Great Alaska Council Top Stories

2018 Whittier Cruise

Celebrate the end of summer with this fantastic cruise! Perfect for the whole family!

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

University Of Scouting Interest Survey

The council's largest training event of the year, University of Scouting, is coming on November 17. Help us make sure this training is helpful for you! Take the survey via the link below and let us know what classes
We Need Your Summer Camp Photos!

Calling all parents and leaders heading out to camp: we would love to get copies of your favorite photos this summer! National BSA stock photos don't represent Scouting in Alaska - you do!

Please send photos to Danyelle at danyelle.schauer@lflmail.org

Cub Scouts

Calling Unit Key 3: Please Update Your Unit Pin in Preparation for Fall Recruitment!

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.

Traveling Day Camp

First Aid Traveling Day Camp is coming to a community near you! Practice your first aid skills to be prepared! Don't forget about archery and BB guns too!

Ketchikan Day Camp
Date: July 28, 2018
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Cost: $25
Location: Point Higgins Elementary

Click Here to Register

Tustumena Day Camp
Date: August 4, 2018
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Cost: $25
Location: Skyview Middle School

Click Here to Register

Lions Roar this Fall! From Bryan on Scouting:
"On the heels of a successful pilot that introduced new families to Scouting and raised retention rates, Lions, the BSA's Cub Scout program for kindergarten-age youth, will become an official part of Cub Scouting this year.
The decision was made official after a vote this week by the BSA's volunteer-led National Executive Board. [February 2018]
The Lions uniform won't change. Lions will continue wearing the blue Lion T-shirt. There's also an optional cap and new neckerchief and slide. All are suitable for wearing with the T-shirt.
But many exciting changes are on the way based on feedback from families participating in the pilot. These include the introduction of a rectangular rank patch, rank cards, advancement chart and Lion adventure loops."

Click Here to Download the Full Article with Tons of Information

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**Boy Scouts and Venturing**

**Arctic Orienteering Invites You!**

Arctic Orienteering Club, which co-sponsored Spring Camporee, welcomes all scouts to their regular Wednesday night events. An event calendar can be found at oalaska.org.
On Wednesday, August 15th, a special Capture-the-Flag-O event will be held at Kincaid Park, designed with Scouts in mind. More details will be available on the website.

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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.

24 participants are needed to hold the course. Don’t wait! Register today!

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!

2019 World Scout Jamboree: Limited Time to Sign Up!

Don't Delay - Apply Now - Scholarships Available

What is World Jamboree?
The World Scout Jamboree is a once in a lifetime opportunity where Scouts (born between July 22, 2001 and July 21, 2005) from over 160 countries around the World will gather to build friendships and learn about the larger Scouting movement in a way that is found only at this event. It is only at a World Scout Jamboree that Scouts can have FUN with Scouts from around the World and grow to appreciate how Scouts who are so different are really the same, united in core Scouting values and principles. What Scouts learn at a World Scout Jamboree will last a lifetime.

For more information, Click Here

Click above and fill out the form and one of the World Scout Jamboree adult leaders will contact you and your parents to answer your questions and tell you about the unique opportunity to attend the World Scout Jamboree.

Background on the World Jamboree
The first World Scout Jamboree was in 1920, and in the 100 years since, the United States has only hosted a World Scout Jamboree one time, in 1967. Now, after more than 50 years, the World Scout Jamboree returns again to the United States. From July 21st to August 2nd 2019 the 24th World Scout Jamboree will be at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. For 12 days, come join 50,000 Scouts from more than 169 countries for the largest, most exciting and adventuresome scouting experience in history.

Did we mention FUN? Summit is like Disneyland for Scouts. With ziplining, BMX, mountain biking, skate boarding, Ninja Warrior type aquatics events, and so much more. And unlike a National Jamboree there are many unique events planned to highlight World Scouting.

How much does it cost?
The $2,800 fee is all-inclusive of food, activities, participation and transportation (from a gateway city). This is less expensive than a National Jamboree and far less expensive than a typical World Jamboree (e.g., the 2015 World Scout Jamboree was $5,700).

Make payments over time in installments. Council fundraisers have already begun!
Scholarships are available until August 31st.

Who can go?
Scouts or Venturers, male or female, born between July 22, 2001, and July 21, 2005, are eligible. Youth need to reserve their spots as soon as possible. Only a very small percentage will get to experience this once in a lifetime adventure. From Alaska to Northern California of the 45,000 eligible Scouts and Venturers in our Scouting Area, only 252 will get to go.

For more information, Click Here
If you want to apply now or go directly to the World Scout Jamboree website click on the following: https://wsj2019.us/.

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Order of the Arrow News

Induction Weekend at Denali High Adventure Base

Date: July 13-15
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

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

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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
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 Alaska including Kodiak and Cordova.

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