



South Mountain District News



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Dates to Remember

Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	02-01-06 [2]
Klondike Derby	02-11-12-06 [99]
District Commissioners	02-22-06 [3]
Gathering of Eagles –NESA	02-23-06 [97]
Council Calendar Planning Meeting	02-25-06 [7]
District Meeting 7:30	03-07-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	03-08-06 [2]
University of Scouting	03-11-06
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Setup	03-24-06 [1]
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	03-25-06 [1]
District Commissioners	03-29-06 [3]
District Meeting 7:30	04-04-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	04-05-06 [2]
NLE/Cub Specific	04-08-06 [99]
District Recognition Dinner	04-08-06
Outdoor Leadership Skills	04-21-23-06
First Aid Meet	04-22-06
District Commissioners	04-26-06[3]
District Meeting 7:30	05-02-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	05-03-06 [2]
Webelos/Baloo Training	05-06-06 [99]
Council Eagle Dinner	05-10-06 [96]
JAMBO at KU	05-19-21-06 [8]
District Commissioners	05-31-06[3]
Outdoor Leadership Skills	06-02-04-06
OA Spring Weekend	06-02-04-06
District Meeting 7:30	06-06-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	06-07-06 [2]
OA Section Conclave NE4A	06-09-11-06 [9]
District Commissioners	06-28-06[3]
No July District Meeting	
No July Roundtable	
District Meeting 7:30	08-01-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	08-02-06 [2]
Powder Horn Course	08-25-27-06 [5]
District Commissioners	08-30-06[3]
District Meeting 7:30	09-05-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	09-06-06 [2]
Powder Horn Course	09-08-10-06 [5]
District Commissioners	09-27-06 [3]
District Meeting 7:30	10-03-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	10-04-06 [2]
Cub Scout Fall Event	10-21-06
District Commissioners	10-25-06 [3]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	11-01-06 [2]
Scouting for Food (Distribution)	11-04-06
District Meeting 7:30	11-07-06 [1]
Scouting for Food (Pick Up)	11-11-06
District Commissioners	11-29-06[3]

District Annual Meeting 7:30	12-05-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	12-06-06 [2]
District Commissioners	12-27-06 [3]
Council Eagle Dinner	05-9-07 [96]

Meeting Locations

- [1] East Hills Moravian Church
- [2] Liberty High School Freshman Campus formally known as Northeast Middle School
- [3] St. John's Lutheran Church
- [5] Trexler Scout Reservation
- [6] Camp Minsi
- [7] Minsi Office
- [8] Kutztown University
- [9] Hawk Mt Scout Reservation
- [10] Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown
- [11] Lehigh Carbon Community College
- [96] Candlelight Conference Center
- [97] Allentown Art Museum
- [98] Troop 318 Building in Bethlehem
- [99] To be Determined

District News

The district is looking for articles on your Pack, Troop and Crew. Please let us enjoy with you the fun and excitement of your program. Please email you articles on activities, advancements, training, recruiting and scouting fun to rmonto@aol.com use ref District News.

Change of Emails

If you change your email and wish to continue receiving this newsletter, or if you know of other scouters in the district that would like to receive this newsletter please email the following:

Commissioner Email Eric Chiles at eric.chiles@mcall.com

Cub Packs email Roxann Nelson at cubsrox@localnet.com

Scout Troops email Alex Stirton at alexanderstirton@lehighcounty.org

District Members email Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com



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Commissioner Corner

Roundtable Report



Cub Scout Roundtable

February 1, 2006

Theme: Construction
 Opening Pack 335
 Working with a Low Cost Budget
 Tool/Safety/Whittling Chip
 Closing Pack 339

March 8, 2006

Theme: Our Feathered Friends
 Opening Pack 346
 Leave No Trace/Conservation Award
 Poole Wild Life Conservancy
 Breakout Sessions
 Closing Pack 343

Boy Scout Roundtables

February 1, 2006

Theme: Cultural Diversity
 Opening Fluke Patrol
 Cultural Diversity Phantom Patrol
 Closing Old Crow Patrol
 Cleanup Hedgehog Patrol

March 8, 2006

Theme: Fish and
 Wildlife Management
 Opening Hedgehog
 Fish and Wildlife Management Fluke
 Closing Phantom
 Cleanup Old Crow

NOTE DATE CHANGE

March Roundtable has been changed from March 1st to March 8th. Same location and time.

Unit Needs Help!

Contact your commissioner or District Director.

