Great Alaska Council Top Stories

**Scout-O-Rama: Earn a Ribbon for your Unit Flag!**

Exhibits will be judged on quality of activity and materials, methods of operation, and interest to the general public. Scoring is such that every unit has the opportunity to qualify for the highest award. Even newly organized units are urged to plan an exhibit for the Scout-O-Rama and gain the experience and earn a unit award. This can also be used to help with advancement.

Judging, Scoring and Awards

- Displays made by Scouts (Gateways for Boy Scout Troops)
- Staffed by two Leaders and 5 Scouts
- Scouts actively demonstrating public participation
- All Scouts & Leaders in uniform (or costume)
- Eye appeal
- Creativity
- Work involved in set-up and preparation
- Scout-like conduct of participants
- Demonstration properly labeled
Sign-up is still available for units and Scouts! Don't forget to get your car registered for the Council Pinewood Derby too!

Click Here to Register

Questions? Contact Paul Ritz

Scout Shop Screamin' Deal and Summer Hours
Scout Shop Summer Hours begin
May 8th, 2017
Monday - Friday
10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Camp Carlquist leather belts and belt buckles are available while supplies last!

Smithsonian Science Kits are in stock at the Scout Shop and we are the cheapest place in town to get yours for Easter presents!

Dine and Donate April 24th at Texas Roadhouse

Join us for dinner at either Texas Roadhouse location in Anchorage on Monday April 24, 2017 from 4-10 PM. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of the food purchases from the evening to the Council.

Click Here to Download the Invitation

*Must have invitation in paper or digital copy*

Become a Trainer!
The next Fundamentals of Training or "Train the Trainer" course will take place on Saturday, April 29th. This training certifies someone as a "Trainer," able to conduct district level trainings. Attendees will be asked to sign up as a trainer for a future training event. Contact your district training chair for more information.

- What: Fundamentals of Training and Trainer's EDGE (Train the Trainer)
- Who: Leaders who have already taken leader specific training or have District Executive approval.
- When: April 29th, 2017 from 9 AM to 5 PM (lunch included)
- Cost: $15

Click Here to Register
Questions? Contact Terry Cosgriff

Golf with a Shot Gun!
Join us for Sporting Clays!

Enjoy shooting? Love Scouting? This event is for you! The Michael L. Foster and Associates Sporting Clays raises money to support Scouting right here in Alaska. All proceeds raised help camping, training, and program needs across the Council.

Date: Friday May 19, 2017
Location: Grouse Ridge Shooting Grounds
Team fee is $650 with sponsorship opportunities

Click Here to Register Online
OR
Download the Registration Form and email to Danyelle

Questions? Contact Danyelle Schauer or call 907-952-4647

Scout Shop Closed
April 14th, 2017
Cub Scouts

Calling All Packs! Lion Program Pilot is Open to You!

With the success of the Lion Pilot Program, the Council is proud to open the opportunity to all Packs in the Great Alaska Council! Interested in participating?

Send an email to your District Executive with the following information:

- Pack number
- Pack point of contact name and number

*Watch for emails with training and recruitment information!*

**District Executive emails:**
- Bear Paw
- Denali
- Eklutna
- Martime
- Totem
- Tustumena
Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Get your leader specific training completed!

**Online Option:**
Go to [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org) and work through the modules.

**In person option:**
**Super Saturday** (Southcentral Area) on Saturday April 8, 2017 at the LDS Muldoon Chapel from 8 AM to 5 PM for $5.

**Training for Camp-outs:**

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**Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venturing**

**Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training Available Online!**

With the launch of Scouting U's eLearning content for Boy Scout leaders, Scouter can now get trained on their own schedule - anywhere, any time.

The courses are conveniently organized by role - Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity coach, assistant Varsity coach, leader of 11-year-old Scouts, troop/team committee chairman, troop/team committee member and merit badge counselor - meaning you'll know exactly which training courses you need to be "Trained."

Go to [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org) to get started!

**Classroom Training Opportunities:**
- **Super Saturday** (Southcentral Area) - Saturday April 8, 2017
  *Leader specific training for all positions offered.*
- **Maritime Scoutmaster Training** - April 15, 2017
- **Outdoor Leader Training** (Southcentral Area) - April 28-29, 2017

Questions? Contact **Terry Cosgriff**.

### Southcentral Spring Camporee: Soil and Water Conservation

In conjunction with the Anchorage Waterways Council, we will participate in Anchorage Creek Clean-Up on Friday May 5 to Sunday, May 7, 2017. Camping out at Tozier Track in Anchorage for a weekend of fun and service!

[Click Here](#) to Register
Questions? Contact **Ben Fish** or **Dorn Van Dommelen**

### Totem Spring Camporee: Survivor!

Join us for Totem's "Survivor" Camporee! We will also have our awards recognition campfire that Saturday night to recognize our adult volunteers and the 2016 Eagle Scouts.

Date: April 28-30, 2017
Location: Eagle River Scout Camp

[Click Here](#) to Register

Questions? Contact **Josh Dossett**
Exploring

Join Us for the First Exploring Team Meeting!

Interested in helping with Exploring? Learning about the program? Starting new Exploring Posts around the Council? This meeting is for you!

Date: April 13, 2017
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Scout Office

Questions? Contact Danyelle District Executive for Learning for Life and Exploring at danyelle.schauer@lfmail.org or 907.952.4647

Order of the Arrow News

Unit Elections Deadline
May 1, 2017

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. It recognizes those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant similar recognition, to promote camping, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. We offer the opportunity for units to conduct their elections at their local meetings from January 1st until April 1st. After that elections can be done during Summer Camp at one of our camps.

Click Here to Complete the Unit Election Request Form

Upcoming Ordeal
District Information

Bear Paw District

The Bear Paw District covers the communities of Palmer, Wasilla, Valdez, Big Lake, Willow, Talkeetna, and Glennallen.

Click Here to visit the Bear Paw District Page

Questions? Contact John Lubbers, Assistant Scout Executive
Email: john.lubbers@scouting.org

Denali District

The Denali District covers the communities of Anchorage (South of Tudor, West of Gambell), Girdwood, and Indian.

Click Here to visit the Denali District Page

Questions? Contact Brad Lewis, District Executive
Email: brad.lewis@scouting.org
Cell: 717-405-2336

Eklutna District

The Eklutna District covers the communities of Anchorage (North of Tudor, East of Gambell), Eagle River, Birchwood, Peter’s Creek, Chugiak, and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

Click Here to visit the Eklutna District Page
Maritime District

The Maritime District covers the communities of Haines, Skagway, Sitka, Gustavus, and the greater Juneau area.

Click Here to visit the Maritime District Page

Questions? Contact Jenn Brown, District Executive
Email: jennifer.brown@scouting.org

Totem District

The Totem District covers the communities of Ketchikan, Prince of Wales, Wrangell, and Petersburg.

Click Here to visit the Totem District Page

Questions? Contact Jen Brown, District Executive
Email: jennifer.brown@scouting.org

Tustumena District

The Tustumena District covers the communities of the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, Cordova, Nome, Naknek, and Bethel.

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