



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A. September 2008

## Dates to Remember

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
District Commissioners 7pm	09-24-08 [3]
Woodbadge weekend 2	09-27-29-08
Fall Hike-O-Ree	10-4-08
District Meeting 7:30pm	10-07-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	10-08-08 [2]
New Leader Essentials	10-14-08 [2]
SM & ASM Leader Specific	10-18-08 [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]
Troop Committee Training	11-01-08 [2]
Scouting for Food – Bag Drop off	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
OA Section Officers Seminar	11-7-9-08 [99]
OA National leadership Seminar	11-12-14-08 [99]
Popcorn – Pickup	11-15-08
Venturing Forum	11-17-08 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	11-19-08 [3]
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
OA Family Banquet	01-03-09
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  
 [99] Camp Alpine

## Powder Horn Cluster Course Information

**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. John Arno will serve as ACD-Ranger Camp a Youth program being developed. Steve Mehl will serve as ACD-Services and others will be consultants and staff. Alex Stirton will serve as Shooting Sports Consultant. Many other participants and staff are registering from Minsi.

The course has a limit of 48 participants and as of this month we have an "I am interested list" of 80+ Scouters. We have several paid registered already. Rush your application with deposit in ASAP.

This will be the first time that we ran a separate youth Ranger program during a Powder Horn. John Arno will serve as Ranger Course Director as well as Powder Horn Consultant. That explains why he is Pierre and John at the same time.

To request more information contact;

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## TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44 ORDER OF THE ARROW

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).

Tunkhannock Chapter members provided cheerful service at Camp Minsi on August 23, 2008. They installed benches at the newly expanded Chapel.

They expect to finish the project at the Fall Fellowship Weekend in September. The Arrowmen also ate very well thanks to Dave Ellis.

### Upcoming Events

CHAPTER MEETING Sept. 3, 2008

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009

IMPORTANT FOR ALL YOUTH  
ARROWMEN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING!!!

**FALL FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND**  
Sept.5-7, 2008 @ Camp Minsi This is a great opportunity for all Arrowmen who became Ordeal prior to 2008 to seal the bonds of Brotherhood. There is no additional cost. **THIS IS A LIMITED OFFER.** Please register at the Council Office – (610) 264-8551

**LODGE FAMILY BANQUET** Jan. 3, 2009 at SKYTOP LODGE (SKYTOP, PA) in the Poconos.

**NOAC 2009** August 1-6, 2009 at Indiana University NOAC is the National Order of the Arrow Conference where over 8,000 Arrowmen from across the country gather on a University Campus for a week of training, fellowship, and fun activities. **SLOTS ARE LIMITED.** Youth Arrowmen sign up at Council Office (\$100 deposit).

**Reminder** – 2008 & 2009 membership dues can be paid at Chapter meetings.

### Who to contact:

**Chapter Chief:** Mike Mayrosh, Jr.  
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## South Mountain District 2009 Recognition Dinner

**Mark your calendars now!**

**Date:** Saturday April 18, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** East Hills Moravian Church  
1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, PA



**Attendees:** All Adult Scouters, Spouses, and Chartered Partners are cordially invited to honor all award recipients.

Start thinking now about who YOU or your UNIT would like to honor.

## 2010 National Jamboree



Registrations for our 100th Anniversary Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill have been brisk. Councils are actively promoting this historic event.

The following information will be helpful:

1. Those applying for council troop leader positions should **ONLY** apply for that role. Individuals **NOT** selected may then call the Jamboree Division and request that the application be switched to Jamboree staff consideration. No additional application fee is required. Do not apply twice.
2. Anyone who has completed earlier versions of Wood Badge will have met the Wood badge requirement for staff positions requiring same.
3. The Jamboree Registration website was suspended for a few weeks to allow for the correction of several software issues. A few other areas of the electronic form have been improved or clarified.
4. Councils will receive a Jamboree promotion DVD soon.



5. Local Council Jamboree staff advisors will receive periodic updates from the region and the BSA's Jamboree website will continue to be updated as well. This Jamboree, our last at Ft. A.P. Hill, promises to be the most exciting yet.

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND OUTDOOR CHANNEL TEAM UP FOR ORIGINAL SERIES

Original Series Based on the BSA's Flagship Magazine *Boys' Life*, Targeting Young Outdoorsmen, Teaches Wilderness Skills with Emphasis on Safety and Team Building

The Boy Scouts of America and *Boys'Life* magazine have partnered with the Outdoor Channel, America's leader in outdoor TV, to develop the network's original youth-oriented series, *scouting for Adventure Presented by Boys' Life*. The six adventure-filled episodes capture Scouts in action as they explore the wilderness and educate viewers on outdoor skills and BSA's core values of education, safety and team building

"Outdoor Channel offers BSA the ideal platform to intro-duce millions of homes to the exciting world of Scouting, and I'm confident that we will successfully engage parents and youth alike," said Robert J. Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive. "By bringing our *Boys ' Lzfe* to life, we aim to share the spirit of adventure that is the foundation of Scouting programs and encourage viewers to get out and experience the great outdoors."

