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

- 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*
  [Submit your completed Take Order Forms Here](#)

- 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?
[Check Out the Popcorn Website!](#)
Updated Youth Protection Training before October 1, 2018

The next generation of the BSA’s youth protection program begins today. Our updated youth protection training draws on research from experts in the field of child abuse and child maltreatment, as well as survivors, to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse including bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, as well as child sexual abuse. Using a blend of interviews from psychologists, law enforcement professionals and survivors, leaders and parents alike will learn about the root causes of abuse, how to recognize types of abuse and how to respond. It’s a bold approach and it's just one part of our ongoing effort to enroll the entire Scouting community in the fight against child abuse.

The training is available now on my.Scouting at https://my.scouting.org

Click Here for the YPT Overview

Want to Be a Rifle Shooting Merit Badge Counselor? NRA Rifle Shooting Training Opportunity!

Click Here to Download the Flyer
Click Here to Download the Map

What: Three required NRA courses are available to Scouters who wish to be Rifle Shooting Merit Badge Counselors. This is a four day event and three courses

Course content: NRA Basic Rifle (14hrs), NRA Basic Instructor (6hrs), NRA Rifle Shooting Instructor (14 hrs.) Rifle Shooting Merit Badge Counselors need all three classes.

Training Dates: These three courses will take four days of training: Dates are as follows:
- Saturday, August 11, 9 - 5 PM
- Sunday, August 12, 2 - 9 PM
- Saturday, August 18, 8 - 6 PM
- Sunday, August 19, 2 - 9 PM

**Cost:** $250 for all three courses. Plus additional range fees. Checks to be made out to Steve Montgomery at registration on Sat August 11 at 8:30 AM.

**What to bring:** A small amount of 22 long rifle ammo will be provided. Bring your unloaded 22 rifle in case (preferably single shot) if you own; otherwise guns will be available. Bring your own safety glasses and ear protection. Bring notepad, sack lunch or fast food available in Palmer.

**Location:** Palmer American Legion - See attachment. The American Legion is 1/2 mile east of the Glenn on Outer Springer Loop Road. It is about 3 miles past the Wasilla/Palmer interchange on the Glen Hwy toward Palmer.

**Instructor:** Steve Montgomery - NRA Training Councilor

**Registration coordinator:** Stan Trekell (907) 350-5924 phone or text. Please email your registration request (name, contact phone number, email) to eagle66wooten@hotmail.com

Questions: Contact Stan at eagle66wooten@hotmail.com for class information and Ernie Mueller at 907-209-4618 for Merit Badge Counselor information.

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**Cub Scouts**

**Family Adventure Weekends**

Bring the whole family, Den, or Pack! Come out to Camp Gorsuch and have adventure!

Activities will include: BB-guns, archery, slack-lining, spikeball, wristrockets, robotics many more!

Fees include Friday snacks and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Cabins are available, and tents are welcome! Cabins have mattresses - don't forget your sleeping bag and pillow. Showers and bathrooms are a short walk away.
Scouts 1st grade and above will have the opportunity to earn their shooting sports award!

Location: Camp Gorsuch  
Cost: $35 per youth and $20 per adult

Click on the weekend below to register

Weekend #1: September 21-22, 2018  
Weekend #2: September 28-29, 2018  
Weekend #3: October 5-6, 2018

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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, Frizbee 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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Get Your National Summertime Pack Award Today!

The pack can qualify for the certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities—one each in June, July, and August, or during other school vacations if your pack is in a year-round school.
Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events are eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon. Scouts who participate in all three pack events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin, which they can wear on the right pocket flap of their uniform.

Click Here for more information

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**Boy Scouts and Venturing**

**Southcentral Fall Camporee: Highland Games**

Welcome to the 2018 Fall Camporee for the Great Alaska Council. We hope that you and your Scouts will enjoy the festivities and the fellowship. Please download and read the event descriptions in order to prepare your Unit for the events found in the Leader's Guide (for parents and Scouts too!)

Date: September 21-23, 2018  
Location: Little Susitna Campground  
Cost: $10 per Scout and $3 for adults (Fee increase after Sept. 15)

*Don't forget your kilt!*

Click Here to Register  
Questions? Contact Ben Fish, Council Camping Chair

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**Leader Training Opportunities**

Register today for these upcoming training opportunities. All registered leaders must be trained.
Super Saturday: Take your Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training or Troop/Crew Committee Challenge (or any registered committee members!)
Date: September 15, 2018
Location: TBA
Cost: $5
Click Here to Register

Outdoor Leader Training: Part 2 needed to be considered trained as a Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster. Register early!
Date: October 12 & 13, 2018
Location: Camp Gorsuch
Cost: $15
Click Here to Register

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.

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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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### 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
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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Thank you for your support!

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