



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A. November 2005

## Dates to Remember

District Meeting 7:30	11-01-05 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	11-02-05 [2]
Council Recognition Dinner	11-04-05 [99]
Scouting for Food (Distribution)	11-05-05
Scouting for Food (Collection)	11-12-05
Council Budget and Goal Setting	11-16-05 [10]
Popcorn Distribution	11-19-05
District Commissioners	11-30-05 [3]
Unit Leader Training	12-03-05 [13]
District Annual Meeting 7:30	12-06-05 [1]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	12-07-05 [2]
District Commissioners	12-28-05 [3]
District 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
Council Annual Meeting	01-23-06
District Commissioners	01-25-06 [3]
Roundtable / OA 7:30pm	02-01-06 [2]
District Meeting 7:30	01-07-06 [1]
Klondike Derby	01-11-12-06 [99]
District Commissioners	02-22-06 [3]
Council Calendar Planning Meeting	02-25-06 [10]
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]
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]
JAMBO	05-19-21-06 [11]
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 [12]
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 [6]
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 [6]
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]

## 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
- [4] Grace Moravian Church in Center Valley
- [5] Hellertown Sportsman's Gun Club
- [6] Trexler Scout Reservation
- [7] Camp Minsi
- [8] Bear Swamp
- [9] Camp Karoondinha
- [10] Minsi Office
- [11] Kutztown University
- [12] Hawk Mt Scout Resvation
- [13] Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown
- [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](mailto:rmonto@aol.com) use ref District News.



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## Commissioner Corner



### Roundtable Report

#### Cub Scout Roundtable November 2, 2005

Theme: Faith, Hope, and Charity  
 Opening Pack 306  
 JOINT Roundtable for about 30 minutes  
 Charlie Chase/Rechartering  
 Joe T. District Chaplain  
 Service Project List  
 Closing Pack 311

#### December 7, 2005

Theme Music Magic  
 Opening Pack 317  
 Kevin Long/Importance of Music sing Holiday songs  
 Blue and Gold Ideas  
 Breakout Sessions  
 Closing Pack 317

Submitted by Roxann Nelson Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner and Roundtable staff.  
 Marci Weaver.  
 Roxann at [cubsrox@localnet.com](mailto:cubsrox@localnet.com)

#### Boy Scout Roundtables November 2, 2005

Theme Tracking  
 Opening Hedgehog Patrol  
 Presentation Tracking Fluke patrol  
 JOINT Roundtable for about 30 minutes  
 Charlie Chase/Rechartering  
 Patrol exercise  
 Announcements & Closing Phantom Patrol  
 PLC meeting All PL's  
 Clean up Old Crow Patrol  
 PLC Meeting Alex



#### December 7, 2005

Theme Hobbies and collections  
 Opening Old Crow Patrol  
 Presentation Hedgehog Patrol  
 Patrol exercise  
 Announcements & Closing Fluke patrol  
 PLC meeting All PL's  
 Clean up Phantom Patrol  
 PLC Meeting Alex  
 Submitted by Alex Stirton Scout Roundtable Commissioner

### Youth Protection Training

December 7, 2005 the same evening and place as the roundtable Youth Protection Training for all the new leaders and any leader who might need this training.

### Cub Winter Event

Mark your calendars for a "Prehistoric" great time. January 14, 2006 is the Cub Winter Event at Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown.

Time: 8:30 registration  
 Activities 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
 Cost: \$4.00 before December 30, 2005  
 \$5.00 after December 30, 2005.

Events : CRAFTS, GAMES, FUN

For more information please feel free to call Roxann Nelson at 610-867-5183 or email [cubsrox@localnet.com](mailto:cubsrox@localnet.com), or Marci Weaver at 610-282-0921 or email [smilely9@ptd.net](mailto:smilely9@ptd.net)

### Recruiter

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts may be awarded, and wear, below the right pocket on their uniforms, the Recruiter Strip shown above

There are NO formal requirements for these strips. Each Unit establishes the procedure for awarding the strip. Usually, a Recruiter Strip is awarded to a Cub Scout or Boy Scout the first time he is successful in getting a friend, relative, classmate, or other acquaintance to join his unit.

Typically, only ONE strip is awarded to a boy while he is a Cub Scout, and another may be awarded while he is a Boy Scout.



## Training



### 2006 Powder Horn

August 25 -27 and

Sept 8-10, 2006

Our multi council cluster course continues to staff up. As of this article, John Arno – ACD-Services

has most of his staff. He is looking for Medical and Cooking Crews. He is also looking for a Lifeguard to perform Swim tests.

