



South Mountain District News



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Dates to Remember

Outdoor Leader Skills	11-02-24-08 [6]
Scouting for Food-Distribution	11-03-07
District Meeting 7:30pm	11-06-07 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-07-07 [2]
Troop Committee Training	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]
Troop Committee Training	12-06-07 []
District Commissioners 7pm	12-19-07 [3]
Re-Charter Day	01-05-08 [1]
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
SM & ASM Leader Specific part 1	02-19-08 []
District Commissioners 7pm	02-27-08 [3]
SM & ASM Leader Specific part 2	02-28-08 []
District Meeting 7:30pm	03-04-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-05-08 [2]
New Leader Essentials	03-05-08 [2]
Troop Committee Training	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	04-26-08 [1]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 1	04-17-08 []
Outdoor Leader Skills part 2	04-22-08 []
Outdoor Leader Skills part 3	04-26-08 []
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]
Powder Horn weekend 1	08-22-24-08 [98]
District Commissioners 7pm	08-27-08 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	09-02-08 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-03-08 [2]
Powder Horn weekend 2	09-05-07-08 [98]
Woodbadge weekend 1	09-05-07-08 []
SM & ASM Leader Specific	09-20-08 []
District Commissioners 7pm	09-24-08 [3]
Woodbadge weekend 2	09-27-29-08 []
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]
Troop Committee Training	11-01-08 []
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
- [6] Camp Trexler
- [98] Goose Pond
- [99] Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA

Preventing Black Bears in Camp

See Flyer attached



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Newsletter Deadline

Cut off date for all submissions to the South Mountain District newsletter has been set by the district committee as the 25th 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, in a word document if possible, on or before the 25th.

JAMBO 2008 SAVE THE DATE



WHEN: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,
May 16 - 18, 2008

WHERE: the beautiful campus of Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA.

WHAT: Jambo 2008, the premier Scouting event in east central Pennsylvania.

Kick off Flyer attached

WINTER CAMP ACADEMY - BACKPACK TRAINING AT CAMP MINSI

WHEN: 15, 16, 17 February 2008 – Fri, Sat, Sun

LOCATION: *Camp Minsi - Athletic Field*

THE COST: Winter Camp Academy Training costs **\$45 per person** (all Scouts and Adults attending) to pay for food, equipment and outpost Winter Camp accommodations.

See Flyer attached

Course Dates:

1st Weekend – September 5-7, 2008

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

2nd Weekend – September 27-29, 2008

Saturday, Sunday, Monday

(Weekends start at 7:30 AM and end late afternoon on the last day.)



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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Robert Monto at rmonto@aol.com
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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

See Attached Flyer for Reporting and Patch Orders



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2007 Boy Scout Adult Leader Training



Register for ALL courses at

www.minsitrails.com/training

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

2007

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills:

Fri-Sun Nov 2-4 - Hawkeye site, Camp Trexler - 6:00p Fri-12 noon Sun (Pocono)

Troop Committee Training:

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

South Mountain District - 2008 Boy Scout Adult Leader Training Dates:

Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training

Tuesday, Feb. 19 and Thursday, Feb. 28 (6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each evening), at Bethlehem location TBA:

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Thursday, April 17 (6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.), Tuesday, April 22 ((6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.), both at Bethlehem location TBA, and Saturday, April 26 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at South Mountain Park, Mountain Drive, south Bethlehem:

New Leader Essentials

Wednesday, March 5, at St. Lukes Hospital Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center (same building as Roundtable), Fountain Hill (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.):

Troop Committee Training

Wednesday, March 5, at St. Lukes Hospital Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center (same building as Roundtable), Fountain Hill (7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.):

Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training

Saturday, September 20 (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), at Bethlehem location TBA,

Troop Committee Training

Saturday, November 1 (10:00 a.m. to noon), at a Bethlehem location TBA,

Scout Bio Forms

As we approach the District Annual Recognition dinner, It is time once again to update or fill out for the first time your Scout Bio Form.



