



## MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - MAY 2024 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 15 May, 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

#### May 2024

May 18 - Aviation Day

May 18 - Beaver Day

May 21-23 - Cub Scout Day Camp

May 21 - Eagle Books due

May 24 - Intro to new Cub Scout Program @ 5 pm

May 27 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed in observance to Memorial Day

May 28 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

May 30 - TV District Meeting @ 6 pm

May 30 - Council Office and Scout Shop open at 11 am

#### June 2024

June 5 - Council Office and Scout Shop open at 11 am

Jun 6 - TV District Picnic, 6 pm @ Kiwanis Park

June 7 - Council Office and Scout Shop open at 11 am

Jun 18 - Eagle Books due

Jun 19 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed in observance of Juneteenth

Jun 25 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

Jun 27 - TV District Meeting @ 6 pm

#### July 2024

Jul 4 - Council Office and Scout Shop closed in observance of Independence Day

Jul 7-13 - Lost Lake Scout Camp Staff Week

Jul 13 - Cubs Bike

Jul 14-20 - Lost Lake Scout Resident Summer Camp

Jul 20 - BALOO

Jul 23 - Eagle Books due

Jul 25 - TV District Meeting @ 6 pm

Jul 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

#### Summer Hours

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



For his undying service to youth, Troop 47, Toontuk Lodge, the Council, and his church, we recognize Dave Minto with this month's Volunteer of the Month.

Dave volunteered 80 hours handing out Clean up day bags and update the map.

Dave has been a staple in the kitchen in Lost Lake for various Order of the Arrow events, Camporees, and other events. If you haven't had a chance to try his trash can chicken, you are missing something amazing.

Dave has served Troop 47 for many years in various positions and is a member of the Council's Properties Committee.

Dave participates with the National

## NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING



The Midnight Sun Council was represented at the National Annual Meeting this past week by our Council Commissioner Matt Cooper, our Vice President of Risk Management and Safety Mike Abels, and our Scout Executive Stephen Smith.

Lots of information was shared and will be shared with everyone once they return. Even with all the changes we experienced these past few years, one thing that hasn't, is our values, values found in our Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## Join us for BEAVER DAY!!



**May 17, 2024 - May 19, 2024**

[click here or on image to read more](#)

## Explore, Discover, and Adventure at Lost Lake Scout Camp!



Camp Visitation Team for our annual National Camp Accreditation Program approval process. Dave is a valuable resource for any new leader that needs some pointers.

Thank you, Dave, for all that you do!



**Cub Scout Day Camp, Outdoor Adventure**, starts on Tuesday! We're excited to kick off summer with our Cub Scouts working on new adventures.

In order to make registration smoother Tuesday morning please ensure that everyone attending (parents/sibling/leaders) are signed up. Online Registration has closed but we can update your attendance manually. Please email the camp director, Amanda Foley [@foley.amanda.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:foley.amanda.scouts@gmail.com).

We will also need a current annual health and medical record A&B ([click link here](#)) for everyone on premises during camp. You may turn those into the office by Monday to speed up the registration process. If you bring them Tuesday morning, have them filled out. It takes about 10 minutes and parents must sign for youth.

If you are volunteering as a station leader, please plan on attending staff training on Monday, May 20 at 6pm

## Tanana Valley District Picnic



TV District Picnic will be on June 6, 2024 at 6 pm @ Kiwanis Park

## National Youth Leadership



Nestled amidst the tranquil beauty of nature in the Heart of Alaska's interior, Lost Lake Scout Camp invites you to embark on an unforgettable journey filled with excitement, camaraderie, and lifelong memories.

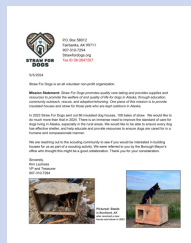
Our camp offers a plethora of thrilling outdoor activities, including canoeing, hiking, archery, and campfire sing-alongs under the midnight sun.

