



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

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Special Notice

The District Committee meeting will be at 7:30PM All members of any district committee and Members at Large should attend to vote on our District officers

and Members at Large. Same location as our regular meeting at East Hills Moravian Church.

REGISTRATION PAST DUE:

2006 Registration was due at the December District meeting. Registration fees are \$10.80 made payable to Minsi Trails Council BSA.

Dates to Remember

District Business Meeting 7:30	01-03-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	01-04-06 [2]
Recharter Day	01-07-06 [1]
Cub Scout Winter Event	01-14-06
Den Chief Training	01-21/06 [11]
District Commissioners	01-25-06 [3]
Council Dinner Annual Meeting	01-28-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	02-01-06 [2]
Klondike Derby	02-11-12-06 [99]
District Commissioners	02-22-06 [3]
Gathering of Eagles –NESA	02-23-06 [97]
Council Calendar Planning Meeting	02-25-06 [7]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	03-01-06 [2]
District Meeting 7:30	03-07-06 [1]
University of Scouting	03-11-06
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Setup	03-24-06 [1]
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	03-25-06 [1]
District Commissioners	03-29-06 [3]
District Meeting 7:30	04-04-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	04-05-06 [2]
NLE/Cub Specific	04-08-06 [99]
District Recognition Dinner	04-08-06
Outdoor Leadership Skills	04-21-23-06
First Aid Meet	04-22-06
District Commissioners	04-26-06[3]
District Meeting 7:30	05-02-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	05-03-06 [2]
Webelos/Baloo Training	05-06-06 [99]
Council Eagle Dinner	05-10-06 [96]
JAMBO at KU	05-19-21-06 [8]
District Commissioners	05-31-06[3]
Outdoor Leadership Skills	06-02-04-06
OA Spring Weekend	06-02-04-06
District Meeting 7:30	06-06-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	06-07-06 [2]

OA Section Conclave NE4A	06-09-11-06 [9]
District Commissioners	06-28-06[3]
No July District Meeting	
No July Roundtable	
District Meeting 7:30	08-01-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	08-02-06 [2]
Powder Horn Course	08-25-27-06 [5]
District Commissioners	08-30-06[3]
District Meeting 7:30	09-05-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	09-06-06 [2]
Powder Horn Course	09-08-10-06 [5]
District Commissioners	09-27-06 [3]
District Meeting 7:30	10-03-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	10-04-06 [2]
Cub Scout Fall Event	10-21-06
District Commissioners	10-25-06 [3]
Roundtable / OA 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
District Commissioners	11-29-06[3]
District Annual Meeting 7:30	12-05-06 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	12-06-06 [2]
District Commissioners	12-27-06 [3]
Council Eagle Dinner	05-9-07 [96]

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
- [5] Trexler Scout Reservation
- [6] Camp Minsi
- [7] Minsi Office
- [8] Kutztown University
- [9] Hawk Mt Scout Reservation
- [10] Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown
- [11] Lehigh Carbon Community College
- [96] Candlelight Conference Center
- [97] Allentown Art Museum
- [98] Troop 318 Building in Bethlehem
- [99] To be Determined

District News

The district is looking for articles on your Pack, Troop and Crew. Please let us enjoy with you the fun and excitement of your program. Please email you articles on activities, advancements, training, recruiting and scouting fun to rmonto@aol.com use ref District News.



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Commissioner Corner



Roundtable Report

Cub Scout Roundtable January 4, 2006

Theme	Cubs in the Future
Opening	Pack 329
Scouting Anniversary week of February 5-11, 2006 Ideas	
Scientist	
Candy Rocket craft	
Closing	Pack 333

February 1, 2006

Theme:	Construction
Opening	Pack 335
Working with a Low Cost Budget	
Tool/Safety/Whittling Chip	
Closing	Pack 339

Boy Scout Roundtables January 4, 2006

Theme	Public Service
Opening	Phantom Patrol
Public Service	Old Crow Patrol
Closing	Hedgehog Patrol
Cleanup	Fluke Patrol

February 1, 2006

Theme:	Cultural Diversity
Opening	Fluke Patrol
Cultural Diversity	Phantom Patrol
Closing	Old Crow Patrol
Cleanup	Hedgehog Patrol

Recharter Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 7, 8 a.m.

