the Northern Lights High Adventure Base, implementing conservation and maintenance plans related to the council's outdoor facilities and properties, and being the staff advisor to the Order of the Arrow Toontuk Lodge. This position

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As a United Way agency, members have various resources at their disposal to help with food, shelter, and other needs.

Here is their website:

<https://unitedwaytv.com/>

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Important Dates

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November 2020

Nov 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

reports to the Scout Executive. The position supervises the Camp Director and has other responsibilities that will result in an increasing number of youth participating in a quality Scouting program.

Bachelor's Degree required, though life skills can be reviewed to qualify.

If you are interested in this position, please provide a resume with cover letter to the Scout Service Center attn: Stephen Smith. Please mark it CONFIDENTIAL.

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CARES ACT FUNDING

The Midnight Sun Council thanks the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough for the financial assistance they provided our Council this year, as we battled various COVID-19 challenges.

They helped us to maintain our staffing, buy needed personal protection equipment, and helped with paying our utility bills. This assistance was greatly needed during a challenging time.

We hope our families stay safe and keep the Scouting Spirit going strongly.

BIRTHDAY FACEBOOK CHALLENGE

Stephen and CJ would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate their birthdays by supporting the Midnight Sun Council in the Facebook Birthday Challenge!

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Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Update

Nov 25 - Office and Scout Shop closed @ 1 pm

Nov 26-27 Office and Scout Shop closed-Thanksgiving

December 2020

Dec 3 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Dec 8 - Eagle books due

Dec 9 - 38th Distinguished Citizen Banquet

Dec 15 - Eagle board (by appointment only)

Dec 17 - TVD Annual Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Dec 16 - Bush District Annual Meeting @ 5:45 pm

Dec 21-22 - Scout Shop closed, but Office open

Dec 23-25 - Office and Scout Shop closed

Dec 28-30 - Scout Shop closed, but Office open

Dec 31 - Office closes @ 3 pm and Scout Shop closed

January 2021

Jan 1 - Office and Scout Shop closed

Jan 7 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Jan 16 - Annual Toontuk Dinner

Jan 19 - Eagle Books due

Jan 20 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Jan 26 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

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Special Membership Promotion

Special promotion: As an additional incentive, Troops which grow 5 members from 7/31/2020 to 12/31/2020 will earn a free day of high C.O.P.E. at Lost Lake Scout Camp.

Packs which grow by 5 members over the same time period will earn 10% Pinewood Derby accessories for the whole Pack and year!

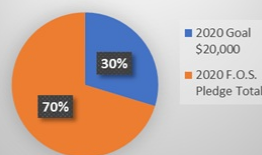
Please contact Rob Stewart at

Midnight Sun Council



Thank you to everyone who has helped get the 2020 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign off to a strong start, and **congratulations** to Troop 1138 B, Troop 1138 G, Troop 1042, Troop 1047 and Pack 1551 for achieving their F.O.S. Goals!!

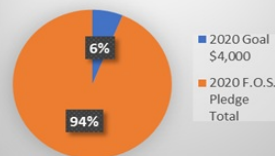
Tanana Valley District



The Tanana Valley District has raised \$ **14,054** towards the District Goal of **\$20,000** and the Bush District has raised \$ **3,750** towards the District Goal of **\$4,000**!

Unit Leaders or F.O.S. Coordinators, please continue to plan to hold an F.O.S. presentation once your Troop or Pack resumes meeting in person and email robert.stewart@scouting.org if you need a packet or a guest presenter. We understand that these are difficult times financially for our families and thank you for your support both financially and through your time!

Bush District



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38th Distinguished Citizen Banquet

THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET

Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America
Salute

Craig Compeau

Please Join us

Wednesday December 9th, 2020 at the Wedgewood Resort in Fairbanks.

6pm is Social hour - 7pm dinner

Information and RSVP by contacting (907) 452-1976 or

Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org

<https://fb.me/e/1A82EsGU4>

(Covid-19 Protocol in place and the event will follow Wedgewood policies)



We are working with the Wedgewood to make the dinner as safe as possible and have avenues for in-person and virtual attendance. We have rented the whole facility, so we will be there by ourselves. There will be hand sanitizing stations in use throughout the

robert.stewart@scouting.org or 907-452-1976 for more information.

