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The Monthly Newsletter of the Great Alaska Council

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Fall Recruitment 2020

Is your unit ready to recruit new youth into your fold? Be prepared with these easy steps!

1. Set up your units Be A Scout Pin ASAP!
2. Does your Unit have a Place to Meet this Fall?
 - Triple check your access to in-person meeting spaces due to COVID 19.
 - Meet in Person in small groups, or Meet Digitally
 - Just meet Responsibly.
3. Does your unit have a Facebook Page?
 - Yes please post any events like joining events there
 - No please create a Facebook Page and create a joining event
 - All joining events add the council as a co-host we will be paying money to advertise your joining events!
4. Fill in the requested information on this page under the [Fall Recruitment Tracking Sheet](#)
5. [Download the Fall 2020 Playbook](#),
 - this guide is your one-stop-shop for more information on how to be successful this fall.

6. Please Update the Council on you units [Joining Nights](#)

[Click Here for the Just Recruit One Incentives](#)

Family Fun Fest

Join the Adventure!

Rockets - Derby Cars - Funny
Pets and more... all without
leaving home!

Join us August 8 for a HUGE
online event!

10 AM Central/11 Eastern via Facebook Live



From rockets to races, painting to pets, kids will get the chance to build their adventure without ever leaving home - it's the best outdoor fun you can have online! Don't miss the fun! Don't miss the adventure!

Find out more at www.scouting.org/familyfunfest

Program Fee Scholarship



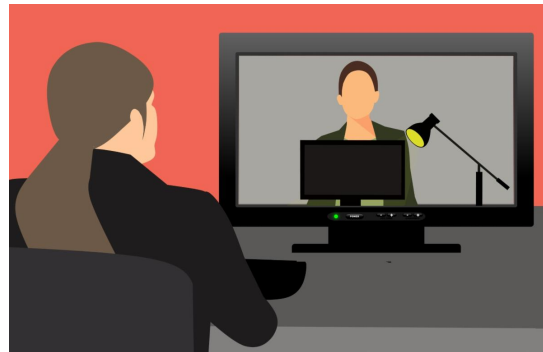
We are committed to giving every Scout an opportunity to join Scouts regardless of their financial situation. Funds that are raised to assist those in need are finite, so we make these distributions as fair as possible.

Scholarship 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 these requests will follow the same formula as free or reduced school lunches.

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

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



Save the Date: Roundtable

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Roundtable will be conducted
through Zoom

COVID-19 Updates



Coping with COVID-19

Throughout the last few months, we heard from parents in our Scouting family who are navigating the challenges of parenting through the COVID-19 crisis. We posed these questions to independent experts on

matters related to youth development to help provide some answers to our community

[Click Here to Watch the BSA Series](#)

COVID-19 Update: August 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 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 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 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](#)

UPCOMING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



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



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

[Click Here](#) for Major Marine's COVID Repsonse to review their plans to keep you safe for the cruise.

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

POPPIN' UPDATES

Popcorn Updates August



Scout Parents

Attend a training webinar to prepare you for online direct and door to door sales this season!

<https://www.trails-end.com/webinars>

Plan your door to door sale with this [Friends and Family Worksheet](#)

Unit Popcorn Kernels

Order #1 is due Sunday August 9th

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

For more resources, contacts, and more visit the Popcorn Web page: www.scoutingalaska.org/popcorn

SCOUTING AT HOME

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](#)

Virtual Merit Badge Academy



Join us for the first Virtual Merit Badge Academy for the Great Alaska Council!

Date: 8/10/2020 - 8/14/2020

Cost: \$10 per Scout

Please follow the class schedule as classes run 3 or 5 days at their given time slot. Please only register for 2 classes as there is limited space.

[Click Here for Class Schedule and Registration](#)

Questions? Contact old605@gmail.com

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

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