South Mountain District Derby

Cubbies... Start your engines and get ready for our annual District Derby race. Our annual race will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2006. Registration will be at 8:30 am with the race starting at 10 am sharp. It will be at East Hills Moravian Church, on Butztown Road, in Bethlehem. Pre-registration of \$5 is required by Friday, March 10th to Minsi Trails Council. **NO WALK INS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** From each pack, there may be five registrants. Any adults willing to serve on the derby committee, please contact Gary Volland. For more information, contact Gary Volland at (610) 868-4807 or e-mail at gv.mail@verizon.net.



Scouting For Food Roundtable

Attention all Scouting for food Chairman and Assistant Chairmans. The April 5,2006 Roundtable will be devoted to Scouting for Food. We re hoping to re-define borders,zip codes and add newly acquired developments to our current SFF sites and pick-ups.A representative from Second Harvest will be there to answer any questions regarding the current update of the local food pantries in our South Mountain District. Please send a representative for your Pack and or troop to collect this vital information. We will entertain questions and suggestions fro m the floor so as to improve upon this much needed and worthy community project. Looking forward to seeing you there! Sincerely Sandi Dale Scouting for Food Chair 2206.



Boy Scout Roundtable Staff

For 2005/2006 the Boy Scout round table committee is: Sandi Dale; Bernie Suess; David Ellis; Randy Stonesifer; Mike Weaver; Mike Faccinetto; and Rod Long serving under Alex Stirton Scout Roundtable Commissioner.. As of January the patrol leaders are: Mike Weaver; Sandi Dale; Mike Faccinetto; and Bernie Suess.



South Mountain District 2005 Recognition Dinner Mark your calendars now!

- Date:** Saturday April 22, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
- Place:** East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, PA
- Attendees:** All Adult Scouters, Spouses, and Chartered Partners are cordially invited to honor all award recipients.

Start thinking now about who YOU or your UNIT would like to honor.

Training Committee

Minsi Trails Council: National Youth Leadership Training course offered

This April, Minsi Trails will be offering its third National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). The course is an evolution of the old JLTC that was offered for many years. In December 2002 the Boy Scouts of America formed a National Junior Leader Task Force, which focused on creating a "World-Class Leadership Training Program for Youth." The focus of the new course is know how to work with a team, while still teaching individual skills. The changes also align what youth are learning and using with what adults know, learn, and use from 21st Century Wood Badge.

The course is presented as a month in the life of a troop, using the patrol method. It offers model Patrol Leader Council meetings. Throughout the course, the staff will use the

concepts and skills that are the core content of the course, modeling what the scouts are learning. The focus of each session is not only knowledge but giving the youth the skills that will equip them with the "how" of leadership.

The two weekend Minsi NYLT course will be Friday, April 21 to Sunday, April 23 and Friday, April 28 to Sunday April 30. Attendance at both weekends for the entire weekend is required to complete the course. The location will be Akelaland and Settlers Camp in the Trexler Scout Reservation.

In order to attend, NYLT participants must be:

1. The Troop's senior patrol leader or a Scout with other Troop leadership experience and the skills and abilities to be senior patrol leader in the future.
2. At least 14 years old by September 1, 2006.
3. Star Scout (First Class Scouts will be accepted if they have the physical and emotional maturity to benefit fully from the experience).
4. Actively supported by their Scoutmaster. A signed recommendation is required.

Participants must meet all four criteria.

The total cost for both weekends is \$165.00 per Scout. This fee includes all food, camping equipment, and training materials. If not paid in full by April 7, 2006 the fee is \$175.00. Troops are encouraged to pay at least part of the fee from their budgets.

The course is limited to 96 participants in two training troops. The troops will trained concurrently. Reservations for eligible youth should be made as soon as possible. Information requests from outside council have already begun. While getting as many Scouts as possible from Minsi Trails Council is a priority, Scouts from other councils will be allowed to register. Troops should consider sending qualified Scouts, as it's a great opportunity for them and their unit. The April sessions are fast approaching.

The course directors for the two training Troops are Charles O'Connell and Charles Ricketts. They are experienced, Wood Badge-trained Scout Leaders. They are building a staff of



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outstanding Minsi Trails Council youth and adult leaders. The youth are all past participants and generate excitement among their peers.

Additional information is available from the Minsi Trails Council NYLT Coordinator, Wayne Gross at 570-595-2904 (email: wegseg@msn.com).

There is also information at <http://www.minsitrails.com/Events/NYLT/next.asp>. A nominating form in MS Word format is at <http://www.minsitrails.com/Events/NYLT/Nomination.doc>.

Every boy should have the opportunity to be the best leader he can, for his troop and himself. If you know such a Scout, please urge him to register.

Opening at 8:30 AM, Course will end at 4:30 PM.

