



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

October 2007

## Dates to Remember

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
Heritage Day	10-27-07 [5]
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 Recognition Dinner	TBD
District Commissioners 7pm	04-30-08 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	05-06-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-07-08 [2]
JAMBO	05-16-18-08 [99]
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
- [5] Minsi Trails Office
- [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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rmonto@aol.com), in a word document if possible, on or before the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## JAMBO 2008 SAVE THE DATE

MAY 16-18, 2008

KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

## Venturing Training

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



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## Powder Horn Course Information



The Next Cluster Powder Horn course will be conducted over 2 weekends of 3 days each on August 22-24 and September 5-7, 2008 at Goose Pond Scout Reservation, Lake Ariel, PA.

To request more information contact;  
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Or  
Robert Monto at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)  
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## Boy Scout Heritage Collection Minsi Trails Council BSA OPEN HOUSE



Saturday October 27, 2007 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Council Service Center  
EXHIBITS \*\* DISPLAYS \*\*  
PAINTINGS \*\* PICTURES \*\*  
ACTIVITIES

Everyone is welcome- Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture, Leaders, Scouters, Friends, & Neighbors

Scout Shop Open  
Earn a patch Earn a ribbon

## 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 and Chaplain Corps Manual)

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

## 2007 Boy Scout Adult Leader Training



Register for ALL courses at

[www.minsitrails.com/training](http://www.minsitrails.com/training)

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

### Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster

#### Leader Specific Training:

**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:

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:

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

## Commissioners Corner



We forgot to include the list of the Unit Commissioner assignments with the Commissioner's Corner article in last month's newsletter. Please view it. Don't hesitate to contact your Unit Commissioner or myself with questions or for help.

Yours in Scouting,

Eric Chiles

South Mountain District Commissioner



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## 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](mailto:tcavenas@minsitrails.com)

**See Attached Flyer for Reporting and Patch Orders**

## **Boy's Life Commissioner Award**

A commissioner can receive the Boy's Life Commissioner Award (a fully embroidered 3 inch patch in an attractive presentation folder) by:

Unit Commissioners – serving 2 100% Boy's Life Units

Roundtable Commissioners – present at least 5 boy's Life promotion features

ADCs – 50% of units are 100% Boy's Life or a 10% increase in 100% Boy's Life units in their service area

## **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).

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 Arrowmen from Tunkhannock provided service at Camp Minsi's Chapel expansion project.

15 Tunkhannock Arrowmen provided service at Sand Island City Park on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Tunkhannock will be leading a service project at Camp Minsi to finish the Chapel expansion on Oct. 27, 2007.

We are inviting anyone who would like to help to join us, it would be great to finish this prior to Winter.

Tunkhannock held Chapter Elections at their September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Chapter Chief Mike Mayrosh, Jr. Troop 339  
Chapter Vice Chief John Lahutska Troop 362  
Chapter Secretary Zach Long Troop 191

Witauchsoman Lodge held the Fall Fellowship Weekend September 7-9, at Camp Minsi 41 Tunkhannock Arrowmen provided cheerful service to help the Camp transition into the Fall + Winter seasons. 14 completed their Ordeals. 5 sealed the bonds of Brotherhood and became full members.

Tunkhannock Chapter is looking forward to running stations at the SMD Fall Camporee and the SMD Cub Fall Event.

**Reminder – 2007 membership dues can be paid at Chapter meetings.**

### Who to contact:

**Chapter Chief:** e Mayrosh, Jr. (610) 866-4968

**Chapter Advisor:** Dave Hay (610) 861-4494

Tunkhannock Website is

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## Friends of Camp Minsi

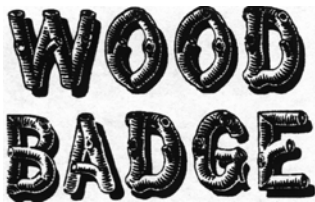
During the fall OA weekend, we made very good progress on the Camp Minsi Chapel. Considerable earth was moved, 87 concrete piers were poured, gravel was laid on the center pathway, 5 trees were cut down, and brush was chipped. Since our weekend the rock wall on the South side of the Chapel was rebuilt. The pictures show the progress as of last Saturday.

This Saturday, 9/29, we will be working on installing benches and removing concrete piers from buckets.



When the benches are back in, the Chapel will accommodate over 360 people on benches. This will be a big improvement on old capacity of 166.

David Ellis  
(973) 583-1818 cell



See Flyer attached

### Course Dates:

1 st Weekend – September 57, 2008  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
2 nd Weekend – September 2729, 2008  
Saturday, Sunday, Monday  
(Weekends start at 7:30 AM and end late afternoon on the last day.)

## South Mountain Boy Scout Fall Camporee



Come out to the camporee and show off your Survival skills and see if you CAN SURVIVE! On Friday, October 5th-Sunday, October 7th, our

exciting weekend of Survival skills will be taking place at Living Memorial Park, in Coopersburg for the annual Fall Camporee. Units have signed up to help run events to make this a success. We would like to thank the following troops for volunteering to run events: 364, 362, 302, 347, 300, 191, OA, and 318, 319, 317. For more information contact Wayne Biery at [wbiery@vitaulic.com](mailto:wbiery@vitaulic.com) or Marci Weaver at [smilely9@ptd.net](mailto:smilely9@ptd.net), 610.282.0921 See Flyer

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