



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

August 2006

## Dates to Remember

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

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## 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.

## 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.

### Cub Fall Event

The tribes are out to hunt down some Cubbies to join them in a FUN filled day of events. Come out to the Cub Fall Event on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at the Sportsmen's Gun Club in Hellertown. This event will be held rain or shine from 8:30 (registration) until 12

noon. This year's theme is Indian Lore. The cost is \$4 for pre-registration up to Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5 after the 6<sup>th</sup> and at the door. Price includes a patch, hot dog and soda. Our OA team dancers will have individual dance demonstrations and have the cubbies join in the Indian dancing at 9:30 and 10:30 am. At 11:30 am they will be demonstrating the team dance. The boys will be able to have their pictures taken in an Indian costume. There may also be a surprise to go along with this. Come out and find out what it may be!! Any troop or pack that wishes to help run an event, please contact Marci Weaver at [smiley9@ptd.net](mailto:smiley9@ptd.net) or 610.282.0921. We need the support of our units to help make this event a success. Please contact Marci with any questions you may have about this event.

## Training Committee

### 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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## 2006 Powder Horn

August 25 -27 and

Sept 8-10, 2006

### Registration cut off

We have closed the registration for the course.

If you forgot and must get on the course no applications will be excepted in the Council office unless you notify

Bob Monto and get prior approval. All applications will be placed on a Stand-by list.

Email Bob Monto at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com) to see if there are any openings.





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Our course has a staff of over 15 from Minsi, NEPA, Bucks, Cradle of Liberty, Shenandoah, Green Mountain, Northern NJ and others in the Region. The diversity of the staff and consultants will make this a unique experience.

Our participants have been formed into 5 full Crews from over 15 Councils and have been contacted by their Crew Guides.

We have one sixth female participants. We have about one third Crews, one third Troops, and one third District / Council participants. This will be a great mix with participants from many scouting backgrounds sharing their Scouting experiences.

Our consulting staff consist of experts from business and organizations through out the region with skills 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, Course and Crew Pictures, Special Powder Horn Golf shirt and limited edition Powder Horn patch.

sporting events. Events such as boating, camping, hiking baseball, football, lacrosse, skiing, swimming, soccer, tennis, track and field events...and all other outdoor sports have been visited by lightning.

Education is the single most important means to achieve lightning safety. A lightning safety program should be implemented at every facility, every camp.

### The following steps are suggested:

1. A responsible person should be designated to monitor weather conditions. Local weather forecasts - from The Weather Channel, NOAA Weather Radio, or local TV stations – Weather conditions should be observed 24 hours prior to outdoor events. An inexpensive portable weather radio is recommended for obtaining timely storm data.

2. Suspension and resumption of camping and or athletic activities should be planned in advance. An understanding of SAFE shelters is essential. SAFE evacuation sites include:

- a. Fully enclosed metal vehicles with windows up.
- b. Substantial buildings.
- c. The low ground. Seek cover in clumps of bushes.

3. UNSAFE SHELTER AREAS include all outdoor metal objects like flag poles, fences and gates, high mast light poles, metal bleachers, golf cars, machinery, etc. AVOID trees. AVOID water. AVOID open fields. AVOID the high ground.

4. Lightning's distance from you is easy to calculate: if you hear thunder, it and the associated lightning are within auditory range...about 6-8 miles away. The distance from Strike A to Strike B also can be 6-8 miles. Ask yourself why you should NOT go to shelter immediately. Of course, different distances to shelter will determine different times to suspend activities. A good lightning safety motto is: "If you can see it (lightning) flee it; if you can hear it (thunder), clear it."

5. If you feel your hair standing on end, and/or hear "crackling noises" - you are in lightning's electric field. If caught outside during

## Lightning Safety for Organized Outdoor Events



Practice and training increase recreation and scouting performance. Similarly, preparedness can reduce the risk of the lightning hazards. As a Scout we are taught from an early age to always "Be Prepared". Lightning is the most frequent weather hazard impacting scouting, camping and



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close-in lightning, immediately remove metal objects (including baseball cap), place your feet together, duck your head, and crouch down low in baseball catcher's stance with hands on knees.

6. Wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the last observed lightning or thunder before resuming activities.

7. People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to handle. Apply first aid immediately if you are qualified to do so. Get emergency help promptly.

For more information on this important topic visit the website at <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=13656> or contact Dan Stryker for full details at [dan@gainsllc.com](mailto:dan@gainsllc.com)

## 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](http://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



## Advancement

Thanks to Jon Slaton, Bruce Horton and Jim Daley our Eagle Application is now a word file that is user friendly for our Scouts.

Thanks to Council webmaster Matt Porter for setting it up on the website as of Sunday, July 23.

Go to the council web site – “Resources” and “Council Forms” – It is on the bottom left hand side – when it comes up – “Enable Macros” and you are in business.

Have asked Matt to take my name off the information as it was Jon, Bruce and Jim who did all the work to make this happen.

My Scouting friends – thanks for a great job

We may have something in the Minsi this month about the application being on line and user friendly – if not it certainly will be out there in the next issue.

Try it yourselves – know that it works – then spread the word at roundtables, etc.

Chas.

## 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.



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## Hawaii Superactivity

To get your Application for the 2007 PA Dutch Hawaii Superactivity. Please contact Josuha below. The trip is open to any Venturer who is interested. They do not have to be from the PA Dutch Council. We will be flying out of Phili or Harrisburg, but arrangements can be made for those wanting to leave from other airports.

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