East Hills Moravian Church on Butztown Road in Bethlehem, not at Council Headquarters

Program

Cub Winter Event

Pre-Historic Times in South Mountain



Come back to the "Land of Time" with South Mountain's Cub Winter Event. This year's theme is Pre-Historic Times. Our winter event will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at

Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown on Main Street. The cost is \$5. Price includes a patch, hot dog, and hot chocolate. This event will be held rain or shine. There will be indoor and outdoor activities. Registration for the event begins at 8:30am with the Yabba Dabba FUN starting at 9 am- 12 pm. To make this a YABBA DABBA success, we need troops and packs to run some FUN pre-historic games. For more information, contact Roxann Nelson at cubsrox@localnet.com or 610.867.5183 or Marci Weaver at smiley9@ptd.net or 610.282.0921.

The committee needs help with arrangements and cleanup. Any scouts helping can get service hours signed off. Please contact Marci or Roxann at the Roundtable or email them to volunteer your support

South Mountain District Derby

Cubbies... Start your engines and get ready for our annual District Derby race. Our annual race will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2006. Registration will be at 8:30 am with the race starting at 10 am sharp. It will be at East Hills Moravian Church, on Butztown Road, in Bethlehem. Pre- registration of \$5 is required by Friday, March 10th to Minsi Trails Council. NO WALK INS WILL BE ACCEPTED! From each pack, there may be five registrants. Any adults willing to serve on the derby committee, please contact Gary Volland. For more information, contact Gary Volland at (610) 868-4807 or e-mail at gv.mail@verizon.net.



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Training



**2006 Powder Horn
August 25 -27 and
Sept 8-10, 2006**

Our multi council cluster course is drawing staff and participants from PA, NJ VT WV and Maryland. As of this article, John Arno – ACD-Services has most of his staff. He is looking for a few more members for his Cooking staff.

Walt Godshall – ACD-Instruction continues to report progress with consultants. We want the best possible experts available and we are working to make this course a unique experience for all participants To date we have consultants with the following expertise: [Backing] Past Ranger at Philmont Scout Ranch / EMS Instructor / Green Mtn Club, [Cave Exploring] National Speleological Society, [Communications] International Communications Expert, [COPE] National Camp School COPE Director, [Cycling/Mountain Biking] International Mountain Biking Association PA Rep, [Emergency Preparedness] International Emergency Preparedness consultant, [Emergency Preparedness and First Aid] Fire Fighter/EMT Red Cross Instructor Emergency Response & CPR, [Expedition Planning] Leave No Trace Master Educator and Kodiak and Kodiak X Course Director, [Hunter Education] PA Game Commission Agent, [Land Navigation -Map & Compass] US Orienteering Federation Delaware Valley Chapter Boy Scout Liaison, [Land Navigation – GPS] GPS Consultant and instructor, [Land Navigation – Stars] Lehigh Valley and Berks County Amateur Astronomical Society instructor, [BSA Safety sessions] Certified council instructor, [Leave No Trace Camping] Leave No Trace Master Educators and a State Advocate – New Jersey, [Mountaineering] COPE and C/R trained (NCS Director, [Outdoor Living History] Historian and mountain man, [Physical Fitness] Rehabilitation Services for Allied Services Home Health, [Plants and Wildlife/Ecology] Ecologist, [SCUBA] SCUBA

Instructor, [Shooting Sports-Rifle Pistol] NRA Rifle instructor,[Working with teens] Educator

If you wish to serve as a consultant, email Walt Godshall at ROSEWALT68@msn.com

Michael T Dulany – ACD Chief Crew Guide has four Crew Guides from Cradle of Liberty, Bucks, Green Mountain and Shenandoah Area Councils. As we continue to register participants we will add 2 more Crew Guides. If interested in becoming a Crew Guide, let us know.

