



Great Alaska Council Top Stories

Shoot for Scouting with the 2019 Sporting Clays Classic!

Grab your shot gun and friends and join us for Sporting Clays! Support Scouting while you enjoy time out on the range, eat delicious BBQ, and test your aim!



Date: Friday, May 31, 2019

Location: Birchwood Recreation and Shooting Park

Check-In: 11:00 AM, Shoot starts at 12:00 PM with late lunch and beverages to follow

[Click Here to register today!](#)



**100% Camp Payments Due
April 30, 2019**

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

Date: April 13

Location: St. Patrick's Parish

6:00 PM

[Register Here](#)



Thank you!



Bear Paw District Dinner

Date: May 9

Location: Good Shepard Lutheran Church

6:30 PM

[Register Here](#)



Outdoor Leader Training for Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Leaders

Be ready for summer camp and family campouts with our all-in-one Outdoor Leader Training

featuring Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (for Cub Scout leaders) and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (for Scouts BSA and Venturing leaders).

When: April 12-13th, 2019

Where: Camp Gorsuch

Cost: \$15

[Register Today](#)

Questions? Contact [Scott Bohne](#), Denali District Training Chair

Volunteers Needed for Southcentral Spring Camporee

WE NEED YOU



The Spring Camporee staff is in need of adults to sign up to run events at the Spring Camporee which the Learn to Return staff is running.

There is a training session at Learn to Return, 5761 Silverado Way in Anchorage, on Monday April 8th from 6:30-9:00pm. Please contact Sully D, sdieffenderfer@me.com or Ben Fish, fishfamily1@juno.com if you are able to assist.

Cub Scouts

District Pinewood Derby: Off to the Races!

Bear Paw District Derby

Date: April 20, 2019

Location: LDS Wasilla Church

Start: 9:00 AM

Cost: \$5 - If you placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in your Pack race, you're invited!

If you want to just enter for Best- in- Show and NOT race - you can!



[Click Here to Register](#)

Eklutna District Derby

Date: May 11, 2019

Location: Northway Mall

Start: 10:00 AM

[Click Here for More Information](#)



Be Prepared... for Summer Camp with Medical Forms!

Attending camp? Youth and adult campers will need to have the BSA

Medical form completed. Plan ahead and get your physical and forms completed early and turned into your Pack Camp Coordinator or Leader!

[Click Here to Download the Form](#)

Scouts BSA and Venturing



Scoutcast: Explaining Advancement - The Trail to Eagle

Advancement is an important part of the Scouting program, but you already know that, right? But advancement in Scouts BSA is very different from Cub Scout advancement. Wayne Huddleston, who serves on the National

Advancement Task Force, explains the purpose of advancement for Scouts BSA members, what resources are available, and everything in between. Host Bryan Wendell shares his own experience with advancement in Scouting.

[Listen Now!](#)

Southcentral Spring Camporee: Learn to Return

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.



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.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Tustumena Merit Badge Academy

When: April 13th and 27th, 2019

Where: Kenai LDS Chapel

Time: 7:40 AM - 4:00 PM

Questions? Contact [Gina Villalva](#)

[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

OA Vigil Nominations being accepted! Due 15th!

The Vigil Honor



Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual

awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:



- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years.

[Vigil Petition Form](#)

Return this form to the Lodge Key 3 by filling it out in its entirety and **emailing to nanuklodge@gmail.com**.



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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Questions?

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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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Questions?

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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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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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Questions?

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Totem District

The Totem District covers the communities of Ketchikan, Prince of Wales, Wrangell, and Petersburg.

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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.

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Questions?

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Scouting's Community Partners



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