



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

May 2008

Dates to Remember

District Meeting 7:30pm	05-06-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-07-08 [2]
BALOO	05-10-08
JAMBO	05-16-18-08 [99]
Venturing Forum	05-19-08 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	05-28-08 [3]
OA Spring Weekend	05-30 to 06-01 [6]
District Meeting 7:30pm	06-03-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-04-08 [2]
OA Conclave	06-13-15-08
New Leader Essentials	06-14-08 [2]
Cub Leader Specific	06-14-08
Venturing Forum	06-16-08 [5]
Coopersburg Day Camp	06-16-20-08
Venturing Forum	06-18-08 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	06-25-08 [3]
OA Summer Family Picnic	07-12-08
Bethlehem Day Camp	07-14-18-08
Venturing Forum	07-21-08 [5]
District Meeting 7:30pm	08-05-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-06-08 [2]
Venturing Forum	08-18-08 [5]
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]
OA Fall Weekend	09-05-07-08 [4]
Powder Horn weekend 2	09-05-07-08 [98]
Woodbadge weekend 1	09-05-07-08
Venturing Forum	09-15-08 [5]
BALOO	09-20-08
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]
New Leader Essentials	10-14-08 [2]
Venturing Forum	10-20-08 [5]
Cub Leader Specific	10-??-08
Cub Fall Event	10-18-08
District Commissioners 7pm	10-29-08 [3]
Scouting for Food – Bag Drop off	11-01-08
Troop Committee Training	11-01-08 []

District Meeting 7:30pm	11-03-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-05-08 [2]
Scouting for Food – Bag Pick up	11-08-08
Popcorn – Pickup	11-15-08
Venturing Forum	11-17-08 [5]
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]
New Leader Essentials	12-08-08 [2]
Cub Leader Specific	12-??-08
Venturing Forum	12-15-08 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	12-17-08 [3]
Recharter Day	01-05-09
District Meeting 7:30pm	01-06-09 [1]

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 - W. Broad St.,
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

Den Chief Training

May 10, 2008



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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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/](mailto:scoutmachin@yahoo.com) He needs LOTS of HELP!

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;
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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

May 16 - 18, 2008

WHEN: Friday thru Sunday,
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



Activity Consent Form

National has released a new Activity Consent Form to be used by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. See attached SMD0508-ActivityConsent.

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REGIONAL OUTDOOR SEMINAR

October 3, through Sunday, October 5, 2008

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

May 2 – 4, 2008

The Northeast Region will be conducting a National Leadership Seminars this spring. 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 filing up, so lodges should take care to send in their reservations well before the published deadline dates.



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 the South Mountain District Roundtable (St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network Education Center) as



Upcoming Events

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



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HIGH ADVENTURERS WANTED:

COED Adults and Scouts (ages 14-20) in the greater Bethlehem PA area interested in helping create a new Venturing Crew 317 geared toward high adventure activities. Will assist with training! E-mail Frank Steinberg at sternzbt@rcn.com for more info

Camp Minsi Staff Needs

Summer Camp is quickly approaching and we are still in need of staff for the 2008 Summer Camp season. We are looking for dedicated Scouts and Scouters interested in serving as member of the 2008 summer camp staff.



Staff runs from June 15 until August 8, 2008. There are still several vital jobs still open. Working at a summer camp can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life -- building leadership skills, life experience and long-lasting relationships.

Current opening include program guides, instructors, dining hall personnel, and kitchen staff.

Applicants must be at least 15 years of age by the start of employment on June 15th. Staff members must be, or become, registered members of the BSA. Staff members must secure working papers in order to be employed and any staff members over the age 18 must complete a criminal background check.

Salaries are based on the position responsibility with consideration given to the individual's qualifications and experience. Interested applicants can complete the online application located at MinsiTrails.com or CampMinsi.org.

We are also accepting applications for councilors in training (CITs). Camp Minsi's CIT program is open for Scouts ages 14 or 15 who might be interested in serving on staff in the future. The program gives Scouts a taste of what it is like to being a member of the Camp Minsi staff. Scouts can

register for two (or more) weeks of volunteer service and experience through the CIT application located at MinsiTrails.com or CampMinsi.org.

If you have any questions regarding camp staff or the current openings, feel free to contact me - gjarson@bloomu.edu or 610.984.4497.

YOUR HELP IS VERY MUCH NEEDED!!

The Wildlands Conservancy "Burkhart Trails" on South Mountain Road have laid out new trails and are in need of people clearing them!!

This would make a **GREAT SERVICE PROJECT** for Troops and Crews and would help better the Wildlands Conservancy "Burkhart Property". The property is enjoyed by residents, geo cachers, dog walkers, hikers, etc. If you would like to help clear the trails, please contact [Anna Whiting](mailto:AnnaWhiting) or 610-966-9772.

HOPE YOUR TROOP AND/OR CREW CAN HELP OUT!!

Venturing Crews Fundraiser



I am excited to tell you about a new Fundraising Opportunity for Venturing Crews only. Trails End, the Boy Scouts' Popcorn Distributor, spent time polling Venturing youth around the country and designed this Trail Mix sale with two delicious flavors – it's a completely different product from the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts...plus it's branded with the Venturing information and imagery. It can be sold all year round and you get the product up front, for Show and Sell. If your crew is interested in knowing more about this product sale, please contact me, so we can organize an information meeting. Attached is a poster explaining a new product sale from Trails End designed specifically for Venturing.



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Please feel free to contact me with any questions and to let me know if you and your crew are interested in the Venturing Trail Mix Sale.

Amy Frantz, District Executive

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See website for Trail Mix Flyer. <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletter.htm>

2008 Fishing Derby & Family Campout

Activities Include:

Campfire Program BB Range Archery Range

Nature Hike Waterfront And Much More!!!

See website for attachments. <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletter.htm>

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