LOCATION: Coca Cola Training Center, 755'1 Schantz Road, Fogelsville, PA

COST: \$4.00 Deadline to register is FEBRUARY '17, 2006 ****Pre-Registration is required for security of Coca Cola** NO WALK-INS**

PLEASE pack a lunch. You will be unable to leave the facility for lunch. Beverages; coffee, tea, sodas, etc will be provided.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL PO BOX 20264 LEHIGH VALLEY 18002-0624:

Call Jon Slaton, 908-995-4663, bsanut@verizon.net **DEADLINE TO REGISTER FEBRUARY '17, 2006**

**Get your adult Scout leaders trained
Here's where:**

**2006 Adult Training courses –
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts in South Mountain
District**

sign up for all courses online at: <http://www.minsitrails.com/training>

For Cub Scout Adult Leaders:

BSA New Leader Essentials courses:

Sat. Feb. 11, 9:30 am, Minsi Trails offices

Sat. April 1, 9:30 am, Minsi Trails offices

Sat. April 29, Bethlehem area (TBA)

Sat. May 6, 9:30 am, Minsi Trails offices

Sat. Sept. 9, 9:30 am, Minsi Trails offices

Wed. Oct. 11, 6:30 pm, Bethlehem area (TBA)

Sat. Oct. 14, 9:30 am, Minsi Trails offices

Sat. Oct. 28, 7:00 am, Lehigh Univ.

(Maginnes Hall), Bethlehem

Sat. Dec. 2, 9:00 am, Bethlehem area (TBA)

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training courses

(for Tiger Den Leaders, Wolf or Bear Den

Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters,

Assistant Cubmasters, Pack Committee Members):

Sat. Feb. 11, 11:00 am, Minsi Trails offices

Sat. April 1, 11:00 am, Minsi Trails offices

Sat. April 29, 10:30 am, Bethlehem area (TBA)

Sat. May 6, 11:00 am, Minsi Trails offices

Sat. Sept. 9, 11:00 am, Minsi Trails offices

Sat. Oct. 14, 11:00 am, Minsi Trails offices

Wed. Oct. 18, 6:30 pm, Bethlehem area ((TBA)



**2006 Powder Horn
August 25 -27 and
Sept 8-10, 2006**

**Register now for a
spot with our Crews**

Training Development Conference

Saturday February 25, 2006

8:00am to 4:30pm

Minsi Trails Council will be presenting the annual Trainer Development Conference (formerly called the 'Train the Trainer Course')

The course will have two levels, the Basic course and an Advanced course.

WHO should attend? The Basic Course is designed for *new* District Trainers/Pack Trainers and other interested Scouters those who have not attended a 'basic' course in previous years.

The Advanced course is for experienced Trainers wishing to improve their skills. NOTE: *The* Advanced Course will be limited to ten ('10) participants.

DATE: Saturday, February 25, 2006

(Snow date March 4, 2006)

TIME: Registration starts at 8:00 AM,



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WEBELOS Outdoor Leader Training course:
Sat. May 6, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Bethlehem-area site to be announced

BSA Youth Protection for Adults course:
Wed. Dec. 6, 7:30 pm, OLD Northeast Middle School, Minsi Trails St. and Pembroke Rd., Bethlehem

FOR YOUTH BOY SCOUT LEADERS - Den Chief Training, Sat. Nov. 4, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem

FOR ADULT TRAINERS TO IMPROVE THEIR TEACHING SKILLS:

Trainer Development Conference, Sat. Feb. 25, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Coca Cola Training Center, 7551 Schantz Road Fogelsville (Upper Macungie Township)

For Boy Scout Adult Leaders:

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training courses:

Wed. Feb. 15 and Thu. Feb. 23, 6:30-10:30 pm both eves., Lehigh Univ.

(Maginnes Hall), Bethlehem

Sat. Oct. 28, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Lehigh Univ.

(Maginnes Hall), Bethlehem

Introduction to **Outdoor Leader Skills courses** (for any Boy Scout Leader, required for Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters):

Two evenings in April (dates to be announced), 6:30 to 10:30 pm,

East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem

AND Sat. April 22, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, South Mountain Municipal Park (opposite WLVT-TV), Bethlehem

Troop Committee Challenge courses (for Troop Committee members):

Wed. March 1, 7:00 to 9:30 pm, OLD Northeast Middle School, Minsi Trails St. and Pembroke Rd., Bethlehem

Sat. March 11, various times, University of Scouting, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Schnecksville

SA Youth Protection for Adults course:

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FOR VENTURING LEADERS (for Crew Advisors, Assoc. Advisors, Crew Committee Members):

Venturing Leader Training course:

Sat. March 26, 8:30 am, Minsi Trails Council office, Allentown

June 12 & 13, 7:00 pm, Minsi Trails office

Sept. 16, 8:30 am, Minsi Trails office

Oct. 16 & 17, 7:00 pm, Minsi Trails office

Advancement Committee

The Advancement Committee continues to meet regularly at East Hills Moravian Church on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm. To date approximately 33 Eagle projects have been approved.

