



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

June 2006

## Dates to Remember

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]
Fall Camporee	10-06-08-06 [98]
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
- [98] Lake Towhee
- [99] To be Determined

## 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](mailto:rmonto@aol.com) use ref District News.

## SMD Website

The South Mountain District web site has added a page with links for online training at [http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/online\\_training.htm](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/online_training.htm).

The links go to the BSA Online Learning Center and other online courses offered by the national BSA's official web site. The courses include Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense, Fast Start for Cub, Boy Scout, and Venture leaders, and basic training for most Cub Scout leader positions.

Some courses require registration and/or a current version of the Flash browser plug-in, both of which are free. When training is completed, the participant fills out a form (including name, unit, and council), and can print a "training card." The BSA Online Learning Center also keeps track of training sessions completed, allows the user to pause and continue at a later time, and charts which elements have been done and which are yet to be done. These courses are not meant to replace traditional training, but to complement them. If you have any leaders who need to get trained and cannot find the time, this is a good place to start. It can help to get new leaders acclimated and give them a desire to learn more.



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## Commissioner Corner

### Cub Scout Roundtable

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

June 7, 2006

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

### July no Roundtable

## Cub Winter Event

I am looking for someone to Chair or Co-Chair the Cub Winter Event which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th from 8:30 (registration) to 12 pm. Please contact Marci Weaver at 610.282.0921 or [smiley9@ptd.net](mailto:smiley9@ptd.net).



## 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](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)

Our course has a staff of 10 from Minsi, NEPA, Bucks, Cradle of Liberty, Shenandoah, Green Mts and Northern NJ.

Our participants will form 5 Crews from several councils; Minsi, NEPA, Bucks, Keystone, National Cap, Patriots' Path, Green Mtn, Southern NJ, Central NJ and Northern NJ

We have one sixth female participants. We have about one third Crews, one third Troops, and one third District / Council participants.

We have filled our 5<sup>th</sup> Crew and will add a 6<sup>th</sup> or back fill the existing crews,

Our consulting staff consist of experts in Back Packing, Cave Exploring, Communications, Conservation, Cooking, COPE. Cycling, Emergency Preparedness, Emergencies, Expedition Planning; First Aid, Fishing, Hunter Education, Map and Compass, GPS, Stars, Safety, Leave No Trace Camping, Mountaineering, Outdoor Living History, Physical Fitness, Plants and Ecology, SCUBA, Rifle, Shot Gun, Pistol, Archery, Canoeing, Working with Teens, Wilderness Survival and Winter Sports/

Participants will receive the Powder Horn device upon completion of the course, Crew Picture, Powder Horn Golf shirt and limited edition Powder Horn patch.

Space is limited so sign up now.



## Cub Scout Football Fun day

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

9am-12pm

at

Nitschmann Middle School

➤ Free event!

➤ Great football instruction!

➤ Take part in skills challenge!



For more information, call the Council Service Center at 610-264-8551

### DIRECTIONS

*From the west and I 476, NE Extension PA Turnpike:*

Take the Lehigh Valley exit onto Route 22 East to Route 378 South (first Bethlehem exit) to Eighth Avenue exit. Bear right at top of the ramp, follow Eighth Avenue until first stoplight and turn right. After 1 block, turn right again.

*From the north:*

Take Route 33 South to Route 22 West to Route 378 South (last Bethlehem exit) to Eighth Avenue exit. Bear right at top of the ramp, follow Eighth Avenue until first stoplight and turn right. After 1 block, turn right again.

*From the east:*

Take Route 22 West to Route 378 South (last Bethlehem exit) to Eighth Avenue exit. Bear right at top of the ramp, follow Eighth Avenue until first stoplight and turn right. After 1 block, turn right again.

*From the south:*

Take Route 378 North to Eighth Avenue South exit. Follow Eighth Avenue until first stoplight and turn right. After 1 block, turn right

### New Merit Badge

#### COMPOSITE MATERIALS

1. Do the following:
  - a. Explain the precautions that must be taken when handling, storing, and disposing of resins, reinforcements, and other materials used in composites. Include in your discussion the importance of health, safety, and environmental responsibility and awareness.
  - b. Describe what a material safety data sheet (MSDS) is and tell why it is used.
2. Do the following:
  - a. Explain what are composite materials. Include a brief history of composites and how they have developed.
  - b. Compare the similarities and differences between composites and wood, aluminum, copper, and steel. Explain the physical, electrical, mechanical, corrosive, flammability, cost, and other such properties. For each of these raw materials, give one example for how it can be shaped and used for a specific application.
3. Describe how composite materials are made. Then do the following:
  - a. Discuss three different composite reinforcement materials, their positive and negative characteristics, and their uses. Obtain the MSDS for each one and discuss the toxicity, disposal, and safe-handling sections for these materials.
  - b. Discuss three different resins used in composites, their positive and negative characteristics, and their uses. Obtain the MSDS for each one and discuss the toxicity, disposal, and safe-handling sections for these materials. Include thermoset resins and thermoplastic resins in your discussion.
  - c. For each of the three resins you chose for requirement 3b, think of a new application that might be worth developing.
4. With your parent's permission and your counselor's approval do ONE of the following:



