



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

June 2007

## Dates to Remember

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
Hunting & Fishing Extravaganza	06-22-24-07
District Commissioners 7pm	06-27-07 [3]
Cub Fall Event	10-5-7-07
Scouting for Food-Distribution	11-03-07
Scouting for Food -Pick up	11-10-07
JAMBO	05-16-18-08 [99]

### 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] Rosemont Lutheran Church on W. Broad St. in Bethlehem
- [99] Kutztown University

## JAMBO 2008

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 16-18, 2008

KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

## 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.

## Tunkhannock Chapter



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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

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## South Mountain Boy Scout Fall Camporee

Important information for all Boy Scout Troops of the South Mountain District! Come out to the camporee and show off your Survival skills and see if you CAN SURVIVE! 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 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be checking with units to help run events to make this a success. So far we would like to thank the following troops for volunteering to run an event: 364, 362, 302, 347, 300, 191, and OA. We are still looking for troops to volunteer for the following events: Survival Shelter, Campfire Skit, Ameba Race, and 2-man saw relay. Check out the registration fees! If you register early- now until July 27<sup>th</sup> the cost is \$6, July 28<sup>th</sup> thru September 21<sup>st</sup> is \$7 and the deadline to register and final cost is from September 22<sup>nd</sup> thru September 28<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$10.50. We will be having a special cook off with the units making their favorite HOBOW STEW! For more information contact Wayne Biery at [wbiery@vitaulic.com](mailto:wbiery@vitaulic.com) or Marci Weaver at [smilely9@ptd.net](mailto:smilely9@ptd.net), 610.282.0921



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## L.V. Hunting & Fishing Extravaganza

June 22-24, 2007

We have over 100 Sportsmen volunteers coming out to share their skills with the scouts !! These People are among some of the best in the state in their fields & as Instructors. JUNE 22nd 23rd & 24th 2007 To start with our second annual Lehigh Valley Hunting and Fishing Extravaganza is coming along really great. We are getting help from a lot of really super people. Our web site is being updated at this time, [www.lvhfe.com](http://www.lvhfe.com) if you haven't checked it out yet, please take a few minutes to do so. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Leaders, & the children enrolled in Camp Compass will again be admitted into the show free of charge. We are working hard putting together a top notch program for the scouts. The invitation includes any or all days of the event on the condition that scouts and leaders are in class A uniform tops. Special events and instructors will be at the show to share their outdoor passions with the scouts. They can come out and hone there skills as an outdoorsman and learn from some of the best outdoorsman, in the area. The Scout Challenge is a competition comprised of 10 stations requiring outdoor skills of all kinds. Participants will receive instruction and a score upon their completion of each activity. At the completion of all 10 stations, participants will turn in their score cards for a completion prize. At the end of the weekend, the top three scores will receive prizes. Some of the skills included will be Black Powder shooting, BB gun, and Video Shooting, Tomahawk Throwing, Rod Casting, Knot Tying, Bow Shooting and more. This year we will also have a Troop Challenge for Boy & Girl Scout troops to compete for cash prizes for their unit. This will be a Pioneering and / or Camp Gadget type competition. Here are the rules, all projects must be made using natural tree timbers, and they must be held together with Cecil rope or twine and may be notched and or dovetailed together. These projects can be anything gateways, bridges, catapults, rafts, chairs, towers, Indian type beds, or any inventive creation they can come up with. All entrees can be delivered and set up on the

Kempton Fair Grounds Thursday June 21st or Friday June 22nd. We would like all projects pre-registered via e-mail to Bob Danenhower through the Web Site e-mail system by June 10th. I just wonder if there is a group of girl scouts out there that could possibly beat a group of boy scouts at this challenge!! Thanks Bob V Danenhower Sr. Co-Show Director 610-398-7609. For additional information, check out the website at [www.lvhfe.com](http://www.lvhfe.com)

## District Information Sheet

The attached District Information Sheet is a tool designed at a recent District Committee planning meeting. It is to be completed once a year by each Unit under the guidance and help of your Unit Commissioner. Completing each section will give the District Committee the information needed to support each Unit at every level of programming. The form is in Word format allowing you to complete it on line, returning it directly to Arby Beisel, South Mountain District Executive. If you choose to complete this on line, you can simply forward it to him at [rbeisel@minsitrails.com](mailto:rbeisel@minsitrails.com) You can also make a copy and complete it with the assistance of your Unit Commissioner, giving Unit and Commissioner an excellent opportunity to discuss and plan for a successful year. Each Commission has been informed of this Information Sheet and will be in contact with you to offer explanation and help as needed.

Thank you for doing this, a step we think will help each Unit, the District, and the boys and families we have the privilege to work with.

Yours in Scouting, Gary Marsh, District Chairman



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