



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A. September 2007

Dates to Remember

District Meeting 7:30pm	09-04-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-05-07 [2]
OA Fall Fellowship	09-7-9-07 [4]
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
- [4] Camp Minsi
- [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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KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY**



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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 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

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

Intro 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

Lehigh Valley Metro Wilderness Adventure Race

Saturday, September 23, 2007

Start: app. 8:30AM, Registration begins at 7:00AM

Sand Island, Bethlehem, PA

Chris Kita, Race Director, (610) 967-6776

Flyer attached – Wilderness Adventure Race



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WHAT TRAINING DOES ONE NEED FOR BEING A SCOUTMASTER OR ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER ?

BSA "Boy Scout Fast Start" (available online at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BSA "New Leader Essentials" (available on multiple dates this fall: register at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BSA "Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training" (available on multiple dates this fall: register at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BSA "Boy Scout Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills" (available on multiple dates this fall: register at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BSA Online "Youth Protection Training" (available online at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BSA "Troop Committee Challenge" (available on multiple dates this fall: register at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BALOO/Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

Who should attend? All Webelos Leaders and Pack Unit Leaders responsible for leading outdoor activities.

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2007

Time: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00 (Payments can be made by check or Credit card)

Course Location: Camp Serranova, 73 Saint Peters Rd, Macungie, PA 18062-8546

Register no later than: September 5, 2007 online at www.minsitrails.com/training; or send form and money to Council Headquarters.

See Flyer for full details

WHAT TRAINING DOES ONE NEED FOR BEING A CUBMASTER, ASSISTANT CUBMASTER, DEN LEADER OR PACK COMMITTEE MEMBER ?

BSA "Cub Scout Fast Start" (available online at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BSA "New Leader Essentials" (available on multiple dates this fall: register at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BSA "Cub Scout Leader Specific Training" (available on multiple dates this fall: register at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BSA Online "Youth Protection Training" (available online at www.minsitrails.com/training)

recommended: BSA Cub Scout Outdoor Training (BALOO) and Webelos Outdoor Leader Training

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:

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

WHAT TRAINING DOES ONE NEED FOR BEING A BOY SCOUT TROOP COMMITTEE PERSON ?

BSA "Boy Scout Fast Start" (available online at www.minsitrails.com/training)

BSA "New Leader Essentials" (available on multiple dates this fall: register at www.minsitrails.com/training)



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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.



ANNUAL "SCOUTING FOR FOOD" DRIVE

In the Law of the Pack, a Cub Scout gives good will.

In the Boy Scout Law, a Boy Scout promises to be Helpful.

By participating in a Scouting for Food program, scouts get a step closer to fulfilling those words.

The first step in getting your unit involved in a food drive is to find a Scouting for Food Chairman (someone who will organize and promote the project for your unit)

November 3rd

Bags/Door Hangers will be distributed to homes with instructions on pick-up date:

November 10th

Full bags are collected and delivered to area food banks:

Questions? Call or Email Council Contact Terry Cavenas at (570) 778-1191 or tcavenas@minsitrails.com

Chaplain Aide Training



When: Saturday Oct. 27th from 10:00AM until 3:00PM

Where: Faith United Methodist Church; 1160 Hill St., Stroudsburg, PA

Cost: \$10.00 (includes lunch)

How: Walk In; Register at MTC; Call Jeff Bauer at 610-966-2925 or bauerjv@cheerful.com call Dave Gower at 610-849-0645 OR call Joe Tadrzynski at 610-967-6000



Summer ends earlier and earlier. I hope all of you and your Scouts had some kind of camping experience this summer. But here it is early September, Labor Day weekend is upon us, and we're all gearing up for another busy year of Scouting.

We all want our Scouts to have fun and learn. For this to happen, we do the best we can to provide them with active programs. But good programs begin with good planning. August and September are the months Pack and Troop committees should be sitting down and developing their program calendar for the coming year. If you haven't done this yet, get cracking! Don't go into October without a planned program for the rest of the year. To help with this, the South Mountain District plans various activities for you Scouts to participate in. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about the Fall Camporee and the Cub Fall Event. Build these events into your calendar. They are opportunities to have fun and learn from one another.

