

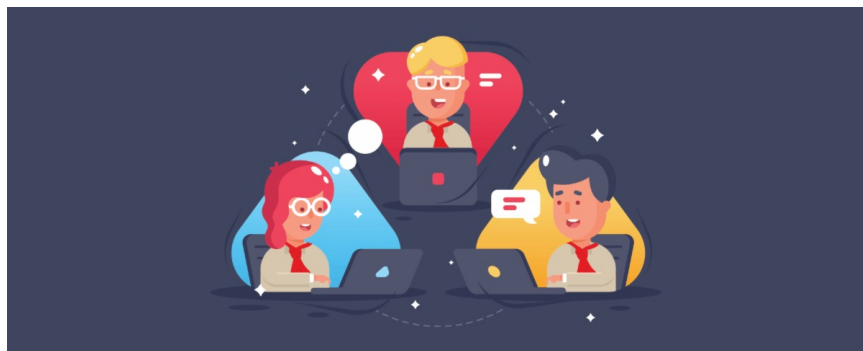


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The Monthly Newsletter of the Great Alaska Council

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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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### **Cub Scout Stay Camp 2020 Registration Deadline This Friday!**

Camp Staff and the Great Alaska Council are proud to present the Great Alaska Council Cub Scout Stay Camp 2020!

During the month of July, Cub Scouts will get the chance to interact with their favorite long-time camp staffers as they work towards the completion of a Cub Scout Adventure Loop during the week. Cub Scouts can participate in one or all the weeks offered.

**Dates:**

Week 1 - July 6 to July 9

Week 2 - July 13 to July 16

Week 3 - July 20 to July 23

Week 4 - July 27 to July 30

## Daily Schedule:

10:00am - Flags and Overview

4:00pm - Debrief over review of activities projects

7:00pm - Closing Campfire (*Thursdays Only*)

**Cost:** \$15 per Scout (non-refundable)

[Click Here to Register](#)

For more information: [GAC Stay at Home Camp Guide 2020](#)

Questions? Contact [Samuel Giacalone](#), Program Director

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## Snack Pack - Jack Links

Need a camping snack? Purchase a Jack Links Snack Pack today! In person at the Council Scout Shop or have it mailed straight to your door, get everything you need to fuel your next camping adventure!



To order online, [Click Here](#)

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## Council Campership

We are committed to giving every Scout an opportunity to join Scouts regardless of their financial situation. Funds that are raised to assist those in need are finite, so we make these distributions as fair as possible.

Campership requests can be applied to help offset costs associated with the National Registration Fee and Council Program Fee.

Please note, the limitations and guidelines for awarding Campership requests will follow the same formula as free or

reduced school lunches.

For the Campership Application, [Click Here](#)

Questions? Contact [Brenda Bidwell](#), Council Registrar

## Annual Membership & Program Fees



At last month's Annual Meeting, the National BSA Board of Directors voted on a membership fee increase for 2020.

The membership fees will take effect August 1, 2020, for new members in the 2020-2021 program year. For renewing members, the new fee will take effect on October 1, 2020. The Council's Program Fee will remain the same.

***\*\*Please note: since the Great Alaska Council runs on a school-year calendar, the new recharter fee doesn't affect units during the current charter renewal process.***

To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the updated national membership fee is:

- \$66 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants
- \$42 for Exploring participants
- \$30 for council-paid memberships
- \$42 for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)
- \$75 for a unit charter fee\*

For more information about the new fees, [Click Here](#)

Questions? Contact [Brenda Bidwell](#), Council Registrar

**Zoom**  
**Video Conferencing**  
**How-To Get Started**

While everyone continues to hunker down and social distance, Zoom Video Conferencing reigns as a top contender for virtual meetings. Below are some key articles on how to use the conferencing platform so your meetings can run as smoothly as possible.



[Getting Started on Windows & Mac](#)

[How to Host a Meeting](#)

[How to Join a Meeting](#)

[Zoom Rooms: An Overview](#)

[Zoom Video Tutorials](#)

[Click Here](#) for the Zoom Help Center

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## COVID-19 Updates

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### COVID-19 Update: July 1, 2020

*There have not been any changes to the preventative measures the Council is taking.*

The Scout Shop and Office are operating on limited hours of Monday through Friday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

- 1.) Employees and customers must adhere to 6-foot physical distancing protocols
- 2.) Only 5 customers will be allowed in the store at one time, after that limit is reached, customers will be asked to wait outside
- 3.) Customers must wear face coverings when entering the store,

otherwise a disposable mask will be provided

4.) We would like to continue to encourage the use of calling or emailing in your orders for pick-up or delivery. All Scout Shop orders can be emailed to [Gretchen.Kuhuski@scouting.org](mailto:Gretchen.Kuhuski@scouting.org) or called in to (907) 337-9547

5.) Due to the limited capacity of operations, not all Council staff will be in the office during this time. For all specialized paperwork (i.e. Eagle workbooks, Recharter paperwork, etc.) we are asking that you please schedule an appointment via email or by calling the Scout Office. All appointment requests can be sent in to [alaskabsa@gmail.com](mailto:alaskabsa@gmail.com) or called in to (907) 337-9547

Should you have any questions or concerns about a specific upcoming event or activity, please email [alaskabsa@gmail.com](mailto:alaskabsa@gmail.com) or call (907) 337-9547. We will do everything we can to answer your question using the information available to us.

