MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - October 2026 NEWS!

UNITED WAY 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 October 23, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!
(click here for complete calendar

October 2026
Oct 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

November 2026
Nov 5 - TVD Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
Nov 13-15 - OA Lodge Leadership Development
Nov 14-15 - Winter Camp Training at Lost Lake
Nov 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Nov 18 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Nov 19 - TVD District Meetings @ 6:00 pm
Nov 25 - Council Office and Scout Shop closing early at 1pm
Nov 26-27 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving

December 2026
Dec 3 - TVD Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
Dec 8 - Eagle Books due
Dec 9 - Distinguished Citizens Award Banquet @ 6:00 pm
Dec 15 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)
Dec 16 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Dec 16 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Dec 17 - TVD District Meetings @ 6:00 pm
Dec 18-Jan 4 - Scout Shop CLOSED for Inventory
Dec 23 - Council Office CLOSES AT 1:00 pm
Dec 24-25k - Council Office CLOSED
Dec 31 - Council Office CLOSES AT 1:00 pm
Jan 1 - Council Office CLOSED



Winter Camping Training will start at 8 am November 14 in the Honor Lodge.

Part of the training includes building different types of shelters. Scouts transition to building their own shelters later in the day and will sleep in them Saturday night. Troops will be providing leadership (contact us if you need to join up with another Troop), all food, and camping equipment. The training is being offered as a free event, but you must register in order to participate.

Troop registration is live on Black Pug. Bryce is looking for adult volunteers with Winter Camping experience to teach portions of the class.



We have extended this program to October 31. Bring those friends and let's show them how much fun scouting can be!

Unit Membership Growth



For those units that end this year with more scouts than last year-end, you will get $50 in Scout Bucks (cash on your unit account). It's as simple as that. If the Council ends the year with more youth than last year-end, you will get an additional $25 added to your account. The money must be used for scout-related expenses.

AK AIRLINE RAFFLE AVAILABLE!

Contact Bryce at troop1fai@gmail.com with questions on the syllabus.

Cabins are available to Troops to rent at a discounted event rate of $20 per night for this weekend. Contact the Scout Office to reserve.

Scan QR code to register.

Click here or on image to view/download flyer

2028 Philmont Contingent

Midnight Sun Council has been awarded a 2028, 12-Day Expedition Slot!

Your 12-Day expedition will arrive at Philmont on: 6/8/2028 and will depart Philmont on 6/20/2028.

The total cost for the the Expedition is $1,830. Additional costs, such as flights, bus transportation to Philmont and any other activities planned have yet to be determined.

Space is limited. Please call the office (907) 452-1976 to reserve your spot and make your deposit of $150 before December 31, 2026.

A payment schedule will be developed after costs have been determined.

World Scout Jamboree Registration is Open!



Want to learn more before you register? Check out the website: https://wsj2027.us/!

Ready to sign up? Register now: World Scout Jamboree Registration!

Scouting America Stance on Election Participation



Scan QR code or call Council office to purchase!

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This is a service project available to all Cub Scout Packs. If your Pack would like to participate, please contact Tasmine and she'll add you to the information list.

Once we know an approximate number of Cubs participating, Andrea (Pack 20) will work to find a space big enough to accommodate the project. Please share the flyer within your communities.

Our Goal is to raise enough in donations for the Cubs to pack 250 bags of hope for at risk kids in our community.

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https://onscouting.org/2026/10/09/scouting-americas-stance-on-election-participation-remains-firm/?utm_source=On+Scouting&utm_campaign=b5fe5bccb1-AOS_RSS_NEWSLETTER&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d5c9b37448-b5fe5bccb1-22437973

United Way of Tanana Valley

We welcomed the United Way of Tanana Valley Executive Director, Kayla Smith at our recent Staff meeting to hear about their organization, its successes, and how we as a member agency fit in.

As a mother of a Cub Scout, Kayla commented on how she has seen the benefits of our program firsthand and how the scouts enjoy doing all of the activities. She continued with how she has seen how all of the member agencies make an impact on our community, especially when they are able to work together.

