



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

March 2006

Dates to Remember

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

NOTE DATE CHANGE

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

South Mountain District Web Site

Starting in March you can find full detail and Flyers on our District Website for all articles marked WEBSITE

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletter.htm>

Registration deadline for the Cub District Pinewood Derby is Friday, March 10th.

Unit 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.



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WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE

COURSE: This first aid course will cover basic first aid skills adapted to the back country. This course is open to troop leaders, older boys, crew leaders and crew members. Participants must be at least 15 years old by course date. Course is limited to 20 people.

COURSE DATES: March 17th (Friday Night) - 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm and Saturday March 18th from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Participants must make all hours of course no exceptions. Do not ask to come late, leave early, or miss a date. The answer will be NO!

COST: The course cost is \$35.00. This price will include Certification Cards

Location:

East Hills Middle School
Bethlehem

Room 301 and 303 (upper floor) in Monagacci Wilderness Education Classroom. Some of the course will be outside.

(First aid and CPR Red Cross), rental cost for CPR mannequins and First Aid Book. Cash or Check made out to Explorer Post 1953. Mail to: c/o Greg Ritter East Hills Middle School 2005 Chester Street Bethlehem Pa. 18017

GEAR AND DRESS: Wear uniform shirt and comfortable pants, Dress for weather, we will be outdoors for part of the course, sleeping mat and blanket. You can bring your troop or personal first aid kit for inspection (optional).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 9th. You can register by calling course instructor Greg Ritter at 570-676-3931 leave message, number of people, and ages or email gritter@beth.k12.pa.us

Commissioner Corner

Roundtable Report



Cub Scout Roundtable

March 8, 2006

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

April 5, 2006

Theme Digging in the Dirt
Opening Pack 349
Bugs
Scavenger Hunt
Terrarium Craft
Closing Pack 347

Boy Scout Roundtables

March 8, 2006

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

April 5, 2006

Theme Camping
Opening Old Crow
Camping Hedgehog
Closing Fluke
Cleanup Phantom

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 Faccinnetto; and Rod Long serving under Alex Stirton Scout Roundtable Commissioner.. As of January the patrol leaders are: Mike Weaver; Sandi Dale; Mike Faccinnetto; and Bernie Suess.



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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.

Registration Deadline is March 10th



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.

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.

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



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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 be 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 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.



2006 Powder Horn

August 25 -27 and

Sept 8-10, 2006

Register now for a spot with our Crews

For an Application email Bob Monto at

rmonto@aol.com

Advancement Committee

The Advancement Committee meets regularly at East Hills Moravian Church on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm.

The committee reviews Eagle Projects and conducts the Eagle Board of Review

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

NESA Committee

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

This is to honor all our 2005 Eagle Scouts

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.



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Camping Committee

Summer Camp Kick off meeting

MTC Summer Camp Kickoff meeting (for Scoutmasters) will be at the Gates Center (north side of Green Pond Rd.), Northampton Area Community College, Bethlehem: it's on Wed. March 29 at 7:00 p.m. (meeting mainly for those who will accompany boys to Summer Camp).

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.

Council Activities

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

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



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- Craft Activities
- R/C Airplane Club Demonstrations
- Games
- 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, and 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.



University of Scouting

The University of Scouting will be Saturday, March 11, 2006. It will be at LCCC. Registration starts at 7:30 am. Please register on-line if possible. See the Minsi Trails Web site for further information. Should you do this manually and submit to council, there is a chance you may not get what you want because the person entering the classes may not be able to put it in the computer right away, but they will try their best. When choosing your classes, remember to leave open period 4 or 5 for a lunch. These are designated time slots for lunch. If you choose to order lunch, there is an extra \$5 for the lunch cost. Registration is \$12. University Website:

<http://www.minsitrails.com/Events/Registration/default.asp>

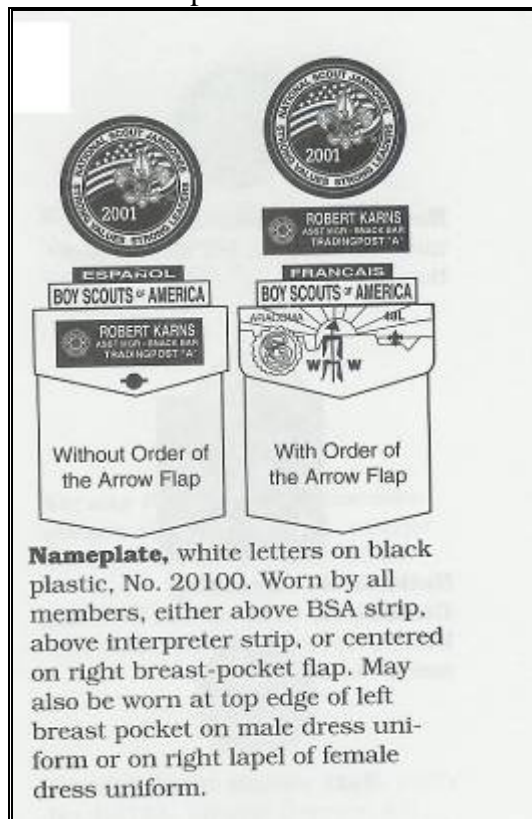
Cub Winter Event

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.

Uniform

Are you wearing your Scout Name Tag. If yes, are you wearing it correctly. See picture from the Uniform and Inspection Guide.





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