Filmed at the National High Adventure Bases and Scout camps across the country, cameras will follow Scouts as they take on intense outdoor obstacles and challenges, like coral-reef sailing or mountain trekking. Each episode will also include safety tips and "how to" elements that complement the outdoor activity.

Everyone on our production team was a Scout at one time. We all remember that thrill of adventure as a young boy discovering the great outdoors," said Lloyd Bryan Adams, Executive Producer at the Outdoor Channel. "We hope the series will inspire viewers to get outdoors and explore, but I'm most proud that the shows will incorporate many of

### WORLD RECORD PINEWOOD DERBY?



Cub Scouts and leaders in the Greater Pittsburgh Council set an unofficial World Record for the largest-ever Pinewood Derby Race on Sunday, May 18, at Kennywood Park. A total of 227 cars sped down 86 lanes of track during a two-minute timed race, making 1,026 runs.

The Pinewood Derby Car is synonymous' with the Cub Scout experience. The first Pinewood Derby ever held took place in 1953 in Manhattan Beach, CA. Since then, an estimated 43 million sons and parents have participated in this great race.



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BSA's core values that transform young Scouts into grounded, hard-working men."

*Scouting for Adventure -Presented by Boys ' Life joins the Outdoor Channel's unique programming lineup with its premiere on July 30*  
**See Scouting for Adventure Flyer**

## 2008 OA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP & LODGE ADVISOR TRAINING SEMINARS

**September 12 - 14, 2008**

The Northeast Region will be conducting one additional National Leadership Seminar (NLS) this fall. It will be from September 12 - 14, 2008, at Camp Alpine, Alpine, NJ. This course stresses leadership skills and how to use them in leadership assignments

Also, during this weekend at Camp Alpine there will be a Northeast Region OA Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS). Lodge Advisers and Lodge Staff Advisers are encouraged to attend together

Registration materials on both of these seminars have been mailed to councils



## Order of the Arrow Section Officers Seminar

**November 7 - 9, 2008**

Scheduled for November 7 - 9, 2008 the Order of the Arrow Section Officers' Seminar will be held at Camp Alpine, NJ. Invitations will be sent to all newly elected and re-elected section chiefs, vice chiefs and secretaries. In addition to the section adviser and the section professional staff adviser, the conclave youth chairman and service lodge conclave adviser are also invited

## Future Dates to Remember

The following dates are for you planning of unit activities. Most dates are final but some may change for unknown reasons. We hope this will help you in planning your calendars.

OA Lodge Banquet	01-03-09
District Meeting 7:30pm	01-06-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	01-07-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	01-08-09 [1]
Re-Charter Day	01-10-09 [1]
Cub Winter Event	01-17-09
Venturing Forum	01-19-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	01-28-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	02-03-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	02-04-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	02-12-09 [1]
Klondike Derby	02-14-09
Venturing Forum	02-16-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	02-25-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	03-03-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-04-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	03-12-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	03-16-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	03-25-09 [3]
First Aide Meet	03-14-09
Outdoor Leader Skills part 1	03-26-09 [ ]
Pinewood Derby	03-28-09
Outdoor Leader Skills part 2	03-31-09 [ ]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	04-01-09 [2]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 3	04-04-09 [ ]
District Meeting 7:30pm	04-07-09 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	04-09-09 [1]
Venturing Leader Training	04-11-09 [5]
Boy Scout Youth Protection	04-18-09 [ ]
District Recognition Dinner	04-18-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	04-20-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	04-29-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	05-05-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-06-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	05-14-09 [1]
College of Commissioner Science	05-15-17-09 [ ]
Powder Horn Weekend I	05-15-17-09 [98]

Scheduled for November 7 - 9, 2008,



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Venturing Forum	05-18-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	05-27-09 [3]
Powder Horn Weekend II	05-29-31-09 [98]
OA Spring Weekend	05-29-31-09 [6]
District Meeting 7:30pm	06-02-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-03-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	06-11-09 [1]
OA Conclave	06-12-14-09 [97]
Venturing Forum	06-15-09 [5]
Coopersburg Day Camp	06-15-19-09
District Commissioners 7pm	06-24-09 [3]
Eagle Board of Review	07-09-09 [1]
OA Summer Family Picnic	07-11-09
Bethlehem Day Camp	07-13-17-09
Venturing Forum	07-20-09 [5]
District Meeting 7:30pm	08-04-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-05-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	08-13-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	08-17-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	08-26-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	09-01-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-02-09 [2]
OA Fall Weekend	09-11-13-09 [4]
Eagle Board of Review	09-10-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	09-21-09 [5]
SM & ASM Leader Specific Part 1	09-10-09 [ ]
SM & ASM Leader Specific Part 2	09-15-09 [ ]
District Commissioners 7pm	09-30-09 [3]
Fall Camporee	10-02-04-09
District Meeting 7:30pm	10-06-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	10-07-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	10-08-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	10-19-09 [5]
Cub Fall Event	10-17-09
District Commissioners 7pm	10-28-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	11-03-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-04-09 [2]
Scouting for Food – Bag Drop off	11-07-09
Eagle Board of Review	11-12-09 [1]
Popcorn – Pickup	11-14-09
Scouting for Food – Bag Pick up	11-14-09
Venturing Forum	11-16-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	11-25-09 [3]
District Annual Meeting 7:00pm	12-01-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-02-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	12-10-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	12-21-09 [5]

