



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

August 2007

Dates to Remember

Coopersburg Day Camp	08-05-10-07
District Meeting 7:30pm	08-07-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-01-07 [2]
District Commissioners 7pm	08-29-07 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	09-04-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-05-07 [2]
District Commissioners 7pm	09-26-07 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	10-02-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	10-03-07 [2]
Boy Scout Fall Camporee	10-5-7-07
Cub Fall Event	10-20-07
District Commissioners 7pm	10-31-07 [3]
Scouting for Food-Distribution	11-03-07
District Meeting 7:30pm	11-06-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-07-07 [2]
Scouting for Food –Pick up	11-10-07
District Commissioners 7pm	11-28-07 [3]
District Annual Meeting 7:00pm	12-04-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-05-07 [2]
District Commissioners 7pm	12-19-07 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	01-08-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	01-09-08 [2]
Cub Winter Event	01-19-08
District Commissioners 7pm	01-30-08 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	02-05-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	02-06-08 [2]
Klondike Derby	02-09-08
District Commissioners 7pm	02-27-08 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	03-04-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-05-08 [2]
District Commissioners 7pm	03-26-08 [3]
First Aide Meet	03-??-08
Pinewood Derby	03-29-08
District Meeting 7:30pm	04-01-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	04-02-08 [2]
District Dinner	04-19-08
District Commissioners 7pm	04-30-08 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	05-06-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-07-08 [2]
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District Commissioners 7pm	05-28-08 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	06-03-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-04-08 [2]
District Commissioners 7pm	06-25-08 [3]

Bethlehem Day Camp	07-14-18-08
Coopersburg Day Camp	08-03-08-08
District Meeting 7:30pm	08-05-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-06-08 [2]
District Commissioners 7pm	08-27-08 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	09-02-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-03-08 [2]
District Commissioners 7pm	09-24-08 [3]
Fall Camporee	10-03-05-08
District Meeting 7:30pm	10-07-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	10-08-08 [2]
Cub Fall Event	10-18-08
District Commissioners 7pm	10-29-08 [3]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-05-08 [2]
District Meeting 7:30pm	11-14-08 [1]
District Commissioners 7pm	11-19-08 [3]
District Annual Meeting 7:00pm	12-02-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-03-08 [2]
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 on W. Broad St. in Bethlehem
- [99] Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA

Newsletter Deadline

Cut off date for all submissions to the South Mountain District newsletter has been set by the district committee as the 25th of the month before the next newsletter. Packs, Troops, Crews, Commissioners and District committees should E-Mail your submissions to the editor, Bob Monto, at rmonto@aol.com, in a word document if possible, on or before the 25th.



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Tunkhannock Chapter

The Tunkhannock Chapter of the Witauchsoman Lodge meets on the first Wednesday 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).

July 7 Lodge Picnic at Camp Trexler

Who to contact:

Chapter Chief: Alex Nilsen (610) 346-9592

Chapter Advisor: Dave Hay (610) 861-4494

JAMBO 2008 SAVE THE DATE

MAY 16-18, 2008

KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

2007 Boy Scout Adult Leader Training



Register for ALL courses at

www.minsitrails.com/training

(South Mt. District courses shown in **BOLD**)

Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Leader

Specific Training:

Tue, Wed, Tue Sept. 8, 11, 12 - St. Marks UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St, Allentown - 6:30-9:30 pm

Sat. Oct. 13 - Maginnes Hall, Lehigh U, Bethlehem - 9:30am-6:30 pm

Wd, Thu Nov. 14, 15 - site TBA, Stroudsburg - 7:00-10:00 pm

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills:

Sat-Sun Sept 15-16 -Hawkeye site, Camp Trexler -8:00a Sat-3:00p Sun (So.Mt.)

