



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

October 2006

Dates to Remember

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	04-13-15-07 [4]
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] St. Thomas UCC
902 E. Macada Rd. Bethlehem, 18018
- [3] St. John's Lutheran/ UCC Church of
Farmersville, 8065 William Penn Hwy, Bethlehem
- [4] Trexler Scout Reservation
- [5] Camp Minsi
- [6] Minsi Office 991 Postal Road; Allentown, PA
18109
- [10] Hellertown Sportsmen's Gun Club
- [96] Candlelight Conference Center
- [97] Lehigh University,
Maginnes Hall, Bethlehem
- [98] Lake Towhee Park 800 Old Bethlehem Rd.,
Applebachsville, PA
- [99] To be Determined

Tunkhannock Chapter

The Tunkhannock Chapter of the Witauchsoman Lodge meets at 7:30 PM on the same date and at the same location as the South Mountain District Roundtable.



Who to Contact

Chapter Chief: Stephen Davis,

Chapter Adviser:

Ellsworth C. Machin, III.

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2007 District Dinner

Mark your calendar for the 2007 District Dinner on April 21, 2007 at the East Hill Moravian Church.

Roundtable NOTICE

St. Thomas UCC 902 E. Macada Rd. Bethlehem, 18018



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 6th. Cost is \$5 after the 6th 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 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.

Powder Horn

Multi Council Powder Horn a Success

Over the weekends of August 25 – 27 and September 8-10, Camp Trexler Scout Reservation was home to one of the Northeast Regions most successful Powder Horns events.

Powder Horn is an exciting training opportunity designed as an action packed, hands on outdoor course to expose Venturers and other Scouters to resources necessary to operate a successful high adventure program and support the Venturing Ranger Program.

Key to any successful Powder Horn course is having expert consultants. Our Powder Horn staff assembled an exceptional consulting team consisting of, **Safety Sessions** by Steve Mehl, a

Water Safety Instructor- who is BSA Lifeguard and Red Cross certified, **Communications** - Hal Daumé, PHD recognized communications expert and International conference speaker: **Wilderness Survival** – Greg Ritter a Wilderness Education Teacher. Founder of the Monagacci wilderness program, Director for the Voyageur Northeast Region, and Wilderness Medical EMT. **Emergency Preparedness** – Don Ellison International consultant for emergency planning with experiences in Peoples Republic of China, Indonesia, Great Britain, Egypt, Brazil, France, and Mexico. **Hunter Education** - Jerry Kapral – is a Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officer with the Pennsylvania State Game Commission he is also a Certified Hunter/Trapper Education Program Instructor. **Mountaineering** - Chuck Gandy, a National Camp School COPE Instructor, Project **COPE**- Dave Abraham COPE Certified National Camp School COPE Instructor. **Shooting Sports - 22 Rifle and Air Pistol** - Alex Stirton - National Rifle Association Certified Rifle Instructor & Coach (he is also a certified pistol instructor); **Shooting Sports Shotgun** – Brock Williams Hellertown Gun Club and Hunter Education Instructors for Pennsylvania **Shooting Sports Archery** – Don Jenny Hellertown Gun Club and Hunter Education Instructors for Pennsylvania **Religious Services** - Jeff Bauer Minsi Trail Council Chaplin **First Aid** – Greg Ritter Wilderness EMT, Combat Life Saver National Guard **Discover SCUBA and Snorkeling** – Gary Katz Master Diver **Canoeing** - Hal Daume certified SSD/SA instructor. **Kayaking** – Greg Ritter directing the Voyageur sections National Camp School, **Smallboats** – Dave Davis Watercraft instructor **Outdoor Living History** - John Arno as Pierre Aloysius Dumont is a Canadian Voyageur, Independent Trapper, **Outdoor Living History** - John Szczepanski, Civil War private 81st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment Company K **Conservation** – Joe Livingston **Emergency Scenario** – Rose Gotshall - Mt. Top Ambulance Association. **Ecology, Plants and Wildlife** - Joseph E. Gallagher - BS and MBA Biology and Wildlife and Fishing Sciences. Ass't Director PA



