



MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL - NOV 2023 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 November, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

See what's happening!

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

November 2023

Nov 15 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting

Nov 22 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED EARLY

Nov 23-24 - Council Office and Scout Shop CLOSED in observance to Thanksgiving

December 2023

Dec 5 - Eagle Books due

Dec 6 - Distinguished Citizen Banquet at the Westmark Hotel

Dec 7 - TV District Roundtable @ 7 pm

Dec 12 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

Dec 15 - Scout Shop EARLY CLOSURE at noon

Dec 18-22 - Scout Shop CLOSED for inventory

Dec 25-26 - Scout Shop and Council office CLOSED in observance of Christmas

Dec 27-29 - Scout Shop CLOSED for inventory

January 2024

Jan 4 - TV District Roundtable @ 7 pm

Jan 16 - Scout Shop and Office Closed for Planning Conference

Jan 17 - Bush District Roundtable @ 6:15 pm followed by District Committee Meeting

Jan 23 - Eagle Books due

Jan 30 - Eagle Board (by appointment only)

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH!

This month we would like to **thank all the Haunted Trail participants** for making the event a success!

The units decorated the trail and scared the travelers. The District Committee, spearheaded by Lani and Bonnie, organized chaos into a spooky wonderland. Volunteers Ariel and the Scouts from Pack 42 stuffed over 700 bags of candy. Aurora and the office staff filled the remaining 1,600 bags. Glenn, James and unit volunteers and scouts stood in the cold at the front gate, greeting everyone with treats and a few funny tricks of their own!

Thanks to everyone who made this event another successful event for the community.

Holiday Giving Tree Event



This year the Council is doing a Holiday Giving Tree Event. It will run from November

The Friends of
The Midnight Sun Council, BSA
and VFW Post 10029 Present
our annual fundraising raffle

Only 400 Tickets total
\$40.00 Per Ticket

Drawing held on
December 1st 2023

The 2023 Raffle ticket sales have kicked off

Stop by the Council office or contact CJ to get

Yours before its too late! Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org

Halibut Charter for 2 is for the 2024 season. Any port in Alaska.
Call to coordinate (907) 452-1976. (\$750 cash option)

250gal of Heating fuel (delivered in the FBNKS/ North Pole area. Donated by the Friends of
The Midnight Sun Council, BSA. Call (907) 452-1976 (\$500 cash option)

2 day Snow Machine Rental for the 2023 season donated
Donated by Rods Alaskan Guide Service, Call (907) 452-1976

Permit # 704-23



SAVE THE DATE!! December 6th, 2023 40th DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN BANQUET



THE MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

SALUTE
CAROL AND JACK WILBUR
AT THE
FORTIETH ANNUAL
DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS
AWARD BANQUET

Please Join us at the Westmark Gold Room
6pm social hour
7pm dinner



Information & RSVP contact
(907) 452-1976 or
Stacy.Brandon@Scouting.Org
\$125 per seat, tables and
sponsorships are still available



Our official take order for popcorn has been completed for the year. While we didn't quite achieve our goal, the Council did order some overage in product. If you missed your chance to support one of our biggest Scouting fundraisers of the year, don't worry. We will have a limited supply of product to sell from the store mid-November.

Scouts can continue to sell popcorn online AND continue to rake up rewards until December 31 st !



Pack 42

11 until December 15 (Scout Shop closes early on Dec 15).

This is an opportunity to help our Scouts who may need uniforms and uniform items.

The Holiday Giving Tree program works on a donation basis. Customers and Scout supporters can purchase item(s) or give a donation at the Scout Shop. This is similar to the Angel Tree. There will be cards available on the Scout Shop Christmas tree. For more information, please contact the Scout Shop at 907 452 1976

[Holiday Giving Tree Event Letter](#)



Silver Beaver Award, District Award of Merit, Veteran Award Nominations and Applications

Do you have a Scouter in mind that deserves to be recognized for their work above and beyond the responsibilities of their volunteer position? The Midnight Sun Council is seeking nominations for The Silver Beaver Award, the District Award of Merit, and Veteran Award (click on links below to view download nomination and application forms)

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

[Silver Beaver nomination Form](#)

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils and is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

[District Award of Merit nomination form](#)

The Veteran Award can be earned by registered members to recognize BSA individual members for tenure in Scouting.

