



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

May 2007

Dates to Remember

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 [7]
OA Spring Weekend	06-01-03-07 []
District Meeting 7:30pm	06-05-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-06-07 [2]
Eagle to Life	06-06-07 [2]
OA Summer Picnic	06-09-07 []
Philadelphia Zoo	05-12-07 [99]
District Commissioners 7pm	06-27-07 [7]
Cub Fall Event	10-5-7-07
JAMBO	05-16-18-08 [92]

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
- [7] Rosemont Lutheran Church
991 Postal Road, Allentown, PA 18109
- [7] Kutztown University
- [10] Hellertown Sportsmen's Gun Club
Meadows Rd, Hellertown
- [92] Kutztown University
- [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] Philadelphia Zoo

Tunkhannock Chapter



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May 5- Beaver Day at Camp Minsi.

May 7-9 Scoutreach Twilight Day Camp at Marvine Elementary School in Bethlehem

May 9 Flag distribution on Veteran's graves – contact Chapter Chief for details

May 19 – Sand Island service project.

June 1-3 Spring Fellowship Weekend at Camp Trexler. This is an excellent opportunity for all Ordeal members to seal the bond of Brotherhood.

June 8-9-10 Section Conclave at Camp Lavigne

July 7 Lodge Picnic at Camp Trexler

Who to contact:

Chapter Chief: Alex Nilsen (610) 346-9592

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Venturing New Releases

New Venturing Insignia

Available through the Venturing Division at the National Office are the Council Venturing President Patch and the Area Venturing President Patch. Please contact Sharon Aycock at 972-580-2084 to place an order.

New Patches:



Youth Protection

Coming out this May will be the updated Youth Protection Personal Safety Awareness DVD. It has two new segments which deal with Suicide and Depression and Pornography. Check with your local Scout Shop or National Store on availability.

Sea Scouts Recruiting Brochure

Venturing Division is happy to introduce the new Sea Scouts brochure. This recruiting document is design to assist you with your Sea Scouting efforts in your district/service area. Place your order through Bin resources. Bin # is 25-302.

Boy Scout Fall Camporee

Important information for all Boy Scout Troops of the South Mountain District! Mark your calendars for an exciting weekend at Living Memorial Park, in Coopersburg for the annual Fall Camporee. This will be taking place from Friday, October 5th to Sunday, October 7th. We will be checking with units to help run events to make this a success. For more information contact Wayne Biery at wbiery@vitaulic.com or Marci Weaver at smiley9@ptd.net, 610.282.0921 More information will be following shortly.

Life to Eagle



South Mountain District will be presenting a "Life to Eagle Seminar" at 7:30 PM during the June 6, 2007 Roundtable. The path a Life Scout Follows from Life to Eagle will be reviewed and discussed. Emphasis will be placed on the Eagle Leadership Project and its approval. The elements of a good Eagle Project will be reviewed. Attendance is open to all interested persons, although targeted to Life Scouts and their adult leaders.

Armed Forces Day Parade

Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 2 p.m

Rain date: Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 2 p.m

*Sponsored by the
Lehigh Valley Military Affairs
Council
Hosted by the
City of Bethlehem*

See flyer 0507-Armed Forced attached



Tiger Hunting

Let's go **Tiger hunting**! This is the perfect time to engage kindergarten boys early (during the months of April and May), excite them more, and keep them longer.

Reasons for a "Tiger Hunt:"

Opportunity to recruit new leaders and kids before fall – grow your pack now and build on that success in the new school year.

New Scouts can take part in Day Camps and Akelaland if accompanied by an adult – only way a new Tiger can go to camp!

New Scouts can earn summertime pack awards – after going to Day Camp they then get to go with the pack to other summer events. This means increased participation and enthusiasm for these activities, too.

New adults can be trained at before summer – imagine your pack already has next



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year's Tiger Leader up to speed before fall recruiting!

These boys now love Cub Scouts! Having been involved all summer long, they're going to tell all of their friends when school starts back up and your pack will grow even more!

How do we accomplish this? First, invite kindergarten boys to join now! Sign the families up and have them participate in pack meetings. Turn in all applications to the council office – these boys will be officially registered in June, but may participate in activities and be covered by insurance under the clause: "... intent to join." This also means that awards and advancements cannot be officially earned until June. Please feel free to contact Arby Beisel at rbeisel@minsitrails.com or 610-465-8563 with any questions you might have.

Beaver Day

Camp Minsi needs our help on Saturday Morning, May 5th, there will be many projects to help get Camp ready for summer.

Painting: Chapel benches, Director's cabin, Cooks cabin

Prepare fire circles at camp sites

Spread stone by Health Lodge, Trading post, Site 2, etc to fill chuck holes and reduce mud

Set up Shotgun area

Set up Water Front: Help prepare for a new foot wash, new Oar Rack, new Buddy boards, New PFD closet

Set up GPS Course

Set up Frisbee Golf Course

Friends of Camp Minsi will be welcome to camp on Friday and or Saturday night. There will be activities to help you enjoy camp on Saturday afternoon.

David Ellis

(973) 583-1818 cell

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College of Commissioner Science a Great Success

Scouters from every district in Minsi Trails Council and from nine different councils were among the 95 individuals who participated in what turned out to be a weekend of learning, inspiration, and fellowship.

The instructors, selected from among the best around, succeeded in putting the WOW factor into each and every course session offered.

Mike Dolan, Dean of Bachelors, reported that 34 participants earned the Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree.