All packs and troops are required to turn in an advancement form in order to purchase advancements.

NESA Committee

Eagle Gathering: February 23, 2006 – Allentown Art Museum from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. This event is open to all Eagle Scouts.

2006 Eagle Dinner: May 10, 2006 – Candlelight Conference Center, 6:30pm

2007 Eagle Dinner: May 17, 2007 – Candlelight Conference Center

We will be sending information to our Eagles regarding JAMBO volunteer opportunities.

JAMBO 2006 will be at Kutztown University on May 19-21, 2006.



Klondike Derby



INFORMATION

1. The cost for registration for each scout and leader will be \$3.00 until closing of registration on February 9, 2006.

NOTE: THERE

WILL BE NO REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT!!!

2. In the event the Klondike should be cancelled due to inclement weather, efforts will be made to contact all troop leaders by telephone prior to the start of the event.

3. Each patrol will arrive prepared to transport its gear on an approved, non-motorized sled. Sleds must be in good condition. **NO TOBOGGAN RUNNERS ARE PERMITTED.** Metal covered runners or skis are OK.

4. The patrol leader must report to the Dining Hall for Sign-In from 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM. Patrol maps and scorecards will be distributed at this time. Patrols will then proceed to the inspection station in front of the Dining Hall. Each sled will be inspected for items on the attached equipment list. The event will begin at 9:00 AM and will end at 4:00 PM.

5. All sleds will be registered. No spare sleds are permitted. Eight or fewer scouts will constitute a patrol for this event. Every effort should be made to encourage natural patrols. Once a patrol has registered, the scouts in the registration may participate on behalf of this patrol. No relief persons or substitutes are permitted.

6. First-aid will be at the Dining Hall.

7. The scout Oath and Scout Law will be the "law of the competition".

8. Scout leaders should make certain that all scouts are properly dressed for the prevailing weather **BEFORE LEAVING HOME.** Any scout or adult showing signs of hypothermia, frostbite, suffering from exposure, **MUST BE SENT IMMEDIATELY** to the first-aid station at the Dining Hall.

9. The health and safety of each scout is the ultimate responsibility of the Unit Leader. At an event of this type, each scout must be properly attired for the weather. This includes **WARM HEAD GEAR, WATERPROOF FOOTWEAR, GLOVES OR MITTENS** and whatever other outerwear is appropriate for the prevailing conditions. In the event that one or more members of a unit are found to be inappropriately attired, with respect to the above, the matter will be referred to the Unit Leader for satisfactory resolution before patrols from that unit will be permitted to register.

10. Each patrol must have its own equipment per the attached list, or the patrol may not be able to do the station. There will be **NO BORROWING OF EQUIPMENT FROM ANOTHER PATROL. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

11. Motto for leaders is "Train'em, Trust'em, Let'em lead".

UNIT LEADERS ARE REQUIRED TO REMAIN AT THE SCOREKEEPER'S AREA. LEADERS GOING BEYOND THIS POINT WILL BE DISQUALIFYING THEIR PATROL FROM THE SKILL.

12. **EACH PATROL MUST TURN IN THE SCORE CARD** at the Dining Hall and be signed out to receive the Klondike Derby patches. This is a must, even if patrols choose not to finish the event. (This lets us know if all patrols are accounted for) The scores will be posted in the Dining Hall.

13. Event judges must keep track of the patrols (name & troop number) that visited their event.

14. Lunch (provide your own) is at the Parade Grounds from 12 noon to 1 PM. Soup will be served by the Klondike Committee at the Dining Hall.

15. Evening Campfire is to start at 7:00 PM at the Dining Hall.

Troops attending the Evening Campfire should be ready with a skit



EQUIPMENT LIST

ITEMS LISTED MAY BE USED DURING EVENTS

1. Klondike Derby sled
2. Patrol flag on six foot pole
3. Rain gear for each scout
4. Four five foot scout staves
5. Rope, six pieces, six feet in length
6. Pocket knife and Toten' Chip card for each scout
7. Tote bag for garbage
8. Three blankets
9. Personal first aid kit for each scout
10. Water for cooking and drinking
11. Patrol ground cloth
12. Rope and twine for lashing and shelter (in addition to item #5)
13. Compass for each scout
14. One official scout handbook for patrol
15. Three triangular bandages and three splints (in addition to item #4)
16. Pencil and paper for patrol
17. Fire starter (no candles)
18. BSA registration card for each scout
19. One GREEN leaf for each patrol member
20. Two dry and seasoned fire logs
21. One can of soup per scout

Frostbite: When the skin looks grayish white is a sure sign of frostbite.

