

MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - September 2026 NEWS!



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 September 16, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

September 2026

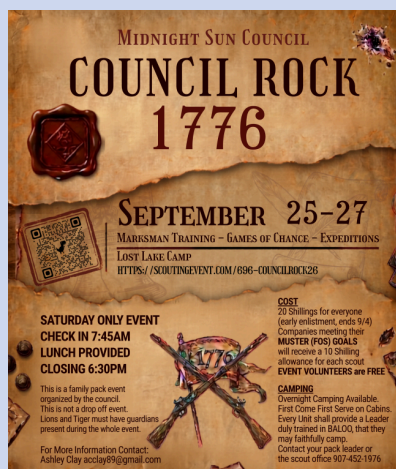
Sep 16 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Sep 16 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Sep 18-20 - OA Induction weekend
Sep 22 - Eagle Books due
Sep 24 - TVD Commissioner @ 6:00 pm
Sep 24 - TVD Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
Sep 25-27 - Council Rock
Sep 29 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

October 2026

Oct 1 - TVD Roundtable @ 6:30 pm
Oct 2-5 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED
Oct 8 - OA Lodge meeting
Oct 12 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance of Indigenous People's Day
Oct 17 - University of Scouting
Oct 17-18 - OA Vigil Weekend
Oct 20 - Eagle Books due
Oct 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Oct 21 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Oct 27 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

November 2026

Nov 5 - TVD Roundtable @ 7:30 pm
Nov 12-13 - OA Lodge Leadership Development
Nov 18 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm
Nov 18 - Bush District Meeting @ 6:45 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



Our Lost Lake Cub Scout Event, Council Rock, is coming up soon! For many new Cub Scout families this is their introduction to Lost Lake and their first adventure with Cub Scouts outside of their Pack.

The theme, 1776, will give Cubs a glimpse at life 250 years ago. They will have the opportunity to earn National's Liberty in Action patch.

Ashley Clay and the Council Rock Committee are still looking for some key event volunteers. The range needs two more adults to assist (they do not need to be CS range certified), the fire building station needs an adult and we still need older youth or adult volunteers to help in the kitchen, assist with stations and the event itself.

Please email Ashley to volunteer. Our final meeting will be held on Wednesday September 23 at 7:30.

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Military Family Fee Waiver

To support our military community, Scouting America is expanding access to Scouting for military-connected youth by waiving the national youth registration fee for eligible families. This program applies to youth members only and is available for both new and renewing online registrations. The initiative is funded nationally through philanthropic efforts.

Eligible families include those with current service in the Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard. The waiver covers only the national youth registration fee, reducing the cost to \$0 after the required verification and discount code process is completed. Local council fees, unit dues, optional add-ons such as Scout Life magazine, and processing fees may still apply.

To receive the waiver, families should select "Get Military Discount Code" during the online registration process, complete the verification steps, receive the verification code, and enter it at checkout. Once the code is applied, the national registration fee is reduced to \$0.

Membership/Recruiting

Please email Tasmine @ tasmine.bennett@Scouting.org with the contact information for your Unit's lead membership volunteer by Monday, September 21.

We are still looking for a TV District Membership Chair.

Contact Pete Mondelli, District Chair at mountainman66@startmail.com or Tasmine if you have questions about the membership committee.

Hazardous Weather Training has been updated and has a new name!



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BeAScout Update August 3, 2026

o On **August 3, 2026**, BeAScout introduced an updated look and feel designed to better support prospective families. The enhanced experience will provide answers to common questions before families contact a unit, including:

- * Estimated cost to join
- * Unit meeting days and times
- * Whether the unit charges additional dues

To support these improvements, several new fields have been added to the Unit Pin page in Organization Manager:

- * Fundraising Helps Cover Costs

- * Trial Visit Encouraged
- * Unit Fee
- * Meeting Schedule

o Meeting Frequency

- Meeting Day
- Start Time
- End Time



Our council has a lot of leaders whose trained status has expired because they have not taken Hazardous Weather Training online.

If you are one of those people, now is a great time to take it.

Hazardous Weather has been updated and renamed to Weather Smart.

Gaga Ball



Our new portable Gaga Ball pit made its debut at Lost Lake during camporee weekend.

Special thanks to Robert W. Minto for donating this fun game!



The training committee is finalizing the class schedule for University of Scouting so that registration can begin.

All of the Trainings promoted on the flyer have instructors. If you or your Unit Leaders need a position specific course other than Cub Scout Den Leader/Cubmaster, the training committee needs to hear from you. If your Unit needs other training in the near future, the training committee needs to hear from you.

Please complete the survey below.

Link to the survey from the Training Committee: <https://forms.gle/hP34uWjCSPkuNN9F6>

Click on image to view/download UofS pdf

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!](https://wsj2027.us/)

43RD DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET

The 43rd ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET
The Midnight Sun Council, Scouting America

Salutes

Howard & John Thies

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 9th, 2026
at the Wedgewood Conference Center
6pm social hour - 7pm dinner
Information & RSVP contact: (907) 452-1976 or
Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org
\$125 per seat, tables and sponsorships are currently still available



December 9th 6:00pm Wedgewood Conference Center (the old & newly renovated antique auto museum)

2026 Fall Camporee

Thank you to everyone who made the Oregon Trail such a fun event! Troop 20 was the host for Fall Camporee this past weekend.

Challenges including Flap Jacks on the Frontier, Hunting Grounds, Broken Axle, Loose Ox!, Traveler Down, Lost on the Trail, and Campfire Challenge. The Golden Skillet challenge was a chuckwagon cookout for lunch, and they had to make their food over fire while they hoped their cooking wouldn't draw a Dysentery card. The wagon with the most points was Troop 47.



Thank you to all the leaders who provided adult leadership for your Scouts. Thank you to station and event volunteers from Troop 20 (Liam, Cole, Phoenix, Connor, Ness, Morella and Pete), Troop 42 (Jon and Justin), Toontuk Lodge (Trevor and Mike), Pack 42 (Health Officer, Janet) and Council Commissioner Matt. Special thanks to the dynamic duo from 20 (Mark and Jodi) for making sure Camporee was a well-planned, safe event full of fun and Scout worthy challenges.





Unit Activities

Please send pictures of your unit activities

Pack 865 of Tok and Pack 76 of Delta Junction went bowling together and had a blast!



CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION



SCOUT SHOP NEWS

COMING SOON:
New Midnight Sun Council CSP

New Merit Badges in Stock



Competitive Gaming and
Wildland Fire Management
Merit Badges Now Available



New Knives and
Compasses
in Stock



Cub Scout String Bags
Lion, Tiger & Wolf Glow in the Dark



Order of the Arrow News

Toontuk Lodge has the following events coming up.

September 18 - 20 the lodge will be holding their Fall Induction at Lost Lake Camp.
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.

FREE CPR Class with Mini Session on Senior Emergency Basics

You dedicate your time to volunteer in our community. Let us equip you with the knowledge to help save a life.

AVAILABLE CLASS DATES:

Friday, August 14th	1:00-5:00	(snacks provided)
Friday, August 21st	9:00-2:00	(lunch provided, hour break for lunch)
Saturday, August 22nd	9:30-2:00	(lunch provided, 30 Min break for lunch)
Friday, September 11th	1:00-5:00	(snacks provided)
Friday, September 25th	9:30-2:00	(lunch provided, hour break for lunch)



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Sign Up:



Or Call:
907.452.1735

CPR certificate awarded upon successful completion of the class. Emergency basics include heart attack, stroke, and diabetes emergencies. No certificate will be provided for the emergency basics portion.

Free to community volunteers who serve our local agencies and unpaid care providers (spouses, relatives, neighbors, friends) are welcome to sign up as well.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
CALL OUR OFFICE OR SCAN
THE QR CODE ABOVE.



- 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



Oscar Cooper

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

Kailey Banaszewski

Claire Burke

*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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