Don Miles, Dean of Roundtable, reported that 12 participants earned the Bachelor of Roundtable Commissioner Science Degree; and that four participants earned the Master of Roundtable Commissioner Science Degree,

Chuck Weber, Dean of Masters, reported that 17 participants earned the Master of Commissioner Science Degree.

Dan Stryker, Dean of Doctoral Degree, reported that three Advanced Studies Degrees and four Doctor Candidate of Commissioner Science Degrees were earned.

In addition, Robert Monto completed the Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree. Monto's Doctorial Thesis, on Venturing, was presented to National Venturing Associate Director Keith Walton, NNJ Council Commissioner John Urine, NNJ Council Assistant Council Commissioner Robert Falcone, Dean of Doctorial Program and NNJ Assistant Council Commissioner-Venturing Daniel Stryker, and the class of Doctorate Candidates. Later, at the graduation ceremonies, Dean Daniel Stryker presented the first "new era" Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree earned in Minsi Trails Council under the "new era" Doctorial Thesis Program to Robert Monto.

Even though the weather forecast of a "Nor' Easter' required, for safety sake, the planned three day college to be completed by Saturday night; the elimination of planned entertainment and free time allowed the full measure of training to take place.



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Those in attendance also experienced a full measure of emotional and inspirational environment; from the "tug at the heart strings" patriotic opening ceremony to the "old version" of the Scoutmasters' Benediction at the closing ceremony.



Newly elected Council President (and Eagle Scout) Mark Holtz started our day with a message that served us pride and purpose to our involvement in Scouting along with our breakfast pancakes and sausages.

After Lunch Scout Executive (and Eagle Scout) Tom Harrington spoke on issues that have been expressed during the recent " Council Key Three" visits to the districts; followed by the latest is Venturing information from National Associate Venturing Director (and Eagle Scout) Keith Walton.

The delicious boneless chicken dinner was followed by a presentation from Eighth Grade Earth Science Teacher and WGAL-TV 8 Meteorologist (and Eagle Scout) Matt Binder. Matthew, one of NASA's 30 member Network of Educator Astronaut Teachers, spoke on the impact Scouting has had on his life; starting from when he was an eight year old Cub Scout through his experiences as a NASA Astronaut Candidate. His presentation highlighted Scouting's character development and paralleled Scouting's skills development opportunities to the current astronaut training program. The audience responded with a rousing standing ovation.

At a special evening ceremony Dean of College Bob Monto and Associate Dean of

College Dave Binder were each presented with the "Presidential Call to Service Award – Lifetime Level" sponsored by the President of the United States. Dan Stryker of NNJ Council, who made the presentation, explained that the awards were to acknowledge the over 82,000 volunteer hours of service to Scouting logged by Bob; and the over 67,000 volunteer hours of service to Scouting and the community logged by Dave.

The course evaluation could be summed up by our commissioners as "Thank you all" for your terrific efforts this weekend (and in preparing for it). Well done to all! (Especially those brave folks who drove in from Darkest Joisey :-). We received very positive evaluations of everyone from the participants. I really appreciate all the help you gave to the Roundtable program. Let's do it again! You are to be commended for your efforts in finding the successful combination to educate, entertain and enlighten those of us who strive to do the best jobs we can in our Scouting roles!

A "Special Thanks" goes to Stu Bergmann, Staff Advisor for the 2007 Inter-Council College of Commissioner Science, for his encouragement and support throughout the event.

The Philadelphia Zoo and Cradle of Liberty
Council, BSA
Tiger Cub Graduation

Saturday, May 12th, 2007

So make tracks to the Zoo!

All Tiger Cubs will be admitted free to this celebration. There will be a special window at the Zoo's box office where friends and family members of the Scouts may purchase Zoo tickets at a group rate of \$12.

Parents must register on-line prior to May 5th at www.colbsa.org

Admission tickets can be picked up at the main gate of the Zoo (34th and Girard Avenue) at **9:30**

AM Wear your uniform...and bring your pinewood derby car!

Party on Impala Lawn! Advancements! Games!
Graduation Ceremony! Magician!
Animal Treasure Hunt throughout the Philadelphia Zoo! Animal Experts!



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Celebrate with the Family! ...and More!

Call Cradle of Liberty council for more information. Do not call the Zoo.

Tiger Cub Hotline – (610) 688-6900 x282 (610) 688-6900 x243 or (215) 988-9811 x239

Venturing Roundtables no longer exist

Keith Walton, National Associate Director-Venturing announced that the Term “Venturing Roundtable and Venturing Roundtable Commissioner has been changed to Venturing Forum and Venturing Forum Commissioner.

2007 Eagle Recognition Dinner

Minsi Trails Council, BSA 2007 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner Honoring the Eagle Class of 2006

Congratulations on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout! As an Eagle Scout you will have many opportunities throughout your life – attending the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner is your first!

Thursday, 24 May 2007 Holiday Inn Conference Center Route 100 & Interstate 78 Fogelsville, PA

6:30pm – Gathering

7:00 – 9:00pm Dinner & Presentations

You will join with 200 Eagle Scouts in your class, their families, Scout Leaders and Eagle Sponsors from the Minsi Trails Council to celebrate your achievement of earning Scouting’s highest honor.

As a Scout, earning the rank of Eagle Scout in 2006, you will receive complimentary admission to the dinner, a chance to dine with your Eagle Sponsor and a special gift for your achievement. Eagle Scouts attending the dinner can also apply for two Eagle Scholarship Awards, which will be awarded to two Eagle Scouts in the Class of 2006. Additional information will be mailed shortly.

Application attached

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