



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

February 2008

Dates to Remember

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| Trainer Development | 02-02-08 |
| District Meeting 7:30pm | 02-05-08 [1] |
| Klondike Derby | 02-09-08 |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 02-13-08 [2] |
| Price of Freedom | 02-14-17-08 |
| Venturing Forum | 02-18-08 [5] |
| SM & ASM Leader Specific part 1 | 02-19-08 |
| Sea Base 0 Leave no Trace | 02-24-29-08 |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 02-27-08 [3] |
| SM & ASM Leader Specific part 2 | 02-28-08 [] |
| District Meeting 7:30pm | 03-04-08 [1] |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 03-05-08 [2] |
| New Leader Essentials | 03-05-08 [2] |
| Troop Committee Training | 03-05-08 [2] |
| Den Chief Training | 03-08-08 [97] |
| Readyman Badge for Webelos | 03-14-08 |
| InterCouncil College of Commissioner Service | 03-15-08 |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 03-26-08 [3] |
| First Aide Meet | 03-??-08 |
| Pinewood Derby | 03-29-08 |
| District Meeting 7:30pm | 04-01-08 [1] |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 04-02-08 [2] |
| Scout Night with Outlawz | 04-12-08 |
| Outdoor Leader Skills part 1 | 04-17-08 [] |
| Outdoor Leader Skills part 2 | 04-22-08 [] |
| NYLT | 04-18-20-08 |
| NYLT | 04-25-27-08 |
| District Recognition Dinner | 04-26-08 [1] |
| Outdoor Leader Skills part 3 | 04-26-08 [] |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 04-30-08 [3] |
| District Meeting 7:30pm | 05-06-08 [1] |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 05-07-08 [2] |
| JAMBO | 05-16-18-08 [99] |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 05-28-08 [3] |
| District Meeting 7:30pm | 06-03-08 [1] |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 06-04-08 [2] |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 06-25-08 [3] |
| Bethlehem Day Camp | 07-14-18-08 |
| Coopersburg Day Camp | 08-03-08-08 |

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| District Meeting 7:30pm | 08-05-08 [1] |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 08-06-08 [2] |
| Powder Horn weekend 1 | 08-22-24-08 [98] |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 08-27-08 [3] |
| District Meeting 7:30pm | 09-02-08 [1] |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 09-03-08 [2] |
| Powder Horn weekend 2 | 09-05-07-08 [98] |
| Woodbadge weekend 1 | 09-05-07-08 [] |
| SM & ASM Leader Specific | 09-20-08 [] |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 09-24-08 [3] |
| Woodbadge weekend 2 | 09-27-29-08 [] |
| Fall Camporee | 10-03-05-08 |
| District Meeting 7:30pm | 10-07-08 [1] |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 10-08-08 [2] |
| Cub Fall Event | 10-18-08 |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 10-29-08 [3] |
| Troop Committee Training | 11-01-08 [] |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 11-05-08 [2] |
| District Meeting 7:30pm | 11-14-08 [1] |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 11-19-08 [3] |
| District Annual Meeting 7:00pm | 12-02-08 [1] |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm | 12-03-08 [2] |
| District Commissioners 7pm | 12-17-08 [3] |
| Recharter Day | 01-05-09 |
| District Meeting 7:30pm | 01-06-09 [1] |

Meeting Location Key

- [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] Rosemont Lutheran Church on W. Broad St. in
Bethlehem
- [4] Camp Minsi
- [5] Minsi Trails Office
- [6] Camp Trexler
- [97] Lehigh Carbon Community College
- [98] Goose Pond
- [99] Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA



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Roundtable Date Change
Do to Ash Wednesday, the Roundtable will be moved from February 6 to the 13th. Same time and Place.

Newsletter Notice

Cut off date for all submissions to the South Mountain District newsletter is the 25th of the month. Packs, Troops, Crews, Commissioners and District committees should E-Mail your submissions to the editor, Bob Monto, at rmonto@aol.com, in a word document, if possible, on or before the 25th. We not longer email Attachments with the newsletter. ALL attachments will be posted on the District website. <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletter.htm>

JAMBO 2008 SAVE THE DATE



WHEN: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,
May 16 - 18, 2008

WHERE: the beautiful campus of Kutztown

University, Kutztown, PA.

WHAT: Jambo 2008, the premier Scouting event in east central Pennsylvania.

