



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

July 2006

## Dates to Remember

No July District Meeting	
No July Roundtable	
District Meeting 7:30	08-01-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 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 Chapter 7:30pm	09-06-06 [2]
Powder Horn Course	09-08-10-06 [4]
OA Fall Weekend	09-08-10-06 [ ]
District Commissioners	09-27-06 [3]
District Meeting 7:30	10-03-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 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]
New Leader Essentials	10-28-06 [97]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 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
Popcorn pick up	11-17-18-06
District Commissioners	11-29-06 [3]
District Annual Meeting 7:30	12-05-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-06-06 [2]
District Commissioners	12-27-06 [3]
District Meeting 7:30	01-02-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	01-03-07 [2]
OA Winter Banquet	01-06-07 [ ]
Cub Winter Event.	01-13-07
Council Annual meeting and Dinner	01-26-07 [ ]
District Commissioners	01-31-07 [3]
District Meeting 7:30	02-06-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	02-07-07 [2]
Pinewood Derby	02-10-07 [ ]
District Commissioners	02-28-07 [3]
District Meeting 7:30	03-06-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-07-07 [2]
University of Scouting	03-10-07 [ ]
District Commissioners	03-28-07 [3]
Pinewood Derby	03-31-07 [ ]
District Meeting 7:30	04-03-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	04-04-07 [2]
College of Commissioner Science	04-14-07 [ ]
SMD District Dinner	04-21-07 [1]
NYLT	04-20-22-07 [ ]
District Commissioners	04-25-07 [3]
NYLT	04-27-29-07 [ ]

District Meeting 7:30	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	05-12-07 [ ]
District Commissioners	05-30-07 [3]
OA Spring Weekend	06-01-03-07 [ ]
District Meeting 7:30	06-05-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-06-07 [2]
OA Summer Picnic	06-09-07 [ ]
District Commissioners	06-27-07 [3]
Cub Fall Event	10-21-07

## 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
- [97] Lehigh University, Maginnes Hall, Bethlehem
- [98] Lake Towhee
- [99] To be Determined

## Monthly Tunkhannock Chapter Meetings



The Tunkhannock Chapter of the Witauchsoman Lodge meets on the first Wednesday of each month

at Northeast Middle School, located at 1100 Fernwood St. in Bethlehem (location changes for the July Meeting). We meet at 7:30 PM on the same date and at the same location as the South Mountain District Roundtable.

## Who to Contact

**Chapter Chief:** Stephen Davis,  
**Chapter Adviser:** Ellsworth C. Machin, III. To contact, call (610)-746-1886



### 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.

### Commissioner Corner

#### Cub Scout Roundtable

#### July no Roundtable

#### Boy Scout Roundtables

#### July no Roundtable

Thanks to Dr. Michael J. Dolan, one of South Mountain's Unit Commissioners, we have a brochure that explains what to expect from your commissioner and what the commissioner can do for you and your unit. To get a copy for your unit contact Eric or Greg

As most of you have heard by now, there was a decision recently to change the direction and staffing of the District's Cub Roundtable. At this point good progress has been made in pulling together a new staff and we'll make a complete

announcement of who the new Cub Roundtable Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners will be in next month's newsletter. Due to previously scheduled vacations, the new staff will take over for September's Roundtable. However, they've asked that Cub leaders bring their unit calendars to the August Roundtable to help them tailor their program for the coming year to meet your needs and interests. Greg Wilson and I will run August's Roundtable and make sure the new staff gets your calendars. Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated and will help the new staff do a better job.

One of the key reasons for making these changes is the importance of providing better support to our Cub programs throughout the District so we help them provide stronger programs to attract and keep Cub Scouts. For the past two years at least, our Cub recruitment has been dropping off. As we look toward the future this is a critical concern for not only the District's Cub Packs but for our Boy Scout Troops, too. Fewer Cub Scouts eventually mean fewer Boy Scouts. Some of this may be cyclical but we as a District owe to our youth to do whatever we can to improve our programs and be as responsive as we can to this changing environment.