All District committee, commissioners and Unit Scouters should have a form completed and email to Bob Monto. If you need a form contact Bob at rmonto@aol.com

We have the following forms on file.

John Arno	Eric Chiles
Linda Cortis	Sandi Dale
Dave Ellis	Mike Faccinetto
Gary Marsh	Don Miles
Bob Monto	Roxanne Nelson
Linda Small	Bernie Sues
Jim Swain	Marci Weaver

If you wish to update let Bob know,

Cub Scout Immediate Recognition kit Recall

We have received the following letter today relating to defects in the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition kit (Item No. 01804). Below is a picture of the item.

The Boy Scouts of America has directed all of its Scout Shops and all retailers who sell the product to remove it from their shelves immediately and return it to us.



Purchasers will be advised by Kahoot as to further action to be taken.

We are requesting anyone who may have purchased the item to remove the Cub Scout Recognition totem badge from their children's possession and, until further instructions are received, keep it in a safe place where only adults will have access to them.

Our highest priority is the safety of our youth members and their families.



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Boy Scouts of America apologizes for any concern this matter causes parents. BSA is doing everything we can to ensure the health and safety of all those who participate in our programs.

Bridge Building

- #1 334 – Grizzly
- #2 319 - Sea Wolves
- #3 191 - Leaping Lumberjacks

Survival Shelter

- #1 302 - Black Ravens
- #2 318
- #3 191 - Leaping Lumberjacks

Did You Survive?

Thirteen troops participated in the South Mountain Boy Scout Fall Camporee on the weekend of October 5-7. Fantastic warm weather made survival of the event at little easier! Activities ranged from first aid, building a survival shelter, orienteering (both at night and daylight), team bridge building, rope relay, and fire-starting just to name a few. Scouts also needed to create a HOBO stew that was judged on which unit's tasted best.



A campfire was held to end the events on Saturday night where Scouts from each troop either did a skit or song and awards for the weekend's activities were handed out. There was a "quiet" ending to the campfire as a flag retirement ceremony also took place – Scouts were dismissed in a silent manner.

Flag Ceremony

- #1 318
- #2 302 - Black Ravens
- #3 306 – Dragons

HOBO Stew

- #1 306
- #2 302
- #3 362

Campfire Skit

- #1 191 - Leaping Lumberjacks
- #2 191 – Spartans
- #3 311

Tomahawk Throw

- #1 306 - Flying Squirrels
- #2 393 - Night Walkers
- #3 191 - Spartans

One-handed Bowline best score: Dalton Biery of Troop 364 in 1.24 seconds

Leader winner of the Tomahawk throw: Jack Laberteaux of Troop 319



Thank you to the following troops for running our various survival activities: 364, 362, 347, 319, 318, 317, 302, 300, 191, OA and

District

Representatives – John Arno and Jack Worsley. Also, a special thanks to Troop 364 for hosting the camporee at Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park. GREAT JOB!!!

Marci Weaver and Wayne Biery
Co-Chairs of the Fall Camporee



EVENT RESULTS:

First Aid

- #1 306 - Dragons
- #2 334 - Patrol 1
- #3 319 - Sea Wolves

Amoeba Race

- #1 302 - Black Ravens
- #2 362 - Phoenix
- #3 364 - Monkeys

Orienteering

- #1 362
- #2 311
- #3 364 Monkeys

Fire-Starting

- #1 364 - Monkeys
- #2 191- Leaping Lumberjacks
- #3 302 - Black Ravens

Log Disassembly

- #1 318
- #2 319 - Sea Wolves
- #3 191- Leaping Lumberjacks

Rope Relay

- #1 191 - Leaping Lumberjacks
- #2 317
- #3 191 - Spartans

Imagination Wanted

Do you like to have fun? Are you a person with lots of ideas? Do you "need" to share your opinions? Then we want your input!

