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Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

February 2007

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Den Chief Training	02/03/07 [93]
District Meeting 7:30pm	02-06-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	02-07-07 [2]
Klondike Derby	02-10-07 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	02-28-07 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	03-06-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-07-07 [2]
University of Scouting	03-10-07 [93]
District Commissioners 7pm	03-28-07 [3]
Pinewood Derby	03-31-07 []
District Meeting 7:30pm	04-03-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	04-04-07 [2]
College of Commissioner Science	04-13-15-07 [4]
New Leader Essentials Training	04-19-07 [95]
NYLT	04-20-22-07 [4]
SMD District Dinner	04-21-07 [1]
District Commissioners 7pm	04-25-07 [3]
Cub Leader Specific Training	04-26-07 [95]
NYLT	04-27-29-07 [4]
District Meeting 7:30pm	05-01-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-02-07 [2]
Beaver Day weekend	05-04-06-07 []
Council Eagle Dinner	05-17-07 [96]
Webelos Outdoor Training	05-12-07 []
District Commissioners 7pm	05-30-07 [3]
OA Spring Weekend	06-01-03-07 []
District Meeting 7:30pm	06-05-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-06-07 [2]
OA Summer Picnic	06-09-07 []
District Commissioners 7pm	06-27-07 [3]
Cub Fall Event	10-21-07

Meeting Locations

- [1] East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem
- [2] St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network
800-801 Ostrum Street Bethlehem, PA 18018
- [3] St. John's Lutheran/ UCC Church of
Farmersville, 8065 William Penn Hwy, Bethlehem
- [4] Trexler Scout Reservation
- [5] Camp Minsi
- [6] Minsi Trails Office
991 Postal Road, Allentown, PA 18109
- [10] Hellertown Sportsmen's Gun Club
Meadows Rd, Hellertown
- [93] Lehigh Carbon Community College
- [94] Christ Lutheran Church
69 Main St., Hellertown

- [95] St. Stephen's Lutheran Church,
67 W. Washington Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018
- [96] Candlelight Conference Center
- [98] Jordan Lutheran Church
5103 Snowdrift Road, Orefield, PA
- [99] To be Determined

Tunkhannock Chapter



The Tunkhannock Chapter of the Witauchsoman Lodge meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the same location as the South Mountain District Roundtable.

At the January 6 Lodge Winter Family Banquet, we had 25 arrowmen receive the Tunkhannock Service Award, for being active and providing service on the Chapter and Lodge levels.

Upcoming Events:

First Aid Station at the February 10 Klondike Derby.

We will be holding a Brotherhood Conversion in early March. Call Chapter Chief for details.

Tunkhannock Chapter is in the midst of unit elections for each of the Troops in the South Mountain District.

Reminder – 2007 membership dues can be paid at Chapter meetings.

Who to contact

Chapter Chief: Alex Nilsen (610) 346-9592

Chapter Advisor: Dave Hay (610) 861-4494

2007 District Dinner



Mark your calendar for the 2007 District Dinner on April 21st, 6:30pm, at East Hills Moravian Church. 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 recognize – award deadline is January 31st.



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SMD Website

The South Mountain District website has added a page with links for on-line training at http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/online_training.htm

Den Chief Training



Why ? Get the knowledge and tools you need to “Do your Best”! Skills to keep it fun!

Who should come? Any Scout serving as or thinking of serving as a

Den Chief

When? February 3rd 9 am to 4 pm

Where? Lehigh Carbon Community College

Registration starts @ 8:30 AM

Cost is \$20 and includes Den Chief

Handbook and lunch

Register for this at Minsi Trails Council Office

Any questions email charlico@yahoo.com or call 570-223-0700

Flyer and application attached to Newsletter

NYLT

The Minsi Trails Council will be sponsoring a two Troop course in 2007 to provide additional opportunities for the Scoutmasters to train your youth leaders. The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course training course supports Scoutmasters in their primary responsibility of training youth leaders. The Minsi Trails Council will offer the two weekend course in April, 2007. See Flyer attached

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING



Lehigh Carbon Community College

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Registration starts 7:30am

Cost – \$12, with the option of purchasing lunch for an additional fee

Interested in teaching a

course, have any suggestions, or want to help out? Contact – Marci Weaver @ smilely9@ptd.net or Drew Edinger @ edinger@verizon.net Look for class registration and more information to come in January.