Dive into the calm and refreshing waters of Chisholm, the "Lost Lake" for a refreshing swim, or test your angling skills with some fishing along the serene shoreline.

With experienced and friendly staff guiding the way, campers of all ages can develop invaluable life skills, forge lasting friendships, and foster a deep appreciation for the great outdoors.

Join us at Lost Lake Scout Camp for an adventure-packed retreat where the spirit of exploration knows no bounds!

For more information contact the Council office at 907-452-1976



## Opportunity for EAGLE SCOUT Project with Straw for Dogs

Straw for Dogs, an all-volunteer non-profit in Alaska which provides insulated dog houses and straw to dogs (pets) who are kept outside in Alaska is reaching out with a possible Eagle project.

[Click here for more information](#)

## 2024 FUEL OIL RAFFLE

## Training (NYLT)

We have an exciting opportunity on the horizon for our Scouts BSA Troop members: participation in the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program, hosted by the Great Alaska Council in Anchorage at Camp Gorsuch, held August 4-9.

This program is open to Scouts who have reached the rank of First Class, are at least 13 years old, and have completed the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) training. NYLT is renowned for shaping confident leaders equipped with skills essential for success in Scouting and beyond. Attending NYLT can be transformative for both the Scouts who attend and the units they are members of.

While Midnight Sun Council hasn't hosted NYLT in several years, our neighboring council's offering provides a chance for our Scouts to grow personally and prepare to lead in our own council. Let's take advantage of this chance to revive leadership development within our council and set the stage for even more opportunities in our Scouting community.

Click link below for more details and registration

<https://scoutingevent.com/610-nylt24>

The next BALOO training for Cub Scout Leaders will be offered **July 20, 2024** by Ariel Cunningham.

If you don't have a leader trained and plan to camp out at Council Rock, please make attending this training a priority.

Any Pack that plans on camping must have a BALOO trained adult present at the campout.



## Cub Scout Program Updates – Boating Adventures Information

Starting June 1st, the Cub Scout program updates will feature

THE FRIENDS OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL, BSA  
AND VFW POST 10029 ARE RAFFLING OFF

## 1000 Gallons of Heating oil!!



Purchase Tickets at:

(1) 1400 Gilliam Way  
(Midnight Sun Council office)

(2) 4122 Boat St  
(Compeaus)

(3) 157 Old Steese Hwy  
(Graphic North, Inc.)

(4) 3157 VFW St North Pole  
(VFW post 10029)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize : 500 Gallons of Heating oil

(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)  
(Prize donated by Compeaus)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : 300 Gallons of Heating oil  
(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)

(Prize donated by Everts Air)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize : 200 Gallons of Heating oil  
(delivered within North Pole, Fairbanks area)

(Prize donated by the Friends of the Midnight Sun Council, BSA)

\$20 per ticket! 1000 available.

Proceeds will benefit the Midnight Sun Council, BSA.

Need not be present to win

Permit # 704-24

Drawing held when all tickets are  
sold or October 19th 2024, which-  
ever happens first.



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

## Alaska Songbird Institute/Scouting Bird Study Merit Badge

It's that time of year again! The Fairbanks  
Birding Challenge began next week on May  
1 and lasts through May 31.

The Fairbanks Birding Challenge is an all-  
ages, all-abilities, month-long outdoor  
scavenger hunt during spring migration in  
the Fairbanks North Star Borough! The  
Challenge is open to everyone including  
beginning birdwatchers, seasoned pros, and  
everyone in between.

Participation is individual, or as a  
team/family. The goal is to find as many birds  
as you can on the 2024 list within the  
Fairbanks North Star Borough during the  
month of May. All proceeds support the  
Alaska Songbird Institute's Creamer's Field  
Migration Station. Here's a link to the  
[webpage](#).

## LEGENDS & HEROES BANQUET UPDATE!

additional boating elective  
adventures. These updated  
adventures for Bears, Webelos, and  
Arrow of Light require Cub Scouts to  
pass the BSA swimmer test before  
participating.