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Support Midnight Sun Council of the Boy Scouts of America

If you can't find what you want locally and shop via Amazon, support the Midnight Sun Council at the same time! Shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to the Midnight Sun Council, at no cost to you.



[Additionally find out here how to shop with your Fred Meyers Rewards Card and donate to the Midnight Sun Council](#)



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BeAScout.org: The smart and simple way to recruit Scouts during COVID-19

Fortunately, you don't need to be a master of search engine optimization to recruit new families to your pack, troop, crew or ship. You just need to update your [BeAScout pin](#). And thanks to some volunteer-focused changes to this process, it's now easier than ever to do so....
[Click here for more information](#)

areas. Their trained servers will serve all food. Social distancing will be in place. Work pods (people who work all day together) will be allowed to sit at the same table. Multiple rooms and wide screen monitors will be used to handle the social distancing aspect. The honoree will visit each room throughout the evening. Masks are mandatory, except for when one is eating and drinking. Presenters can remove their masks when speaking. For those uncomfortable with being at a large gathering or can't wear a mask for extended period of times, there will be a remote/virtual way of "attending".

When talking with your friends and associates, please let them know these details and that we consider their safety to be our top priority.

We are asking you to help us raise much needed funds to help us continue fulfilling our mission in serving the youth of our communities and in recognizing

Craig Compeau

as

Old Time Fairbanks Goes Full Throttle!

click links below to view/download

[2020 Sponsorship Letter](#)

[2020 DC invitation front/back](#)

[2020 DC Response card](#)

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Distinguished Citizen Banquet 2020 SPECIAL PROJECT



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Mark your calendars!!



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Advancement Updates



[click here to view BSA Final Advancement COVID-19 update pdf](#)

Cub Scout Adult Leader Training



The Cub Scout English E-Learning and Facilitated Adult Training have been updated to match current Cub Scout Program changes and updates to include using Scoutbook - especially in relation to conducting



For your dedication in keeping the Scouting program going during these tough times, the Midnight Sun Council is offering the following to your unit. All we ask is for you to tell us what you have been doing to help your families remain active in your unit, how and where you are meeting (virtual, in person, or combination), and participation level. Just jot down the information and send it in with your order or reservation.

For Cub Packs: You will receive free Pinewood Derby cars for each of your registered youth. Already picked up your cars but get a new youth to join? No problem, they can get a car too. Offer valid through December 31, 2020 and available now.

For Scout Troops: You get one free weekend camping at Lost Lake through December 31, 2021, depending on availability. This includes cabins. The dining hall is also available, but use of the kitchen will cost \$50 to cover the cost of fuel, etc. The weekend would consist of Friday night check in starting at 6 PM through Sunday check out by noon with the Ranger's approval of cleanliness of the facilities used.

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Roundtable



The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online through Zoom and in-person at the Council Office on Dec 3rd, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom

app and entering this information:

Meeting ID: **893 0165 6441** and Passcode: **55157**
TVD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89301656441?pwd=V2F5ZE9vK2JLaXhETIFZd0ZKVVNhdz09>

The next Bush District Roundtable will also be held online on Nov. 18th, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm and in - person at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction.

Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:

Meeting ID: **892 2927 5711** Passcode: **55163**
BD: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89229275711?pwd=Z29UTnJaeFZ5Tzc4SENZZXJzbjFvQ0T09>

a Cub Scout Den Meeting using the Den Leader Experience.

The new modules are available in the BSA Learn Center, and the following modules have been updated:

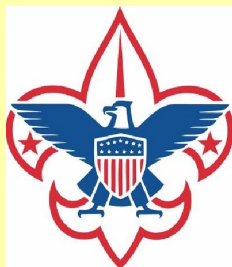
- Conducting a Cub Scout Den Meeting
- Annual Program Planning
- Cub Scout Uniforms
- Conducting a Cub Scout Pack Meeting
- Resources
- Involving Adults in Cub Scouting
- Conducting a Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting
- The new English Facilitated materials can be downloaded from the

[scouting.org/training/adult](https://www.scouting.org/training/adult) page or by clicking [here](#).

