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!]

PAID IN FULL

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

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

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

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**Scouts BSA and Venturing**

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**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!

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**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

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**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

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**Order of the Arrow News**

**Renew your OA 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](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

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**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.

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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.

[Click Here for More Information]

**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.

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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.

Click Here to visit the Totem District Page

Questions?
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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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**Alaska USA Foundation**
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