Another big change is also coming this year - Internet Rechartering. Starting this year the Minsi Trails Council will join the majority of Councils across the nation in doing the annual rechartering process via the Internet. As things are being discussed now, it will mean that the entire Minsi Trails Council will recharter in December. Details are still being worked out, but elsewhere in this month's newsletter Assistant District Commissioner Bernie Suess will go over some of the things units will have to prepare for.

Thank you for everything all of you do to provide our young people the opportunity of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

Eric Chiles

South Mountain District Commissioner



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## 2007 District Dinner

Mark your calendar for the 2007 District Dinner on April 21, 2007 at the East Hill Moravian Church.

## Cub Winter Event

### Cub Winter Event – Correct Date

The correct date is Saturday, January 13th.

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 [smilely9@ptd.net](mailto:smilely9@ptd.net).

Papers have been put in all unit folders at roundtable in months of March/April giving the dates of the fall, winter and for cubs- the Pinewood Derby. Please go by these dates when planning your yearly calendar. Any questions feel free to contact me at [smilely9@ptd.net](mailto:smilely9@ptd.net) or phone-610.282.0921.

The theme for the fall event is Indian Lore, which is Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have an event in mind, please let me know. I will be sending out e-mails and making phone calls more in August and September.

## Training Schedule

<p><b>New Leader Essentials</b> 10/28/2006 7:00:00 AM to 11/1/2006 1:00:00 AM Lehigh University, Maginnes Hall, Bethlehem <a href="#">view all training</a> <a href="#">register for course</a></p>	<p><b>Scoutmaster &amp; Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training</b> 10/28/2006 8:30:00 AM to 11/18/2006 2:30:00 PM Lehigh University, Maginnes Hall, Bethlehem <a href="#">view all training</a> <a href="#">register for course</a></p>	<p><b>Youth Protection and Safety</b> 12/6/2006 7:30:00 PM to 12/10/2006 1:30:00 PM Old North East Middle School, Bethlehem <a href="#">view all training</a> <a href="#">register for course</a></p>
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## Training Committee

### 2006 Powder Horn

August 25 -27 and

Sept 8-10, 2006

**Registration Cut off is July 31. We have only 8 spots open to fill the course**

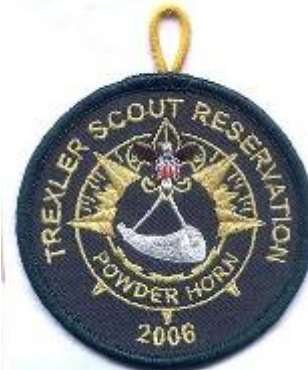
Register now for a spot with our Crews. We have met our Participant goals and can only accept a few more participants

For an Application email Bob Monto at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com) or go to the Minsi Trails Website.

Our course has a staff of 12 from Minsi, NEPA, Bucks, Cradle of Liberty, Shenandoah, Green Mts and Northern NJ.

Our participants have been formed into 5 Crews from over 16 Councils

Keith Walton National Associate Director Venturing is scheduled to Staff our 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend.



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

Space is limited so sign up now for our final Crew

Our course stats show 20% female and 80% male participants with 33% Venturing Direct leaders 33% Boy Scout direct leaders and 33% District and Council leaders.(Commissioners and district committee)



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## PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING / POW-WOW  
Saturday, October 28, 2006 Randolph Middle School  
Check-in at 8:00 AM. Opening at 8:30 AM. Classes start at 9:00 AM. Closing ceremony at 3:20

Go to the Patriots' Path Council Website at PPBSA.org  
Click on the University of Scouting and print the registration form

### Den Chief Training

Saturday, October 28, 2006 at Randolph Middle School, 500 Millbrook Ave, Randolph, NJ. Cost \$5.00 For reservations call Phone: 973-765-9322 ext. 239