First Aid: Get the frozen part thawed out. If part of the face is frozen, have the person remove a glove and cover the part with his hand. If a hand is frostbitten, bring it under the armpit next to the skin. Then get him to the Dining Hall for first aid assistance. Get him something hot to drink. When the frostbite is rewarmed, tell him to exercise it.

Hypothermia: It starts with the patient feeling chilly, tired, and irritable. If he is not helped at this stage, he will begin to shiver uncontrollably. Soon his shivering will become violent. He may act irrationally. He may stumble and fall. If the shivering then stops, he is close to death.

First Aid: Get him hot liquids immediately (sugary tea, chocolate, fruit juice). Careful, this

may cause nausea. Then get him to the Dining Hall for help.

If you can help Please contact Jim Kelchner at 610-867-0259 or David Kolman at 610-867-8766 e-mail to dkolman@enter.net"

Camping Committee

Pack / Troop Camping Coordinators: the Camping Committee spoke with as many Pack and Troop leaders as we could at District Rechartering on Saturday, January 7 but we still need information from lots of Packs and Troops:

Please let us know who your unit Camping Coordinator is for 2006 (name, phone no., email) a person we can contact for summer camp and day camp promotion this Winter.

If you don't have one: recruit one: An enthusiastic unit leader or parent who knows that camping is a key element in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and who is willing to help your unit plan now for 2006 summer and day camps.

Camp Promotion at your unit: Your unit should be contacted soon about a summer camp promotion at one of your Winter 2006 meetings. If you haven't heard from anyone yet, please contact the Camping Committee (see below) as soon as possible. Every unit should plan for a camp promotion talk at a meeting -- it's one of your basic tasks as a Pack or Troop each year. Adult leaders for summer camp and for Cub Scout day camp transportation and leadership need to be recruited **NOW**.

Remember SCOUTING is OUTdoors -- and Summer is when it happens most!

Brochures NOW for Akelaland, Cub Day Camps, Minsi and Settlers camps: Council has distributed to units (usually at Roundtables) our great new 2006 full-color summer camping brochures. If your Pack or Troop doesn't have theirs, contact our So. Mt. District Director Greg Wilson at Minsi Trails Council to get yours now.

Cub Scout Day Camps for Summer 2006 (tentative): Below is a (tentative) list of our Cub Scout Day Camps for Summer 2006. Camps are tentatively scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. (but these times may be



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revised). The (tentative) fees per Cub Scout for Day Camp are \$75-100 (depends on camp) without parent (if paid by May 1), \$15- 50 if accompanied by a parent and paid by May 1), or \$95-120 (if paid after May 1). (There will be a small fee to cover actual costs (not yet set) for Cubs younger siblings to attend a toddler session at Day Camp.) **Any Cub may attend any camp**

The (tentative) schedule for 2006 Minsi Trails Council Cub Scout Day Camps is below (subject to change *)

June 19-23 site to be announced,

Macungie, Lehigh County

June 26-30 Camp Spirit, Applewood,

Fogelsville, Lehigh County

June 26-30 DeSales University,

Center Valley, Lehigh County

July 10-14 Beltzville State Park,

Beltzville, Carbon County

July 10-14 Clearview Park (off Pennsylvania Avenue), west Bethlehem, Lehigh County

July 17-21 Waldheim Park, south Allentown, Lehigh County

July 31-August 4 Forks Township Park near Braden Airport, Northampton County

August 7-11 Minsi Trails Council's Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, northern Monroe County

August 7-11 Penn State University,

Hazleton Campus, Carbon County

August 14-18 Akelaland, Camp Trexler

Jonas, western Monroe County

August 14-18 Camp Spirit,

Applewood, Fogelsville, Lehigh County

August 14-18 Lopatong Township Park,

Phillipsburg, NJ

Final Day Camp fees and final Day Camp dates/locations will be posted when available (soon).

There's ALWAYS room at resident Summer Camp: just because the Council camp sign-up sheet shows all campsites at one of the camps are filled for a particular week, it still maybe possible that we can accommodate another unit that week. Units are to be encouraged to contact Jane Chase at the council office if they are interested in attending one of our summer camps. There's almost-always room for another

unit at summer camp. Call Jane Chase at MTC at 610/465-8568.

Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp Minsi and Camp Trexler's Settlers Camp:

Get your Troop ready for Summer Camp 2006: important dates and information to remember:

Fee per Scout for Summer Camp: \$210 (IF paid by April 15), **\$230** (if paid after April 15)

Summer Camp campsite attendance estimates due in to Council: JAN. 31

\$100 per Scout Deposit Due (nonrefundable): APRIL 15 (this is a REAL deadline, folks: campsite changes to make room for others may result if a Troop's paid Scouts are substantially-less than were stated with your Jan. 31 reservation estimate)

Final per Scout payments due: JUNE 15.

Boy Scout Summer Camp Weeks:

1: June 25-July 1

2: July 2-July 8

3: July 9-July 15

4: July 16-July 22

5: July 23-July 29

6: July 30-August 5

Improvements underway for our summer camps: Camp Minsi: all sewer lines have been newly replaced and the new First-Year Camper and Archery pavillions are under construction; the new Dining Hall is slated to begin construction next year. Settlers Camp at Trexler: the brand-new Dining Hall is under construction, as well as new pavillions for the Waterfront and Hawkeye campsite. Akelaland at Trexler: a new Campfire Circle is underway, courtesy of our Order of the Arrow volunteers.

Beaver Weekend MAY 5-7 at our Minsi Trails Council Camps: Beaver Weekend provides your unit with an ideal opportunity to prepare a campsite at Akelaland, Trexler Scout Reservation or Camp Minsi for the summer camping season. The boys work around camp on Saturday and can participate in program areas during the afternoon free of charge! Saturday lunch and dinner is provided. Guess What? The cost is **FREE!** The camp will provide you tents and cots for setup Friday evening during check-in



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starting at 6:00 pm. **All your unit has to do is provide you own food and equipments needs for your stay.** All we ask is you give a few hours of service to the camp on Saturday morning. In return, Scouts and leaders can take advantage of several open program areas Saturday afternoon and Sunday Morning (**FREE C.O.P.E.** (see below) activities at Beaver Day for all Boy Scouts, parents and leaders) run by summer camp staff. Also, if you have any leaders in your unit who are electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc. please let us know, so we can have materials on-hand for larger projects around camp.

REGISTER your Pack or Troop now: the deadline to Register is **APRIL 15.**

Call Jane Chase at MTC at 610/465-8568 or jchase@minsitrails.com for more information and to register.

Project C.O.P.E. : C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) is BSA's high-adventure program for Scouts (and adult leaders) that in an experiential outdoor environment (initiative games, low-level challenges, high-climbing tower/ropes) that teaches personal and group teamwork, problem-solving, decision-making, communications, and leadership, at our certified C.O.P.E. course at Camp Trexler, Jonas, Monroe County. C.O.P.E. Weekends are available by advance reservation for Troops (min. of 12 Scouts [must be age 13 and First Class] and adults) for the 2006 weekends April 1-3, April 15-17, May 6-8, May 20-22, and June 10-12, for a weekend C.O.P.E. fee of \$35 per person. C.O.P.E. is also available for individual Boy Scouts or Troops at summer camp at Settlers Camp and (units must provide transportation from Camp Minsi to Camp Trexler) at Camp Minsi, by advance registration. Also, free C.O.P.E. at Beaver day (see above). Contact Rick Christ, 610/465-8561 or rchrist@minsitrails.com at Minsi Trails Council for more information or to register.

Lightning at summer camp: There has been considerable press recently about safety for Scouting during lightning storms. Minsi Trails Council has a detailed written policy for all its summer camps stressing getting Scouts to indoor safety as soon as possible when lightning threatens

-- a policy that is being reviewed to be sure it meets latest safety standards and the possibility of installing an electronic lightning monitoring system to cover both Minsi and Trexler camps is being explored.

However, most lightning strikes involving Scouting occur on unit camping trips, so Cubmasters and Scoutmasters and their unit committees should familiarize themselves with BSA's lightning safety policy on page 22 of BSA's "Guide to Safe Scouting for Unit Activities" (2005 - yellow cover), available at the Minsi Trails Council Scout Shop.

High Adventure camping for Boy Scouts and Venturers: The 2006 Minsi Trails Council Canoe Treks are full but applications are being accepted for 2007 treks (call MTC office).

As of Jan. 18, there was one opening (youth or adult) for the 2006 Minsi Trails Council Philmont treks (call MTC office) and applications for the 2007 Philmont treks are being accepted -- but act before May 1, 2006, so that Council doesn't lose any of our 2007 treks slots due to lack of interest. Philmont is open to any Boy Scout who will be 14 by the week of the trek and to all healthy adult leaders. Typical costs for the entire Philmont excursion (trek fee, travel, side-trips, etc.) have recently been in the \$1,500 range but will vary, since these costs are set by each 12-person Philmont Crews during their months of pre-trek preparation.

