



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

March 2007

Dates to Remember

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]
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]
Pinewood Derby	04-14-07 [1]
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.

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.

Award Recipients are:



District Award of Merit

David Hay, Michael Weaver, and David Ellis

District Fellowship Award

Maureen Thorley, Mark Brockway, Sandy Breuningsen, Robyn Balsai, and David Laudenslager

Congratulations from the District Committee.



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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.

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 @ smiley9@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.

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 minsitrails.com website

Inter Council College of Commissioner Science

April 13-15, 2007

Trexler Scout Reservation

This is an event for every Commissioner or Scouter interested in Commissioner service!!!

Courses will be offered for new and experienced Commissioners.

To attend this College, you must complete Commissioner Basic Training prior to April 13, 2007

Mealtime Speakers

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

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

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

[http://www.minsi-](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/CofCS-Flyer.pdf)

[southmountain.com/documents/CofCS-Flyer.pdf](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



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Advancement Committee

At a recent district Advancement committee meeting, the committee meets after the Eagle Board of Review to conduct business. The committee is seeking additional members to help with Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Advancement, Eagle Boards of Review and Merit Badge Counselor tracking. The committee has selected the following to represent the various functions.

Cub Scout Advancement	Open
Boy Scout Advancement	Open
Merit Badge Counselors	John Arno
Eagle Board of Review	Linda Cortis

The committee will seek District Committee approval on the advancement reporting process. Every unit to submit an advancement form monthly with advancement or a report showing no advancement and why. The Troops MUST list the merit badge counselor who signed off on the earned badge. We also would want the total number of scouts in the unit on each monthly report.

Respectively submitted
Linda Cortis
District Advancement Committee

Cub Scout Leaders Program Planning Conference

Thursday, April 26, 2007
Jordan United Church of Christ
1837 Church Road
Allentown, PA 18104

6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. with a complimentary dinner as our thanks for attending!
See flyer attached.

Pinewood Derby

When: Saturday, April 14, 2007
Where: East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem
Time: Registration starts at 8am
Racing starts at 9am to Noon
Cost: \$5 per boy (maximum of five from each pack)

For more information contact:
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610-390-5680

Tunkhannock Chapter Upcoming Events

We will be holding a Brotherhood Conversion on March 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Troop 318 building.

Tunkhannock Chapter has completed 50% of unit elections for Troops in the South Mountain District.

March 16 and 17 is Lodge #44 Chapter Leadership and Development (CLD). All OA members are encouraged to attend – both youth and adult. Earn the new Lodge #44 training patch.

April 14 – Lodge #44 is hosting the Allentown Trade-O-Ree. Scouting memorabilia can be bought, sold, traded, or you can just browse. Check our website at Witauchsoman.org for all Lodge activities.

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Knots

Check out this website for KNOTS by GROF
<http://www.animatedknots.com/>



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