Fri-Sun Oct 19-20 - Hawkeye site, Camp Trexler - 6:00p Fri-12 noon Sun (Forks)

Fri-Sun Nov 2-4 - Hawkeye site, Camp Trexler - 6:00p Fri-12 noon Sun (Pocono)

Troop Committee Training:

Wed Sept 19 - St. Marks UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St, Allentown - 6:30-9:30pm

Sat Oct. 6 - Hope Lutheran Ch, 240 S.8th St, Tatamy - 7:45am-12:30pm

Wed Nov 7 - South Mt. Roundtable, St. Lukes Educ. Ctr - 7:00-10:00pm

Thu Dec 6 - site TBA, Stroudsburg - 7:00-10:00 pm

New Leader Essentials:

Sat May 19 - Minsi Trails Council office - 9:30-11:00 am

Thu June 21 - Camp Spirit, 1718 Mulberry Rd, Fogelsville - 6:30-8:00 pm

Sat Sept 29 - Hope Lutheran Ch, 240 S.8th St, Tatamy - 9:30-11:00 am

Sat Oct 13 - Maginnes Hall, Lehigh U, Bethlehem - 8:00-9:30 am

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 5th to Sunday, October 7th. 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, OA, and 318. We are still looking for troops to volunteer for the following events: Campfire Skit, Ameba Race, and Log Disassembly. Check out the registration fees! If you register early- now until July 27th the cost is \$6, July 28th thru September 21st is \$7 and the deadline to register and final cost is from September 22nd thru September 28th at a cost of \$10.50. We will be having a special cook off with the units making their favorite HOB0 STEW! Want to order another patch for keepsake? Check out the flyer and take advantage of ordering an extra patch for \$1.50? If so, fill out the form and send to Minsi Trails Council on or before Wednesday, August 29th to have the guarantee of having the extra patch. For more information contact Wayne Biery at wbiery@vitaulic.com or Marci Weaver at smilely9@ptd.net, 610.282.0921



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WEBELOS Outdoor/BALOO:

Sat Sept 29 - site TBA, Bethlehem - 9:00am - 4:30pm

for more information: Tom Stalsitz, So. Mt. Dist. vice-chairman for Training 610/202-1393 or smtraining@hotmail.com

Don Miles, So. Mt. Dist. Boy Scout Training chairman 610/730-2514 of donmiles@rcn.com

Coopersburg Area Day Camp (Twilight)

Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park, Coopersburg, August 5-9, 2007

Times: 4-9pm (camp begins on Sunday evening)

Fee \$120

Fee with parent/guardian volunteer \$70

Theme: Knights in Day Camp

Contact: Dan Bosh, Program Director 610-791-0334

District Committee Bio



Every District Committee member or Scouter should fill out or update your SMD Scout Bio. If you need your existing bio for update or wish to submit a new Bio form contact Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com

Summer Fun!

What will your son be doing this summer? Surfing the beaches of Hawaii? Traveling through time to break bread with the Knights of the Roundtable? Cruising through outer space? Attending carnivals or a circus? How about attending Day Camp?



The South Mountain District is having two weeks of Day Camp with activities designed for fun and learning without spending the night away from home.

Led by a National Camp School certified staff, the week's activities may include nature, handicraft, sports, outdoor skills, water activities, BB gun, archery, and slingshot; flag ceremonies, skits, songs, and theme related events are also part of the program. Day Camp is available to any Cub Scout, but boys entering first grade next fall must be accompanied to every day by an adult. Parents are asked to attend as volunteers for these events.

More information can be found at: <http://www.minsitrails.com/camping/CubScout/DayCamp/default.asp>

What's cooking?

Do you smell that? Why, I think it's popcorn! It's never too early to think about this fantastic fundraiser – especially as you being to plan next year's program calendar. Please help our district run more efficiently and let Arby Beisel know at rbeisel@minsitrails.com who your "Popcorn Kernel" will be this fall!



Popcorn Sale Contact:

Popcorn Sale Contact Phone #:

Popcorn Sale Contact Email Address:

Centennial Quality Unit Award

Have you completed this form yet? There still are a number of units who haven't turned in the paperwork for this award! Attached to this newsletter is the form – please contact Arby Beisel at rbeisel@minsitrails.com to ask any questions you might have and also find out about the statistics to help you complete it. In order for your unit to receive special recognition, this document will need to be completed ...





Advice for personal and unit Web sites

To assist local councils in providing guidance to individuals who wish to operate Web sites on behalf of their Scouting units, the National Council is providing the information below, which addresses a few key items pertaining to personal Web sites. While this is not a comprehensive guide, it covers some of the most important concerns. Councils should review their own guidelines for unit Web sites to ensure these key topics are addressed.

This information should not be construed as an authorization for private individuals to operate Web sites of behalf of the Boy Scouts of America. It does not indicate councils are required to link to unit sites, nor does it supersede any guidelines or policies that any local council has developed for its own units.