Walt Godshall – ACD-Instruction reports great progress with our consultants. We want the best experts available and we are working to make this course a unique experience for the participants. To date we have consultants from EMS, National Speleological Society, International Communications Expert, National Camp School COPE, COPE and C/R trained NCS Director, Leave No Trace Master Educator and Kodiak and Kodiak X Course Director, US Orienteering Federation Boy Scout Liaison Committee Chairman, Red Cross Instructor, Historian, Rehabilitation Services for Allied Services Home Health, NRA rifle instructor & coach, National Shooting Sports Foundation, SCUBA Instructor and Fire Fighter/EMT Red Cross Instructor Emergency Response & CPR.

We are working on confirming consultants for Backing and Cooking, working with EMS, Cabelas, and REI, for Fishing working with West Penn Fly Fishers. for Hunter Education working with PA Game Commission, for Stars working with Lehigh Valley Amateur Astronomical Society and NASA, for Kayaking working with Whitewater Challenge, Wilderness Survival working with Are you Prepared Company, Conservation, Mountain Biking, Small Boat / Sail boarding, Working with Teens and Winter Sports seeing consultants.,

If you wish to serve as a consultant, email us with your area of expertise. We are looking for a “dutch over” expert that can do “dutch over” for a Luau. Please, contact Bob Monto at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com) or Walt Godshall at

[ROSEWALT68@msn.com](mailto:ROSEWALT68@msn.com) if you have an interest in being a consultant.

Michael T Dulany – ACD Chief Crew Guide has three Crew Guides from Cradle of Liberty, Bucks and Shenandoah Area Councils. As we continue to register participants we will add 3 more Crew Guides.

### Unit Leader Training

December 3, 2005 will be the last time to get your leaders trained before Rechartering. The training will be held at the Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown form more information please call Roxann Nelson at 610-867-5183.

### District Committee Training

The district training team will be presenting a District Committee training course for the South Mountain District committee members. At our November Committee Don Miles will discuss time and place.

## Membership Committee

The next meeting of the District Membership committee will be at 7PM before the 7:30 District Committee meeting at East Hills Moravian Church. This meeting is open to all members of the membership committee and South Mountain scouters.

Membership Survey: The membership committee is seeking reasons why not all Webelos cross over into troops. We are asking your opinion. Please email Sally with your opinion as to why we lose some Webelos so the membership committee can address this problem.

Please email Sally at [sally.haggerty@verizon.net](mailto:sally.haggerty@verizon.net)



**Capital Campaign  
Buy a Brick Program  
It's Never to Late**

Many Packs Troops and Crews have signed up for a unit visit to briefly explain the importance of the "Buy a Brick" program. During the month of September, a detailed "**Buy a Brick**" brochure has been sent to all Scout families and other registered unit and district leaders to explain how bricks may be purchased. Thanks to the efforts of *Jim Roberts, Bob Monto, Dave Binder, Rob Grow*, and a list of other dedicated Scouters, promotion teams have been making the rounds at roundtable, and other meetings to explain the "**Buy a Brick**" campaign and the importance of the capital campaign. Promotion of the "**Buy a Brick**" campaign will continue through December, 2005.

Under the leadership of Jim Roberts, Jim has lined up the following units:

Packs and Troops being contacted for presentations are Pack 191, 199, 306, 343, 346, 347, 352, 359, 360, 368 not yet scheduled

Packs 333 September

Packs 302, 317, 319, 1742 October.

Troops 191,335, 376, 383 not yet scheduled.

Troops 317. 349, 359, 362 Conducted at court of honor

Troops 302, 352 October

Troops 318 December

Many of the units understand the need for the presentation but now we have to find a time when they have an event where the parents will be present. The committee wishes to thank all the units for making a presentation available to their units

## That little Scout who follows me

A careful Scouter I ought to be.  
A little Scout follows me.  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

Not once can I escape his eyes.  
Whatever he sees me do he tries.  
Like me, he says he's going to be-  
That little Scout who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine.  
The base in me he must not see  
That little Scout who follows me.

I must remember as I go  
Through summer sun and winter snow  
I'm building for the years to be  
That little Scout who follows me.

## Scouting for Food

Door hangars are in at Council for pickup. You may also pick them up at Round Table November 2 at 7pm. (Northeast Middle School) Almost all the 24 food pantries I contacted are low on all items. The need is greatest this year due to increase home heating and fuel prices. Over 40% are children who rely on food pantries for their staples. Please do your very best to make this the most successful food drive in the history of Scouting for Food. Any questions Contact Sandi Dale 600-282-1686 Scouting for Food Chairman South Mountain.



### Adult Recognition

At the last Boy Scout Roundtable we are going to do a talk on adult recognition. Unfortunately time ran out and this topic will be at a future roundtable.

We wanted to cover the adult recognition from the council, district and unit levels.

We were going to cover religious awards, training awards and commission recognition. Awards that individuals need to submit for themselves like training awards and keys since the individual keep their own records to awards presented by others like the district awards and award of merit to the council award for Silver Beaver.

