September is Boy Scout Month and Bass Pro!

Thank you so much to the Anchorage Bass Pro! We are excited to announce the merit badge schedule for the month of September featuring Fishing and Rifle merit badges! Classes are taught at the store Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays beginning at 6 PM. Class size is limited please register at Customer Service or call the store and register over the phone.

Click Here to Download the Schedule and Flyer

Questions? Contact Bass Pro Customer Service at (907)-330-5200

NRA Shotgun Instructor Course
The Great Alaska Council Boy Scouts of America is offering an NRA Shotgun Shooting Instructor class in mid October at Camp Gorsuch. The class will be two weekday evenings and one Saturday all day. This class will include the NRA Basic Instructor Training which all new Instructors must take. This rating will fulfill the knowledge and skill requirements to become a Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge Counselor. Participants will need to attend all 3 parts on October 12, 13, and 14 at Camp Gorsuch in order to receive certification.

Costs are:
$150 for current registered members of the BSA
$250 for those not registered with the BSA

Click Here to Register
Questions? Contact Ernie Mueller, Shooting Sports Chair

National Membership Fee Increase

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

To do this - while delivering the nation's foremost youth development program - the BSA must remain vigilant in controlling costs. Although we have been successful in reducing our expenditures in many areas, it has become necessary to evaluate our annual membership fees.

Based on feedback from both volunteers and employees, the BSA membership fee will increase to $33 for all registered youth and adult leaders, effective December 1, 2017. Membership fees support the services that are necessary to provide Scouting to youth from 7 to 21 years of age. From education to high-adventure experiences you can't get
anyplace else, the BSA provides unique growth opportunities at a great value.

Services include primary liability coverage for all volunteer leaders and chartered organizations, ongoing advances in technology, fundraising support, new program development and membership recruiting strategies, and support materials. In 2016 alone, the BSA served 2.3 million youth members through approximately 270 local councils across the United States and its territories.

With the help of all of our volunteers and Scouting parents, we will continue accomplishing incredible things for young people and the communities we serve.

**Click Here to Download the Fee Increase FAQ**

**Get the Scout Discount for Harlem Globe Trotters**

The Harlem Globe Trotters are coming to town! October 21st and 22nd at the Alaska Airlines Center in Anchorage! They have offered Scouts a discount price for tickets! You must register in advance to receive the discount.

To pre-register with the Scout price please call (907) 786-7809 (AK Airlines Box Office) [Click Here to Register](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1128808631360&format=html&print=true)

**Requirement Updates: How to Handle Them**

Advancement requirements across all BSA youth programs change from time to time. The 2017 Guide to Advancement provides information on how to deal with such changes in: "Changes to Requirements" (Topic 4.0.0.1) and "What to Do" (Topic 7.0.4.3).
Click Here to Download the Full Article from Advancement News

Questions? Contact Kris Stoehner, Council Advancement Chair

Cub Scouts

Maritime Cub Scout Fall Day Camp

Welcome new Scouts in the Juneau area! Join us for a day of fun at Eagle River Scout Camp on September 9th, 2017. Cost is $10 per Scout.

Click Here to Register

Questions? Contact Thomas Ramos, District Paraprofessional

It's Time for an Adventure!

Come out to Camp Gorsuch have an outdoor adventure! Activities will include: Slacklining, Spikeball, Wristrockets, and many more! Come as a Den or come with your family! Fees include Friday snacks, then breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts earn your Shooting Sports Badge during these weekends!

Weekend #1 September 22-23, 2017
Weekend #2 September 29-30, 2017
Weekend #3 October 6-7, 2017

Click Here to Register

Questions? Contact Bryce McCandless, Program Director

Traveling Day Camp - Next Stop Kodiak Alaska!
Join us for Space Day Camp! Other activities will include BB Guns, Archery and more!

Date: September 16, 2017  
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Location: Cabin on Scout Lake  
Cost: $25

Click Here to Register  
Questions? Contact Brad Lewis,  
District Executive

The Cub Scout Angle  
Program Updates: Easily Accessible Online

Some Cub Scout adventure requirements have been modified since the issuance of the current Cub Scout Handbook. While den leaders should continue using the resource materials in the Handbook, they should note that some associated advancement requirements may have changed.

All current requirements are now easily available online on the Program Updates webpage at  
http://www.scouting.org/Home/programupdates.aspx

Questions? Contact Kris Stoehner, Council Advancement Chair

Boy Scouts, Varsity, and
Venturing

Maritime Fall Camporee

Registration is open! Join us for the 2017 Fall Camporee at Eagle Beach. Cost is $10 per Scout.
Date: September 15-17, 2017

Click Here to Register
Questions? Contact Scott Fergusson

Southcentral Zombie Invasion Fall Camporee

For Boy Scouts and Venturers in the Bear Paw, Denali, Elkutna & Tustumena Districts

Dates: Friday Night, September 22 to Sunday, September 24, 2017
Cost: $15 for Scouts and $10 for adults prior to September 16th
Lunch will be provided. Those with special dietary needs will need to provide their own meal.

