Great Alaska Council Top Stories

2018 Annual Auction: Save the Date!

Saturday, November 3, 2018
Egan Convention Center
Doors Open 5:00 PM

*Help get every Scout to camp this year! Can we Scout You In?*

[Click Here to Register]
Tickets are $100 each
$1000 for table of 10.

Units! This is your chance - donate a basket and your unit will receive 30% of the highest bid.
[Click Here to Download the Information Flyer]

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

Families and Units must register by Wednesday October 3rd

**Weekend #3: October 5-6, 2018**

**Popcorn Sale Dates to Remember**

If you're looking for or have extra popcorn please update the spreadsheet for your District:

- [Bear Paw Spreadsheet](#)
- [Denali Eklutna Spreadsheet](#)

**Dates to Remember:**

- October 13: Anchorage Popcorn Return
- October 14: Take Orders and Prize Order Due
- November 9-10: Popcorn Pick Up

Questions?  
[Check Out the Popcorn Website!](#)

**Young American Scholarship**  
**Donated in Honor of Arnold and Lola Fish**

The award is given to Eagle Scouts or Summit Awardees who have achieved exceptional excellence to highlight publicly the importance of their achievements and service to their community, state and nation. Nominees must be Eagle Scouts or Summit Awardees ages 15-25 and enrolled in school.

Council Selection Procedure
The Great Alaska Council will see that appropriate units receive applications.

Review the applications and select the yearly council recipient(s). Notify all nominees of the decision by mail. Through proper public relations, focus attention on the council-level recipient and their accomplishments.

**How to Apply**

Applications are sent to the local council office. Nominations can be made by Boy Scout Troops, Explorer posts, Venturing crews, the Scout, individuals and others who share the same program objectives. Since applications are not carried over or returned, original documents of personal value should not be included with the application. Previously submitted applications can be updated and resubmitted through the local council office through age 25.

Council Award Application Deadline: The first Friday of December of each year. Applications are sent to the local council office located at:
3117 Patterson Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
Phone: 907-337-9547
alaskabsa@scouting.org

Student Qualifications:

- Eagle or Summit Awardee
- Student Age 15 through 25
- Accomplishments - have achieved outstanding accomplishments in the fields of art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, math, music, religion, and science.
- Service- has been involved in service in their community, state, or country that adds to the quality of life.
- Scholars - have maintained an above-average scholastic grade point average. College freshman provide high school transcript. College sophomores to graduate student provide current college transcript
- Recommendations - provide with the application three to six letters of recommendation from your troop, post, crew, group, school, teacher, counselor, employer, minister, business leader, civic leader, or other community leaders.

[Download Great Alaska Council Instructions](#)
[Click Here to get the Young American Application](#)
Family Scouting Pictures Needed

Do you have pictures from Family Adventure Weekends? Do you have pictures from Den meetings and Pack meetings? We would love for you to share! Pictures are needed of Alaskan families doing Scouting locally for our Council to build marketing material and videos of our own.

Please get parent permission before sharing.

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

Cub Scouts

Welcome new Leaders!
Don't wait - get trained today!

The Boy Scouts of America's Scouting University team has developed top of the line training for all leaders. Whether you are the new committee chair or Tiger Den Leader, there's an abundance of information at your fingertips!

Go to www.my.scouting.org and create your account. Keep your login and password in a very safe place as you will need to take trainings like Youth Protection every 2 years.

Byran on Scouting did a fantastic article on the use of the website complete with videos on navigating through the trainings! Click Here to visit Bryan on Scouting

Neckerchief Slide Recall Alert

The Boy Scouts of America on Thursday announced a voluntary recall of Cub Scout neckerchief
slides sold between February 2018 and August 2018. The affected products include the yellow Lion, red Wolf, green Bear and blue Webelos slides. The $6 slides were sold at local Scout Shops, authorized BSA distributors and online at scoutshop.org. About 110,000 slides are affected. The Tiger slide is not involved in the recall. Neither are Boy Scout neckerchief slides or any neckerchief slide sold before February 2018.

No injuries have been reported as a result of the affected slides, and the BSA has identified and fixed the problem that led to the recall. The recall was prompted by the discovery that the paint on the surface of the colored portion of the slides may contain levels of lead above limits set by the federal government. Families with a recalled slide should stop using it immediately. They're entitled to an exchange or refund, even if they no longer have a receipt or the original tag.

