



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

June 2008

## Dates to Remember

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| District Meeting 7:30pm          | 06-03-08 [1]     |
| Roundtable / OA Chapter 7 pm     | 06-04-08 [ ]     |
| 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         |
| Commissioner Basic Training      | 10-18-08         |
| 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]     |

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Commissioner Doctor Degree program | 11-22-08     |
| 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
- [98] Goose Pond

### DO YOU KNOW CAMP MINSI?

I am looking for information on the History of Camp Minsi. I recently learned that it was a 'floating' camp prior to the current locations purchase in 1949. A fellow Scouter has Camp Minsi patches from 1944 & 1945. I would appreciate any help that you can offer.

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### Roundtable Change

**Notice :** June Roundtable change of location  
**See attached flyer and SM District website**

### Woodbadge Course Dates:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend  
**September 5-7, 2008**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend  
**September 27-29, 2008**





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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;  
Walt Godshall at [rosewalt68@msn.com](mailto:rosewalt68@msn.com)  
570-474-6968 & 570-606-6879

Or

Robert Monto at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto: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;

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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.



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



## Upcoming Events

### 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](http://www.tunkhannockoa@yahoo.com)

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:gjarson@bloomu.edu) or 610.984.4497.



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## Venturing Crews Fundraiser

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. The product retails for \$10.00 with 75% going back to Scouting. Contact your local council for details.

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, Venturing Staff Advisor  
610-465-8558 or [afrantz@minsitrails.com](mailto:afrantz@minsitrails.com)

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

Remember all Fundraisers should have a Unit Money Earning Application filed with your Council.

## 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](mailto:sternzbt@rcn.com) for more info

## New Boy Scout and Leader Uniform

National has released a new Boy Scout and Leader Uniform with Forest Green Tabs and other changes.

Scouting has come a long way from the original short pants and stockings of the British Scout uniform from 100 years ago. As technology advances, high-performance, functional fabrics evolve, allowing us to improve upon and make significant changes to the Boy Scout Uniform.

It's all about comfort, ease of care, and functionality. The shirts and pants are lightweight and highly durable in microfiber Supplex® nylon or cotton-rich poplin and canvas. Bellows pockets keep things secure with hook-and-loop closures; roll-up sleeves stay in place with Swiss tabs. From the top of the new forest green cap down to the moisture-wicking socks, you'll be comfortable and proud to wear the new official Centennial Boy Scouts of America® Uniform.

**Supplex® Nylon** is an amazing cotton-soft, yet highly durable, moisture-control fabric that wicks away moisture in the hottest of conditions, dries quickly, and offers 50+sun protection. Available in khaki (shirts) and forest green (pants).Technology Defined

**Cotton Rich Poplin** khaki shirts of 67% cotton and 33% polyester offer the comfort of cotton with the wash, dry and easy-care wear of polyester. Shirts have durable double-needle construction with comfortable generous back pleats and hem vents.

**Moisture Management** A specially engineered, high-performance fabric in which the inner layer draws moisture away from the body to the outer layer where it quickly evaporates, keeping you cooler in hot weather and warmer in cold.

**Cotton Rich Canvas** forest green pants will weather the outdoors because they're made to last in durable 67% cotton and 33% polyester. The high-count cotton canvas helps keep you cool and comfortable, the polyester keeps you looking sharp,



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and the stain-guard fabric finish repels dirt and helps you stay dry in wet conditions.

**Water Repellency** A topical fabric treatment that creates a special easy-care finish which enhances the performance of the fabric, helping to prevent moisture absorption, reduce wrinkles and resist stains.

**Bellows pockets** with hook-and-loop closures have replaced the button-flap patch pockets. There are two pockets on the chest and a smaller one on the left sleeve.

**The uniform cap** is still the great cotton twill classic, now it's gone from green and red to forest green and is embroidered with a tonal universal emblem on the crown.

**Shoulder loops** and unit numbers have undergone a color change—shoulder loops went from red to a rich shade of forest green. Unit numbers are khaki and forest green.

**Long sleeves** on the shirt have inside Swiss tabs and outside loops so they will stay neatly in place when rolled up.

**The uniform belt** got updated, too. It's a bit wider and a lot beefier in forest green cotton web. It has a threedimensional universal emblem on the steel gray metal buckle and a sturdy, ratchet claw closure.

**The Switchback™ Pants & Canvas Convertibles** are now in forest green in universal sizes with unfinished hems for a custom-length fit. Available in two great fits: Classic (traditional straight leg) and Relaxed (roomier through the seat and thigh). Both have legs that zip off above the knee.