This is also the time of year when all of our Cub Packs should be scheduling their School Nights and Roundups. Not all of you have! I can't stress how critical these recruiting events are to your units and the long-range health of our District and Scouting in general. Our Commissioner Staff will be forming Rally Teams to help District Executive Arby Beisel assist you in having successful School Nights. But you have to get the ball rolling by scheduling dates for these and letting Arby know when you plan to have them. Get in touch with Arby or School Night Coordinator Karen Long as soon as possible.

Another big event this time of year is the Popcorn sale. The South Mountain kickoff was last week. Just as all our units need more Scouts to grow and have fun, we need money to pay for equipment and activities. It's just a fact of life. The Popcorn sale is a great opportunity for you units to earn cash and for your Scouts to put money in their accounts and earn neat prizes. It goes without saying that it's of vital importance to the Minsi



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Trails Council's overall financial health, as well. It takes a lot of money to keep our camps operating and to provide the professional services we all use. So your participation is very, very important. Get out and sell!

Lastly, do you know who your Unit Commissioner is? How often have you seen him or her? They are here to help you and your unit be more successful, to find answers to your questions and suggest solutions to your problems. I have asked all of them to contact you about your program planning. Please provide them with calendars. Just as the Minsi Trails Council has set a national trend by emphasizing training for more of our adult volunteers, it is also stressing the importance of having planned program calendars. Some of you have unique and totally fun activities that your Scouts do. Sharing those might help other units to have more fun, too. So let your Unit Commissioners know what you plan to do this year. And if you don't know who your Unit Commissioner is, a list of them and their assignments appears elsewhere in the newsletter. If you don't have a Unit Commissioner assigned to you (right now there a couple units who don't), contact me. We're always looking for more people to serve as Unit Commissioners, maybe there is someone in your unit who can help. Our goal is to have 100 percent coverage and do whatever we can for you and your Scouts to have a wonderful Scouting experience.

Yours in Scouting,
Eric Chiles
South Mountain District Commissioner

Venturing Training

Venturing Leader Specific is being held at **Northern New Jersey Council** in Oakland on October 15th, 2007. Starting at 8:30AM thru 2:00PM

OLD COLONY COUNCIL is holding Centuring Leader Training – Flyer attached.

Order of the Arrow – Tunkhannock Chapter

- 8 Arrowmen from Tunkhannock Chapter were part of the Witauchsoman Lodge contingent attending our annual Section NE-4A Conclave at Camp Lavigne near Bloomsburg, June 8-10, 2007. Our Lodge gathered with the 6 other Lodges in our Section for a weekend of training, games, and fellowship. Tunkhannock's Ryan Hay was elected Section Vice-Chief for the coming year.
- July 11, Tunkhannock Chapter played miniature golf and enjoyed ice cream at the Oasis on Schoenersville Rd. 17 Arrowmen attended.
- Upcoming Tunkhannock Service Projects:
 - August 25 – Camp Minsi Chapel
 - September 22 – Sand Island clean-up
- September 5, Tunkhannock will be holding Chapter Elections. Please inform the youth OA members in your Troops to attend the Chapter meeting, cast their vote and get involved because the OA is youth led.
- Fall Fellowship Weekend September 7-9, 2007 at Camp Minsi. Encourage scouts elected to the OA this year to complete their Ordeal if they didn't at the Spring Weekend. All OA members are encouraged to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for any members who completed their Ordeal prior to 2007 to seal the bonds of brotherhood and become full members in the Order of the Arrow.
- Tunkhannock will be running stations at the SMD Fall Camporee and the SMD Cub Fall Event.





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Cub Fall Event

Keep your calendars marked – October 20th from 9-3 the Cub Scout Fall Event. This event is being held at the Hellertown Sportman’s Club. There is a full day planned for the Cub Scouts to “Come and Earn”. Some of the planned events are BB guns; archery; crafts; cooking; and so much more. Early registration is due by September 28th and the cost will be \$7; after this date the cost will be \$8 at the door. We are looking forward to this event and hope to see all the packs there. Any questions please feel free to contact Colleen Marzigliano at 610-691-6380 or cmarzigliano@rcn.com.

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