The district provides several activities for Scouts throughout the year such as the Klondike Derby and the Winter Cub Event, but that doesn't mean it has to end there! Maybe there's something else which might interest our Scouts – have we asked what they want? This is something we need to find out from all our Scouting programs: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers!



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If you'd like to share your suggestions, give feedback, or maybe even organize an event, please contact Arby Beisel at rbeisel@minsitrails.com and offer your thoughts.

From the Cub Fall Event committee:

Wow, what a great day we had for the Cub Scout Fall Event which was held on October 20, 2007 at the Hellertown Sportsman Club. The weather could not have been nicer and the turn out was overwhelming; there were more than double the amount of boys there this year. It seems as though the Cub Scouts had a great time while they had an opportunity to earn some requirements. The BB Gun range and the Archery were a big hit; lines were very long but we were able to accommodate mostly everyone. As was the kitchen; the line seemed never to end. Thank you all who helped make the day a great success and to all that attended. If anyone is interested in helping for next year please feel free to contact Colleen Marzigiano at 610-691-6380.

National Logo Contest

In honor of BSA's 100th Anniversary, we want to create a memorable logo that captures the true spirit of Scouting... and, we are calling on Scouts all across the country to help us in the effort! We have launched a national contest to inspire creative thinking and engage Scouts at every level. Every registered Scout is eligible. Entries are due by Nov. 30, 2007. Winners will be chosen in several categories. The overall winner will work with nationally-recognized graphic artist and Eagle Scout, [Kit Hinrichs](#), to format the design for broad use throughout our celebration.

RECOGNITION

Every participant will receive a patch and certificate from BSA. Winners, chosen from the following categories, will be recognized at a May 2008 BSA National Annual Meeting:

- Overall design
- Best Design by an Eagle Scout
- Best Design by a Venturer
- Best Design by a Boy Scout
- Best Design by a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout

The overall winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to San Francisco, CA to work hand-in-hand with Kit Hinrichs to finalize the 100th Anniversary Celebration logo design.

HOW TO ENTER

Sharpen your pencils. Get out your crayons. Warm up your computer mouse. Create a logo design that best captures what YOU believe to be the true spirit of Scouting.

For more information see attached flyer or go to the website

<http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/content/NationalLogoContest.aspx>

South Mountain District 2008 Recognition Dinner

Mark your calendars now!

- Date:** Saturday April 26, 2008,
6:30 p.m.
- Place:** East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, PA
- Attendees:** All Adult Scouters, Spouses, and Chartered Partners are cordially invited to honor all award recipients.
- Start thinking now about who YOU or your UNIT would like to honor.

VETERANS' DAY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2007



We need you to be part of the short but meaningful patriotic parade which will be in honor of all veterans and military; and especially in honor of all our world war two veterans And our united states flag

The Allentown Flag Day Association and the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum have partnered to sponsor a parade down Hamilton Street in Allentown, from 15th Street eastward to the Center Square Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument, then turn right onto 7th Street, where the parade will dissolve in that block.



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In addition to WW II veterans riding in cars; bands, veterans' groups, military groups, police and firemen, and hopefully YOU and YOUR UNIT will be featured in the parade.

Eagle Scout Judge Ed Reibman will carry the US Flag that will lead a procession of US Flags and the 50 state flags which will be carried by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venture Scouts, and adult Scout leaders from throughout the Lehigh Valley. Smaller US Flags will be provided to all the Cub Scouts, Brownies, and other marchers with the group.

The parade, which steps off at 2:00 PM, will form along Hamilton Street going west from 15th Street to 17th Street, between 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM on Sunday, November 11. We need over a hundred people able to carry the 50 state flags and as many US Flags as we can arrange; so please bring your Crews, Troop's and Pack's US Flags and Unit Flags to carry,. (You will maintain control of your flags.) We need every Scout and every Leader who is willing to participate!! Please contact Dave Binder (email is best dbinder@lvmac.org) if you and/or your group can help. Please contact Dave as soon as possible with commitment or questions & contact info. – phone 610-433-7394 if necessary

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