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- a. Visit a company that manufactures or repairs products made with composites. Discuss what you learn with your counselor.
  - b. Find three composites-related Web sites. Share and discuss what you learn with your counselor.
5. Do the following:
- a. Use composite materials to complete two projects, at least one of which must come from the Composite Materials merit badge pamphlet. The second project may come from the pamphlet OR may be one you select on your own that has been approved by your counselor in advance.
  - b. With your counselor's assistance, find an appropriate site where the projects can be safely completed under your counselor's supervision and/or the supervision of an adult approved by your counselor who is knowledgeable about composites.
  - c. With your counselor, determine how the finished projects will be evaluated. Using those guidelines, evaluate the completed projects with your counselor.
6. Find out about three career opportunities in composite materials. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

UNIT Type (Pack/Troop/Crew)

UNIT #

**Fall Recruiting:**

Fall Recruiting Contact:

Fall Recruiting Contact Phone #:

Fall Recruiting Contact Email Address:

**Popcorn Sale:**

Unit Attending the August 15

Schnecksville Firehouse Popcorn Kickoff? (Y N)

Popcorn Sale Contact:

Popcorn Sale Contact Phone #:

Popcorn Sale Contact Email Address:

**Scouting For Food:**

Unit Participating in Scouting For Food

Good Turn (YN)? Scouting For Food Contact:

Scouting For Food Contact phone #:

Scouting For Food Contact Email Address:

**Friends of Scouting:**

Friends of Scouting Event (Blue & Gold Red & White) Date/Time/Location:

Friends of Scouting Contact:

Friends of Scouting Contact Phone #:

Friends of Scouting Contact Email Address:

**Camp Promotion:**

Camp Promotion Event (Blue & Gold Red & White) Date/Time/Location:

Camp Promotion Contact:

Camp Promotion Contact Phone #:

Camp Promotion Contact Email Address:

## South Mountain District Information Sheet 2006-2007

Dear South Mountain District Unit Leaders,

As you sit down with your unit to do your annual planning, please help our district to more efficiently run our district functions. As you plan, we would like to hear from you regarding a few KEY dates in your schedule. You will receive a form at upcoming meetings. Please fill it out and either email them to gwilson@minsitrails.com or mail them to:

Minsi Trails Council Attn: South Mountain District 991 Postal Road .Allentown, P A 18109

Information we need to help your unit includes:



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## Lehigh Valley Hunting and Fishing Extravaganza



Location : 'Kempton Fairgrounds 'Kempton, PA  
Admission: \$4 Adults, \$1 Ages 8-12, FREE Under 8 FREE to all BOY SCOUTS & GIRL SCOUTS in Uniform  
Time: June 23-25th  
 Friday 12:00 - 8:00pm  
 Saturday: 8:00- 6:00pm  
 Sunday: 8:00 - 6:00pm

This show has tons of hands-on activities and events dedicated exclusively to scouts! Plus, tons more for the whole troop or family to enjoy. You won't want to miss this family fun event.

Scouting ,Exclusive Events: --Duck Blind Building Competition --Top Gun Award Marksmanship Competition --The Challenge Competition

For the Whole Family Events: -50 Target Sporting Clay Shoot -50 Archery target 3D Shoot , -Trout Fishing 'Pond -Outdoorsmen Flea Market .Dog Training Demonstrations -"Mountain Man" Encampment

## Camping Committee



### CAMP PROMOTION:

We need the help of a few good women and men from South Mountain District this Fall to help with Camp Promotion for Cub Packs -- our Cub Scout participation in both Akelaland resident camp and Cub Day Camps is horrible, the worst in our Council. To provide every Cub with a real opportunity for a summer camping experience, we need to work more intensely with the many Cub Packs in our District that do not place a high priority on activities in the summer.

If you can spare the time (hey: it's only an hour a week") please contact Don Miles or Greg Wilson (see below).

Thanks, and have a great summer camping ! Don  
**BOY SCOUTS:**

There are still a few campsites available at **Camp Minsi** (for June 25-July1 and for July 2-8) -- 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:

**Akelaland at Camp Trexler:** 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. Contact Jane Chase at Minsi Trails Council, 610/465-8568 for Akelaland info.

**Day Camp:** Get 5 or 6 Cubs together for a Day Camp Den" ,so parents only have to drive or pick up once.

Day Camp is fun, inexpensive (as little as \$14 a day), nearby -- and, in the Bethlehem area, the ONLY organized summer neighborhood activity for your boys.

Cub Day Camp **fees** are: \$120/Cub without parent or \$70/Cub if accompanied by parent who volunteers to help for the week.

(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:

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.



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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.

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