See website for attachments. <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletter.htm>

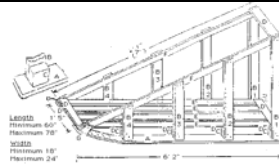
WINTER CAMP ACADEMY - BACKPACK TRAINING AT CAMP MINSI

WHEN: 15, 16, 17 February 2008 – Fri, Sat, Sun

LOCATION: *Camp Minsi - Athletic Field*

THE COST: Winter Camp Academy Training costs **\$45 per person** (all Scouts and Adults attending) to pay for food, equipment and outpost Winter Camp accommodations.

Klondike Derby



Camp Minsi

February 9, 2008

Cost \$5.00

See website for flyers.

[http://www.minsi-](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletter.htm)

[southmountain.com/newsletter.htm](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletter.htm)

Woodbadge Course Dates:

1st Weekend – September 5-7, 2008

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

2nd Weekend – September 27-29, 2008

Saturday, Sunday, Monday

(Weekends start at 7:30 AM and end late afternoon on the last day.)



Powder Horn Cluster Course Information



The Next Cluster Powder Horn course will be conducted over 2 weekends of 3 days each on August 22-24 and September 5-7, 2008 at Goose Pond Scout Reservation, Lake Ariel, PA.

To request more information contact;

Walt Godshall at rosewalt68@msn.com

570-474-6968 & 570-606-6879

Or

Robert Monto at rmonto@aol.com

610-253-8272



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National Youth Leadership Training

April 18-20 and April 25-27, 2008

What's the Cost?

The cost for the conference is \$165.00 per Scout, which includes all food and training materials. If fees are not paid in full by April 4, 2008 the fee is \$185.00. Troops are encouraged to pay at least part of the fee from their budgets.



Trainer Development Conference

Saturday, February 2, 2008 8:00am to 4:00pm

Who should attend?

The Basic Course is designed for District Trainers / Pack Trainers, interested Scouters who have not attended a 'basic' course in recent years, and anyone who has always wanted to be involved in training.

The Advanced Course will be limited to ten (10) participants, and is intended for experienced Trainers wishing to improve their skills. Topic to be announced.

Time: Registration starts at 7:30 AM. Opening at 8:00 AM, Course will end at 4:00 PM.

Questions: Call Rod Long at 610-751-6768.

Location: Banko Center (LVH – Muhlenberg), Bethlehem, (just off 22 & Schoenersville Rd)

Cost: \$15.00 (Catered lunch, continental breakfast, and beverages included). Participant food is not allowed in the Banko Center. Deadline to register is January 25, 2007 - NO WALK-INS - Due to course material preparation and food orders

Application form attached

South Mountain District 2008 Recognition Dinner



Mark your calendars now!

Date: Saturday April 26, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

Place: East Hills Moravian Church

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.

Den Chief Training

Where: *Lehigh Carbon Community College*

At University of Scouting

When: Saturday, March 8, 2008

Time: 7:45 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$14, which includes Den Chief handbook, trained patch and certification cards

Meals: Boys may purchase lunch for an extra \$6.50 or bring their own.

You may register on line, or pay at council.

For more information contact – Chuck Decker at 610.432.1872

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Venturing Forum



Minsi Trails Council is pleased to announce Multi-District Venturing Forums (formally know as Roundtables). The southern tier will consist of Trexler, South Mountain and Forks of the Delaware Districts. These meetings will be held on the Third Thursday of the month. The initial meeting will be on February 21st at 7:00 PM at the Council Office. The agenda will consist of meeting each other, discussing what needs the Venturing Crews have and how best to meet them. Future agenda's will be influenced heavily by this discussion. Those interested may contact John Arno at JAXRAY@AOL.COM or by phone at 610.866.1810.

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Inter-Council College of Commissioner Service



Saturday, March 15, 2008
William Paterson University
300 Pompton Road
Wayne, New Jersey 07470
Hosted by Monmouth, Northern
New Jersey,

Minsi Trails and Patriots' Path Councils

Who Should Attend?

All Commissioners and other Leaders interested in seeing that our Youth receive a quality program of the Boy Scouts of America. Those looking for guidance; Those who want to get a broader picture of Scouting; Those who are looking for some hints on how to be more effective; Those who enjoy sharing your experience with others; Those who are looking for a way to "get in touch" with other Scouters.

If you fit into any of the above -then- the Inter-Council College of Commissioner Service is for you.

Our goal is simple - to make this the best training experience you've ever had!