Rare District Committee Member Training Held December 6

South Mountain District on December 6 conducted its first “District Committee Member Training” in many years (and believed to be only the second such training held in Minsi Trails Council BSA in the past decade or so).

The 90-minute training course, put together by Bob Monto and Don Miles at the suggestion of District Chairman Jerry Still, followed the monthly District Committee meeting and was attended by seventeen district volunteers: Ellsworth Machin III, Gerald Still, Roxann Nelson, Marci Weaver, Linda Cortis., Eric Chiles, Bernie Suess, Gary Brueningesen, Sally Haggerty, Jim, Roberts, Rod Long, Jack Worsley, Ed Cool, Tom Stalsitz, Gary Marsh, Bob Monto and Don Miles. All participants received a course completion certificate and a “Trained” patch.

Course presenters included District Key 3 Chairman Jerry Still, Director. Greg Wilson, Commissioner Eric Chiles, Committee Chairs: Membership Chair Sally Haggerty, Finance Jack Worsley, Training Tom Stalsitz, Program Rod Long, Advancement Linda Cortis and Presnetors Bob Monto and Don Miles.

This new course, based on a syllabus for a Council-level half-day course, covered the same territory in condensed form: District structure and Key 3, the 4 District Functions, breakout sessions on Membership and Finance, Training and Advancement, Camping and Activities, General sessions on Recruiting/Retaining district volunteers, Setting district goals, Measuring district results, and a course evaluation. And, of



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course, there were several group games and refreshments.

The District Committee seeks input from Packs, Troops and Venture Crews as to whether their adult volunteers would be interested in participating in a re-presentation of this event on the who/what/how of the District Committee / Unit committee, to be held sometime in early 2006.

Suggestions and interested units should email rmonto@aol.com with their interests.

Training Development Conference

Saturday February 25, 2006

8:00am to 4:30pm

Minsi Trails Council will be presenting the annual Trainer Development Conference (formerly called the 'Train the Trainer Course')

The course will have two levels, the Basic course and an Advanced course.

WHO should attend? The Basic Course is designed for *new* District Trainers/Pack Trainers and other interested Scouters those who have not attended a 'basic' course in previous years.

The Advanced course is for experienced Trainers wishing to improve their skills. NOTE: *The* Advanced Course will be limited to ten ('10) participants.

DATE: Saturday, February 25, 2006 (Snow date March 4, 2006)

TIME: Registration starts at 8:00 AM, Opening at 8:30 AM, Course will end at 4:30 PM.

LOCATION: Coca Cola Training Center, 755'1 Schantz Road, Fogelsville, PA

COST: \$4.00 Deadline to register is FEBRUARY '17, 2006 ****Pre-Registration is required for security of Coca Cola** NO WALK-INS**

PLEASE pack a lunch. You will be unable to leave the facility for lunch. Beverages; coffee, tea, sodas, etc will be provided.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL PO BOX 20264 LEHIGH VALLEY 18002-0624:

Call Jon Slaton, 908-995-4663, bsanut@verizon.net **DEADLINE TO**

REGISTER FEBRUARY '17, 2006

Den Chief Training

Saturday January 21

8:30am to 4:00pm

Lehigh Carbon Community College

Cost is \$20 Includes lunch, snack and Den Chief Handbook Registration Begins at 8:30

Please sign up with the Council office by January 17th Or Register at in the training section of www.minsitrails.com

For more information, please contact:

Alex Marti martipa@ptd.net or 610-681-6742

Dawn Rosato drscouter@gmail.com

Charlie O'Connell charlico@yahoo.com or 570-223-0700

Advancement Committee

The Advancement Committee continues to meet regularly at East Hills Moravian Church on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm. To date approximately 30 Eagle projects have been approved. A total of 28 Eagles have been processed with 3 more awaiting their BoRs. The committee has decided to follow the council advancement committee's recommendation to hold Eagle BoRs at the district level. They will be scheduled for the district meeting as scheduled above. Currently South Mountain District is the only district that did not follow this recommendation.

