



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

April 2008

Dates to Remember

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 []
Venturing Leader Training	04-19-08 [5]
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]
Cub Leaders Annual Planning	04-30-08
District Meeting 7:30pm	05-06-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-07-08 [2]
Den Chief Training	05-10-08
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
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]

Notice: Date has been set by the respective committees. You should check to see if event is still scheduled.

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 Council Office
- [6] Camp Trexler
- [96] William Patterson University
- [97] Lehigh Carbon Community College
- [98] Goose Pond
- [99] Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA

SCOUTREACH IN THE SMD



We are preparing an Honor Roll of Packs, Troops and Crews that have contributed to the Minsi Trails Scoutreach program in the South Mountain District. We need your HELP! Maybe you donated a piece of equipment. Perhaps you have invited a SR Unit to an event or campout. You might have lent a leader to mentor a Pack, Troop or Crew. If you have helped in the last 5 years, please contact Ellsworth (you know the Guy in Shorts all year long) with your information (date & activity) at scoutmachin@yahoo.com/ He needs LOTS of HELP!



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Eagle Scout Board of Review



1 – The new BSA Eagle application that goes into effect on 5/1/08 is already on our web site and should be used. We will still continue to accept the former ones up until 4/30. When meeting with Scouts to review the projects – point this information out to them and also cover how to get to our website for the Eagle application, etc., etc.

2 – Effective immediately and back dating to 1/1/08 we will now return everything to the Scout that was in his Eagle book including the original application. Why didn't we do this before – "It was always done this way". BSA doesn't require us to keep anything except a list. We are making copying the original application, making notes and keeping a bit more info so we have what we need for the Council Eagle dinner.

Your District is not to change the method that you have been using in the past on making returns to the office after the Board of Review. Pocono still continue to return the notebook and pictures to cut down on the weight when you mail the information to us.

All – continue to return the recommendation letters to the top person from the unit after the Board of Review.

3 – At this time we will not go back and pull apart information in the office from Eagles earned prior to 1/1/08.

Questions please contact me and I will do my best to explain.

You will see no difference in what you receive from the office and we should not see a difference in what you return to us.

Submitted by Linda Cortis, Eagle Board of Review Chair

Venturing Crew Officers Orientation Online

Does your Venturing Crew have new officers that need an orientation to exactly what they are responsible for? Is your Crew unsure of what the roles of the officers are or should be? Is the next Venture Leaders Skills Course to far away for you wait? Well your wait is now over. The National office has just released an online training for your Crew officers called "Venturing Crew Officers Orientation". This is a great basic orientation to what the officers are responsible for and how each of their roles fit together. After taking the course your officers and members will understand what their resources are and how to use them. This training can be taken alone as each officer/member has the time or as a group. The link to the direct site is

http://scouting.org/applications/venturingcoo.aspx?SRC=ET&ET_CID=3793460022008&Page=Venturing+Crew+Officers'+Orientation&ET_RID={23212639-9EFB-4CC6-8F12-26960D6E213D}

Unit Service Projects



We re looking for list of Unit Service projects for Packs, Troops and Crews. Any unit can send in their projects to the district as a reference for other units to consider for their future projects.

Email your projects to be shared with other units to Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com. We will post them on the South Mountain District Website

Den Chief Training

Trexler District has scheduled a Den Chief Training for Saturday, May 10th, at Camp Serranova in Macungie. It's posted on the Minsi Trails Council website for registration; directions to the location of this course can be found at the following link:

<http://www.campserranova.org/>



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Powder Horn Cluster Course Information

August 22-24 and September 5-7, 2008



2008 Powder Horn Course will be hosted by Northeast PA Council. 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

May 15, 16 17 & May 29, 30 & 31 2009



Northern NJ Council's First Powder Horn Course will be conducted over 2 weekends of 3 days each on May 15, 16 17 & May 29, 30 & 31 2009 at Camp Turrell.

This course has set a waiting list of participants wanting to attend. If you are interested in attending, contact Bob Monto, Backup Course Director, to be on the participants list. Any Scouters with Powder Horn and would like to serve on staff also contact Bob. Bob will serve as BCD and Advisor and John Arno will serve as ACD-Ranger Camp a Youth program being developed.

The course has a limit of 48 participants and as of this month we have an "I am interested list" of 70 Scouters. With several registered already.

This will be the first time that we ran a separate youth Ranger program during a Powder Horn.

To request more information contact;
Robert Monto at rmonto@aol.com
610-253-8272

JAMBO 2008

WHEN: Friday thru 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>



Woodbadge Course Dates:

1st Weekend

September 5-7, 2008

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

2nd Weekend

September 27-29, 2008

Saturday, Sunday, Monday



National Youth Leadership Training

April 18-20 & April 25-27, 2008

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.



PROGRAM PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR CUB SCOUT LEADERS

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Dryland United Church of Christ

4415 Newburg Road

Lower Nazareth, PA 18064

6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. with a complimentary

dinner as our thanks for attending!

For flyer- Visit SMD Website



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South Mountain District 2008 Recognition Dinner

The South Mountain District will recognize its outstanding Scouters and Friends of Scouting by presenting various awards at the Annual Recognition Dinner:

Place: East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, PA

Date/Time: Saturday, April 26, 2008 - 6:30 PM Sharp!

Attendees: All Adult Scouters, Spouses and Chartered Partners are cordially invited to honor all award recipients.

Menu: Chicken Marsala, Baked Ham, Savory Rice Pilaf, Sweet Potato Pie, Sweet Corn, Peas with Sweet Onions, Ceaser Salad, Bread or Rolls and butter, Coffee, Tea, and Apple Spice Cake with Cream Cheese Icing (served Buffet Style)

Cost: \$19.00 per person

Please Do This:

Decide to attend now: to honor the awardees and to help complete the planning for the Dinner by making a timely reservation. Dinner reservations are necessary. Your reservation form and fee must be turned in to the Council Service Center no later than the end of the day—**Thursday, April 17, 2008.**

Encourage your committee and leaders to attend.

Note: A fine tradition is for the Unit Committee to invite the Unit Leader and Spouse to the Dinner.

Submit nominations for Unit Scouter awards along with your dinner reservations.

Award Guidelines

1 **District Award of Merit** This is the highest award which may be presented by a District to a volunteer.

The Recipients are:

Sandi Dale

Eric Chiles

Bernie Suess



2 **Fellowship Award** This award is presented annually to those Scouters in our District who have demonstrated strong and effective leadership in

Scouting in individual Units, the District or Council.

The Recipients are:

Alan Bader

Jim Chuss

Gary Volland

Wayne Biery

Alexander Stirton

Randy Stonesifer

Robert Monto

3 **Unit Scouter Award** Each Pack, Troop, or Crew Committee is authorized to select one or two (please do not submit more than 2) of its adult leaders as its best representative(s) of Scouting ideals. So, let's hear it from you for your best Scouter!

The selection should be based on excellence in direct leadership of boys, or on strong support within the successful functioning of the Pack or Troop, or Crew. The Unit Scouter Award will be presented to your awardee(s) by the District Committee. Your selection(s) are accepted without further review by the Awards Committee.

It is expected that your recipient will be attending the dinner

PLEASE HONOR YOUR RECIPIENT BY HAVING YOUR PACK TROOP or CREW PAY FOR THEIR DINNER.

4 **Training Awards** will be presented for Scouter courses completed. Please be certain to submit the record cards at the Council Service Center to allow time for preparation of certificates.

Venturing Forum



Minsi Trails Council is pleased to announce Multi-District Venturing Forums (formally know as Roundtables). The southern tier will consist of Forks of the Delaware, South Mountain and Trexler, Districts. These meetings will be held on the **Third Monday** of the month. The initial meeting was on February 18 at 7:00 PM at the Council Office.

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The South Mountain District is a geographical area located in Lehigh and Northampton counties which serves the school districts of Bethlehem Area, Saucon Valley, and Southern Lehigh. Municipalities within the South Mountain District include Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Center Valley, Coopersburg, Fountain Hill, Freemansburg, Hanover Township, Hellertown, Lower Milford, Lower Saucon, Steel City, and Upper Saucon.



