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HELP WANTED

It is with sad heart that we announce the resignation of Matthew Banaszewski as our Camping Director. We wish him the best as he moves to Pittsburgh to pursue other opportunities. His last day with us is October 15th.

We will be looking to fill his position in the near future. Please see the Job Summary below:

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United Way
of Tanana Valley

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

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

October 2020

Oct 1 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Oct 2-4 - Vigil Weekend @ Lost Lake Camp

Oct - 3 - **CANCELLED - Freeze up Canoe Race**

Oct 12 - Scout Shop and Office closed -



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 reports to the Scout Executive. The position supervises the Camp Director. 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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Cub Scout On-boarding Resources

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



[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

Indigenous People Day

Oct 20 - Eagle books due

Oct 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Oct 27 - Eagle Board - by appointment

Oct 30-31 - POPCORN Distro & Pickup

November 2020

Nov 5 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Nov 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

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 15 - Eagle board (by appointment only)

Dec 16 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Dec 24-25 - Office and Scout Shop closed

Dec 31-Jan 1 Office and Scout Shop closed

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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](#)

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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.

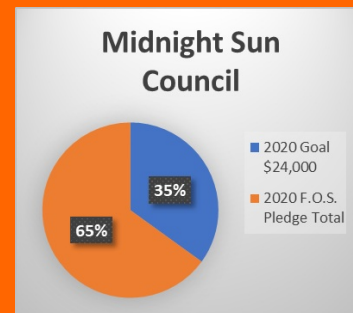
<https://scoutingwire.org>

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

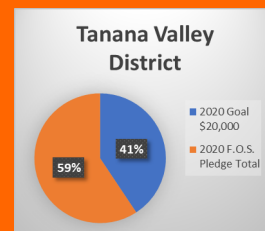
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/06/24>

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Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Update



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 1047 and Pack 1551 for achieving their F.O.S. Goals!!

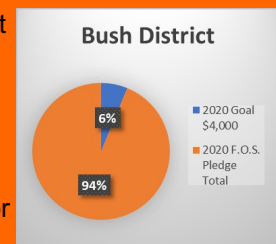


The Tanana Valley District has raised \$ **11,854** towards the District Goal of **\$20,000** and the Bush District has raised \$ **3,750** towards the District Goal of **\$4,000!**

Let's pick back up where we left off with this campaign!

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!



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Popcorn

[Click here](#)
for the most current news
and information about the
Midnight Sun Council



Board/Community Campaign

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SCOUTING MAGAZINE UPDATE



The latest issue, [September–October 2020](#), is online in a digital format, free to all adults registered with the BSA. Instead of waiting months for fresh content, the [Scouting magazine app](#) will be updated every day with something new.

The Scouting magazine app is available now in the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

[click here to read more](#)

Advancement Updates



We are down to the final weeks of the sale! Online selling has been the push this year during the pandemic. However, if your Unit was able to sell traditionally, orders are due by the Popcorn Kernels via the Trails End Website by 3pm on October 9, 2020.

Make sure parents and Scouts know the Unit deadline so Kernels can finalize orders on time! If you are a Popcorn Kernel and you have not logged into the system, please do so this week in case there are any problems. If there are any please contact CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org

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Roundtable



The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be online through Zoom and in-person at the Council Office on **Oct. 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm.** We are excited to be hosting a presentation detailing the ways your Troop or Pack can recruit members through BeAScout.org!


Please join us by visiting the link [here](#) or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:
TVD Meeting ID: 893 0165 6441 and Passcode: 55157

The next Bush District Roundtable will also be held online on **Oct. 21, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm** and in -person at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction.

Please join us by visiting the link [here](#) or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:
Bush Meeting ID: 892 2927 5711 Passcode: 55163

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Online Registration

A close-up photograph of a person's hands. The person is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, long-sleeved shirt. They are holding a silver pen in their right hand and are in the process of writing on a document. The document has some text and lines on it, but it's not clearly legible. The background is slightly blurred, showing what might be another person's hands or another document. The overall lighting is bright and even.

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/>

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 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 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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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 PayPal. For more info, click here:

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

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FROM THE REGISTRAR!

Re-Charters 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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2020 Midnight Sun Council Family Camping Program



In order to share Scouting with more families and support "peer to peer" recruitment efforts by our units, the Midnight Sun Council is pleased to announce our Family Camping program for 2020!

Families will be encouraged to visit the facilities we have to offer at Lost Lake Scout Camp on a weekend that works with their schedules, rather than through their Pack or Troop. Families are asked to share the Scouting adventure with a non-Scouting family by bringing them to camp and giving them a taste of all the opportunities Scouting has to offer.