**Uniform socks** in various styles with your comfort in mind. These new high performance socks feature arch support and moisturewicking capabilities

**See attached SMD0608-New Uniform**

## Minsi Trails Council Jambo 2008



Jambo 08 held at Kutztown June 16-18 was attended by Cubs, Boy Scouts and Venturers from both Minsi Trails and Hawk Mountain Councils. All three groups had their own sub camps and the Venturing Subcamp containing over 80 Venturers was very close to the action and even had a genuine teepee erected by Crew 1953. Attendees

participated in many activities Venturing and non-venturing alike. The Venturing Cracker Barrel on Friday night and the Venturing Social, replete with Video games projected on the wall and a DJ playing today's music allowed Ventures to mingle with other Crews. The final event was an all night movie marathon consisting of the "Back to the Future" trilogy. Congrats to the 8 Ventures who made it all night. Plans are underway for 2010, see you there!. John Arno, Venturing Activities Chair, South Mountain District

## Scout Nameplate



**Nameplate**, white letters on black plastic, No. 20100. Worn by all members, either above BSA strip, above interpreter strip, or centered on right breast-pocket flap. May also be worn at top edge of left breast pocket on male dress uniform or on right lapel of female dress uniform.



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**Centennial Quality Unit Award**, cloth, youth member and leader, right sleeve, position 3. See your local council for specific year numbers. Only the most recently earned Quality Unit emblem may be worn.

## Annual Patriotic Concert -- FREE, BUT PRICELESS

Scouts and Scouters, please wear your uniforms... (not required)

Where: Fritz Memorial United Church , 303 Packer Avenue, Bethlehem Pa 18015

When: Sunday, June 8th @ 7:00 pm

Cost: Free concert

Purpose: To honor our Military

Additional Information:

Included in the concert will be bag pipes and the South Side Brass All of the branches of service will be represented

Joe Brennan, State representative, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Point Of Contact: Ray Haislip, W: 610 -317 - 0934, Concert Chairman

## Commissioner's Corner – June 2008



There are three topics I want to discuss with all of you this month – the June Roundtables, Jambo and Summer Camp.

### June Roundtables:

The Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables this month will be held jointly at Hellertown Reservoir Park. District Executive Arby Beisel should have e-mailed all of you about the change by now with directions to the park.

The reasons for the change is twofold. **First**, Cub Roundtable Commissioner Rick Gardner wants to stress the importance of the Webelos to Scouts transition. The Boy Scout Roundtable will join this session to underscore the importance of this transition to Scouting not just in the South Mountain District but to the Scouting movement. **Second**, it's a celebration that's meant to help us all to realize that whether we're Cub leaders or Scout leaders, we're all in this together to help our young people grow and have fun. So let's have some fun!

### Jambo:

I also want to reflect a little bit about some of our experiences at Jambo two weekends ago at Kutztown University. My comments are based solely on my experience as the chief of one of the Boy Scout sub-camps located at the Kutztown Airport.

The night of Friday, May 16, when our Troops showed up to set up camp wasn't ideal. It was raining. And there wasn't enough space. Several of you were quite emphatic about your concerns. I want you to know that you were heard. Your views have been shared both with the professional staff and the Jambo volunteer staff. There's general agreement that there were two major problems. First, in laying out unit camp sites, no consideration was given for dining flies, king canopies or other Troop equipment. Second, it wasn't reasonable to cram five sub-camps onto the available runway space. These concerns will be taken into serious consideration for the next Jambo in 2010, starting off with probably splitting up the Boy Scout camping sites and including allotting units more space for canopies and the like.

This said; let me share with you this observation. While you were struggling trying to fit all your Scouts and tents and volunteers into too little space in lousy weather, sometimes grumbling and unhappy, I want you to think about what you did. You took a bad situation and made the best of it. In four short hours, several thousands Scouts and their leaders erected a tent city in pouring rain. You



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overcame the elements and the challenges. In short, you demonstrated what Scouting is all about. I admired your accomplishment. My hat is off to you!

### Summer Camp:

There are still openings at Minsi. More importantly, there are plenty of openings in our Cub Day Camps. Remember, if we want our Cub Scouts to become Boy Scouts we must make sure they have a fun, outdoor experience. The Day Camps are an excellent way to make this happen.

The first Day Camp will be held June 16-20 at the Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park in Coopersburg. The second will be held July 14-18 at Clearview Elementary School in Bethlehem. Call Jane Chase at the Council Service Center. Her phone number is 610-465-8568 or speak to the reception at the Service Center front desk. Go camping!

Yours in Scouting,  
Eric Chiles  
South Mountain District Commissioner

## District Committee



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## Roundtable News



In order to recognize the adult Cub Scout parents who will bridge over to boy scouting this year we are planning a special ceremony. Please encourage all your parents of

new scouts to attend. This will be a family picnic with hot dogs and soft drinks provided. We ask that you bring a covered dish to share. Driving directions can be found at

<http://www.keystonemg.com/hellertown.html>

Round table takes a vacation in July and resumes at St. Luke's on August 6th.

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The South Mountain District is a geographical area located in Lehigh and Northampton counties which serves the school districts of Bethlehem Area, Saucon Valley, and Southern Lehigh. Municipalities within the South Mountain District include Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Center Valley, Coopersburg, Fountain Hill, Freemansburg, Hanover Township, Hellertown, Lower Milford, Lower Saucon, Steel City, and Upper Saucon.



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