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Conservation Leadership School. **Cave Exploring** - Allen Maddox Member of the National Speleological Society **Winter Sports** - Arthur Paul Blake National Ski Patrol **Cycling/Mountain Biking** - Mike Coates National Jamboree Bikathon Philmont Trek leader **Fishing** - Nancy Murphy fly fishing/casting instructor and guide Orvis Fly Fishing School, **Land Navigation - Stars** - Ron Kunkel Instructor Lehigh Valley Amateur Astronomical Society and Berks County Amateur Astronomical Society. **Leave No Trace Camping** - Scott Anderson Leave No Trace Master Educator, **Orienteering - Map and Compass** - Ed Scott Adirondack 46R United States Orienteering Federation Boy Scout Liaison **Backpacking** - Bill Deaton Past Ranger at Philmont Scout Ranch / EMS Instructor / Green Mountain Club. **Expedition Planning** - Scott Anderson Leave No Trace Master Educator, Kodiak and Kodiak X Course Director **Working with Teenagers** - Tom Kameronoski, Teacher & Educator, **BSA National High Adventure Program** - John Wolfgang -National Outdoor Committee BSA and **Special Guest** - Lee White - Author of Woods Wisdom and Tips from the Tee-Pee.

The Course Graduated 36 participants Ellsworth Machin III, Susan Banks, Anthony Hillman, G.K. Cunningham, Susan Cunningham, Joe Burns, Bill Kuhfass. Tracy Madden, Valerie Federoff, Michelle Berezki, Norman Grekula, Gary Kleintop, Bryan Ritter, Victoria Crowe, Carl F. Stout, Nickole Atkins, Hal Daume, Gerald Ephault. Harold L Whittaker, Jan Verkade, Bill E Matters, Mark Weyer, William Deaton, Gary Brueningsen, Thomas Dennis, Richard Anderson, Louis Fiscella, Neal Hatcher, Gary Katz, Michael Altrichter, Dave Abraham, Michael Normandin, George Gother, David Weigel, Dave Ellis, and Anthony Emering from 16 Councils in the Northeast Region.

The Staff consisted of Robert Monto-Course Director, Thomas Kameronoski- Backup Course Director, Keith Mayer-Staff Advisor, Daniel. Stryker-ACD-Services, Walt Godshall-

ACD-Instruction, Michael T Dulany-ACD-Crew Guides, Janet Hunter, Michelle Berezki Anthony F. Gentry Billy Deaton. and John Arno were our Crew Guides, Jeremy Kuhar- was our Historian and Quartermaster Food and Steve Mehl- Quartermaster Equipment.



John Wolfgang, Northeast Region Powder Horn Course Coordinator, stated in his closing remarks to the staff, that of all the Regional Powder Horn courses he has attended this was the best with a "WOW" factor. Bob Monto was awarded the Presidential Volunteer Service Award - Gold Level

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

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.

The links go to the BSA Online Learning Center and other online courses offered by the national BSA' 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



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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.

Advancement

The District Advancement committee is updating the District Merit Badge listing. If you are a SMD Merit Badge counselor you should be contacted shortly. We are finding that many counselors are removed – Don't wait to be contacted email Linda at lindacortis@rcn.com and confirm your status.

Venturing

Venture Crew 191 Center Valley has returned for the new school year. Come and join us October 15, 2006 at Friedens Lutheran Church at 7p.m. Past events: rock climbing, white water rafting, camping, hiking, bicycling in Valley Forge Assateague and more. For more information www.troop191.org/venture/index.htm or send email to: t191e29@yahoo.com Call Sandi Dale Venture Crew 0191 Chairman at 610-282-1686

Hawaii Super Activity

To get your Application for the 2007 PA Dutch Hawaii Super activity. 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 Philil or Harrisburg, but arrangements can be made for those wanting to leave from other airports.

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2006 Fall Camporee

SURVIVAL: BOY SCOUT STYLE

Who? All Boy Scout Troops from South Mountain District

What? Survival skills, gateway and skills competitions, campfires, cracker barrel, skits, sports and much more...

What Survival Skills? Fishing, hunting and trapping, archery and throwing, orienteering, pioneering, primitive cooking, forestry and signaling.

When? October 6-8, 2006

(Registration begins in August) Early registrants get a patch at registration.