Advancement reports for November are not available yet. As of October's reports - Cub Pack 372 and Scoutreach Pack 391 do not have any advancements. Troop 314, SR Troops 392 & 398 do not show any advancements.

All unit Advancement chairs are members of the committee and should attend the committee meetings as often as possible.

For more information and interest in the advancement committee contact Linda Cortis at 610-691-5712 or lindacortis@rcn.com



New First Class requirement



Beginning January 1, 2006, an additional requirement will be added to the requirement for First Class rank in Boy Scouting. Scouts beginning their First Class requirement work after this date must complete the new requirement. Scouts

working on First Class requirements prior to this date will have until June 30, 2006 to complete First Class rank without completing the new requirement.

The new requirement tests the candidate's persuasive communications skills and can help make Scouting available to more boys. It reads as follows:

"Tel! Someone who is eligible to join Boy Scouts, or an inactive Boy Scout, about your troop's activities. Invite him to a troop outing, activity, service project, or meeting. Tell/ him how to join, or encourage the inactive Boy Scout to become active. "

The Boy Scout Handbook and 2006 Requirements book will be updated with this new detail. Please share this information with all or your troop leaders.

All Scoutmasters were sent a DVD containing tools that young Scouts can use to assist them in competing this requirement, including 2 video that trains them how to speak to their friends about joining, 2nd a video of Scout activity images they can share with someone interested in joining. Also, Scouts can find support for the completion of this requirement on the Boy Scout membership Web site, www.thescoutzone.org



Eagle Project Guidelines

September 2005

1) South Mountain District Advancement Committee must review and approve Eagle Project plans before any actual work is

begun.

2) Plans should be so complete that another scout could conceivably carry out the project as intended by following the plan.

3) Scouts must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.

They can obtain one from the Council Service Center or download one from the National BSA or Minsi Trails Council websites.

4) The "Planning Details" section must be completed thoroughly including as much detail as possible.

A sample work schedule with projected time. Complete materials list with projected costs (even if materials are donated) Financing plan if needed or donation plan Safety plans

5) The project plan MUST have been signed by the organization who is benefiting from the project troop committee person, scoutmaster. A plan without these signatures will NOT be reviewed by the Advancement Committee.

6) The Eagle candidate must plan, direct and follow through with the project FUNDAMENTALLY ON HIS OWN. Significant intervention from adults or others could jeopardize final approval of the Eagle project

7) Projects cannot be done in partnership with another scout Each Eagle project must 'stand alone'.

8) Blood drives are not acceptable projects since the planning would be done by an agency, not the scout

9) Routine labor or a job or service normally done are not acceptable projects.

10) Work involving council property or BSA activities are not acceptable projects.

11) The project cannot be for a business or be of a commercial nature.

12) Fundraisers are not acceptable projects.

13) Raising funds to purchase materials is acceptable but should be a minor part of the project.

14) There are no set minimum number of hours required for an Eagle project. However, Minsi Trails Council strongly recommends that the project consumes at least 50 hours of the candidates time.



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15) The Advancement Committee meets on the second Thursday of the month to review Eagle projects. We meet at 7pm at East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem. Scouts are encouraged to call ahead so we know who to expect.

16) If, after review, the project does not meet all guidelines, the scout will be given a list of corrections to make with contact information for final approval.

17) If significant changes must be made to the approved plan, the project may need to be re-reviewed. A phone call to the Board Chair will determine if a re-review is to be scheduled.

18) Upon completion of the project. The scout writes a final report.

He obtains signatures from the benefiting organization, the scoutmaster and troop committee chair.