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OA Scoutreach Mentoring Award

The Order of Arrow Scoutreach Mentoring Program is a joint effort of the national Scoutreach Division of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow. Its purpose is to identify and assist urban and rural Scout troops whose camping and advancement programs are below standard



The OA Scoutreach Mentoring Award recognizes Arrowmen who have participated in the Witauchsoman Lodge Nature Quest V program. Nature Quest supports all of the Minsi Trails Scoutreach Council activities by giving cheerful service to these events.

OA Scoutreach Mentoring is a National Order of the Arrow recognition.

Here are the Tunkhannock (s. MT.) recipients of the OA SR Mentoring Award.

1st year Youth: Nicholas B., Eric B., William M., Drew S. & Austin S.

1st year Adult: Dale Miller

2nd year Youth: Mathew M, Michael M Jr., Douglas M. & Thomas M.

2nd year Adults: Thomas Harrington, Michael Mayrosh Sr. & Donald Swigart

3rd year Youth: Alexander N.

3rd year Adult: David Ellis

4th year Youth: Michael D Jr.

4th year Adults: Michael Dolan Sr. & David Hay

5th year Youth: Collin R.

5th year Adult: Ellsworth Machin III

University of Scouting Knots of Skills



The University of Scouting is just around the corner. It will be held once again at LCCC on Saturday, March 8th, 2008. Doors open at 7:30, and the opening ceremony will take place at 8 am.

The cost will be \$14, with the option of purchasing a boxed lunch for an additional \$6.50. Drinks are included with the box lunch cost only. If ordering a box lunch, please make a choice of drink.

There will be a variety of classes offered. Specialty classes offered will include CPR, First Aid, Chaplain/Chaplain Aide, and Den Chief training.

CPR will have an extra \$5 cost given to the instructor of that class the day of the event. You will be certified through the American Heart Association or Red Cross. There is also a \$5 cost to be given to the instructor for First Aid.

One of the popular classes for this event is Dutch Oven cooking. This will take the place of your lunch and runs for 2 periods. There is an extra



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cost of \$6, which should be added to your total when you sign up for this event. If you have taken this course in the past, we ask that you please choose another class. This will allow people who have never taken this class before an exciting experience.

Registration is open now on line at: <http://www.minsitrails.com/Events/Registration/default.asp>

If you are an instructor, when registering click on instructor and follow the directions.

For any questions, feel free to contact Marci Weaver at smiley9@ptd.net or Drew Edinger at edinger@verizon.net.

District Pinewood Derby

Mark your calendars: DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY will be held March 29th at Sacred Heart in Bethlehem Township. Check-in will begin at 9:30AM and races to go off at 11:00AM. Come with any tools and supplies you may need for your car. Just like last year there will be food and snacks to purchase. Any questions please feel free to contact Jim Reinhart at 610-868-4818.



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Activities Committee Report

Fall Camporee

Looking for units to help with the District Fall Camporee October 3-5. Interested unit leaders should contact Jeff Alicea at jalicea@rcn.com or 610-861-0350.

Scout Night with Outlawz

Spend April 12 with the Lehigh Valley Outlawz. In addition to the game between the Lehigh Valley Outlawz and the Chesapeake Tide there will be a half time Flag Football clinic, camping on the indoor field after the game, a movie and breakfast. The cost is \$25 per person and the game is at Stabler

Arena in Saucon Valley. Additional information will be distributed at an upcoming Roundtable.

Readyman Badge for Webelos

March 14 at Faith UCC in Center Valley from 6-9pm. All requirements will be completed in multiple stations. Contact Laura Bader at albader@ptd.net

Camping Committee Volunteers

The Camp Committee is looking for scouts and leaders who have participated in high adventure camping and would be willing to visit units within the district to discuss their experiences. In addition, we are also looking for anyone who has a passion for camping to help with camp promotion. Please contact Dave Ellis at david.ellis@pseg.com
Submitted by Jeff Alicea Activities Chair

TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44 ORDER OF THE ARROW



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 (St. Luke's

Hospital and Health Network Education Center).

The Witauchsoman Lodge Family Banquet was held on Jan. 5, 2008. 23 Arrowmen received the coveted Tunkhannock Service Award. To earn this award, members had to provide service to all of the following:

South Mountain District, Minsi Trails Council, Tunkhannock Chapter, and Witauchsoman Lodge.