Where? Lake Towhee Park 800 Old Bethlehem Rd., Applebachsville, PA. (15.5 miles south of Bethlehem)

Cost? \$8.00 per Scout and \$5 for Scouter

Will Your Patrol Survive? Come And Meet The Challenge...

Troops - We need your help to run/judge events.

For more information, contact

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Adult Scouter Bio Form

All registered Scouters in South Mountain District. Fill out and attach in an email to [Bob Monto](mailto:BobMonto) or drop off a printed copy at the Council office. The District is collecting your Scouting Bios to help the district locate qualified leaders for district positions and to recognize the adults with proper recognition awards. Contact Bob Monto or Greg Wilson for the form.



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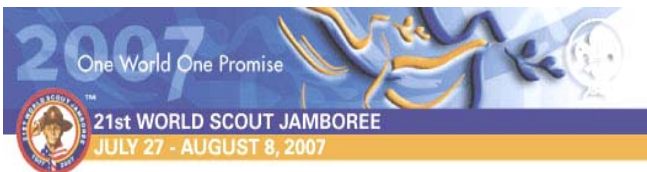


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Scouting for Food

Hunger did not take a vacation this summer. A random sample of ten Second Harvest member agencies served 35% more people this July and August than they did in December last year!! And we expect that the numbers of people requesting food assistance this fall will be higher. We count on the Scouting For Food Collection November 11, 2006 to help meet the needs of hunger in our South Mountain District .Please send your Scouting For Food Chairman to the Round Table Meeting October4,2006 at the St. Thomas UCC Church on the corner of Macada Rd. and Altoonah Drive. I will distribute the door hangers at this time to all cub pack and troop Scouting For Food Chair People. We count on the Boy Scouts and Cub Packs in our community to help those in need of food.. You can be a partner in stocking the food pantries in your community so that no needy child goes hungry. Won't you join us October 4 at 7:30 p.m.? Thank you for your participation in this important food drive. Sandra Dale Scouting For Food Chairman South Mountain District sandidale@epix.net or call me at 610-282-1686



Dear Scoutmaster or Venture Crew Advisor,

A once in a lifetime experience awaits the Scouts of your Troop or Crew who attends the 2007 World Jamboree.

At less than on year away the Northeast Troops and Crew are filling up fast. Assignments to the Twelve Jamboree Troops and one Venture Crew are being made now.

This is my personal invitation to your scouts to attend the 2007 World Jamboree.

Please make your Scouts aware of this opportunity.

I have been selected to serve as Scoutmaster of World Jamboree Northeast Region Troop 109.

Minsi Trails Council along with several other Councils are in Troop 109. We have 8 scouts sided up from Minsi Trails.

Please see our Council website for more information.

<http://www.minsitrails.com/Events/WorldJambo/default.asp>

If you wish I can attend your Troop meeting or District event to show the World Jamboree promotion power point presentation.

100 years after the birth of the Scouting movement by Lord Robert Baden-Powell, 40,000 Scouts from 155 countries will gather in the heart of England for the 21st World Scout Jamboree.

They will share 12 days of adventure, international friendship, and personal growth and development. They will come from a variety of different cultures, backgrounds, and religions. Together they will celebrate what unites them, and learn what they can do together to help build a better world.

The theme of the Jamboree is "One World, One Promise," which captures the aspirations and hopes of young people for the future. In a divided world, Scouting reaffirms unity, peace, and shared values.

July 27 - August 8, 2007 Departure is July 23, 2007 for tour followed by Jamboree Location: Hylands Park, London, England, Great Britain

Submitted by Wayne Gross

Membership Committee

Well, we are off to a good start with our fall roundups. We have done most of them and only have a few left for early in October. The packs have been getting a fair number of new boys to sign up; but of course we would love to see even more. The membership committee has gotten a good response from the packs appreciating a district representative being at their roundups We hope we have made the pack leader's lives a little easier by doing that.

As for Boy Scout recruiting we are working on a recruitment event for them; there will be more to follow on this at a later date.



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Centennial Quality Awards Program



The Centennial Quality Awards program is designed to recognize units, districts, councils, areas, and regions in achieving excellence in providing a quality program to a growing youth population in America at all levels of the Boy Scouts of America.

The new Centennial Quality Awards program replaces the current Quality Awards program in 2007 through 2010; For downloadable forms and the entire document see our District website at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/>

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