

# Scout Grant Recieved for Interior Villages

The Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America, has received a \$29,700 grant to establish scout troops in the Indian and Eskimo villages of Interior Alaska.

Darl Gleed, executive director of the Midnight Sun Council, said today the grant was made by the Fleischmann Foundation of Nevada.

"The grant is to extend over a three year period,"

Gleed said, "and enables us to hire one full-time staffer and pay transportation costs to villages we have been unable to reach before.

"Now we will be able to visit interested villages and help them organize Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Explorer groups."

Gleed said there have been "a few" scout troops in villages for years but that the

movement has really been spreading in Interior villages "in the last 18 months."

Today 18 villages have scouting groups. Gleed says he has every hope of doubling that number before the funds are exhausted.

Gleed, who will be heading the Interior village program, says village leaders have shown much interest in the scouting movement.

"The leaders are interested in the character-building aspects of the program while the kids are interested in the fun.

Gleed said villages interested in setting up a Boy Scout, Cub Scout or Explorer Scout program should write him in care of the Midnight Sun Council, 300 First Ave., Fairbanks.

The 18 Interior Alaska villages now having scouting

programs are: Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Elim, Golovin, White Mountain, Gambell, Savoogna, Shishmaref, Nome, Kotzebue, Selawik, Noorvik,

Wainwright, Anaktuvuk Pass, Barrow, Tanana and Galena.