



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

April 2006

Dates to Remember

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

South Mountain District Web Site

You can find full detail and Flyers on our District Website for all articles marked WEBSITE

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

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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2005 Recognition Dinner Come and enjoy Scouting

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.



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Commissioner Corner

Roundtable Report

We need each unit to bring their Scouting for Food maps to the April Roundtable

Mark your calendars: April 8, 2006 Cub Leader Training held at Grace Moravian Church in Center Valley. Cost: \$5 for Cub Specific. Times: NLE will be from 9:00-10:30 and Cub Specific will start at 10:45-1:00. If you have any questions please feel free to call Roxann Nelson at 610-867-5183.

UP COMING ROUNDTABLE: WE NEED 1 LEADER FROM EVERY UNIT TO ATTEND THIS ROUNDTABLE. PLEASE BRING WITH YOU YOUR AREA IN WHICH YOU COLLECT FOOD, FOR SCOUTING FOR FOOD. THE DISTRICT WANTS TO MAKE UP NEW MAPS AND GET MORE AREAS COVERED.

Cub Scout Roundtable

April 5, 2006

Theme Digging in the Dirt
 Opening Pack 349
 Scouting for Food
 Scavenger Hunt
 Terrarium Craft
 Closing Pack 347

May 3, 2006

Theme: Invent a Reason to Celebrate
 Opening Pack 359
 Thank you Recognition Packet
 Birthday Party for everyone
 Games
 Closing Pack 352

Boy Scout Roundtables

April 5, 2006

Theme Camping / Scouting for Food
 Opening Old Crow
 Camping / Scouting for Food Hedgehog
 Closing Fluke
 Cleanup Phantom
 PLC Meeting SPL

May 3, 2006

Theme: Emergency Preparedness
 Opening Phantom
 Emergency Preparedness Old Crow
 Closing Hedgehog
 Cleanup Fluke
 PLC Meeting SPL

Scouting For Food Roundtable



Attention all Scouting for food Chairman and Assistant Chairmen's.

At the April 5, 2006 Roundtable we will be discussing the next Scouting for Food pick up boundaries.. We re 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 from the floor so as to improve upon this much needed and worthy community project. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Venturing

The District has a new Venture Crew under the leadership of Jerry Still. It is off to an excellent start with 16 boys active, 5 adults on the committee, and two leaders. Crew meets each week. They have two major activities per month.



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 weekends 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 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.



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**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**

Powder Horn is about 50% filled with participants registered from Minsi Trails, NEPA, Bucks Keystone, Columbia-Montour, Susquehanna, NCAC, Cradle of Liberty, Patriots Path, Shenandoah Area, Green Mountain and Southern NJ. The next Cluster Course may be Hosted by NEPA in 2009 or later so don't miss out on a local course.

OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS :

South Mountain District is presenting BSA's Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training on April 5, 18, and 22, 2006 in Bethlehem. This course is designed to enable adult Boy Scout leaders to be able to teach all the outdoor skills required for a Scout to reach First Class rank. The course is also FUN!

This is a unique opportunity to take this course in the EASIEST way possible: for the first time ever, we are presenting this course ENTIRELY within the City of Bethlehem -- no driving to those scary, far-away mountains up north. And there is NO OVERNIGHT camping required. What could be simpler

The Wed. April 5 and Tuesday April 18 (6:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.) sessions of the course are at East Hills Moravian Church, Butztown Road, Bethlehem (in the old Fellowship Hall) and the all-day Saturday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) outdoor session is at the City of Bethlehem's South Mountain Park, Mountain Drive, Bethlehem (on top of South Mountain, opposite the Channel 39/WLVT t.v. studios).

This course is one of the three required courses (along with New Leader Essentials and Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training) required to be Fully Trained as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. However, any interested Boy Scout or Webelos adult leader may take the course. Registration can be done online at: <http://www.minsitrails.com/training/RegisterStep1.asp?SectionId=283>

or by filling out a paper registration form at Minsi Trails Council office reception area. Registration may not be done by phone. The course fee is \$15 and the registration deadline is Monday, April 3. South Mountain District is blessed with a terrific, experienced Training Team of instructors who just LOVE teaching outdoor leader skills. YOU get to play with matches and sharp objects and wander around in the woods. And there's FOOD! And a cool CAMPFIRE. Come join us for a whole pile o' fun and learn some stuff you can use. Honest: we've done this before -- Don Miles, course director

Woodbadge

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world.

Woodbadge is the next level of adult leadership training. The results will change any unit, from Cubs to Venturing, you may even find it will change your personal life as well.

Be a part of a 'mountain-top' experience, join us for Minsi Trails Council Woodbadge course, NE-IV-184! It will make a difference!

For more information and requirements, please visit www.minsitrails.com or call:

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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.

The NESA committee is encouraging all our 2005 Eagle Scouts to attend the 2006 Eagle Dinner. If your unit has an Eagle in 2005 please encourage him to attend.

We are looking for sponsors for our Class of 2005 Eagles. If you have an interest in being an Eagle Scout sponsor please contact Bill Garrett at the Council Office or email wgarrett@minstrails.com

Council Activities

Jambo 2006

Date & Location:

May 19-21, 2006 at Kutztown University

Information should have been 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.



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Venturing

Sample Venturing Crew Meeting Schedule

04/19/06 Meeting

05/03/06 Meeting

05/12, 13-14/06 camping trip to Camp Trexler; we have the range, hoping to have the throwing hawks.

05/17/06 Meeting

05/20/06 We've been asked to help during the day on Saturday at Jambo with the kayak lessons/demos in the pool.