District Commissioners 7pm 12-30-09 [3]

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- [97] Resica Falls Scout Reservation
- [98] Camp Turell –NNJ Council
- [99] Lehigh Carbon Community College

### Council Venturing Committee

Minsi Trails Council is reforming its Council Venturing Committee. Some of the key items this committee will address are reforming the VOA, all youth and adult training, Council sponsored events, continuing the Venturing Forums, bringing new units on line, High Adventure trips and creating a 5 year plan.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD DATES

Scouting for Food – Bag Drop off 11-01-08  
 Scouting for Food – Bag Pick up 11-08-08  
 See **Scouting for Food** flyer

### Emergency Preparedness Expo

**September 26th, 2008**



Northampton County's Division of Emergency Management Services and the Bethlehem Health Bureau are sponsoring its first annual **Emergency Preparedness Expo** on **September 26th, 2008**, in recognition of National Preparedness Month. This event is open to all community residents, and will take place at the **Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink on Illicks Mill Road** in Bethlehem from **3:00 - 7:00**



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PM. We are soliciting various organizations to assist us in providing an educational and interactive event for our community. Our vision for this expo is to provide individuals and area businesses with the tools and knowledge necessary to become prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster situation. This will also provide the opportunity for community members to meet the individuals who are actively involved in emergency management efforts. We are aware of the continued partnership between emergency preparedness and the Boy Scouts of America

I think this is an exciting opportunity to get involved in community service. If your pack, troop or crew is interested in participating in the event by either putting together a booth or attending the event, please let me know. Additionally, if you are interested in helping staff a booth with scouting information and a way to help get youth registered for scouting, please contact me.

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## Fall Hike-O-Ree

October 4, 2008

Registration deadline September 17, 2008

When to Arrive at SEPTA Lansdale Station

Check in 8:00am to 8:30am

The train leaves promptly at 8:50am

See **Hike-O-Ree flyer**

## “URGENT ROUNDTABLE NOTICE”



South Mountain District Boy Scout Roundtable (Under New Management)

Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 7:00pm

St. Luke’s Hospital, Education

Building

## SEPTEMBER AGENDA

### Roundtable Annual Planning Meeting

- ✓ Come One, Come All
- ✓ YOU set the program (we are here for your interests/concerns)
- ✓ Everyone is welcome (parents included)
- ✓ South Mountain District Boy Scout Roundtable Staff needs your input to provide a quality program. We need to know what YOU want!

Please come and enjoy.

## Veteran Visitation Program



The LVMAC Veteran Visitation Program mission is to visit our veterans residing in state certified personal care and nursing home facilities located in both Northampton and Lehigh County. Our program provides the ability for organizations to coordinate visits through the use of an on-line calendar, in addition to seeking funds for their programs. In return participating organizations are asked to share information on their programs which provides the opportunity to grow the program by increasing the number of facilities visited and the number of visits to our veterans residing in those facilities.

Additional information is available on the Veterans Affairs Committee Program Website <http://lvmac-visitation.org> which you might find of interest. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me vial email.

You may not be aware of the fact that the Minsi Trail Council is a member organization of LVMAC

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## Senior District Executive Corner



I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself to the South Mountain District, my name is Amy Frantz and as of August 1, I am the Senior District Executive serving your district. I have been working for the Minsi Trails Council as the Pocono District Executive since my graduation at Moravian College in 2006. I am a native of Bethlehem and am looking forward to working in the same district where I was in Venturing and where my brother earned his Eagle Scout. I served as the Northeast Region Venturing president and worked on Camp Minsi staff while in college. I am also a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts. When I am not doing scouting, I enjoy traveling, reading, being active in my church, and running (a hobby that I just started). I look forward to meeting everyone at roundtables, here at the office, or during the rest of my work in the district. You can reach me via email ([afrantz@minsitrails.com](mailto:afrantz@minsitrails.com)) or phone (610-465-8558) or at the council office during regular business hours (unless I am out in the district, give me a call ahead of time), please let me know if I can do anything to help you and your unit!

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