Not passing the test doesn't mean a  
Cub Scout can't go boating; it simply  
means they can't earn their boating  
elective adventure yet. For example,  
a Bear Scout can still canoe during  
an activity as long as they adhere to  
current aquatics guidelines.

However, to earn the Cub Scout  
Adventure Bears Afloat, they must  
first pass the swimmer test.

Questions? Email  
[outdoorprograms@scouting.org](mailto:outdoorprograms@scouting.org).

## OPPORTUNITY FOR SCOUTS!

**UAF**  
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA  
FAIRBANKS

**Rockin' ARCTIC RESEARCH**  
*Open house*

**FREE science, ice cream, and activities**

**UAF West Ridge**  
**Thurs., May 16**  
**4-7 p.m.**

- Grab your all-access backstage pass and be "Tundra Struck" by University of Alaska Fairbanks' Rockin' Research! Jam out with rockstar research groups along the West Ridge of UAF's Troth Yedidhi campus. Hikes must be accompanied by an adult.
- Park for free along Koyukuk Drive
- FREE ICE CREAM hosted by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research
- Enjoy Corn Diggity Dogs food truck
- Enter to WIN door prizes!

**Visit with our Rockin' Research groups:**


- Experience the Arctic tundra in VR
- Generate electricity on a bicycle
- Measure Earth's vibrations
- Make your own satellite
- Test your Nugga Meter score
- Practice field archaeology
- Launch a paper rocket
- Light up a plasma ball
- Create your own fish habitat
- Meet puppies helping mousing research
- Touch permafrost & fossils
- Race to wear a survival suit
- Simulate flying a drone
- Learn about climate change in AK
- Enjoy science through art

For more information or to request an accommodation, contact [uaf-research@alaska.edu](mailto:uaf-research@alaska.edu) or 907-474-6000.

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



4th ANNUAL LEGENDS AND HERO'S AWARD BANQUET



MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Salutes

Mr. Bryce Ward

Please Join us


Wednesday May 22nd, 2024

Centennial Center (Pioneer Park)

2300 Airport Way Fairbanks

6pm is Social hour - 7pm dinner

Information and RSVP by contacting (907) 452-1976 or [Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org](mailto:Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org)



Due to unfortunate circumstances that are beyond our control, and after months of hard work by the volunteer committee, we MUST postpone our Legends & Heroes Award Banquet honoring Bryce Ward to a future date.

The award banquet was scheduled for May 22nd with an expected 250 in attendance, multiple sponsorships, and an outpouring of support of 30 desserts from bakers across the Interior willing to help and give to a great cause.

It weighs heavy on our hearts to miss the chance to recognize a hero born and raised in the Interior. This development also leaves a financial burden on the Interior youth and Alaska Scouting to find the funding required to deliver the program expected from the event.

We would like to take this time to remind everyone that our program is funded from local donations and every single dollar raised stays here and benefits the local youth.

If you would like to donate to the Midnight Sun Council to help provide program supplies for kids at summer camp, please call (907) 452 -1976 or you can visit our donate button from Facebook.

You may direct any questions to CJ Stewart, Stephen Smith or Stacy Brandon at the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center at 907-452-1976.

Arctic Angel

Rendezvous Week

Community Day

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

June 4th

9:30am - 2:00pm

Civilian Hiring Fair Military Careers Day

Military Equipment Demonstrations

Local Food Trucks

Air Assault Operation at 1100



Non DoD personnel MUST enter through Montgomery Gate (off Badger Road)

ALL vehicles entering the gate are subject to random vehicle inspections

All DoD and "Friends of the Army" card holders can access all gates

Traffic Control will lead visitors to available parking spots

Free Shuttle Buses will transport visitors to the event

Visitors 18 years of age and above Require Photo Identification

Fort Wainwright and the 11th Airborne Division is hosting two community days on **June 4, 2024** and **June 6, 2024**.