19) The plan, final report and workbook, personal statement and completed Eagle Scout Application (PRINTED BACK TO BACK, IN COLOR!! B&W copies will not be accepted!!) are submitted to the Council Service Center.

20) After council review, the district advancement committee will be notified. An Eagle Board of Review will then be arranged for the next district advancement meeting.

Dates of district advancement meetings:
Sept. 8, 2005 Oct. 13, 2005 Nov. 10, 2005 Dec. 8, 2005 Jan. 12, 2006 Feb. 9, 2006 Mar. 9, 2006 Apr, 13, 2006 May 11, 2006 June 8, 2006 July 13, 2006 Aug. 10, 2006

South Mountain Advancement Committee
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Recharter Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 7, 8 a.m.

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NESA Committee

Eagle Gathering: February 23, 2006 – Allentown Art Museum from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. This event is open to all Eagle Scouts.

2006 Eagle Dinner: May 10, 2006 – Candlelight Conference Center, 6:30pm

2007 Eagle Dinner: May 17, 2007 – Candlelight Conference Center

We will be sending information to our Eagles regarding JAMBO volunteer opportunities.

JAMBO 2006 will be at Kutztown University on May 19-21, 2006.

Camping Committee

OA Family Banquet



Saturday January 7, 2006
at Faith UCC Hall
Hellertown starting at
6PM. Please contact
Chapter Adviser Ellsworth
Machin, III at 610-746-
1886.

Unit Elections

Your Unit can sign up during the Recharter meeting Saturday January 7th at East Hills Moravian Church. To hold a Unit Election.

Minsi Trails Council - Boy Scouts of America
South Mountain District Committee Meeting

December 6, 2005 - 7:00 PM

East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA

Minutes

Present: Gerald Still, Greg Wilson, Eric Chiles, Gary Marsh, Bob Monto, Ellsworth Machin III, Bernie Suess, Sally Haggerty, Marci Weaver, Linda Cortis, Don Miles, Tom Stalsitz, Don Hoffman, Ed Cool, Rod Long, Gary Brueningsen, Roxann Nelson, Jack Worsley, Jim Roberts.

1. Call to order by Chairman Jerry Still at 7:00PM for an abbreviated meeting allowing for District Committee training to follow.



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- 2. Bob Monto led the opening, a reading of The Venturing Oath.
- 3. Minutes of November 1, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- 4. Registration of attendance also included each person listing a review of 2005 SMDC involvement and listing in what ways they will be willing to serve on the SMDC in 2006.
- 5. Guest Don Hoffman – Chair of JAMBO 2006:
 - a. **JAMBO** to be held at Kutztown University, May 19-21, 2006.
 - b. Gary Marsh will serve SMD as contact person for JAMBO information,
 - c. SMD committee to be formed to oversee:
 - i. Coverage for full day and 2 shifts.
 - ii. Oversight of assignments and detail of first aide station and Cetronia EMT Services.
 - iii. Get scouts to participate and leaders to lead.
 - iv. Include Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venture Crews in planning.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Commissioner’s report – Eric Chiles.**
 - i. All going well.
 - ii. Primary task at hand to have all units attend re-chartering to be held on January 7, 2006 at East Hills Moravian Church beginning at 8AM.
 - b. Finance report – Greg Wilson.
- i. No new report.

c. **Program. – Rod Long.**

Camp Promotion – Don Miles.

Written report distributed.

Minsi Trails Council conducted a meeting on November 22 to provide training for Cub Scout and Boy Scout camp promotion.

Summer camp promotion material will be available by December 20.

Visits will be made to units of specific concern. Information will be sought about why there has been so little participation. Also a date early in 2006 will be secured to promote camps for 2006.

Advancement – Linda Cortis.

Written report distributed.

Advancement Committee meets each 2nd Thursday of month at 7PM at East Hills Moravian Church. 28 Eagles have been processed with 3 additional awaiting their boards of review.

The following units have had no advancements

Pack 372, Scoutreach Pack 391, Troop 314 and Scoutreach Troops 392 and 398.