Chaplain/Chaplain Aide training offered at University

Chaplain and Chaplain aide training will be offered at the University of scouting this year. The time it will be offered is from 10:30- 3:30 (this is one course and will be periods 3-7). If you would like to sign up for any University courses for periods 1 & 2 you may. The cost is \$12. If you wish to order a boxed lunch it will be \$6. If not ordering, please bring own lunch. For more information contact Joe T. at 610.367.6000.

Winter Magic- Cub Winter Event

Despite the dreary weather we had in the morning, Winter Magic was a HUGE success. We had 115 cubs enjoy a day of fun and games. A special thanks to the following packs and troops for running events: Packs- 11, 86, 317, 319, 347; Troops- 300, 364, 362, 359, 191, 319, 349 and our OA. A special thanks to Kyle Marzigliano of troop 318 for bring more winter magic alive by presenting a magic show to our cubs. The boys and family members enjoyed the entertainment. Also, thanks to our unit commissioners who attended the event and help at various events from kitchen “duty” to assisting with crafts.

If anyone is interested in running the winter event next year, please contact Rod Long, program director.

New Leader Essentials Training

WHEN: Thursday, April 19, 2007

TIME: 7:00pm to 8:30pm (Registration opens at 6:30pm)

LOCATION: St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, 67 W. Washington Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018-2433 (corner of Washington Ave. and Main St.

Use rear parking lot entrance)

COST: FREE

Please register on-line at the minstrails.com website



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Inter Council College of Commissioner Science

April 13-15, 2007

Akelaland & Settlers at
Trexler Scout Reservation

This is an event for
every Commissioner!!!

Courses will be
offered for new *and*
experienced Commissioners.

To attend this College, you must complete
Commissioner Basic Training prior to April, 2007

Lunchtime Speaker

Degree's Offered

- Bachelors Candidates
- Roundtable Courses
- Masters Candidates
- Doctoral Candidates

**New Unit Commissioners can earn a
Bachelors Degree and work toward their
Bowline Award**

Fun, Food and Fellowship

More to follow next in month newsletter

Applications can be found on these websites
<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/upcoming.htm>
<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/fliers.htm>
<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/commissioners.htm>
<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/calendar.htm>
<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/CofCS-Flyer.pdf>

Cub Leader Specific Training

WHEN: Thursday, April 26, 2007

TIME: 7:00pm to 10:00pm (Registration at 6:30pm)

LOCATION: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

COST: \$5.00

Please register on-line at the minsitrails.com
website

Recharter Day a Success

Re-chartering Success!

As always, Re-charter Day was held on the
first Saturday of the New Year at East Hills
Moravian Church. Despite the introduction of
internet re-chartering, this event is key to the
operation of the district – personal interaction and
review is required! If your unit didn't attend, you
missed out on important information, as well as
doughnuts provided by the Commissioner staff.

To schedule an appointment, please contact
the South Mountain District Executive, Arby
Beisel, at rbeisel@minsitrails.com or 610-465-
8563. Thanks to everyone who helped – without
their assistance, we wouldn't be the best district at
re-chartering!

Arby Beisel
South Mountain District Executive



Units meet with District Committees



Commissioner Service at work



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Yes, Real Coffee and donuts



Tunkhannock Chapter meets with the Units

projects can be classified as "trail building", but there will be a range of opportunities. There will be short, long, loop, and destination trails, as well as the need to upgrade existing trails. Additional projects may include signage, rest stops, kiosks, and benches.

Scouts who are looking for an Eagle Project which can be completed in the rustic outdoors of Lehigh County should contact Tom Gettings at tgettings@wildlandspa.org or 610-965-4397, extension 40.

Yours in Scouting,
George Snyder

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Karen Long and Leslie Keefe

Klondike Derby

When: 2-10-09

Where: Camp Minsi

Cost: \$3.00

NO REGISTRATION AT THE EVENT

Full flyer with equipment lists attached

Looking for an Eagle Scout project? Wildlands Conservancy, in cooperation with Lehigh County, has assumed responsibility for the creation and development of a trail system at the Trexler Nature Preserve. The Nature Preserve is 1,108 acres of hills, hilltop meadows, and steep ravines in the north, central, and southern ranges in Lowhill and North Whitehall Townships in northwest Lehigh County. The Trexler Nature Preserve surrounds the Lehigh County Zoo and used to be known as the Trexler Game Preserve. Tom Gettings of the Wildlands Conservancy is the contact for Scouts looking for a meaningful and permanent Eagle Scout project. Many of the



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Cub Scout Roundtable

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