We hope you'll help spread the word that families in the Council should come on out to Lost Lake and bring a friend! Contact the Council office at 907-452-1976 to check on campsite availability.

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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/LostLakeScoutCamp> and drop down to "Camp Staff" and open the staff application in the middle of the page.

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Fall Camporee: "Law and Order: LL"

The Tanana Valley District Camporee Committee and Troop 1138 hosted our Fall Camporee September 18-20 at Lost Lake Scout Camp.



The activities were centered around completing requirements for the Law, Traffic Safety, Fingerprinting, and Crime Prevention Merit Badges and culminated in a "mock trial" experience Saturday evening!



Drive Through Haunted Trail



October 17th, 24th, 30th-31st

The Tanana Valley District Committee is making plans for a District-wide Haunted Trail fundraiser and Recruitment event.

The event will be open from 5-9 pm and will be \$8 a person or \$20 a car, with a portion of the proceeds distributed to Units based on their levels of participation.

This event will take place this October at the Ice Art Park in Fairbanks, where units will be able to sponsor sections of the trail through the "single-block" section.

We need units willing to participate in order for this to be a success! Unit Leaders should contact TVD Activities Chair Lani Widell at 4koa@alaska.net or 907-987-0011 for more information and to choose their location along the route to sponsor.

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THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET

Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America

Salute

Craig Compeau

Please save the date:

Wednesday December 9th, 2020. While we work through pandemic guidelines and coordination



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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.

Everyone who attended will receive a Camporee Patch. Unit Leaders should contact the Council Office to pay (if they have not already) at 907-452-1976



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Flag Retirement Ceremonies



We have old flags for units to use to teach scouts how to respectfully retire a flag.

They are available for pick up at the scout office during regular business hours.

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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

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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Lost Lake Scout Camp

With all the challenges we faced with Covid, the Scouts of Midnight Sun Council and some other troops from the Great Alaska Council and one troop from Circle Ten Council, had a great two weeks at summer camp. We hosted a total of 12 Scouts BSA troops that totaled around 60 Scouts.



The staff is already preparing for next summer for another great year. The staff is especially excited to introduce a Cub Scout and a Webelos Resident Camp. The theme for the camp is the Pirates of the Chukchi so, get your costumes ready for a great week at camp.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

We are happy to announce that long-time Troop 2056 Scoutmaster Alan Levinson is our Volunteer of the Month!

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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Alan has served the Scouts of Delta Junction faithfully for many years and the time has come for him to move on from that role in the Scouting.



THANK YOU for all of your years of service, Alan! You have made a lasting impact on the lives of the Scouts you have led, and you serve as a prime example of living out the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Troop 2056 celebrated Alan this past

weekend and presented him with a wooden bowl engraved with the names of Eagle Scouts who earned Scouting's highest rank under his leadership.

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TOONTUK CORNER

*The lodge held their annual elections in August and the new Lodge Chief for the year is **Matthew Banaszewski** and the Vice Chief is **Sam Lindner**. **Ernest Hollcraft** will be serving as the Secretary and **James Hill** as the Treasurer.*

OA Vigil weekend is going to be held October 2-3. All Vigil members are invited to the event and contact Matt Banaszewski at matthew.banaszewski@scouting.org or at 907452-1976.

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.

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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

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

Kaleb Johnson
Troop 42
North Star Volunteer Fire Dept.

Wesley Patton
Troop 56
Delta Lions Club

Drexel Miller
Troop 1001
Rotary Club of Fairbanks

Sebiyam Werdin-Kennicott

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.

Uniform bottoms will be 20% off with the purchase of its matching top
August 17-October 10, 2020.

See the council website for more items and specials.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2020 GOLDEN EAGLE SPONSORS

Steve Adamczak	Carol Adamczak	Steve Adams
Alaska Riverways, Inc	Hank Bartos	Ben Lomond
Andrew Bennett	Larry Bennett	Mary Binkley
Mick Braun	City of Fairbanks	Dennis "Skip" Cook
Jeff Cook	Matt Cooper	Doyon Utilities, LLC
Fairbanks Gold Mine	Bob Groseclose	Kal Kennedy
Cindy Mascadri	Nenana Ice Classic	The Optimist Club of Fairbanks
Outdoor Heritage Foundation	Rasmuson Foundation	Rod's Alaskan Guide Service
Stephen Smith	Rob Taylor	Tired Iron
Toontuk Lodge #549	Usibelli Foundation	VFW Post #10029
Dennis Wise		

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Like us on Facebook

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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