Activities – Marci Weaver.

No report.

Training – Tom Stalsitz.

At the December 3rd training event 30 attended New Leader Essentials and 37 attended Cub Leader Specific.

See newsletter and Minsi for coming training dates in 2006, including:

- a. February 25 Trainer Development Conference.
- b. March 11 University of Scouting at Lehigh County Community College.

Order of the Arrow – Ellsworth Machin III

No report.

Membership – Sally Haggerty.

Continued concerns expressed about low number of new Tiger Cubs registered.

Greg Wilson will meet with Dr. Joseph Lewis, Superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District to discuss strategies to visit elementary schools again and invite boys to register for BSA. Formation of new units a goal and being worked on by Greg Wilson. Advent Moravian Church now completing the registration process. Others pending.

Cub Scouts	Current: 1054	Goal: 1204
Boy Scouts	Current: 595	Goal: 632
Venturers	Current: 54	Goal: 60

New Business – Jerry Still.

Annual Minsi Trails Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 28 at 6PM. Dinner will follow the meeting.

South Mountain District Committee Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 3 at East Hills Moravian Church and will include elections for 2006.

Adjourn – 7:30 PM...good work in short time!!

Next meeting: SMDC Annual Meeting, Tuesday, January 6, 2006, 7:30 PM, East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary T. Marsh



- ii. Former leaders.
- iii. Charter organization members.
- iv. Merit badge counselors.
- v. Former scouts.
- 8. Measuring Success – Jerry Still and Bob Monto
 - a. We are successful if units are successful.
 - b. Own the program and its success.
 - c. Units, District and Council are a team working for the same goal.

From the District Commissioner Recharter meeting

Another year is upon us and that means it's time for all the units in the South Mountain District to get ready for rechartering for 2006. The date for rechartering is Saturday, Jan. 7, 8 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Remember, this year rechartering will be held at East Hills Moravian Church on Butztown Road in Bethlehem, not at Council Headquarters. Enter through the side entrance off the main parking lot. Rechartering will be held in the gymnasium. So far all but a few units have scheduled times to come in that day. There are plenty of slots open, so if you haven't scheduled yet give me a call at 610-865-5787.

Yours in Scouting,
Eric Chiles
South Mountain District Commissioner

Klondike Derby



“The South Mountain District 2006 Klondike Derby event will be held at Camp Minsi February 11th. This winter event is an excellent way to test the skills you have worked so hard on. We look forward to seeing all scouts attend this upcoming Klondike. Scoutmasters we need your help running in the events. If you can help Please contact Jim Kelchner at 610-867-0259 or David Kolman at 610-867-8766 e-mail to dkolman@enter.net”

Venturing in the District

SCUBA



Are you 14 to 20 years old with an interest in scuba diving and the underwater world? Then the Lehigh Valley Dive Center Venture Crew 231 may be just what you're looking for.

This unique program offers both young men and women an opportunity to meet new friends, visit exciting new places, and build leadership skills; all while learning about scuba diving and the marine environment. Whether you are just curious about scuba or have an interest in learning more about careers in diving, oceanography, ecology, or marine biology, the Scuba Diving Venture Crew will provide you with opportunities to see part of our world that few people get a chance to experience.

You and your friends are invited to an open house to learn more on how you can participate in this program. The meeting will be **on Tuesday January 3rd from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Lehigh Valley Dive Center on 231 Nazareth Pike (Rt. 191 North), Bethlehem, PA 18020.** Show up any time between 6PM and 8PM. If you can't join us on Tuesday, please stop by the store on Saturday between 9:00AM and 12:00PM.

Venture Crew 231 is open too any young man or woman who is 14 to 20 years of age and have completed the 8th grade. Please bring \$35, which will cover your registration, insurance, and a coupon for a free Discover SCUBA class, where you can learn about SCUBA equipment and try it in a pool. Also members of Venture Crew 231 will receive discounts on rentals, purchases, and training at Lehigh Valley Dive Center. If you need more information or directions, please call (610) 746-4016 or email me at george@lvdive.com.

Feel free to bring your friends! If your parents want to come too, they're welcome.

George Motter
Lehigh Valley Dive Center



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Contact: Scott Anderson at scottanderson@att.net

Venturing Winter Event January 27-29, 2006 Attention Advisors/Presidents

Minsi Trails Council's 1st. Venturing Winter Camp will be held this coming January. There will be a round robin of fun and competitive events to participate in. From ice fishing, cross country skiing, to possibly snowmobiling and more. If your Crew would be interested in attending please contact Dave Abraham, Winter Event Chairmen at pasmangler30@hotmail.com. This is a winter outdoor tent camping experience.

Winter Event Patch Design Contest

Put your artistic skills to work! What I'm looking for is someone to come up with a theme name, and draw the patch for this event. Must be a registered Venturer, (14-21) and the theme as to be an original idea (**It can not be named after a Boy Scout Klondike derby**)

The design needs to be in color. There will be a gift for the winner.

Send patch design to;
Dave Abraham
509 Main St.
Northampton, PA. 18067

Registration for the event will be mailed in November to all Crews. So Presidents mark your calendar and include this on your Crew meeting agenda.

Venturing Leader Specific Training

This Session is for all Crew Charter Organization personnel, Venturing Crew Advisors, Associate Advisors, Crew Committee, Commissioners, and other adults interested in Venturing.

Session I - The Venturing Mission, Methods and Understanding & Protecting Youth

Session II - Leadership and Organization, Awards & Recognition and Crew Program Planning

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2006 & Monday, March 27, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

PLACE: Florham Park Service Center

COST: \$15

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Contact [Debbie Wickham](#) at 973-765-9322 x239 for more information.

Change of Emails

If you change your email and wish to continue receiving this newsletter, or if you know of other scouts in the district that would like to receive this newsletter please email Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com

Venturing Outside the District



Patriots' Path Council's **VLSC - Venturing Leadership Skills Course** will be offered on 2 Monday nights - March 13 & 27, 2006 at the Florham Park Service Center. Cost for this program is \$15.00 and includes both nights training and the patch upon completion of the course. All Venturers are encouraged to attend.



LEHIGH BASKETBALL SCOUT NIGHT

sponsored by



WACHOVIA

Saturday, February 4th, 2006

Lehigh vs. American Scout Day Package

*Lehigh vs. American Basketball Ticket
(Tipoff: 7:30pm)*

FREE Lehigh Mountain Hawk Badgee

*Pre Game Sport & Physical Fitness
Activities (5:00pm – 5:45pm)*

*Question & Answer Session w/ Lehigh
Student Athletes (5:45pm – 6:00pm)*

*Availability for Activities and the Q & A
session may be limited, so the sooner you
can register the better*

*Banner Parade between the Lehigh
Women's & Men's game (2
representatives from your Troop and 1
leader w/your flag)*

*Post Game Autograph Session w/Men's
Team*

Ordering Instructions/Additional Information:

By phone: 610-758-6976

By fax: 610-758-4382

By email: dat205@lehigh.edu

Lehighsports.com

Scout Night Package \$4.00

Scout Night Package with Food \$8.00

**Contact Greg Wilson for forms or come to the
January Roundtable**



Jambo 2006

Date & Location:

May 19-21, 2006 at Kutztown University

Purpose:

To have fun for Scouts and Scouter's of all ages!

To bring the Scouting communities of Hawk Mountain Council and the Minsi Trails Council together.

To give Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and all family members a rich experience of all the fun and excitement that Scouting provides.

To celebrate all facets of Scouting in the Minsi Trails Council and Hawk Mountain Council.

To provide an opportunity for all our youth and adult members to meet and camp with others from across our Councils.

To provide programs, activities, and spirit that will find their way into regular programs of units.

To help participants, parents and the public build pride in belonging to the Scouting movement.