Other High Adventure opportunities for older Boy Scouts and Venturers are available: BSA's Northern Tier canoe base in Minnesota, BSA's Sea Base for boating, scuba, and island adventures in the Florida Keys, and a number of BSA council-sponsored Philmont-like High Adventure programs in places like the Maine wilderness, the Rockies, and the Shenandoah Mountains. Contact the Camping Committee (below) for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE ABOVE,

Contact District Camping Committee:

Don Miles, chairman 610/865-3844 or

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Venturing Outside the District



Patriots' Path Council's **VLSC - Venturing Leadership Skills Course** will be offered on 2 Monday nights - March 13 & 27, 2006 at the Florham Park Service Center. Cost for this program is \$15.00 and includes both nights training and the patch upon completion of the course. All Venturers are encouraged to attend.

Contact: Scott Anderson at scottanderson@att.net

Venturing Leader Specific Training

This Session is for all Crew Charter Organization personnel, Venturing Crew Advisors, Associate Advisors, Crew Committee, Commissioners, and other adults interested in Venturing.

Session I - The Venturing Mission, Methods and Understanding & Protecting Youth

Session II - Leadership and Organization, Awards & Recognition and Crew Program Planning

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2006 & Monday, March 27, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

PLACE: Florham Park Service Center

COST: \$15

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Contact [Debbie Wickham](#) at 973-765-9322 x239 for more information.

South Mountain District "Buy a Brick" Contact List Final Report: January 12, 2006

We'd like to thank all the units that hosted a presentation during the fall of 2005. They are Cub Packs. 191, 199, 302, 317, 319, 333, 343, 346, 347, 352, 359, 360, 368, and Boy Scout Troops 191, 300, 302, 311, 317, 318, 334, 335, 347, 349, 352, 359, 362.

This phase of the Buy a Brick campaign is now closed. Other opportunities for individuals

and families to participate will be made available once the campaign goes public. Overall summary:

12 Cub Packs, approximately 400 adults

13 Scout Troops, approximately 320 adults

A special Thanks to Jim Roberts and Bob Monto and the Buy a Brick committee of presenters; Jim Roberts, Gary Marsh. Bernie Seuss, Robyn Balsai, Ed Cool, Larry Rood, Jay Larson, Dave Hay, Mike Dolan, David Ellis and Jerry Still.

For a full detailed report email Jim Roberts



LEHIGH BASKETBALL SCOUT NIGHT Saturday, February 4th, 2006

Lehigh vs. American Scout Day Package

Lehigh vs. American Basketball Ticket (Tipoff: 7:30pm)

FREE Lehigh Mountain Hawk Badgee

Pre Game Sport & Physical Fitness Activities (5:00pm - 5:45pm)

Question & Answer Session w/ Lehigh Student Athletes (5:45pm - 6:00pm)

Availability for Activities and the Q & A session may be limited, so the sooner you can register the better

Banner Parade between the Lehigh Women's & Men's game (2 representatives from your Troop and 1 leader w/your flag)

Post Game Autograph Session w/Men's Team

Ordering Instructions/Additional Information:

By phone: 610-758-6976

By fax: 610-758-4382

By email: dat205@lehigh.edu

Lehighsports.com

Scout Night Package \$4.00

Scout Night Package with Food \$8.00

Contact Greg Wilson for forms



THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

Jambo 2006

Date & Location:

May 19-21, 2006 at Kutztown University

Purpose:

To have fun for Scouts and Scouter's of all ages!

To bring the Scouting communities of Hawk Mountain Council and the Minsi Trails Council together.

To give Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and all family members a rich experience of all the fun and excitement that Scouting provides.

To celebrate all facets of Scouting in the Minsi Trails Council and Hawk Mountain Council.

To provide an opportunity for all our youth and adult members to meet and camp with others from across our Councils.

To provide programs, activities, and spirit that will find their way into regular programs of units.

To help participants, parents and the public build pride in belonging to the Scouting movement.

To mesh Scouting programs with community leaders and business leaders of the Council areas.

Theme:

Kutztown University is hosting Jambo 2006, in light of this generosity our theme is:

"Scouting For Knowledge"

This theme hints at the benefits of Jambo at a university campus while keeping Scouting out front.

Campsite Organization:

For camping purposes, JAMBO will be divided into Sub-camps. Boy Scouts and Venturing will camp in the same large area and Cub Scout family Camping will also have its own designated Sub-camp. Cub Scout Family camping has limited space and will be offered on a first come first

served basis. Services for fire, medical, water and garbage will be provided.

