Great Alaska Council Top Stories

2018 Whittier Cruise

*No sea sickness guarantee*
Get ready for the sightseeing tour showing the best of Alaska!

Seating is limited - sign up today!
Special discount through the Great Alaska Council of 50% off adult prices!

Date: August 18, 2018
Boat Launch: Whittier Harbor, Major Marine
Cost (includes salmon and prime rib buffet)
  Adult: $60
  Youth: $45

Click Here to Register
Questions? Contact Danyelle Schuaer

Be Prepared for the 2018 Popcorn Sale by Signing 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

New In the Scout Shop

**Instant Recognition Kit**
Energize your awards ceremony, with the instant recognition kit. Attach rank badges during the ceremony. With the quick and easy to use ceremony-ready award kit. Just peel and stick. NOW, at our Scout Store. Each kit contains enough for 12 awards. Just $9.75

**Introducing Segments for our Cub Scouts!**
Killed your first mosquito? There’s a patch for that! Gone ice skating? There’s a patch for that! Segments are placed on your uniform pocket and as your Scout completes activities, they are awarded the associated segment.
Thank You to Everyone Who Attended the Kayaking Course!

I would like to thank Willie Willenbrink for organizing the May 19th American Canoe Level 2 Assessment held at Camp Gorsuch.

Our two instructors were Tom Green and Rich Arsenault. Dan Wood, William Borstad, Chris Mercer, & Curtis Townsend are our newest Kayaking Merit Badge Counselors. Next year we plan on having an assessment in Juneau and Homer as well as again at Camp Gorsuch

Thank you for coming out,
Scott Cameron, Council Aquatics Director

Certificate of Insurance:
When do you need one and who do you call?
When do you need a BSA certificate of insurance?
You do not need a certificate of BSA general liability insurance for your chartered partner (sponsoring organization). By default, a Scouting unit's chartered partner is covered by the policy.
--When your Scout unit meets at a location other than your chartered partner (sponsoring organization), and the organization allowing you to meet at their location requests a certificate of insurance.
--When hosting a Scout unit fundraiser booth at a community event, the organizer will often request this certificate.
--Some organizations, other than chartered partners, may require listing them as an additional insured for a specific time period or event.

How does my unit get a copy?
Send all requests to brenda.bidwell@scouting.org. Please allow 2 weeks for processing.

Brenda works part time at the Scout Office as registrar. Her schedule varies. Please let Brenda know via email as soon as possible so she can get your certificate ready for your next adventure!

Click Here for more information

Cub Scouts

Are You Prepared for Camp? BSA Annual Health and Medical Record

Don't forget your forms as you go to camp!

Click Here for the BSA Health and Safety Website
Attention Unit Leaders: Be Sure to Update your BeAScout Pin to Reflect Status

With fall recruitment approaching, now is the time to log into your my.scouting.org account and update your unit pin to indicate if your unit will be boy-only (default), family pack, or girl only AND the date you will begin accepting female applications. This must be updated to take online registrations this fall.

1. Log in to your My.Scouting account select Menu at the top left
2. From the drop-down menu, select your unit
3. Select Organization Manager
4. Select the Settings tab
5. Scroll to Family Scouting
6. If remaining boy-only, do nothing (this is the default setting); otherwise, select girls only or boys and girls
7. For early-adopter councils, this pin will update within 24 hours. For non-early adopters, enter the date that the unit will be welcoming girls. The earliest that girls’ applications will be processed for non-early adopter councils will be June 11 (but units need to check with their councils, as the actual start date is a council business decision)
8. Click Commit

Click Here to Download Instructions with Screen Shots

Contact your District Executive with questions.

Boy Scouts and Venturing

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 Tim Hilbert, Course Director today!

### Revised Training for Den Chief Leadership Position

How long and how effectively a den chief will serve depends upon how seriously the position is valued and by whom, particularly the adults in the pack they serve as well as those within their home unit. Youth value the opinion of adults, so if a den chief sees that adults ask for and value their input, they will take their responsibilities more seriously.

Like most things in Scouting, this process begins with training. Den Chief Training is intended to build enthusiasm, develop higher morale among den chiefs, and provide the tools a new den chief will need to be successful. This training can be delivered in approximately two hours. The time should, however, match the needs of the young people to be trained as well as the availability of the trainers. An evening session, for example, might work better for a Cubmaster training a couple of den chiefs, or a weekend session might work better for a district training for den chiefs of multiple packs.

The training should be offered in a facility that provides suitable space and access, perhaps council camping or training facilities, or a local pack meeting location. A session held early in the program year is likely to prove more useful to beginning den chiefs and their
"adult partners", those new den leaders, or den leaders who have not previously had a den chief. Thus, all adult leaders who recruit or work with den chiefs are encouraged to attend with the Scout being trained.

At the end of the course all participants should be awarded a certificate of completion.

The Scout troop should then recognize the newly trained Scout with a "Trained" badge for his sleeve next to his den chief position badge of office.

Although den chief training currently is only available through face-to-face sessions, online modules are being developed that will mirror the content of these in-person materials. When ready and approved for use, there will be announcements in Bryan's Blog, Scouting magazine and other sources of BSA information.

Meanwhile, everyone is encouraged to review the current course's Facilitators Guide at: www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training

Questions Contact: Kris Stoehner, Council Advancement Chair

Order of the Arrow News

Induction Weekend at Denali High Adventure Base

Date: July 13-15  
Location: Denali High Adventure Scout Base  
Cost: $60

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.

[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.

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Questions?

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**Denali District**

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

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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.

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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?

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Vacant...........Service Team Chair

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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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**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 in Alaska including Kodiak and Cordova.

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