Paintnight

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

Cub Scouts Pack 42 Fundraiser

Painting With Ash

Wednesday 3 January 2024 6pm - 8pm

The Banks Ashhouse

1243 Old Steese Hwy, Fairbanks AK 99701

Purchase online at paintingwithash.com \$40 per person



All supplies and step by step instruction will be provided. At the end of the night go home with your very own 16x20" masterpiece on canvas. Ages 16+ welcome with attending adult. Seating is limited so grab your spots now! All ticket sales are final.

[Veteran Award application form](#)

CLICK ON IMAGES OR LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Details on Recharter Process

As you are aware, there are changes coming to the recharter process. However, those changes do **not** affect any units that recharter in December 2023, January 2024, or February 2024. Units will complete the annual rechartering process like they have always done.

March 2024 units will be the first to renew in the new process.

[For more information, please click here to view/download the Unit Recharter information letter](#) or contact us at 907-452-1976

New Requirement for overnight activities explained (click link below):

[Let's discuss the BSA's rule on registering all adults who participate in overnight activities \(scoutingmagazine.org\)](http://scoutingmagazine.org)

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Introducing our NEW EAGLE PATCH!



This patch is only for those who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout, youth or adult.

Cost is \$10 per patch and can only be purchased through our Scout Shop. Call (907) 452-1976 or stop by to purchase

Patch Shipment orders!

Any patch shipment orders have to be made no later than Thursdays by close of business!!

Patch shipments are completed and mailed out on Fridays at 9 am!

EAGLE BOARDS!!

Please remember that there is not an Eagle Board in November and the December one is held earlier than normal. If you would like a project approved or to have an Eagle Board of Review during 2023, turn in your project book or

your Eagle book by December 5 and a Board of Review will be scheduled for you on December 12.

Congratulations to all our 2023 Eagle Scouts



*Trail to Eagle
workbook*

Isabel Brown
Lone Scout
Denali Park, AK

Tyler Hansen
Troop 1001
Rotary Club of Fairbanks

McKinley Rhoades
Troop 1042
Vol. Fire Department, North Pole

Daniel Beuchaw
Daniel Dicken
Henry Simoneau
Troop 1138
Midnight Sun Council, BSA

*Midnight Sun Council Eagle
Scout Candidate Checklist*

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

Save the Date for NESA Scholarship Application Window

December 1st the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) starts accepting applications from eligible for the 2024 scholarship season. In 2023, NESA granted scholarships to 69 NESA members awarding over \$520,000 in funds. Help spread the word and secure scholarships for Eagle Scouts in your council!

Applicants can [join here](#) and visit nesa.org/scholarships/ to learn more about how to apply.

Application Requirements:

- Eagle Board of Review date must be before January 24, 2024
- Eagle Scout must be a member of the National Eagle Scout Association
- May apply for scholarships beginning in senior year of high school through junior year in an undergraduate program or by the halfway point of an associate degree program or skilled trade program
- Applications must be completed and submitted by 11:5p p.m. CST on January 31, 2024

VFW Scout of the Year Program

Please review the attached materials to see if you know someone who may qualify and share the application with them. A Scout may enter the



contest through one VFW Post only. Locally, we have VFW Post 3629 in Fairbanks, and VFW Post 10029 in North Pole.

Remember to choose just one to apply through.

Deadline to apply is March 1st.

[2023 VFW Scout of the Year](#)

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States recognizes individuals who are Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients, and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank.

THANK YOU! to our 2023 Golden Eagle Sponsors



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**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 Phil at phil.burkett@scouting.org, or call the office at 907-452-1976 or find us on Facebook [@NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernLightsHighAdventureBase)



Fairbanks Children's Museum would like to partner with Scouts in offering a new program called **Problem Solvers**. November's Problem Solver Program is going to be all about knots. She is looking for 2 older Scouts (13+) that would come and teach kids some knots. It is scheduled for November 28th and would be an hour long program. This would be great for future recruiting. If you have some Scouts that are interested and would be good teachers, please let Tasmine know at tasmine.bennett@scouting.org.

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