We encourage even those already position trained to accomplish the new modules so they are current with the latest program changes.

[Cub Scout-Leader-Training-Facilitator-Guide](#)

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Information About Online Registration for Councils and Unit Leaders

The Boy Scouts of America offers on

online application process for youth and adults that can be completed from start to finish without a single piece of paper changing hands.

This allows prospective members and leaders to register and pay in a way that's convenient for them, and it creates a more efficient and user-friendly registration experience for units, districts, and councils.

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PayPal Functionality Enabled in Scoutbook for Key Unit Operation Items

The world we find ourselves in today has prompted our organization to provide our unit leaders with the right tools to continue Scouting in their communities. As part of this effort, we have been working on a way for units to accept and make payments for renewal/rechartering and other items for unit operation in Scoutbook through

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Online Registration



The Online Registration Training site is completely updated now. There are training videos for unit volunteers and for councils. The Unit Guidebook has also been updated so that it reflects

all of the changes. Go check these resources out!

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/>

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FROM THE REGISTRAR!

Re-Chararters are coming up!

Please check with your members to make sure their most current information is listed so our records stay up to date.

New Background Check Forms came out last year. Please make sure that your adults all have turned in the new form, as registrations cannot be processed without them.

Youth Protection is a serious part of scouting and our council requires all adults to renew their certification each year. Registrations cannot be processed without a current certificate.

Merit Badge Counselors- Please turn in a new adult application with a 2019 updated background check form and current YPT certificate as we are updating our records. Please include a new merit badge application so we can record the merit badges you want to be a counselor for. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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Cub Scout On-boarding Resources

Have you seen all the new material on the Cub Scout page of [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)?

PayPal. For more info, click here:

<https://discussions.scouting.org/>

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The Midnight Sun Council is looking for Summer Camp Staff to work at Lost Lake Scout Camp in 2021!



If you are interested in getting out doors and working with today's youth, please click on and follow this link <http://www.midnightsunbsa.org/Lost Lake Scout Camp> and drop down to "Camp Staff" and open the staff application in the middle of the page.

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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 District Commissioner Mike Galloway at mikegalloway55@gmail.com to learn more!

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Online Position Specific Training



Did you know that there are training plans



[New Leader Welcome](#)

This is "New Leader Welcome" by Boy Scouts of America on Vimeo, the

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NATIONAL RESOURCES:

BSA's national Cub Scout staff have put together some fun activity videos that can be useful Cub Scout recruiting tools. The YouTube videos are short, 2 to 5 minutes, with a purpose and an activity. Activities are all requirements found in our program. They are not branded as BSA or Cub Scouts.

[Here is the link](#) to a YouTube playlist for K-2 nd grade

[Here is the link](#) to a YouTube playlist for 3 rd-4th grade

The national Scouting at home site is here to help members and nonmembers engage in Scouting while we shelter in place. Lots of good resources are included.

<https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome>

Tools and resources to strengthen your units can be found here, including some timely webinars on zoom meetings, digital recruiting, school access during covid, and much more.

<https://scoutingwire.org>

Bryon on Scouting has also published some of the best digital scouting resources from around the country:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/06/24>

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[Journey to Excellence Update](#)

Scouting's Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the BSA's planning, performance and recognition program designed to encourage and reward the success of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

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 below to see what kinds of training plans are available that relate to your position.

Menu>My Training>Training Center

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Youth Protection Reminder

It's critical that we all continue to keep youth protection top-of-mind whether our Scouting activities are taking place in person or through a digital platform.

Of note, remember that BSA prohibits any one-on-one interaction between an adult leader and a Scout - in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form.

Detailed youth protection information is [available here](#). To ensure you are following safety standards for all Scouting activities, please reference the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

The [BSA's Social Media Guidelines](#) serve as a complement to our youth protection policies.