06/07/06 Meeting

06/09-10/06 Scoopers fund raising trip to Mt. Pocono Race way

06/21/06 Meeting

07/05/06 Meeting

07/12-16/06 Super Activity trip, rafting, caving, biking, kayaking

07/19/06 Meeting

07/22-23/06 Scoopers fund raising trip to Mt. Pocono Race way

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Camping Committee

South Mountain District is comparable to other Minsi Trails Council districts in the percentage of our Boy Scouts going to a Summer Camp (70%) -- and over the national average (62%).

However, our District's Cub Scouts camp (just 18%) FAR BELOW both other Minsi Trails Council Districts (25-34%) and the national BSA average (38%).

We must do better and provide opportunities for our Cub Scouts to have a summer resident camp (Akelaland) or day camp experience in 2006!

All of our Boy Scout Troops and many of our Cub Packs have already enrolled for a Summer Camp for 2006. But many Cub Packs have not.

If your Cub Pack has not signed-up for a week or mini-week at Akelaland and/or for a week

of Cub Day Camp, please do so NOW by calling Jane Chase at 610/465-8568.

If your Cub Pack has not had an Akelaland and Cub Day Camp camping promotion presentation to your parents and Cubs, please contact us (below) and we'll arrange for one at your convenience.

If your Cub Pack has not received its beautiful full-color brochures from Minsi Trails Council about Akelaland and Cub Day Camp, please also contact us and we'll make sure you get some (they were distributed by Council to the Packs but some may not have received them for some reason).

There are still plenty of spaces left at Akelaland: the weekly (6days, 5 nights) per Cub fee is \$220; the mini week (3 days, 2 nights) fee is \$125.

Cub Day Camp fees are: \$100/Cub without parent (if paid by May 1); \$120/Cub without parent (if paid after May 1); \$50/Cub if accompanied by parent who volunteers to help for the week (if paid by May 1); \$70/Cub if accompanied by parent who volunteers to help for the week (if paid after May 1).

For youth attending more than one camp, a \$10 per Cub discount (without parent) or \$5 per Cub (with volunteer parent) will apply incrementally.

Lehigh Valley-area Cub Day Camps for 2006 (other Day Camps available at Camp Minsi and Akelaland, call 610/465-8568 for info.)

ALL DAY CAMPS ARE 8:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. except Coopersburg:

June 19-13:

Macungie Mem. Park ("Native Americans" theme), contact Jim Millick, 610/366-1261 for info.

Fogelsville Camp Spirit ("American Heroes"), contact Cincy McPeck, 610/462-5157 for info.

Coopersburg Desales Univ. ("Willd, Wild West") -- TWILIGHT CAMP: 4:30 to 9:00 p.m.), contact Jim Millick, 610/366-1261 for info.

July 10-14:



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Bethlehem Clearview Park (west Bethlehem, off Penna. Ave.) ("Native Americans"), contact Jim Millick, 610/366-1261 for info.

July 17-21:

Allentown Waldheim Park (off Emmaus Ave.) ("Wild, Wild West"), contact Jim Millick, 610/366-1261 for info.

July 31-Aug. 4: Forks Twp. Park (off Sullivan Trail) ("Native Americans"), contact Jim Millick, 610/366-1261 for info.

Aug. 14-18:

Fogelsville Camp Spirit ("The Sky's The Limit"), contact Jessica Laubach, 610/530-4548 for info.

Phillipsburg Lopatcong Park ("Wild, Wild West"), contact Jim Millick, 610/366-1261 for info.

HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER BOY SCOUTS AND ADULT LEADERS:

Contact Minsi Trails Council at 610/465-8568 for information about High Adventure opportunities at Philmont National Scout Ranch, Cimmaron, New Mexico (aprox. \$1,600 cost) and at Minsi Trails Council's own C.O.P.E. High-Adventure challenge course at Camp Trexler, Jonas, PA (\$35 per Scout or adult, during Summer Camp week by arrangement with Camp staff or Fri.-Sun. April 7-9 or May 19-21.

FOR MORE CAMPING INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Or

Greg Wilson, So. Mt. Dist. Director, 610/465-8572 (days) or gwilson@minsitrails.com

District Derby

The South Mountain District Derby took place on Saturday, March 25th, at East Hills Moravian Church in, Bethlehem. We had a total of 90 boys who signed up to race, with 21 units participating. Everyone had a FUN time.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this a great success.

Top 5 Racers

1.	Charlie Faltiech	306
2.	Michael Lancaster	368
3.	David Napierkowski	306
4.	Anthony Hoagland	329
5.	Matt Lancaster	368



10 category winners

Fastest looking-	Erik Edwards	319
Original-	Isaiah Cruz	306
Coolest-	Samuel Anthony	339
Unusual-	Alex Heilman	372
Did their best-	Tanner Thomas	1742
Patriotic-	Evan Chuss	360
Best overall car-	Dakota Hartman	333
Representation of Cub Scouting-	Charlie Faltiech	306
Best use of add ons-	Ben Gardner	319
Best use of physics-	Kyle Penyak	347



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District Direct Corner

Thanks for reading the South Mountain Newsletter!! Spring is in the air and we are moving into the camping season! We have many, many great opportunities to get our youth out into the outdoor classroom of Scouting!! We have two Cub Scout Day Camps in our district run by everyday volunteers from your back yard!! There is also Akelaland for Cub Resident and Settlers and Camp Minsi for the Boy Scouts. Please make sure that every youth has the opportunity to participate even if your unit is not attending together.

I also want to thank everyone for a fantastic year!! That's right - once April is over, I will have served the district for a full year!! I'm looking forward to at least several more! This has been one of my best experiences so far as a unit serving executive!! Please continue to do all of the great things that you do for your youth and be flexible with the district staff as we work to grow and improve the district!!

Yours in Scouting,
Greg

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