Two sessions are available: 8:30-11:30 am or 12:30-3:30 pm

## Service Project

The American Legion Post 406 is in need of new War Crosses (White). All Wars as a Pack, Troop, or Crew or Eagle project. The Post has sample Crosses to show and give. Contact Commander Gerhart Bassett at 610-691-2098 (H) or 610-762-0433 Cell or call the Fountain Hill American Legion at 610-691-6171

The American Legion also has an Eagle Scout award called Eagle Scout of the Year. For an application go to [http://www.legion.org/pdf/eagle\\_scout\\_2006.pdf](http://www.legion.org/pdf/eagle_scout_2006.pdf)

## Advancement

Just a reminder to all troops to get merit badge/advancement forms into council soon after summer camp. We are still meeting for Eagle project approvals and Boards through the summer.

## Recharter on line

Starting with the 2007 Charters the Minsi Trails Councils will use the National online recharter process. All Packs, Troops and Crews will recharter in December for the 2007 year. More information will follow at roundtables. Your Unit Commissioner will have the latest information.

The main link to the site is <https://scoutnet.scouting.org/ucrs/UI/home/default.aspx> and the tutorial is at:

<https://scoutnet.scouting.org/ucrs/Help/tutorial/main.html>

the Frequently Asked Questions are at:

<https://scoutnet.scouting.org/ucrs/Help/FAQ/tips.htm>

The District and the commissioner staff will have more information on this process as it is released.

## Service Project

The Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor is comprised of five counties in eastern Pennsylvania: Luzerne, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton and Bucks. The Corridor is recognized as the birthplace of the anthracite coal industry in America and the American Industrial Revolution. The 165-mile long Delaware and Lehigh (D&L) Trail dissects the Corridor and follows the canals and railroads that once transported coal from mine to market. A multitude of Eagle Scout service opportunities exists along the trail, all of which fall into five areas that are outlined below.

Eagle Scout candidates who are interested in pursuing one of these areas as his service opportunity is asked to contact Dennis Scholl, D&L Outreach Coordinator, by telephone (610-923-3548; Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.), mail (D&LNHC, 1 South Third St., Easton, PA 18042), or e-mail [dennis@delawareandlehigh.org](mailto:dennis@delawareandlehigh.org)

Dennis or another D&L representative will meet interested candidates and serve as their D&L advisor.

1. Mapping of D&L Trail Maintenance Sites  
Eagle Scout candidates will identify D&L Trail maintenance problem sites and use a compass or a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit to locate them by latitude and longitude.



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2. GPS Mapping of Historic Sites Along D&L Trail

3. Organization of D&L Trail Tenders group and trail cleanup program

4. Creation of a D&L Trail Enhancement Site Enhancement of a trail for the benefit of trail users can take many forms.

5. Invasive plant management plan Invasive (non-native, .alien) plants pose threats to plants and wildlife that live adjacent to the D&L Trail,

For detail information contact Greg Wilson or the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

HOW TO SIGN UP Contact the council for a form or visit our District website for the form:

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**Minsi Trails Council Cub Scout Fishing Derby and Family Camping Akelaland Cub Scout Camp Trexler Scout Reservation FREE!!!!!!**

Fishing Derby and Family Camping Saturday July 15, 2006 Check in Saturday 07/15/068:30 AM to 9:00 AM Fishing Derby at two lakes 9-12 Noon. This event happens rain or shine! Door prizes will be given out!

In the afternoon the Akelaland Summer Camp staff will be providing programs such as BB shooting, Archery, Nature Hikes, and More!!

You are invited to stay and camp overnight at Akelaland. Tents and Cots are provided. Space is limited to 228 campers. Packs that sign up first will get the council supplied tents. Any additional will need to supply their own tent.

You must provide for all of your meals needed for the weekend.

Check out on Sunday by 11 00 AM

WHAT TO BRING Fishing Pole/Equipment, Sunscreen. Hat. Water Bottle, Rain Gear, Camera (Optional), Money for Camp Trading Post (Optional) If you are camping you need to bring the following:

Sleeping bag, Pillow, Flashlight, Meals for your stay. Roster of who is camping in your Pack/