Please remember that the Midnight Sun Council requires YPT to be renewed annually to be considered current!

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**Advancement during COVID-19:
Official details
about Eagle extensions
and more**



The BSA has a message to young people concerned that the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak will prevent them from completing Eagle Scout rank requirements before their 18th birthday: Don't worry; we've got your back.

[Click here for more information!](#)

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The BSA recognizes that given the extraordinary circumstances occurring in 2020, benchmarking 2019 to 2020 and 2021 to 2020 is not constructive, therefore, effective immediately, the Journey to Excellence recognition program for Districts and Councils will be discontinued for 2020 and 2021.

The Journey to Excellence Unit recognition program will continue.

The JTE data is valuable information, and to assist with membership data analysis in the future, a new membership reporting tool is under development. This tool will provide councils and districts with key membership data, including gender and ethnic diversity. Stay tuned for details about the rollout of the new tool.

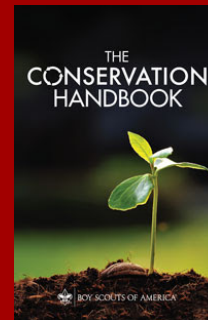
Unit Recognition Revised unit criteria, due to the pandemic, is available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/>

2021 unit scorecards are available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>

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DISTINGUISHED CONSERVATION SERVICE AWARD

This new award replaces the Hornaday Award. For more information, please click on the link below:



[Conservation and Environment | Boy Scouts of America](#)

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TOONTUK CORNER

*The Lodge Annual dinner will be held on January 16, 2021 at 6 pm.
The location will be determined at a later date and look for more news on it in the future.*

Save the Date!



The
**2021 Midnight Sun Council
Eagle Scout and
Volunteer Recognition
Annual Dinner**
will take place on
Saturday, February 13th

This event is an annual tribute to Eagle Scouts and the vital work of our volunteers.

We are working on making a digital option available for the evening and more details will be shared soon!

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TRAIL TO EAGLE

We are proud of our prospective Eagle Scouts. Workbooks are available online. If you have questions please note that appointments are needed as people you may need to talk to are not always available.



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**Congratulations
to our
2020 Eagle Scouts**



Samuel Bangerter
Troop 5
LDS 5th Ward

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SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Please let us know if you are planning an event that will require a large number of an individual award so we are sure to have enough on hand for your scouts.

**Cabela's brand, Polo, Thermals and
Windbreakers for only \$5 each!**



**Two hat and shirt combos for \$17 each.
Only 4 of the mom sets left!**



See the council [website](#) for more items and specials.

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Drive Through Haunted Trail

THANK YOU to all the Troops and Packs which participated in the Drive Through Haunted Trail!

Please find some pictures from the event below. We were open four nights and served over 1200 cars! Special thanks to our TVD District Committee and District Activities Chair for helping make this event a success.

Adult Leaders are invited to join us Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 6 pm at the Council office for a discussion of what went well and what could be improved for the future.

**Noah Connolly and
Simon Connolly
Dawson Freeman
Caleb Snell
JR Lannet**
Troop 14
North Pole Community

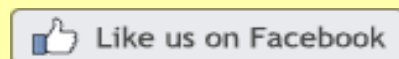
**Kaleb Johnson
Jaden Minton**
Troop 42
North Star Volunteer Fire Dept.

Wesley Patton
Troop 56
Delta Lions Club

Drexel Miller, III
Troop 1001
Rotary Club of Fairbanks

Sebiyam Werdin-Kennicott
Troop 1092
Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks

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Are you a friend of the Midnight Sun Council's Facebook page? If the answer is no, then you are missing out on all of the important updates and announcements that we share via Facebook, like our meeting announcements, upgrades at Lost Lake, changes in program, and more! Come check us out, "LIKE" the page and "SHARE" the stories with your friends.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2020 GOLDEN EAGLE SPONSORS

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Kal Kennedy	Cindy Mascadri	Stephanie Miller
Nenana Ice Classic	The Optimist Club of Fairbanks	Outdoor Heritage Foundation
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Usibelli Foundation	VFW Post #10029	Dennis Wise

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