As a member agency, the Midnight Sun Council partners with other agencies to help fulfill our shared missions. As an office, we strive to be a 100% participant in their annual fundraising campaign. This year's theme is called the "700 Champions Campaign." If you would like to support the great work the United Way and its agencies do, please scan the QR code to do so.



43RD DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET



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October is the last month to have a 2-month lapse!

November will have just 1-month and December moving forward will not have a lapse period.

Members and Units will drop the day after the expiration if they do not renew on time. They will also lose access to any tools they had been using.

The unit renewal proration fee for units expiring in October, November and December 2026 is a flat $8.50 per month.

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Introducing our newest Council Strip!



IMPACT 365 Scouting America

Impact 365 Emblem – If your unit is participating in Impact 365 and you would like to order the emblem for it, please contact the scout shop and let us know how many you need ordered.



Midnight Sun Councils 14th Annual Sporting Clays Event!

We had a fantastic time this year at our annual sporting clays event. We had four teams come out and spend the day breaking clays. Next year's event in 2027 will be held on August 7th at the Fairbanks Trap Club. Make sure to sign up early and reserve your spot as soon as you have a team together. Spots in 2027 are expected to fill fast. Spectators welcome lunch for spectators is by donation.

The 2027 event committee is looking for more help! If interested, please contact CJ (info below). Shooting Team fee of $500 includes breakfast, lunch, pigeons and shells. Loaner shotguns in 20 and 12ga. are available.

Interested in 2027, contact CJ at ➔ Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org or call (907) 452-1976. .

Fall University of Scouting

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fall University of Scouting! Three members of our Training Committee took the lead on this event. District Chair, Pete Mondelli and Council Training Chair, Tyler Brooks organizing the overall event and Council Commissioner, Matt Cooper, took the lead in recruiting and mentoring the youth facilitators for our Scouts BSA course, Introduction to Leadership Skills- Troops (ILST).

15 youth leaders were trained thanks to youth facilitators from Troop 38 (Joseph, Oskar, Clara, Denver and Lili) Troop 20 (Liam and Wyatt) and Troop 42 (Zak) .
Jon Doty taught Scoutbook+ and Scoutmaster Fundamentals, Jeff Muehlbauer taught Den Leader, Cubmaster and Cub Scout Committee, Jodi Tanski taught Black Pug, Amanda Foley taught an advanced Cub Scout Leader training, Tyler and Pete taught an AOL to Scout BSA transition class and Michelle Mondelli taught a class including Scouts with special needs.

Special Thanks to Pastor Bob Jones and the United Methodist Church for their continued support of the Scouting program and use of their building and to Michelle Mondelli for shopping, cooking and setting up a delicious taco bar for lunch.





Council Rock- 1776











Council Rock was once again, a fantastic weekend for the Cub Scouting program! Ashley Clay (Pack 92) served as our Camp Director for the first time, and it was a great event. We had over 160 people in camp learning all about life in 1776 throughout the weekend. The scavenger hunt was a highlight of the weekend. Cubs walked the Independence Trail (Loveless Loop) and learned while they searched for items like the 6-foot George Washington, the Liberty Bell and a musket. The Cubs had the chance to earn the Liberty in Action patch as they played games from 1776 and made their own butter. They also got to work on advancement while they participated in Cub Scout shooting sports, first aid, fire building and knots. The ever-popular Polar Plunge was well attended with 82 Cubs, leaders and families participating.