NOTE: *Unit Webmasters should contact their local councils for policies and procedures pertaining to the use of the Internet for promoting and supporting Scouting units.*

*Your contact in the South Mountain District is **Bernie Suess** at webmaster@minsi-southmountain.com*

Each Unit Webmaster is encouraged to be a member of the District web committee.

Advice for personal and unit Web sites

While units and members act as private individuals when communicating with the public, the National Council provides the following advice for those who use the Internet to promote and support their units or to communicate to the public about Scouting:

Decorum

Scouters should exercise propriety and good taste. Remember that the Internet (including Web sites, chat rooms, bulletin boards, and even e-mail messages) is a public medium. Your conduct reflects not only on yourself and your unit, but also on the entire Scouting movement whenever the audience knows you are a Scouter.

Personal Safety

While most Internet users are honest, there is a criminal element that seeks information as a way to gain access to victims. For that reason, be

especially careful about providing any personal information—names, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc. Always get written permission before posting personal information about adult volunteers, and never publish personal information about youth members. If you display or post images of adult and youth members involved in Scouting activities on your Web site, you should first obtain written permissions from the adults and the parents or guardians of any youth members. Here are some suggested languages you can use.

Obtaining Permission to Use Personal Information

Here are some sample releases you can use to obtain permission to use personal information on your Web site:

For Adults (over age 18)

I am an adult over the age of 18 years. I authorize the Boy Scouts of America, its Councils, and units to use my name and [specify any other personal information] and display my image and likeness on [identify council's or unit's] web site. This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

For Children (under age 18)

I am an adult over the age of 18 years and I am the parent or legal guardian of [name], a minor (“child”). I have full authority and do authorize the Boy Scouts of America, its councils, and units, to display my child's image and likeness on [identify council's or unit's] web site. This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked by me or my child in writing.

Legal Issues

Myriad federal and state laws govern publishing in any medium, including the Internet—copyright infringement, privacy of information, defamation, etc. You should familiarize yourself with these laws so you can ensure that the information you publish doesn't create any legal problems for you or your chartered organization. Key among these legal issues are that (1) you should never collect personal information about youth members over the Internet, and (2) you should never reproduce or display on your Web sites content from some other source without written permission.



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BSA Policies and Procedures

All policies and procedures that apply to any activity are still in effect when that activity is conducted on the Internet. For example, any online recruiting must be done in accordance with policies and procedures that govern offline recruiting.

In addition to these general guidelines, local councils may develop their own more detailed guidelines for unit Web sites. Local councils may require units to meet council guidelines for their sites to be recognized (linked) from the local council's own Web site.

For these reasons and constant changes in policy and procedures, units are advised to have your webmaster contact and be a member of your district web site committee.

almost \$8.00 off a general admission or nearly \$3.00 off the child admission.



New York City 12MileHike September 15, 2007

For Full Flyer, Registration form and National Tour Permit, visit the SMD Websiyt

WEBELOS MEET THE TROOPS CAMPOUT – OCTOBER 19TH, 2007

That is correct; we are going to try something different this year and have a campout with the Webelos I & II's the evening before the Cub Scout Fall Event. This campout will also be held at the Hellertown Sportsman Club. The details of this event are being finalized and more information will follow. Watch for flyers to be distributed. This event will need Boy Scout Troop volunteers to help out. Please contact Gary Brueningsen at 610-865-5380 or he will contact you!

Venturing Event



All Hands on Deck 2007 Cardboard Boat Regatta At Camp Minsi

August 10, 11, & 12

Good food Good friends Good Times
See flyer attached



August 18, 2007

Camelbeach Waterpark

Come out and support the Council! Bring a friend to learn more about Scouting!

Camelback will make a donation for each paid admission that day to Minsi Trails Council.

Exit 299 I-80 •

Tannersville, PA

camelbeach.com •

570/629-1661

Visit the Council Office to purchase your discount tickets ... **only \$22.00 each!** That's

"CUB AND EARN" FALL EVENT - OCTOBER 20TH, 2007

The Cub Scout Fall Event will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at the Hellertown Sportsman Club. This year we will be trying some new and exciting things; come out and have your Cub Scout earn some pins. The morning will be filled with games, crafts and fun to help our Cubs achieve some advancements. Be sure to watch for detailed information to be distributed. Don't miss the deadline to register; the Cubs are sure to have a great time. If there is anyone that is interested in helping with the event please feel free to contact Colleen Marzigliano at 610-216-1459.



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