



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A. November 2006

Dates to Remember

Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-01-06 [2]
OA Lodge Leadership training	11-03-04-06 [4]
Scouting for Food (Distribution)	11-04-06
District Meeting 7:30	11-07-06 [1]
Scouting for Food (Pick Up)	11-11-06
District Committee Training	11-11-06 [95]
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
- [95] Mack Trucks HQ Mack blvd, Allentown
- [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 on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the same location as the South Mountain District Roundtable.

Fall Fellowship Weekend at Camp Minsi was held on September 8-10, 2006. Tunkhannock Chapter was well represented with a total of 40 members. Fourteen members took their Ordeal, two members sealed the bonds of Brotherhood, and Lodge Chief Ryan Hay received the Vigil honor. Tunkhannock Chapter has three newly-elected Lodge Officers for the next year: Treasurer is Blake Tange, Recording Secretary is Michael Dolan, Jr., and Second vice Chief is John Ellis.

Sand Island Cleanup was held on September 20, 2006. Ten Arrowmen participated and enjoyed our traditional Tunkhannock ring of fire chili.

October 4, 2006 – Tunkhannock Chapter elections were held. Chapter Chief Alex Nilsen; Vice Chief Zach Long; Recording Secretary Mike Mayrosh, Jr.



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October 6-8, 2006 – Tunkhannock Chapter participated in the SMD Fall Camporee at Camp Towhee Park.

October 21, 2006 – Tunkhannock Chapter ran an event at the SMD Fall Cub Event.

Upcoming Events:

November 3 and 4, 2006 Lodge Leadership Development Training at Akelaland.

November 17 and 18, 2006 – Tunkhannock Chapter is hosting the Scoutreach Camporee at Camp Minsi.

Reminder – 2006 and 2007 membership dues can be paid at Chapter meetings.

Who to contact

Chapter Chief: Alex Nilsen (610) 346-9592

Chapter Advisor: Dave Hay (610) 861-4494

2007 District Dinner



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

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's 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 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.

Adult Scouter Bio Form

All registered Scouters in South Mountain District. Fill out and attach in an email to [Bob Monto](mailto:Bob.Monto) 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.

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 October 4, 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

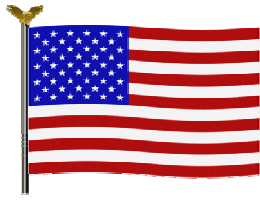


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Collection of Retired US Flags



If you have an old, dirty, torn, ripped or faded United States Flag you can have it retired properly.

Please do not throw out your old US Flag into

the trash. Instead - bring your old US Flags to the BSA Minsi Trails Council Office.

We are collecting old US Flags so that they can be retired with the dignity and pride they deserve.

A box has been placed inside the front door of the BSA Scout Office – simply bring your flag to the Scout Shop the next time you stop by.

Lay your flag in this box.

These old flags will be given a proper retirement in a United States Flag Retirement Ceremony. Sponsored by Troop 131 – Trexler District

Silver Beaver



Congratulations to Linda Cortis. Linda will be awarded the Silver Beaver award at the Council Annual Meeting.

Scout Leadership Positions held:
Cub Scout Pack 317 Tiger

Adult: 1987-88, 1990-91 Registered Den Leader: Sept. 1988 Den Leader: 2 years '88-'90 Webelos DL: 4 yrs '90-'94 Ass't Cubmaster:9/90-2/91 Cubmaster:2/91-9/94 Pack Committee: 9/94-9/98 Akelaland summer camp leader with Pack 1991, '92, '93, '94 (week camps) Akelaland volunteer in Trading Post for 1 week 1995

Troop Committee 317 (advancement) 4/94 to 9/06 Troop 317 Merit Badge Counselor - 4/94 – present.

