



Great Alaska Council Top Stories

Save the Date: Sporting Clays Classic

Test your aim with your favorite shotgun, BBQ, and fun to support Scouting. Novice and experienced shooters welcome to come out!

Friday, May 31, 2019
Birchwood Recreation and Shooting Park



[Click Here to register today!](#)



Congratulations Silver Antelope Awardee: Dr. Peter Hansen

The Silver Antelope Award, created in 1942, is the regional-level distinguished award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters of exceptional character in their region recognized for their distinguished

service to youth.

Congratulations Dr. Hansen! Well deserved!

Scout Office Upcoming Closures



April 19, 2019 for Good Friday

May 27, 2019 for Memorial Day

Celebrate Scouting at Your District Dinner

Eklutna District Dinner

April 13

St. Patrick's Parish

6:00 PM

[Register Here](#)



Thank you!



Bear Paw District Dinner

May 9

Good Shepard Lutheran Church

6:30 PM

[Register Here](#)



Upcoming Training for Leaders

All leaders have an opportunity to take online training through www.my.scouting.org

In person training is also available!

The following courses are coming up:

Super Saturday: Features all Leader Specific Training for your Scouting role.

[Register Today](#)

Outdoor Leader Skills: This course is for Cub Scouts and Scouts, BSA leaders who would like to take their Scouts on an overnight camping trip.

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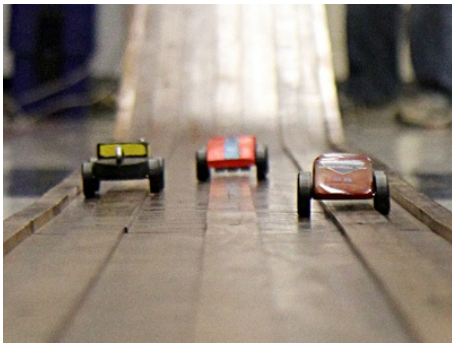
Cub Scouts

Cubcast: Serving Smaller Dens or Packs

A good size for a den is about six to eight youth members. But what if you've only been able to recruit two or three youth members? Does that qualify as a den? If so, how does that affect the pack? Cubmaster extraordinaire Matt Janchar, whom you may remember from the Cubmaster 101 episode, shares with us everything you need to know to deliver a quality Scouting program to a small den.



[Click Here to Listen](#)



District Pinewood Derbies

Top cars from around the District will come together to compete in the Pinewood Derby race!

Bear Paw: April 20, 2019 at the LDS Wasilla Church

[Click Here to Register](#)

Eklutna: April 27, 2019 at the Northway Mall

[Click Here to Register](#)

Scouts BSA and Venturing

Scoutcast: A Step-by-Step Guide to Starting a Troop

So, you've decided you might like to be a Scoutmaster. Congratulations!

Are you a member of a school, church, or civic club that thinks it



might be a good idea to have a troop? Good for you! But, hmmm ... where do you begin? Fear not! This episode gives you a step-by-step guide to starting a troop. You've got this!

[Listen Now!](#)

Save the Date: Spring Camporee partnering with Learn to Return



Welcome to the 2019 Spring Camporee. This camporee is being run with the assistance of Learn to Return. LTR is Alaska's premier and longest running full spectrum survival school. They maintain a comprehensive and diverse safety and survival training program. Enclosed you will find a schedule and event descriptions. Please read the event descriptions in order to prepare your Unit. If you have any questions concerning the Camporee contact a member of the Camporee Planning committee.

Registration will open soon!

Date: May 3-5, 2019

Location: Camp Gorsuch

Fee is \$10 per Scout. \$3 for adults.

Scouts registering after April 25, will be charged \$15.

We will have a lot of stations and LTR will sponsor a training session for the activity judges three to four weeks before the camporee.

We need volunteers to attend this session!!

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Maritime Frostbite Challenge

Scouts from Southeast Alaska and



Canada join together in the deep snow of the Fraser Pass in British Columbia to compete in snow games, including the infamous canoe sledding! Bring your snow shoes and hot chocolate!

\$20 registration fee includes event cost only; transportation is additional. The ferry to Skagway from Southeast should be purchased ASAP and reservations are the units' own

responsibility.

This year's event cost includes the 2019 Frostbite patch, an overnight stay at the Skagway Rec Center, as well as the lunch hosted by the Order of the Arrow on Saturday. **while supplies last**

All in attendance MUST have a BSA Health Form, Frostbite Permission Slip and a waiver to stay overnight at the Skagway Rec Center. No exceptions.

Dates: March 15-18, 2019

[Click Here to Register](#)

Order of the Arrow News

Renew your OA Dues!

**WEAR
the
FLAP,
PAY
the
DUES**

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

Questions?

Contact us at nanuklodge@gmail.com

Spring Fellowship

When: March 23-24, 2019

Location: Camp Gorsuch

What to bring: Eat before arriving on Friday Evening. Copy of Medical Form part A&B - Required Sleeping Bag, Scout Uniform, OA Sash, Personal, Toiletries, Medication (if necessary), Money for Lodge Trading Post (we accept Debit/Credit Cards).



When does it end? We will wrap up Sunday morning after our Scout's Own Chapel service, pick up will be around 11am.

Cost: The fee is \$25. Help us properly plan for food by registering no later than March 21st. Included in your registration fee is food for the weekend, program materials and supplies.

[Register Now](#)



ORDEAL

Gorsuch Induction Weekend 2019

When: May 17-19, 2019

Where: Camp Gorusch

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.

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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 Creek, Chugiak, and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

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Maritime District

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Totem District

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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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