Great Alaska Council Top Stories

Townhall Discussion: Family Accessibility to Scouting

As one of America's leading youth-serving organizations, we aim to bring the benefits of Scouting to the greatest number of youth possible - all while remaining true to our mission and core values, outlined in the Scout Oath and Law. As we think about the future, we are interested in gaining your perspective as a member of the Scouting community.

Please join us for a discussion as we continue the important conversation about how to make Scouting more accessible to today's families.

Juneau Area: Monday, July 17, 2017 at Chapel by the Lake at 7:00 PM

Mat-Su Valley: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at Good Shepard Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM
Anchorage Area: Thursday, July 27, 2017 at BP Energy Center at 7:00 PM

Kenai Penninsula: Friday, August 4, 2017 location TBA

Ketchikan: Monday, August 4, 2017 during Popcorn Kick-Off

Popcorn Kick-Off coming to a city near you!

August 1 - Popcorn Kick Off in Kenai
August 2 - Popcorn Kick Off online for units off of the Road System
August 4 - Popcorn Kick Off in Wasilla
August 5 - Popcorn Kick Off in Anchorage
August 7 - Popcorn Kick Off in Ketchikan
August 8 - Popcorn Kick Off in Juneau
August 20 - Popcorn Order Due (Show N Sell Order)

Click Here for More Information and to Sign-Up for the Popcorn Sale

Post Your Colors Campaign

PUT YOUR SCOUTING SPIRIT ON DISPLAY
You know that being a Scout sets kids up for success. Through Post Your Colors, you can demonstrate the power of Scouting, reconnect with friends from your Scouting experience, and encourage more families to get involved. And it's easy!

1. Drag the flag to your location on the map
2. Fill in your name and email address to post your colors
3. Use the social media tools to share the excitement (and earn points)
4. Keep visiting and sharing until July 31 to compete for great prizes

Thanks for showing the world that Scouting matters to you by posting your colors today!

postyourcolors.org

There's Still Time for One More Summer Party!

We welcome the community to join us during our annual cruise out of Whittier Alaska. Eat a delicious prime rib and salmon buffet as we cruise around the protected waters of Prince William Sound.

Purchase tickets for almost 30% off regular season prices today!

Click Here to Register

Questions? Contact Danyelle or call 907-952-4647

August District Committee Meetings

Online Registration Information for Committee Chairs and Charter Organization Representatives

Click Here to go to the Council Calendar
August Roundtable: Be Prepared for Fun and Adventure with the Fall 2017 Recruitment!

Click Here for the Council Calendar

**Bear Paw:** August 10 at Good Shepard Lutheran Church

**Denali:** August 10 at the LDS Strawberry Chapel  
**Eklutna:** August 10 at the LDS Muldoon Chapel  
**Totem:** August 15 at Holy Name Catholic Church  
**Tustumena:** August 17 at LDS Soldotna Stake Center

Cub Scouts

Family Nights at Cub Scout Camp

Join your Cub Scout at Camp! Thursday night is an open program night where families are invited to come out for dinner, tour camp, and participate in program areas, like waterfront, with their Scout.

Dinner is at 5:00 PM after closing flags in the dining hall. Families are encouraged to come a little early and pay for their meals at the Trading Post.

Family Night Dinner $10.00  
Children (4-10) $6.00  
Children (3 and under) Free
Open program areas for you and your Scout to explore are from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Visitors must leave camp before 10:00 PM (campers lights out).

Traveling Day Camp

The Great Alaska Council brings day camp to Scouts in rural areas across the state! We will have fun space-themed activities and Cub Scout favorites including BB guns and archery!

Ketchikan Day Camp
Date: July 29th  
Location: Point Higgins Elementary  
Cost: $25 per Scout  
[Click Here to Register]

Tustumena Day Camp
Date: August 4th & 5th  
Location: Nikiski Recreation Center  
Time: 9-4  
Cost: $50 per Scout  
[Click Here to Register]

Kodiak Day Camp
Date: September 16, 2017  
Save the Date - more information to come!

Questions? Contact Brad Lewis

Summertime is Advancement Time for Cub Scouts

The Annual pack planning conference is the first step to keeping families involved year-round. Invite parents to
the conference so they will be involved as the calendar is established. Make sure school calendars are referenced and avoid major holidays and possibly community events. Consider events being held by your chartered organization and see if Cub Scout activities can be held in conjunction with these activities. With parental input, schedule day camp or resident camp dates so families can plan vacations around these activities. Pack leaders should remember that "family understanding" is one of the purposes of Cub Scouting and should schedule pack and den events that support the family. When leaders work with families, there will be a greater chance for successful summertime participation, as well as supporting the "Involving Family and Home" method of Cub Scouting.

Click Here to Download the Article from Advancement News
Questions? Email Kris Stoehner

Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venturing

Guide to Safe Scouting

The purpose of the Guide to Safe Scouting is to prepare adult leaders to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards.

Click Here to Download the Guide to Safe Scouting

Order of the Arrow News

Denali High Adventure
Scout Base Ordeal

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The last of two Ordeals conducted by the lodge for South-Central Alaska for 2017. This will be the final opportunity for those candidates elected from their troop this year from before summer camp, and the first for those elected during camp to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. It is important to pre-register for this ordeal as we will be too remote to adjust for a huge influx of participants, staff or guests not planned for.

*Please bring Medical Form (A&B) work clothes, gloves, full uniform, tent, tarp and personal toiletries. Cabins will NOT be available.*

Date: August 11-13, 2017
$25 for Arrowment
$60 for Candidate

Click Here to Register
Questions? Contact Sam Giacalone

**District Information**

**Bear Paw District**

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

Click Here to visit the Bear Paw District Page

Questions? Contact John Lubbers, Assistant Scout Executive
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**Denali District**

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

Click Here to visit the Denali District Page

Questions? Contact Brad Lewis, District Executive
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Trail Talk: Be Prepared for the Fall

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

Questions? Contact Mathieu Frohlich, District Executive
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District Dinner Medals

The Baden Powell medals were purchased for the Eklutna District by generous contributors from the following long-time Eklutna Scouters:

Lant Platner
Scott Cameron
John Sauve
Bill Bergeron
Glennis Ireland
Joe Seidel
Ben Fish
Paul Daggett

Thank you for all you do in Scouting!

Maritime District

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

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Questions? Contact the Thomas Ramos
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Welcome Thomas Ramos! Thomas is serving the Maritime District as a paraprofessional. Thomas is an Eagle Scout from Troop 11 in Juneau. Thomas services as a Reservist in the Army Corp. of Engineers. Thank you for your service Thomas!

**Totem District**

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

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**Tustumena District**

The Tustumena District covers the Kenai Peninsula, in addition to the rural communities Alaska including Kodiak and Cordova.

[Click Here](#) to visit the Tustumena District Page

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