Great Alaska Council Top Stories

Fuel Your Program with Popcorn: Scouts can win a week of camp and an ATV!

The 2018 Popcorn KickOffs are here!
August 1: Tustumena KickOff
August 3: Bear Paw KickOff
August 4: Anchorage Area KickOff (Denali and Eklunta Districts)

- Popcorn order forms and information have been mailed.
- Enter for a chance to win a week of camp at Camp Gorsuch or Eagle River Scout Camp! Submit your filled out Take Order Forms by September 5th! Drawing will be September 6th. *Limit 1 win per Scout*
- Win an ATV! That's right! Your popcorn sales of $1000 (and every additional $1000) earn an entry for a chance to win an ATV.

**Dates to Remember:**
August 12: Unit Popcorn Show-N-Sell Orders Due
September 7-8: Popcorn Pick Up
October 13: Anchorage Popcorn Return
October 14: Take Orders Due and Prize Order
November 9-10: Popcorn Pick Up

[Sign Up for the Popcorn Sale Today!](#)

Questions?
Calling all Super Nova and Nova Counselors:

We are double checking our work! If you are a currently registered Super Nova or Nova counselor please contact our registrar Brenda to make sure we have you in our system correctly.

Her email is: brenda.bidwell@scouting.org

2018 Whittier Cruise
Only 28 Seats Left!

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: 5:45 PM 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 and trainings would be helpful for you at whatever level of involvement you have with the Scouting program.

Click Here to Take the Survey

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**Cub Scouts**

**Maritime District Cub Scout Fall Day Camp**

Welcome New Families to Cub Scouts!

Celebrate the start of your Scouting adventure with Fall Day Camp! Flag ceremony will begin at 9:00 am and the program will last until 3:30 pm. We will be providing a delicious lunch for all families. Activities will include BB Gun, Sling Shot, Frisbee Golf, Team Building Games and a Scavenger Hunt! It's always a good idea to Be Prepared with rain gear. This event is for Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and their families (Kindergarten through 3rd grade Scouts). Cost is $10 per Scout.

*There is a 1.5-mile hike from the trailhead to camp, please plan accordingly.*

Click Here to Register

Questions? Contact Fred Thorsteinson

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**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...
**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]

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**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**

**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.

If you want to apply now or go directly to the World Scout Jamboree website click on the following: https://wsj2019.us/.

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.

Order of the Arrow News

New policy from the National Committee regarding Cub Scout Arrow of Light/Crossover Ceremonies.
The National Order of the Arrow Committee after months of collaborative work with ceremonialists and lodge leadership representatives announces the following policy change. This policy change will apply to ALL Order of the Arrow lodges and chapters.

We know that lodges and chapters are frequently asked to perform Arrow of Light and crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout packs, which is an appropriate service in support of our packs. That said, we have had many complaints surrounding these ceremonies from various American Indian tribes due to the manner in which they are conducted as well as the inconsistent nature in which they are performed.

Beginning January 1, 2019 lodges and chapters that are asked to conduct Arrow of Light or crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout packs will only be permitted to conduct them using the new approved official ceremonies which can be found in the OA Inductions Portal. These ceremonies are to be conducted in a Scout uniform and are no longer permitted to be done in American Indian regalia.

We appreciate your adherence to this new policy. There will be opportunities to visit with the Inductions and Ceremonies Events staff at NOAC should you have any questions.

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District Information

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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 grade.

Questions?

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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 Alaska including Kodiak and Cordova.

Click Here to visit the Tustumena District Page

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BP Alaska Contributing to the pilot STEM Scout program.

Thank you for your support!