Great Alaska Council Top Stories

Sporting Clays Classic

Shoot for Scouting! Enjoy delicious BBQ, good friends, and an afternoon of fun at this year's Michael L. Foster & Associates Sporting Clays Classic.

Date: May 18, 2017
Location: Grouse Ridge, Wasilla
Cost
Single Shooter: $150
Team: $650

Sponsorship opportunities available at all levels!

Click Here to Register
Questions? Contact Matt Frohlich

Scouting for Food 2018

Give yourselves a round of applause for a job well done! Thank you to all the Scouts, leaders, and parents who participated in this year's Scouting for Food! The results are in!
Soldotna (Tustumena District): 544 lbs

Anchorage & Eagle River (Eklutna and Denali Districts): 24,000 lbs

Juneau (Maritime District): 7,498 lbs

Wasilla & Palmer (Bear Paw District): 4,100 lbs

Council Total: 36,142 lbs

Planning on Selling? Sign-Up Today!

Now is the time to sign up for the most successful Scouting fundraiser ever, the annual popcorn sale! Popcorn is a great way to fund your Scouting program! Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Explorer Posts and yes, even our brand new STEM Scout Labs can sign up for the 2018 popcorn sale.

Here is the link to register:
https://www.scoutingalaska.org/popcornsignup

Kayaking Merit Badge Counselor Certification

The Great Alaska Council is holding American Canoe Association Level 2 Assessments that meets National BSA standards to order to certify Kayaking Merit Badge Councilors. If successful, Scouters will be certified as having accomplished the Assessments under the ACA. Scouters can then apply to be a Kayaking Merit Badge Counselor.

Dates for the Anchorage

Session #1  Click Here to Register
Wednesday, May 9, 5:00 to 9:00 at the Scout Office  
Saturday, May 12, 7:00 to 5:00 at Camp Gorsuch.

Session #2  Click Here to Register
Wednesday, May 16, 5:00 to 9:00 at the Scout Office  
Saturday, May 19, 7:00 to 5:00 at Camp Gorsuch

Outside Anchorage area classes are in the process of being arranged.

Scouters are required to provide:
- Kayak, paddle and spray skirt
- PFD that fits
- Dry suit or paddling jacket. Students will be in and out of the water during the day so they should dress appropriately.
- Dry clothes
- Sack lunch

The cost is $40 to cover the American Canoe Association Membership fee.

Students will also need to bring:
- Copy of their current Youth Protection Certificate,
- Safe Swim Defense Certificate
- Safety Afloat Certificate
- Merit Badge Counselor application, and an
- Adult Scout application (no additional fee)

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Cub Scouts

Cubcast for April 2018:  
New Youth Protection Training

April is Youth Protection Month and the Boy Scouts of America takes that very seriously. True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. In this special crossover
CubCast/ScoutCast episode, BSA Director of Youth Protection, Michael Johnson, explains how the revised Youth Protection training helps volunteers and professionals maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district, and unit levels.

[Click Here to Listen to CubCast]

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**Anchor Town Drags**

The official District race for Denali and Eklutna is calling you! The top 3 racers from each Den in your Pack are welcome!

Date: May 12, 2018  
Location: Northway Mall  
Check-in begins at 9 AM and the races at 10 AM.

[Click Here to Register]

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**Boy Scouts and Venturing**

**Sneak Peak at Summer Camp Merit Badge Offerings!**

The rotating merit badge schedule for Eagle River Scout Camp, Denali High Adventure Scout Base, and Camp Gorsuch has been updated and posted to the camp webpages. It is now available for download! Please share this schedule with your Scouts and unit as they plan what merit badges they will take this summer.

[Click Here to Download]

Please note, some merit badges are only offered on a rotating basis during even or odd years. There is a column notating if a badge is offered on a rotating basis and whether it is offered...
Merit badge sign-ups will open on Tuesday, May 1 at 9:00am. Make sure you have logged into your account before-hand to update your youth roster. Instructions for how to sign-up for merit badges are available for download on the camp pages as well.

*Leader's Guides and Program Guides coming soon!*

Yours in Scouting,
GAC Camp Leadership

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National Youth Leadership Training

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

Date: August 6-11, 2018
Cost: $275

[Click Here to Register](#)

*Don't forget to submit your participant questionnaire!*

Attended NYLT before? Interested in being on staff?
Contact [Bryce McCandless](#) today!

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Spring Camporee Registration is Live

Date: May 4-6, 2018

Locations:

- Camp Gorsuch - Overnight Camping
- Mirror Lake Middle School -
Orienteering activities

Cost: $10 per scout & $3 for adults

*Late Fee: April 26 *

Click Here to Register
Download the Leader's Guide

Order of the Arrow News

Denali High Adventure
Scout Base Ordeal

**Candidates:** All candidates should arrive between 7:30pm-8pm. It is highly advised that you do not arrive any earlier than this. The weekend will end at 11am on Sunday Morning. During Breakfast you will be presented with your lodge insignia. We encourage your parents to come and join us for this recognition breakfast. You can register them when you register yourself.

You should bring Medical Form (A&B) Full Uniform (Merit Badge Sash and Medals should stay home) you will NOT need your uniform until Saturday Afternoon, please come in clothes you do not mind getting dirty (Work Clothes and gloves). A sleeping bag, pad, tarp and tent, flashlight, water bottle, knife and personal toiletries.

**Arrowmen:** We ask that you arrive between 6pm-7pm, Those serving as Elangomats should arrive no later than 7pm. Please bring Medical Form (A&B) work clothes, gloves, full uniform, tent, tarp and personal toiletries. Cabins will NOT be available.

Date: May 18-20, 2018
Location: Denali High Adventure Scout Base

Click Here to Register

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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?
Gordon Ward, District Commissioner
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Russ Ingram, District Chair
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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?
Paul Ritz, District Chair
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Vacant: District Commissioner

Brad Lewis, District Executive
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Roundtable topics:

May-
- Backpacking Trips- Locations, trips, Planning, Gear, Meals-
- snacks shortcuts with trip Examples

Options for discussion:
- Climbing training- how to get certified trainer, Gorsuch Climbing spots?
Water MB Counselors- requirements

Anything you can do will be great!

Thank you

Greg Rothwell, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
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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?
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Learning for Life District

The District of Learning for Life serves the following programs for the entire Council:

- **Learning for Life Curriculum**: Character Education and Substance Abuse Prevention
- **Exploring**: Hands-on, career exploration for middle school and high school students
- **STEM Scouts**: Co-ed Scouting program for Scouts 3rd-12th grade.

Questions?

Keith Miller, District Chair
Vacant..........Service Chair

Danyelle Schauer, Sr. District Executive
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**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?
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**Fred Thorsteinson, District Commissioner**
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**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?
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**John Lubbers, Assistant Scout Executive**
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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
Questions?

Vacant: District Chair

Eric Willets, District Commissioner
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Brad Lewis, District Executive
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Upcoming Events:

The Tustumena Pinewood Derby
Will be April 21st with weigh-ins starting at 10 am at the Soldotna Stake Center. The top 3 cars from each den in your pack can come and compete. Please talk to your pack leadership for more information.

STAY CONNECTED: