



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

May 2006

Dates to Remember

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 [4]
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 [4]
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 [10]
Webelos meet the Troops	10-21-06 [10]
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
- [4] Trexler Scout Reservation
- [5] Camp Minsi
- [6] Minsi Office
- [8] Kutztown University
- [9] Hawk Mt Scout Reservation
- [10] Hellertown Sportsmen's Gun Club
- [96] Candlelight Conference Center

[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.

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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Commissioner Corner

Training Committee

Cub Scout Roundtable

May 3, 2006

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

June 7, 2006

Theme: Red, White and Baloo
 Opening Pack 362
 Troop Flag Folding
 Summer activities
 Breakout Sessions
 Closing Pack 360

July no Roundtable

Boy Scout Roundtables

May 3, 2006

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

June 7, 2006

Theme: Boating
 Sailing and Canoeing
 Opening Fluke
 Boating Sailing and Canoeing Phantom
 Closing Old Crow
 Cleanup Hedgehog

July no Roundtable



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 or ask your DE

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

Do to personal reasons John Arno had to step down from the ACD-Services position but will continue working with us.

I would like to introduce Dan Stryker as our new ACD-Services. Dan is a long time Scouter and was approved for the course by his Scout Executive. He has held several Cub Scout Leadership positions from Dens to Cubmaster for over 20 years and as ASM. He is a Venturing Advisor and Commissioner. He serves as a Assistant District Commissioner for the Orange Mountain District which use to be my old council "Orange Mountain Council". He is a Woodbadger, Sea Scouter and District Scouter with 30 year Veteran award to name just a few of his scouting background.

Consultants are being finalized and this will be a Great Experience for all participants and staff.

To date we have consultants with the following expertise: **[Backing]** Past Ranger at Philmont Scout Ranch / EMS Instructor / Green Mtn Club, **[Cave Exploring]** National



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Speleological Society, [Communications] PHD and International Communications Expert, [COPE] National Camp School COPE Director, [Cycling/Mountain Biking] International Mountain Biking Association PA Rep, [Emergency Preparedness] International Emergency Preparedness consultant, [Emergency Preparedness and First Aid] Fire Fighter/EMT Red Cross Instructor Emergency Response & CPR, [Expedition Planning] Leave No Trace Master Educator and Kodiak and Kodiak X Course Director, [Hunter Education] PA Game Commission Agent, [Land Navigation -Map & Compass] US Orienteering Federation Delaware Valley Chapter Boy Scout Liaison, [Land Navigation – GPS] GPS Consultant and instructor, [Land Navigation – Stars] Lehigh Valley and Berks County Amateur Astronomical Society instructor, [BSA Safety sessions] Certified council instructor, [Leave No Trace Camping] Leave No Trace Master Educators and a State Advocate – New Jersey, [Mountaineering] COPE and C/R trained (NCS Director, [Outdoor Living History] Historian and mountain man, [Physical Fitness] Rehabilitation Services for Allied Services Home Health, [Plants and Wildlife/Ecology] Ecologist, [SCUBA] SCUBA Instructor, [Shooting Sports-Rifle Pistol] NRA Rifle instructor, [Shooting Sports-Shotgun & Archery] Hellertown Gun Club [Working with teens] Teacher / Educator

New First Class requirement take effect June 30, 2006



Beginning January 1, 2006, an additional requirement will be added to the requirement for First Class rank in Boy Scouting. Scouts beginning their First Class requirement work after this date must complete the new requirement. Scouts

working on First Class requirements prior to this date will have until June 30, 2006 to complete First Class rank without completing the new requirement.

The new requirement tests the candidate's persuasive communications skills and can help make Scouting available to more boys. It reads as follows:

"Tel! Someone who is eligible to join Boy Scouts, or an inactive Boy Scout, about your troop's activities. Invite him to a troop outing, activity, service project, or meeting. Tell/ him how to join, or encourage the inactive Boy Scout to become active. "

The Boy Scout Handbook and 2006 Requirements book will be updated with this new detail. Please share this information with all or your troop leaders.

All Scoutmasters were sent a DVD containing tools that young Scouts can use to assist them in competing this requirement, including 2 video that trains them how to speak to their friends about joining, 2nd a video or Scout activity images they can share with someone interested in joining. Also, Scouts can find support for the completion of this requirement on the Boy Scout membership Web site, www.thescoutzone.org

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.



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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 This is to honor all our 2006 Eagle Scouts

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@minsitrails.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.

Volunteers are needed to support the program and physical arrangements requirements of Jambo. Contact Jim Gillick at the council office to offer your services

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



Camping Committee

BOY SCOUTS:

there are still campsites available at Camp Minsi -- registration is down for this summer there, particularly from South Mountain District Troops. Make sure every Boy Scout has an opportunity for a summer camp experience. Contact Jane Chase at Minsi Trails Council, 610/465-8568 for Camp Minis info.

CUB SCOUTS:

Cub Scouts doesn't stop in June ! Give your boys a summer camping experience this summer, at our Council overnight camp, Akelaland, or at one of our Cub Scout Day Camps.

There are still some 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 McPeek, 610/462-5157 for info.

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

July 10-14: 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.

FOR MORE CAMPING INFORMATION CONTACT:

Don Miles, So. Mt. Dist. Camping chairman, 610/865-3844 (eves.) or don.miles@verizon.net

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

Life Scout Was Earned Before Star Scout



When scouting began in the United States, there were three class of scouts: Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. When a boy became First Class he could work on and qualify for merit badges. These badges were intended to stimulate the boy's interest in the life about him and

were given for general knowledge.

First Class scouts who earned the following five merit badges: First Aid, Athletics, Life-saving, Personal Health, and Public Health were entitled to wear the Life Scout badge.

You will notice that all the five merit badges for Life Scout centered around health and fitness. The heart of the Life Scout badge was a fitting symbol for these badges.

The Star Scout badge was given to the First Class scout who qualified for ten merit badges including the badges under Life Scout. The star, a symbol on our flag, was a fitting symbol for recognizing a boy who had achieved a higher level of recognition.

The order of Life before Star remained until 1927. In 1927, scouting organizers realized that to go from Life to Star was reasonably easy since any five additional merit badges were required. So the switch was made to have Star requiring any five merit badges (possibly because the star had five points) come before Life which now would required the five required health and fitness merit badges plus the any five earned as a Star Scout



Scout Skills

AN EASY WAY TO LEARN THE INTERNATIONAL MORSE CODE

A APPLE		N NOSE	
B BAT		O OSTRICH	
C CAMEL		P PIG	
D DOG		Q QUILT	
E EGG		R ROADSTER	
F FOX		S SUNFLOWER	
G GOAT		T TURTLE	
H HEAD		U UMBRELLA	
I EYE		V VICTROLA	
J JERMAN AND THE WHALE		W WHEELBARROW	
K KETTLE		X OX	
L LAMP		Y YACHT RACE	
M MULE		Z ZEBRA	



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