This event would not be possible without our volunteers and Ashley put together a great team. Scouts and Scouters from Troop 47 (Jared, Maxx, Kyle, Samuel, Ely, Alex, Logan and Donald) not only helped with stations; they also did most of the setup, cleanup and kitchen prep. Dave (Also from Troop 47) did our cooking and supervised the kitchen and dining hall clean up. Pack 42 (Ariel, Tyler, Elias, Janet, and MaKay) and Troop 42 (Miles, Erikk, Emmalyn, Marek and Scott) helped with the scavenger hunt, fire building, knots, and shooting sports. Scouts BSA members; Audrey (Troop 1G) Emmett (Troop 38B) and John (Troop 20) helped with stations. Our medic, Elana, also helped Michelle (T38) with admin and registration. Our Lifeguards for Polar Plunge were James and Sam (Both members of OA). Ryan (P76) was our voice during flags, announcements, and campfire. Although our previous Camp Director, Amanda, could not attend this year due to another Scouting commitment, she helped Ashley with organizing the event and serving on the planning committee. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. This is the only Lost Lake Camp event for Cub Scouts and it was so fun to watch so many families enjoy the weekend.

Order of the Arrow News

At the Induction Weekend we held Lodge elections and have Lincoln Miller as Lodge chief, Sam Lentz as Vice Chief, and Nes Van Dyke as Secretary and acting Treasurer. We had 2 successful candidates, our ranger Glen, and a youth Arraun Shaw. We also had 2 arrowmen be promoted to brotherhood, Phoenix Van Dyke and Connor Gierke.

The Dock was taken out of the water and boats were put away in preparation for winter, and we were also able to fill Wood Boxes. The camp is closer to being ready for winter, and it was a successful weekend overall.

Toontuk Lodge has the following events coming up:

October 17 - 18 is Vigil Weekend at Lost Lake Camp.
November 13 - 15 is Lodge Leadership Development Training at Lost Lake Camp.
January 16 is the Winter Banquet.

To register for any of these events, please contact the Council office at (907) 452- 1976.

- **All registered adults must complete the new SYT Training!**
- **SYT Refresher Training now available!**

The new 20-minute Safeguarding Youth (SYT) Refresher course is Live.

If you have not taken the full 90 Minute course, you must take that first before you can take the refresher to get full SYT credit.

If your SYT is expired for 7 days or more, you must take the full 90-minute course again. https://my.scouting.org

If you fail the course quiz on the refresher course with less than an 80% on your first attempt, you will be directed back to the full 90 minute course.



Scouting America Introduces Safeguarding Youth Parents' Guide Video

Watch the video here: Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training - Parents Video

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

BOOK YOUR 2027 TREK NOW!

For questions please contact the Council office at 907-452-1976 or email Stephen at stephen.smith@scouting.org



CONGRATULATIONS to all our 2026 Eagle Scouts



John Paul (JP) Arnett
Charles Nicholas (Nick) Fuller-Mitchell
Troop 1138/BT
Tanana Lodge 3

Oscar Cooper
Troop 1138/BT
Tanana Lodge 3
Crew 1000
Midnight Sun Council

Kailey Banaszewski
Claire Burke
Charolette Richards
Troop 1138/GT
Tanana Lodge 3

Trail to Eagle workbook

Midnight Sun Council Eagle Scout Candidate Checklist

Eagle Scouts:
A Legacy of Values-Based Leadership and Service
Through the Scouting program, Eagle Scouts build character and lifelong strengths that set them apart. To better understand these advantages, Scouting America partnered with The Harris Poll to survey thousands of adults and study how Eagle Scouts compare to people who have not participated in Scouting. Here is what the results of that research show.

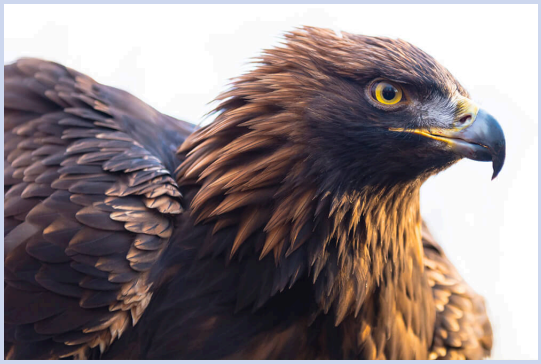
Check out the findings and the webpage with highlights here:
https://www.scouting.org/about/research/eagle-scout-2026/

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