## [Council Updates on COVID-19](#)

### [BSA COVID-19 FAQ Sheet](#)

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# UPCOMING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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## **Great Alaska Council Annual Auction Local Donations Welcome!**

Have your own business? Enjoy creating masterpieces?

Our Auction Committee is looking to further broaden the array of

donations for this year's Annual Auction on Saturday, November 7.

Questions? Contact [Danyelle Schauer](#), Development Director

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## Dinner Cruise 2020 Get Your Tickets Today!

Our annual Dinner Cruise welcomes the whole family on an evening of gorgeous sightseeing and wildlife views in the calm, protected waters of Resurrection Bay.

Complete with a prime rib and salmon buffet, this cruise allows you to be a tourist in your own state while you experience the beauty of Alaska.

**Date:** Saturday, August 15, 2020

**Location:** Seward, AK

**Cost:** \$60 per Adult, \$45 per Youth (under 12)

[Click Here to Register](#)

*Thank You to our event sponsor- Major Marine Tours!*

Questions? Contact [Danyelle Schauer](#), Development Director

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## Annual Sporting Clays

**Date:** August 21, 2020

**Time:** 11:00am - 4:00pm

**Location:** Birchwood  
Recreation & Shooting Park



Shoot for Scouting with this year's 17th Annual Michael L. Foster & Associates Sporting Clays. Fun, friends, and fellowship for an afternoon of clay shooting. Wrap up the afternoon with delicious BBQ and brew.

[Click Here to Register](#)

## POPPIN' UPDATES

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### Program Powered by Popcorn



If a Scout earned a popcorn Campership in 2019, any Scout who renews their registration for the 2020-2021 year will become qualified for a Popcorn Campership equivalent in Scout Bucks. The Scout Bucks will be redeemable at a 1:1 ratio, which can be used at the Council Scout Shop, Council Camp Trading Posts, or towards 2021 Council Camp Fees.

If a family paid for 2019 Council Camps with Scout Bucks and renews their registration for the 2020-2021 year, the Scout will receive Scout bucks in the amount paid to camp fees at a 1:1 ratio, which can be redeemed at the Council Scout Shop, Council Camp Trading Post, or towards 2021 Council Camp Fees.

Scout Bucks will expire December 31, 2021.

*\*Based on registrations, they will be mailed out July 2020.\**

Questions about popcorn? Find your [Popcorn Kernel Here](#)

For more resources, contacts, and more visit the Popcorn Web page: [www.scoutingalaska.org/popcorn](http://www.scoutingalaska.org/popcorn)

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## SCOUTING AT HOME

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### Cub Scouting at Home

Here are some resources to help both parents and leaders support Scouting at home, with stay-at-home activities for Cub Scouts!



As public places, including many parks and campgrounds, are closing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, you might be left scratching your head on what you and your kids can do. Here are some ideas for activities and projects from home!

[Spin Some Fun with Yo-Yo Skills](#)

[How-To Make a Cub Scout Robot](#)

[Backyard Jungle Adventure](#)

For more ideas and projects, [Click Here](#)



## Scouting at Home

Here are some resources to help both parents and leaders support Scouting at home, with stay-at-home activities for Scouts BSA and Venturers!

[Information on Eagle Scout Extensions](#)

[Practice Preparing Camp Recipes](#)

[Virtually Tour Museums - Art Merit Badge](#)

[Access Mars from Home](#)

For more ideas and projects, [Click Here](#)

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# Council Field Staff Contacts

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## **Scouting's Community Partners**



[Major Marine Tours](#) generously donates our Seward Dinner Cruise.

[M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust](#) generously helped to support our camp operations this summer

[Rasmuson Foundation](#) generously helped to support our camp operations this summer!

[Richard L and Diane M Block Foundation](#) is a supporter of the ScoutReach program.

Thank you to the following companies for helping transport popcorn to Alaska and our local communities:

- [TOTE Maritime](#)

- [Lynden Transport](#)
- [Alaska Marine Lines](#)

Thank you for your support!

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## Support Scouting

100% of the funds raised in Alaska - stay in Alaska. Help Scouting build the future leaders and community members of Alaska with your donation.

[Donate Now](#)

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