Great Alaska Council Top Stories

Register for Summer Camp Today!

Camp Dates are now available on the council calendar! Click here for the council calendar:

https://www.scoutingalaska.org/camping

- Please note the changes regarding the weeks for Camp Gorsuch-Scouts BSA are the first two weeks of Camp Gorsuch.
- The registration system will go live December 10th for you to make a $25 per person deposit to reserve your spots at camp.

Questions? Contact Program Director Bryce McCandless

Holiday Shopping?

In need of some stocking stuffers? Visit the Scout Shop for a variety of gifts such as hats, t-shirts, and camping equipment!

Scout Shop Holiday Hours
December 24-26 Closed for Christmas
December 27-28 Scout Shop Closed for Inventory; Office will remain open to accept FOS, Popcorn, etc. payments
December 31 Closed for New Year's Eve
Additional Scholarship Opportunities!

Who doesn't love money for school? If you are an Eagle Scout looking to make your education a little less expensive, make sure to apply for the many scholarships available! Contacts are below!

Ray Untiet Jr.
American Legion
Dept. of Alaska
Boy Scout Chair
Cell 907-242-3970
Email legionboyscoutak@gmail.com

Scholarships are also involved with the following contact the following:
For Oratorical, contact Jan Scott at janscott1.js@gmail.com
For Boys State, contact Kevin Collier at kevincollier@rtelco.net
For American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, contact Von Lamm at loveysmom2000@hotmail.com

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.

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**Scouts, BSA and Venturing**

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**Southcentral Freezoree: Snow Sports Merit Badge Counselors Needed**

The theme of the February 8-10th, 2019 Freezreee 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 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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**Forming a new unit? "Coming Soon" Pin Management.**

Pin Management is a huge help for people trying to find a unit near them to join! If you are looking to start a new one, which won't be listed yet. Check out the instructions below to get yours on the map as a "Coming Soon" Unit so people can reach out and know! Especially if you are starting a new Scouts, BSA Troop!
How to get your unit on the map!

Here is a helpful guide to help guide you through starting a new unit!

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Order of the Arrow News

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Renew your OA Dues!

With Re-Charter time in full swing don't forget to renew your OA Dues! You can do so easily online at https://www.scoutingalaska.org/oamembership! Some units collect OA dues as part of their recharter, if your unit does, please make sure to provide a list of names that the money turned in is covering dues for.

Questions?
Contact us at nanuklodge@gmail.com

LLD and Lodge Banquet!

We are a month away from our Annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) training and our Annual Lodge Banquet! Come learn what it means to be a lodge or chapter officer and then join us for the banquet to recognize our previous leadership, recognize outstanding arrowmen and swear in our new officers for 2019!

Register today!
Lodge Leadership Development Training Jan 18-19 @ Camp Gorsuch!

Annual Lodge Banquet Jan 19 @ Camp Gorsuch
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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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
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Brad Lewis, Sr. District Executive
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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.

Click Here to visit the Eklutna District Page

Questions?
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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

Questions?
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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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Bryce McCandless, Program Director
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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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Brad Lewis, Sr. District Executive
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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!