To mesh Scouting programs with community leaders and business leaders of the Council areas.

Theme:

Kutztown University is hosting Jambo 2006, in light of this generosity our theme is:

“Scouting For Knowledge”

This theme hints at the benefits of Jambo at a university campus while keeping Scouting out front.



Campsite Organization:

For camping purposes, JAMBO will be divided into Sub-camps. Boy Scouts and Venturing will camp in the same large area and Cub Scout family Camping will also have its own designated Sub-camp. Cub Scout Family camping has limited space and will be offered on a first come first served basis. Services for fire, medical, water and garbage will be provided.

Schedule:

May 19 – Check In and setup for Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing camping starts at 5:00 PM. Cubmaster, Scout Leader and Venturing Leader informative meetings are scheduled to begin at 8:30.

May 20 – Opening Ceremonies begin at 8:45 AM. Open program between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. Lunch is scheduled from 12:00 – 1:30 PM. Program areas are open 1:30 PM and 5:00 PM. Dinner between 5:00 and 6:30 PM with a special evening program scheduled to start at 7:00 PM. Following evening program will be a fireworks display and a Venturing only social.

May 21 – Scouts Own Services and Catholic Mass and will begin at 9:00 AM. Designated area clean up, breaking camp, and campsite cleanup, and check out to follow.

Program:

Program is being developed to stimulate all scouts. Venture Crew members, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will find program to participate in and observe. Below is a sampling of the many activities that are being planned for Jambo 06. More information will be provided, as actual program times are scheduled and set.

Broad Interest Programs

- Cooking Demonstrations
- Kayaking
- SCUBA
- Climbing walls
- Planetarium Shows

- Medical
- Search and Rescue
- Band performances
- Inflatable midways

Cub Scout Program:

The Cub Program will include hands-on family activities, games and competition.

- Building Activities
- Craft Activities
- R/C Airplane Club Demonstrations
- Games
- Ice Cream Trough
- Shooting Sport Activities

Boy Scout Program:

Activities for Boy Scouts being planned include:

- Indoor COPE Course (low elements)
- Realistic first Aid
- Pioneering
- BMX Bike Course
- Geocaching
- Games
- Shooting Sports

Merit Badge Activities will also be set up to acquaint Scouts with over 20 different merit badges.

Order of the Arrow will also be on hand with their special program.

Venturing Program

Activities being planned for Venturing include:

- Search and Rescue (Venture participation)
- Indoor COPE Course
- Venture Social / Cracker Barrel
- Safe Drivers / Defensive Drivers Demo
- Tie Dying shirts
- Floor Hockey Tournament
- Photography Contest (Bronze requirement)
- Film Festival
- Skateboard Demo
- Ethical Discussion/Debate (Silver requirement)



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Friday and Saturday Night Shows:

Every night there will be activities or shows for all participants to enjoy. Friday night will include two large screen movies to be enjoyed in the great outdoors. The movies will be age appropriate and can be enjoyed by the entire family.

Saturday night will showcase the "Stage Spectacular" with live entertainment and a variety of different entertainment showcases. The night will conclude with spectacular fireworks display.

Fees and Payments:

Registrations will be accepted and date stamped beginning January 1, 2006

Early Registration (Paid by April 1, 2006)
Youth \$20
Adult \$5

Late Registration (Paid after April 1, 2006)
Youth \$25
Adult \$10

Day Registration
Youth \$15
Adult \$3

All early fee registrations will receive their JAMBO Patch for free. Late registrations will need to Purchase their patches the weekend of JAMBO. Youth younger than Tiger admitted free.

Additional Information:

Additional information will be provided in a series of bulletins that will be mailed to all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venture Crew Advisors, Committee Chairmen, and all Webelos, Bear, Wolf and Tiger leaders over the coming months.

Roundtable meetings will also be used to exchange information.

You can also contact your local Scout Service Center to obtain information. Service Center phone numbers are listed below:

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