How to tell whether you have a recalled neckerchief slide

The brass neckerchief slides were sold in four styles: yellow Lion, red Wolf, green Bear and blue Webelos. Other slides, including the Tiger slide, are not included in the recall. A white label attached to the back of the slide reads "Made in China" and bears one of these four P.O. numbers:

- 200233281
- 200236630
- 200228276
- 200231755

If you threw away the label, that's OK. If you purchased a neckerchief slide this year, return the product to any Scout Shop or directly to the BSA's National Distribution Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Boy Scouts and Venturing

Denali District Merit Badge Academy

Samples of planned Merit Badges include: Automotive Maintenance; Citizenship in the Community, Nation & World; Family Life, First Aid, Fingerprinting, Personal Fitness, Personal Management,
Game Design, Aviation & many more!

Dates: October 20th & 27th
Cost: $5 (pre-registration required)
Registration opens for Denali District Scouters September 24, 2018. Registration will open for other Districts September 26th.

Click Here to Download the Flyer
Questions? Evan Staples, Merit Badge Academy Coordinator

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Southcentral Freezoree:
Snow Sports Merit Badge Counselors Needed

The theme of the February 8-10th, 2019 Freezeree is the merit badge "Winter Sports"! In order to successfully offer this merit badge, the Great Alaska Council is in need of merit badge counselors from every participating Tustumena, Bear Paw, Denali, and Eklutna unit. This merit badge gives Scouts FOUR choices in earning the badge: Snow Boarding, Down Hill, or Cross Country Skiing and Snow Boarding! Merit badge counselors will be present to work with Scouts the Weekend of the Freezeree.

Click Here to Download the Informational Flyer
Questions: Please e-mail Kris Stoehner at akspring3@gci.net

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Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award

In 2009, the National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout leadership service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout rank.
Eagle Scout Award. Each year in the Great Alaska Council, District winners are chosen, then the council selects a council-level winner, and from that pool, each region selects a region-level winner. A national winner is then selected from the four regional finalists.

District nominations are due to the District Advancement Chairs on or before January 2, 2019. The Scout must have passed his Eagle board of review in the calendar year of January 1 to December 31, 2018. An Eagle Scout, his parents, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit his Eagle Scout leadership service project for consideration to their District Advancement Chair.

The submission must include the completed application found at http://www.nesa.org/PDF/542-026.pdf The following is required for a nomination to be considered complete:

- An electronic complete duplicate copy (including attachments) of the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook (previously submitted by the Scout to his Eagle board of review committee)
- An electronic signed copy of the Scouts Eagle Application
- An original and electronic properly signed nomination form for the Glenn A and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award

Submit the entire package as an electronic documents paper copies will not be returned nor considered for the award.

Questions? Kris Stoehner, Council Advancement Chair

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**Order of the Arrow News**

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**Fall Fellowship 2018: Register Today!**

The Lodge Fall Fellowship will be October 12-14 at Camp Gorsuch! This is our last major event of the year where you will experience fun, fellowship. Saturday night will also be the Annual Business meeting where...
we will elected our lodge officers for the coming year! This is also the perfect weekend to get your Brotherhood if eligible! We hope you are able to join us for one final hoorah!

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

Questions?
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**Russ Ingram, District Chair**
Email: ingramwr@gmail.com

**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**
Email: paul_ritz@yahoo.com

**Brad Lewis, Senior District Executive**
Email: brad.lewis@scouting.org
**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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John Woyte, District Commissioner
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Danyelle Schauer, Senior District Executive
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Cell: 907-952-4647

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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
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Danyelle Schauer, Sr. District Executive
Email: danyelle.schauer@lflmail.org
Cell: 907-952-4647

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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
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?
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Scouting's Community Partners

Alaska USA Foundation Supporting
Traveling Day Camp

Wells Fargo Learning for Life and Exploring Program

Thank you to the following companies for your support of the yearly popcorn sale helping to transport popcorn to Alaska and our communities:

- **TOTE Maritime**
- **Lynden Transport**
- **Alaska Marine Lines**

**Alaska Commercial Company** Helping to bring Traveling Day Camp to rural communities across Alaska

**BP Alaska** Contributing to the pilot STEM Scout program.

**NRA Foundation**: Cowboy Action shooting program supporter.

Thank you for your support!

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