South Mountain District Positions: Unit Commissioner - 4/94 to 9/05 Asst Dist Commissioner 2002-'05 Popcorn Chairperson 1994, '95, '96, '97, '98. '99, '00, '01, '02, '03 (10 years) District Dinner Awards Chair 1995 District Dinner Committee 2002, '03, '04 '05 '06 , District Advancement Chair 11/05 to present.

Minsi Trails Council: Council Advancement Committee since 2004.

Cub Fall Event

I would like to thank everyone for a job well done in helping with the event this year. There were also quite a few people who “jumped” in at the last minute, and I am very grateful for your help. I knew you all could do it, because you are a great bunch to work with. A BIG THANKS to Roxann for stepping in at the last minute to help oversee this due to some family matters. Everyone, young and old really enjoyed themselves. We had 111 Indian braves who attended with their parents. The OA team dancers helped to mesmerize the boys with the dances. Sandi and her Indian apparel brought out questions from the boys and they enjoyed having their pictures taken by Chief “Bear” Bernie. The boys also had a fun time with their crafts- Indian necklaces, medicine pouches and rain sticks. They

District Committee Training Workshop



WHO: all district committee members (Committee chair, finance, membership, advancement, camping, activities, training and commissioners are welcome)

WHEN: November 11, 2006

TIME: 9:00 AM (lasts about 4 - 5 hours)

Building opens at 8:30

LOCATION: Mack truck headquarters

Mack blvd, Allentown

COST: FREE

QUESTIONS: Steve Mehl 610-966-7974 or Joe Heiman 610-465-8582



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enjoyed learning the different games that originated from the Indians and learning new ones. Thanks to the following troops and packs who ran events: Packs- 347, 360, 319 Troops- 300, 311, 359, 362, 318, 319, 347; and our OA

Cub Winter Event

This year's theme is Winter Magic. It will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown, on Saturday, January 13th, 2007. Flyers can be obtained on the shelves up at council. Also, e-mails have been sent to the packs and troops. Please consider running an event to help make this event another success as we all have done in the past. Without your help this event would not take place. For further information or to run an event please contact Marci Weaver at smiley9@ptd.net or 610.282.0921. As always, I enjoy working with you!

National Strategic Plan



The new National Strategic Plan will guide the Boy Scouts of America as we embrace our mission to serve youth. Our rich history gives us a foundation upon which to adapt to America's evolving culture. Our mission has not changed, nor have our principles. We have a great history, a forthright and honorable tradition, and as we embark upon our second century, we must be prepared to meet the needs of tomorrow's families. The methods must change to meet the needs of time, but the honor and vision of Scouting remain strong and will propel our mission into its next hundred years. Our National Strategic Plan will be guided by five pillars supported by measurable, specific goals. The plan requires immediate and

continued attention to each pillar. Each year there will be an emphasis on one of the five pillars. 2006—This year emphasizes research. 2007—Focus on helping every local council to become fiscally sound. 2008—Launch a campaign to engage 1 million new volunteers. 2009—Salute chartered organizations and other strategic alliances and highlight our tradition of service. 2010—Celebrate our 100th anniversary.

2007 Northeast Region Powder Horn Courses

April 13-5, 2007 and May 4-6, 2007

Baltimore Area Council

June 1-3, 2007 and June 15-17, 2007

Green Mountain Council

August 24-26, 2007 and September 28-30, 2007

Cape Cod Islands Council

January 19-21 and Feb 2-4, 2007

Porto Rico Council

August 23-26 and Sept 16-18, 2007

National Capital Area Council

August 24-26 and Sept 7-9, 2007

Twin Rivers Council

July 11-13, 2008 and July 18-20, 2008

Daniel Webster Council



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Roundtable Notice



Roundtable will be held again at St. Thomas UCC Church on Macada Rd., in Bethlehem Weds., Nov. 1, starting at 7:30 p.m. All unit leaders and committee chairs

should plan on attending this Roundtable. Council Registrar Charlie Chase will be presenting a program on Internet Rechartering which will begin this year. See all of you Wednesday night.

Eric Chiles
South Mountain District Commissioner

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