There will be lots of fun activities for families, Scouts, and Cubs such as Air Assault demonstrations, food trucks, static displays of equipment (helicopters, drones, etc.), Airborne demonstrations, family activities, and all sorts of things to see.

Entry to the public is through the Montgomery Gate on Badger Road (the North Pole side of post).

This will be a great time for Scouts to see some interesting things!

Arctic Angel

Rendezvous Week

COMMUNITY DAY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JUNE 6

9:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

FOOD TRUCKS

STATIC DISPLAYS

JUMP TOWER

AIRBORNE OPERATION AT 12:00 P.M.

Non DoD personnel will park at Moose Run Golf Course, 27000 Arctic Valley Rd, Iber, AK 99505. Free Shuttle Buses will be transporting visitors to the events and will start transporting at 9:00am. No ID is needed.

Thank you to all the instructors and participants that attended TV District's University of Scouting on April 27. We had over 40 Scouts and Scouters attend and/or instruct.

Special thanks to Tyler Brooks and our training team for organizing the successful event and United Methodist Church for allowing us to use your facility.

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## FOS Family Campaign

Thank you to everyone who attended TV District's Friends of Scouting celebration during May's Roundtable. We had a lot to celebrate!

The Tanana Valley District reached their goal and the following Units met or exceeded their Unit goal; Troop 47B, Troop 38B, Troop 38G, Troop 78B, Pack 25 and Pack 20.

If your Unit has not met their goal, please reach out to your families and remind them to help "fund the adventure!"

Two Units in the Bush District also reached their goal, Troop 56B and Troop 65G.

If you have any questions about FOS, please email Tasmine Stebbins at [tasmine.bennett@scouting.org](mailto:tasmine.bennett@scouting.org) or CJ Stewart at [clinton.stewart@scouting.org](mailto:clinton.stewart@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 of support which allows Alaskan residents to pledge and pay a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) in support of the youth, volunteers, and Scouting. Elections can be made until August 31, 2024.

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. For more information, please contact CJ at [Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org](mailto:Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org)

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

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CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### FROM THE REGISTRAR

**As a reminder, starting May 1, the registration fees have changed.**

### SCOUT SHOP NEWS

We have some new items that have arrived in the Scout Shop. Stop by to check out what has arrived. We have a few of the new














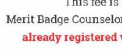


## 2024 Annual Membership Fees

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL NEW  
AND EXISTING  
MEMBERS

NATIONAL \$85/YR	Participants in kindergarten through age 20.
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	   
NATIONAL \$50/YR	For all Exploring youth and adults.
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	
NATIONAL \$65/YR	All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	
NATIONAL \$30/YR	Scoutreach participants in kindergarten through age 20.
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	   
NATIONAL \$25/YR	This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers.
COUNCIL \$0 /YR	 

Additional fees may be charged by local councils and units.

### UNIT RENEWAL FEE

**\$100/YR**

For all new and existing units.

### SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE



performance shirts on hand in a youth size currently.



With the new Cub Scout program rolling out as of **June 1**, we are beginning to run low or out of some of the Cub Scout Adventures. Please let me know if your pack or den are working on any of the retiring adventures as some are getting harder to order. We would like to make sure they are on hand for the Cub Scouts that have earned them.

The Scout Shop will be closed on **May 27, 2024** in observance of Memorial Day.



Please take time to remember those that have served our country with the ultimate sacrifice.

## 2024 WISE WOLF CAMPOREE







63 Scouts had a howling good time at the Wise Wolf Camporee the weekend of May 3 - 5, 2024 . The scouts signed up for particular tracks of program presented to them by experts in their fields.



Scouts took part in a mock search and Rescue after receiving some training, cook delectable gourmet meals over a variety of outdoor cooking methods, practiced tying flies and casting, while others learned about traps and how to process their catch.

A great big thank you to the Midnight Sun Flycasters, Wilderness Search and Rescue, PAWS, the Alaska Trappers Association, and outdoor gourmet chef Bruce Campbell for teaching our Scouts valuable lessons. A special thanks to Mark Smurda for emceeing the campfire and to Dave Minto for cooking the meals for the staff. It was a great weekend.