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Eagle Rank application change

The new printing of the Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 58-728, has a notable change. Now, under Requirement 5, the name of the candidate's Eagle project is required, as well as the grand total of hours devoted to it (from page 10 of the Eagle Scout Leadership Project Workbook). The new application will be required beginning May 1, 2008.



The information about Eagle projects will be entered along with other information from Eagle Scout rank applications, and will be stored on our database and accessed through PAS. Councils will be able to run reports at the district or council level. This new database of Eagle projects will also be available at area, region, and national levels.

REGIONAL OUTDOOR SEMINAR



The Northeast Region will be conducting an Outdoor Program Seminar on Friday, October 3, through Sunday, October 5, 2008, at Camp Alpine, New Jersey. The seminar is designed for council volunteers and professionals with camping and outdoor program responsibilities.

The seminar will focus on risk management, asset management, Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing programs, BSA Standards, OSHA and other regulatory requirements, strategic planning and council camping committee operation, merit badges and training in the outdoor environment.

The conference is under the leadership of Father James Lang from the Hiawatha Seaway Council. Each council should plan on sending in recommendations on topic presenters as well as council representatives to be invited at a future time.

2008 OA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINARS AND NATIONAL LODGE ADVISER TRAINING SEMINAR



The Northeast Region will be conducting two National Leadership Seminars this spring. The first one will be at Camp Alpine March 28 - 30 and the second will be at Camp Guajataka in Puerto Rico from May 2 - 4. The NLS stresses leadership skills and how to use them in various leadership assignments. These courses have been filling up, so lodges should take care to send in their reservations well before the published deadline dates.

A course specifically for lodge advisers will be held at Camp Alpine on March 28 - 30. Lodge advisers and associate lodge advisers will find that this covers their responsibilities, provides them with the resources to do the job, as well as national resources and program information. This course is not for just any adult in the lodge. Please send only the lodge's prime advisers, selected chapter advisers or individuals being groomed for these specific positions.

Venturing Leader Training



April 19, 2008

South Mountain District is scheduled to teach **Venturing Leader Training at 8:30AM** at the Council Office, cost is 7 dollars.

Register on line at the Minsi Trails Website Training Tab. Select Venturing **Leader Specific Training**, select the **Council Office** and register

<http://www.minsitrails.com/training.asp>



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**TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER
WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44
ORDER OF THE ARROW**

First Wednesday of the Month

The Tunkhannock Chapter of the Witauchsoman Lodge meets on the 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)



OA Unit Elections are completed for 2008 Newly elected candidates can complete their Ordeal at our upcoming Spring Fellowship Weekend at Camp Trexler (May 30-June1,2008), register at the Council Office by May 16, 2008.

Upcoming Events

ALLENTOWN TRADE-O –REE

Saturday April 5, 2008 9am-3pm at Jordan Lutheran Church, Snowdrift Rd, Orefield
Scouting Memorabilia – Buy / Sell / Trade
(Patch trading area will be available for youth)

SPRING FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

May 30 – June 1, 2008 at Camp Trexler

NE-4A CONCLAVE June 13-15, 2008 at Bayshore Scout Reservation (Jonestown, PA)
SPOTS ARE LIMITED! Conclave is a gathering of the seven Lodges in our Section (NE-4A) Cost is \$30. Sign up at the Council Office

SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC July 12, 2008

1pm-6pm at Riverview Park Pavilion in Palmer Township

Cost is \$5 per person – refunded at the event
All OA members and families are invited. Great food and a great time!

FALL FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

Sept.5-7, 2008 at Camp Minsi

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

Southern Tier Venturing Forum

When: **April 21, 2008 at 7:00pm**



LEADERSHIP

Guest Speaker: Allentown Grotto about Spelunking

Where: Minsi Trails Council Office

991 Postal Road, Allentown

Who: Venturing Crew Advisors and Youth

Questions: John Arno, Forum Coordinator

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District Chair

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District Executive

New Unit Chair

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