The following 2007 Tunkhannock Service Award recipients represent 10 out of the 21 Troops in our District:

Andrew B, Mark B, Eric B, Michael D. Jr, Michael D. Sr, David E, David H, Rodney L, Ellsworth M, Matthew M,



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Michael M. Jr, Michael M. Sr, Victor N, Alexander N, Drew S, Alexander S, Bernhard S, Todd S, Austin S, James S,

Blake T, Mark T, and John W. Jr.

Order of the Arrow Unit Elections began in January and will continue until March 31st.

To be eligible for election, a Scout must be a registered member of the BSA and hold at least the first Class rank and have a minimum of 15 nights camping within the last 2 years (this must include 5 or 6 consecutive nights of long term camping at BSA Summer Camp or National High Adventure Program) and be approved by his Scoutmaster.

Scout is elected if he receives 50% or more votes of the Scouts present.

2008 is the first year that Tunkhannock's Ceremony team is conducting Webelos Crossover Ceremonies at Blue + Gold Banquets. 5 Packs have already scheduled a ceremony. We can perform only one ceremony per evening. Packs will be scheduled on a first signed up, first scheduled basis.

Tunkhannock will be running the First Aid event at the Klondike Derby at Camp Minsi in February.

Reminder – 2008 membership dues can be paid at Chapter meetings.

Who to contact:

Chapter Chief: Mike Mayrosh, Jr.
(610) 866-4968

Chapter Advisor: Dave Hay
(610) 861-4494

Tunkhannock Website is
www.tunkhannockoa@yahoo.com

Minsi Trails Forms Religious Life Crew 307



During the summer of 2007, a few members of St Stephen's Lutheran Church in Bethlehem worked to start a youth group to address a hole in the programs we deliver to the congregation. The church has a well respected preschool along with strong Sunday School and Confirmation program, lacked

anything addressing youth once they became confirmed members of the church, typically around age 14. With an aging and declining member base, these youth represent the next generation members and leadership for our congregation. The youth group, it seemed, would be the way to engage these young people in activities, fellowship, and outreach to others, translating values and beliefs into actions. By capturing their interest during their high school and early college years, the hope is that their connection and involvement with the church will become stronger and will help grow the base of new younger members.

As the group struggled to get organized, our family of scouters saw many challenges of delivering program already addressed by the Venturing program, and proposed organizing the group as a BSA Venturing religious life crew to provide the underlying structure (training, youth and adult leadership development, and yes, policies) while addressing our congregation's Christian education goals...using the BSA program to advance our goals in serving youth.

The first step in the process was to 'socialize' the concept with the other parents already involved as leaders in the youth group. Being thoughtful in showing how our group could use the Venturing program to support us without taking over our program, those leaders welcomed the program as they already recognized that some structure was needed and didn't know how to develop it themselves. With the group's leaders in agreement, we presented the concept to our Christian Education committee for their agreement. Next step was our Church Council, where broader questions on autonomy, finance and insurance all needed to be addressed. With the help of our District Executive in answering questions, our council granted approval.

With church leadership in agreement, we began to discuss the Venturing program with the youth for the first time. We were mindful of the social and political views that can arise with both parents and



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youth when Scouting is discussed, so we focused on three key topics. First, Venturing would be a program that would supply the underlying support for our goals, not take over our program. Second, as a crew we continue to plan and run our activities focusing on the youth as the leaders, not run by the adults (which the youth loved). Finally, the logo'd t-shirts they were already developing as a uniform was exactly how the crew could run...no need for a formal BSA uniform if they choose. With that, we had 'buy-in' from the youth. Crew number? They voted to become Crew 307 in South Mountain district, drawing on the history of the former Troop 7 at St Stephens in the 50's/60's/70's

The next step was to hold an open house for all the eligible youth in the church and any of their friends. From that night, the initial group of 5 youth became 9, with 2-3 more expected this week...with only one of these youth already involved in Scouting at the troop level. Other new members will come in June when the next group of youth become confirmed members of the congregation, and we work to transition them directly into the youth group.

Next steps? We just completed the 'Activity Interest Survey' with the youth, and will complete the 'Program Capability Inventory' for adult consultants within the next two weeks. With a good group of members, establishing youth officers is on track over the next month. With the groundwork done, we can begin youth leadership training and program planning. The steps are somewhat out of order from the established Venturing new crew methods, but necessary given that there is no established Scouting program at St Stephens on which to draw.

Crew 307 is at beginning of a journey, and the best part of any adventure is 'getting there'. I'll be sure to keep you posted on how the adventure unfolds.

Thanks.

Gary Brueningsen

Crew Advisor, Crew 307

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