The point that I wanted to make is that the unit needs to keep track of the adults and recognize them at Blue and Gold and Court of Honor events with recognitions for service (Service stars and Veterans awards). Even a simple "That a Boy" certificate is a great way to thank your volunteers.



At a recent Cub Event Pack 13 showed us all how simple a recognition can be. The Pack made the "Thank you for serving our country" pins and the cubs handed them out to the military, civil

servants and scout leaders at the event. Great job Pack 13 for showing us how to do it!

Pack 13 Wolves and Webelos I made at least one each. They got the idea from [www.makingfriends.com](http://www.makingfriends.com) site.

Couple suggestion/changes: May need to use a larger pin - older hands had difficulty pinning them on and scouts had tough time putting and keeping the cords on. They had to pre-attach the cord to the non-moving leg of the pin and glue it before scouts put the beads on.

Need to glue the knot on the bottom to keep from 'un-knotting'. They used avery address labels on the tag.

### Camping Committee

Only 18% of our Cub Scouts went to Akelaland or Day Camp this summer, by far the lowest percentage of Cub summer campers in Minsi Trails Council and well below the 38% BSA national average.

Although 70% of our Boy Scouts went to a Summer Camp this summer (slightly above the Council and BSA averages), that number was somewhat inflated by those who went to the National Jamboree.

South Mountain District needs to do better and get more of our boys camping next summer. There are campsites still available for every summer camp -- Minsi, Settlers and Akelaland -- and for every week next summer. We have the camper spots: do we have the will to fill them this summer ?

The District Camping Committee wants to help every Pack and Troop afford every boy an opportunity to go to summer camp in 2006. A committee volunteer will be contacting your Pack or Troop this Fall to get the ball rolling. Meanwhile, each unit needs to identify and select an energetic adult leader to serve as Pack or Troop Camping Coordinator. Then, your Pack or Troop should work with your unit Committee to select a date in November or December 2005 when a District Camp Promotion volunteer can meet with the Committee to discuss how your unit can help make a summer camping experience available to every boy in your unit.

We'll have a cool new DVD to show off our Minsi Trails Council camps in November and camping brochures to give out in December.

Remember: for 2006, initial camp deposits will be due April 1 (this is a real deadline: you'll lose a campsite you've reserved if you don't make your deposit on time) so your Pack or Troop needs to start recruiting campers THIS FALL.



Please call or email me with the name and phone/email of your Pack or Troop camping coordinator. Questions or for more info, contact me please. District Camping chairman Don Miles at 610/865-3844 or [don.miles@verizon.net](mailto:don.miles@verizon.net)

### Fall Camporee

Just a few pictures from our Fall Camporee that was attended by 9 Troops. Oh, yes it rained!.



Scout skills in action



Scouting is on target.

### Commissioners Wanted

#### What is the Commissioner Service?



Briefly stated, the Commissioner Service of the Boy Scouts of America is a core of dedicated volunteer Scouters whose primary purpose is to provide service and support to Pack, Troop, Crew, and other Scout Leaders. This service and support is provided to help give the unit leader extra resources to assure that he or she is able to deliver the promise of Scouting to

individual youth members. For more information on becoming a Commissioner contact Eric Chiles. At 610-865-5787 or [eric.chiles@mcall.com](mailto:eric.chiles@mcall.com)

### Cub Fall Event

The cub fall event was held on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Despite the rain we had, that did not put a damper on the FUN we all had. The cub scouts (119) still got their parents to bring them out to meet the "Hometown Heroes." A special thanks to the VFW Post 3405 of Coopersburg (opening ceremony and passed out flags to all our scouts), the Army and Marines, Dewy Ambulance, Lower Saucon Police Department (finger printing of the boys) and the K-9 Unit for taking part in our event and making it FUN, knowledgeable and a memorable day for all. Thanks to the following troops and packs who ventured through the rain to run events for our Cubbies: Troops- 300, 376, 364, 362, 334, 359, 317, 311, 349, 318, OA, Packs- 319, 333, and 360. Specials thanks to all who have helped in various ways to make this event a success.





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## Webelos Meet the Troops

The webelos got a chance to do scouting activities and meet the troops in our South Mountain District on Saturday, October 22nd. They got to ask questions of what kind of events and activities the older boys do in their unit. There were 78 boys from our packs who ventured out in the rain to work on their Readyman Activity Badge. Thanks to the following troops who ran events to help the webelos earn their badge: 376, 191, 364, 362, 318, 302, 300, 334, 359, 311, 306, 349, 319, 317.



## Pre-Historic Times in South Mountain

Now that the weather is starting to get colder, it is time to start thinking about our 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.

Pre- registration is \$4 up to December 30th. After December 30th and at the door 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](mailto:cubsrox@localnet.com) or

610.867.5183 or Marci Weaver at [smiley9@ptd.net](mailto:smiley9@ptd.net) or 610.282.0921.

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