Click Here to Register
Click Here to Download the Parents' and Leaders' Guide

Special Necessities:
Communication and Creativity are Key to Helping Scouts with Special Needs Advance Along the Trail To Eagle
The advancement program is meant to be challenging for every Scout, and, those challenges can become even larger for Scouts with Special Needs. Since the Guide to Advancement clearly states in Section 10.2.2.0 that all requirements must be met, communication among the Scout, his parents, unit leaders, and even educators can lead to some real success stories.

Here are some tips to support Scouts:

* Work together as a team to develop a year-round advancement plan just like schools do with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Everyone works better when they have a plan to follow!

* Review rank requirements to determine the ones that can easily be met and those which will be more challenging.

* Use all of the resources available to assist a Scout complete the tougher and more challenging requirements. Often this will require thinking outside of the box.

* Allow other Scouts in the unit to help with this process too, as this can provide them with a unique learning opportunity.

* Recognize that there will be some requirements that won't be able to be completed by every Scout, so when you reach this point, be sure to apply for alternative rank requirement(s) (GTA Section 10.2.2.1) or alternative Eagle Scout rank required merit badge(s) (GTA Section 10.2.2.3).

* Don't wait until a Scout with Special Needs turns 17 to register him to continue advancing "beyond the age of eligibility." This option is explained in Section 10 of the Guide to Advancement and will take pressure off of the Scout, his unit, district and council if you do this earlier on.

* Lastly, seek help from other unit leaders who have had success in this area. There are great examples of a Scout who uses a wheelchair leading a hike, a Scout who uses a computer as a communication device making a "speech" or leading a meeting, or

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a Scout with visual impairments seeing the stars and constellations through cut out paper plates.

Recognize that these are opportunities not roadblocks. Feel confident knowing that a solution can often be found when everyone works together as a team.

Questions? Contact Kris Stoehner, Council Advancement Chair

**Order of the Arrow News**

**Section Conclave**

We are drawing ever closer to one of the biggest OA events of the year that is conducted annually known as Conclave! September 15-17 at Camp Pigott in Washington State. At Conclave you will meet new friends from other lodges, participate in games and programs, get awesome training from the best trainers in the Region and experience the best that Scouting and the Order has to offer.

Our lodge has 11 members making the journey, there is still time for you to join us! Most of our lodge will be taking Alaska Airlines Flight #730 down and #87 back. The lodge will spend some time in Seattle visiting and touring around town before finally making the drive to camp where we will spend the weekend.

If you are interested please connect with us at nanuklodge@gmail.com so we can keep an accurate count of attendees and seats needed for vans, you will need to purchase your airline tickets and register. Register now and receive the early-bird price of $50, saving an immediate $20 on registration, New Arrowmen Conclave pricing is $45, a full $25 discount! We hope you can join us for one amazing weekend!

Register Today by Clicking Here
The Lodge Fall Fellowship will be held October 20-22 at Camp Gorsuch! This is our last major event of the year where you will experience fun and fellowship. Saturday night will also be the Annual Business meeting where we will elect our lodge officers for the coming year! We hope you are able to join us for one final hoorah!

Click Here to Register
Questions? Email to nanuklodge@gmail.com

Dues for Order of the Arrow

It is not too late to get your dues current for 2017! OA dues fall in line with Scouting membership renewal and are good for the calendar year. If you have not paid your 2017 dues we invite you to do so today by clicking here.

By paying member dues or "member in good standing" you are entitled to all of the rights and privileges of an active arrowman and are entitled to wear your lodge flap (lodge flaps are worn representing what lodge you are a member of, much like the council shoulder strip).

The OA Unit of Excellence Award criteria recognizes units that invite the lodge to conduct quality unit elections, participate in lodge events and meetings, and operate a complete OA Troop Representative
program. Our hope is that units that complete these criteria will benefit from the support programs that the Order of the Arrow has implemented to strengthen unit-delivered program. This recognition program, along with other tools for unit support, should be distributed and promoted to Scoutmasters, OA Troop/Team Representatives and Advisers, and chapter election teams to include in communication to units. The award form can be found below, we invite your units SPL (Senior Patrol Leader) and Scoutmaster to fill it out and turn in to our lodge at nanuklodge@gmail.com today!

Those units awarded will be recognized at our lodge banquet! Click Here to Download the Application

## 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 Email: john.lubbers@scouting.org

### Denali District

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

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Questions? Contact Brad Lewis, District Executive
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.

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Questions? Contact Mathieu Frohlich, District Executive
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Maritime District

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

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Questions? Contact Thomas Ramos
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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.

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