## Youth Protection Training (YPT)



**As part of the BSA's goal to become the National Leader in Youth Safety there are some changes coming to Youth Protection Training. The Unit Key-3 will no longer be able to edit the YPT dates. As of March 4th, 2024, the BSA will be requiring that the Criminal Background Check is completed before you can become an active adult leader.**

**Units that are rechartering, should encourage their leadership to check on and update their YPT if it has been at least a year since they last completed it. Remember that this can be done individually or the leadership can set up a training date for their unit to complete it all at the same time. Please remember that if your unit does their Youth Protection Training as a unit to turn in a Training Attendance report to the Council with the updated information. This form is available at the Council office, and can be picked up or emailed to you.**



*As a reminder the Midnight Sun Council requires our adult leaders and merit badge counselors to complete their YPT yearly.*

*Please check your YPT training as some members are past the one year date required by the Midnight Sun Council.*

**Do you know the difference between “Two-deep leadership” and “no one-on-one contact”? Read on for the clarification:**

Youth Protection: 'Two-deep leadership' vs. 'no one-on-one contact' ([scoutingmagazine.org](https://scoutingmagazine.org))



**Good day everyone! Just a quick spotlight on a great opportunity for youth to express their own thoughts while earning college, tech school or any other higher learning scholarships!**

(Deadlines are October!)

**Voice of Democracy** (High Schoolers 9 th through 12 th Grade)

2024-2025 theme “Is America Today Our Forefathers’ Vision?”

(Audio / Voice Recorded)

The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient’s American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships ranges from \$1,000-\$21,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins at least a scholarship of \$1,000.

**Patriot Pen** (6 th through 8 th Grade)

2024-2025 theme “My Voice in America’s Democracy?”

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America’s history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

For more info click <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships!>

Another program that recognizes outstanding youth, Scout of the Year Program: Applications due in March 2025. Eagle Scouts – Gold Stars – Quartermasters and the Summit Award winners in 2024 or prior are eligible until the age of 18.

Link for more info <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Scout-of-the-Year/ScoutoftheYearBrochureandEntryForm.pdf?v=1&amp;d=20210708T183715Z&amp;la=en>

## NORTHERN LIGHTS HIGH ADVENTURE TREKS ARE BACK! CLICK HERE AND BOOK YOURS NOW!!



### BOOK YOUR 2024 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](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase)

The National Eagle Scout Association has partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI) to publish the latest **Eagle Scout Directory**.

Starting soon, **PCI will be contacting you directly by mail, phone and email** asking you to participate by updating your information.

We understand security and privacy are concerns, but **please know that PCI is a trusted NESA partner**.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to stay connected with the friends you made, the memories you shared, and the adventures that helped shape the person you are today!

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Look for your postcard or email starting March 2024!



## NESA Update 2024

Eagle Scouts from across the nation received post cards relating to the 2025 Eagle Scout directory. The last one done of this nature was in 2020. [Please see attached flyer](#). NESA and Publishing Concepts (PCI) have been working together in the past to create this directory as an opportunity for Eagle Scouts to share their life stories and photos with a much larger audience.

There is no purchase obligation to participate. There will be an opportunity to purchase the directory

and other items offered by PCI, this is optional.

Once the production of the yearbook is completed, purchased directories will be shipped directly to the purchasers.

Questions can be directed to [nesa@scouting.org](mailto:nesa@scouting.org).

**EXPLORING NEW FRONTIERS**  
2020 Eagle Scout Directory

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**Congratulations to all our 2024 Eagle Scouts**

**Henry Repasky**  
Troop 1138  
Midnight Sun Council, BSA

**Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout Candidate Checklist**





*Trail to Eagle  
workbook*

Visit the [Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards page](#) for more information. Updated timeline and FAQ attached.

THANK YOU! to our 2024 Golden Eagle  
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