Schedule:

May 19 – Check In and setup for Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing camping starts at 5:00 PM. Cubmaster, Scout Leader and Venturing Leader informative meetings are scheduled to begin at 8:30.

May 20 – Opening Ceremonies begin at 8:45 AM. Open program between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. Lunch is scheduled from 12:00 – 1:30 PM. Program areas are open 1:30 PM and 5:00 PM. Dinner between 5:00 and 6:30 PM with a special evening program scheduled to start at 7:00 PM. Following evening program will be a fireworks display and a Venturing only social.

May 21 – Scouts Own Services and Catholic Mass and will begin at 9:00 AM. Designated area clean up, breaking camp, and campsite cleanup, and check out to follow.

Program:

Program is being developed to stimulate all scouts. Venture Crew members, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will find program to participate in and observe. Below is a sampling of the many activities that are being planned for Jambo 06. More information will be provided, as actual program times are scheduled and set.

Broad Interest Programs

- Cooking Demonstrations
- Kayaking
- SCUBA
- Climbing walls
- Planetarium Shows
- Medical
- Search and Rescue
- Band performances
- Inflatable midways

Cub Scout Program:

The Cub Program will include hands-on family activities, games and competition.

- Building Activities
- Craft Activities
- R/C Airplane Club Demonstrations
- Games





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- Ice Cream Trough
- Shooting Sport Activities

Boy Scout Program:

Activities for Boy Scouts being planned include:

- Indoor COPE Course (low elements)
- Realistic first Aid
- Pioneering
- BMX Bike Course
- Geocaching
- Games
- Shooting Sports

Merit Badge Activities will also be set up to acquaint Scouts with over 20 different merit badges.

Order of the Arrow will also be on hand with their special program.

Venturing Program

Activities being planned for Venturing include:

- Search and Rescue (Venture participation)
- Indoor COPE Course
- Venture Social / Cracker Barrel
- Safe Drivers / Defensive Drivers Demo
- Tie Dying shirts
- Floor Hockey Tournament
- Photography Contest (Bronze requirement)
- Film Festival
- Skateboard Demo
- Ethical Discussion/Debate (Silver requirement)

Friday and Saturday Night Shows:

Every night there will be activities or shows for all participants to enjoy. Friday night will include two large screen movies to be enjoyed in the great outdoors. The movies will be age appropriate and can be enjoyed by the entire family.

Saturday night will showcase the "Stage Spectacular" with live entertainment and a variety of different entertainment showcases. The night will conclude with spectacular fireworks display.

Fees and Payments:

Registrations will be accepted and date stamped beginning January 1, 2006

Early Registration (Paid by April 1, 2006)

Youth \$20

Adult \$5

Late Registration (Paid after April 1, 2006)

Youth \$25

Adult \$10

Day Registration

Youth \$15

Adult \$3

All early fee registrations will receive their JAMBO Patch for free. Late registrations will need to Purchase their patches the weekend of JAMBO. Youth younger than Tiger admitted free.

Additional Information:

Additional information will be provided in a series of bulletins that will be mailed to all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venture Crew Advisors, Committee Chairmen, and all Webelos, Bear, Wolf and Tiger leaders over the coming months.

Roundtable meetings will also be used to exchange information.

You can also contact your local Scout Service Center to obtain information. Service Center phone numbers are listed below:

Hawk Mountain Council 610-926-3406

Minsi Trails Council 610-264-8551

Scouting for Books

Dear cub packs: Are you looking for a service project? Well, your help is needed. A fairly new school in bethlehem does not have much of a library. They are in desperate need of various items;

Here is a list:

-Educational Videos (rated G)

-Books for grades 3-5, (examples: Biographies, Non-Fiction, History, Science, Fiction)

Please NO easy reading books or Encyclopedias.

This would be a great Pack Project. As you receive the items you can bring them to Roundtable or call Roxann Nelson at 610-867-5183.

If you do not have any books and still would like to help they can also use, PENCILS, FOLDERS, BINDERS, AND GENERAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES.



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Cub Winter Event

The rain storm didn't keep our Cubbies from coming out and taking a trip back in time to our Cub Winter Event of Pre-Historic Times. There were 118 young "cavemen" who ventured out into the rain to do some activities such as fossil making, "spear" tossing, trying to defeat a dinosaur and many others. Special thanks to the troops and packs, and the OA who ran events: Packs- 55, 364, 360, and 319; Troops- 359, 364, 362, 300, 311, 318, and 191

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped make this a success. The day would not have ran so well and been a great success without everyone's enthusiastic and support.

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