



South Mountain District News



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January 2009

2009 Dates to Remember



Most dates are final but some may change. We hope this will help you in planning your calendars.

OA Lodge Banquet	01-03-09 [96]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	01-07-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	01-08-09 [1]
Re-Charter Day	01-10-09 [1]
District Meeting 7:30pm	01-13-09 [1]
Cub Winter Event	01-17-09 [94]
Venturing Forum	01-19-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	01-28-09 [3]
Council Dinner Annual Meeting	01-30-09 [95]
District Meeting 7:30pm	02-03-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	02-04-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	02-12-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	02-16-09 [5]
Klondike Derby	02-21-09
Trainer's Edge Conference	02-21-09 [93]
District Commissioners 7pm	02-25-09 [3]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-04-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	03-12-09 [1]
University of Scouting	03-14-09
Venturing Forum	03-16-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	03-25-09 [3]
First Aide Meet	03-14-09
Pinewood Derby	03-21-09
Outdoor Leader Skills part 1	03-26-09 [1]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 2	03-31-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	04-01-09 [2]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 3	04-04-09 [93]
District Planning Meeting 7:00pm	04-07-09 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	04-09-09 [1]
Venturing Leader Training	04-11-09 [5]
NYLT Weekend 1	04-17-19-09 [6]
Boy Scout Youth Protection	04-18-09 [2]
Venturing Forum	04-20-09 [5]
NYLT Weekend 2	04-24-26-09[6]
District Recognition Dinner	04-25-09 [1]
District Commissioners 7pm	04-29-09 [3]

District Meeting 7:30pm	05-05-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-06-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	05-14-09 [1]
College of Commissioner Science	05-15-17-09 []
Powder Horn Weekend I	05-15-17-09 [98]
Venturing Forum	05-18-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	05-27-09 [3]
Powder Horn Weekend II	05-29-31-09 [98]
OA Spring Weekend	05-29-31-09 [6]
District Meeting 7:30pm	06-02-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-03-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	06-11-09 [1]
OA Conclave	06-12-14-09 [97]
Venturing Forum	06-15-09 [5]
Coopersburg Day Camp	06-15-19-09
District Commissioners 7pm	06-24-09 [3]
Eagle Board of Review	07-09-09 [1]
OA Summer Family Picnic	07-11-09
Bethlehem Day Camp	07-13-17-09
Venturing Forum	07-20-09 [5]
District Meeting 7:30pm	08-04-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-05-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	08-13-09 [1]
Cardboard Boat Regatta	08-14-16-08 [4]
Venturing Forum	08-17-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	08-26-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	09-01-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-02-09 [2]
OA Fall Weekend	09-11-13-09 [4]
Eagle Board of Review	09-10-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	09-21-09 [5]
SM & ASM Leader Specific Part 1	09-10-09 []
SM & ASM Leader Specific Part 2	09-15-09 []
District Commissioners 7pm	09-30-09 [3]
Fall Camporee	10-02-04-09
District Meeting 7:30pm	10-06-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	10-07-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	10-08-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	10-19-09 [5]
Cub Fall Event	10-17-09
District Commissioners 7pm	10-28-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	11-03-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-04-09 [2]



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Scouting for Food – Bag Drop off	11-07-09
Eagle Board of Review	11-12-09 [1]
Popcorn – Pickup	11-14-09
Scouting for Food – Bag Pick up	11-14-09
Venturing Forum	11-16-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	11-25-09 [3]
District Annual Meeting 7:00pm	12-01-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-02-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	12-10-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	12-21-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	12-30-09 [3]

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND RECOGNITION DINNER
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2008 Silver Beaver Class

- David Abraham
- John Arno
- Eric Chiles
- David Hay
- Phil Nonemaker
- Nyles Possinger
- James Roberts
- Kim Snyder



Date: Friday, **January 30, 2009**

Time: 6:00PM, Gathering, 6:45 Dinner

Location: Jordan Lutheran Church
5130 Snowdrift Road Orefield, PA

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Make checks payable to “Minsi Trails Council,” PO
Box 20624, Lehigh Valley, PA 180020624

Registration is due by 1/16/09

Highlights of the Evening ·

- Council Annual Business Meeting and
Election of officers
- Good Food and Fellowship
- Award Ceremonies and recognition of
Centennial District Award
Distinguished Commissioners
Adult Religious Award
Community Service Awards
Silver Beaver Court of Honor

Directions: From route 78 take the 309 N exit follow
Route 309 to Snowdrift Road; make a left on
Snowdrift Road, Church is on the right..

From Route 22: Take the Route 309 N exit and
follow 309 N until Snowdrift Road. Make a left on
Snowdrift Road and proceed to the church.

From Route 476: Take Route 476 to the Route 22
Exit and head East on 22 to the Route 309 N Exit.
Take Route 309 N to Snowdrift Road and make a
left on Snowdrift Road

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] Emmanuel Evangelical Congregation Church,
E. Union Blvd. & Center Street, Bethlehem
- [4] Camp Minsi
- [5] Minsi Trails Council Office
- [6] Camp Trexler
- [92] South Mountain Park
- [93] Banko Center, LVH Muhlenburg
- [94] Hellertown UCC Church
- [95] 5130 Snowdrift Road Orefield, PA
- [96] Skytop Lodge, Skytop PA
- [97] Resica Falls Scout Reservation
- [98] Camp Turell –NNJ Council
- [99] Lehigh Carbon Community College

South Mountain District 2009 Recognition Dinner
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Date: Saturday April 25, 2009, 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.



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Trainer Development Conference

February 21, 2009



For any Scouter and Venturing Leader interested in learning Training skills. 8:00 to 4:00pm at the Banko Center LVH-Muhlenburg, This course will have two levels, the BASIC Course and the ADVANCED Course. Form detail information contact Don Miles at 610-865-3844 donmiles@rcn.com

Venture Leadership Skills Course

January 2009



The Venturing Committee is planning on hosting a VLSC course in January in Easton, PA.

WHAT IS IT: A course designed for young adults in Venturing Crews to help teach the attitudes and skills of leadership. This course is required for the Silver Award.

WHEN: 7PM Friday January 9th thru 4:30PM Saturday January 10th 2009

WHO: Open to all Venturers of all Crews.

COST: \$20.00 Includes Friday night cracker barrel, Saturday breakfast and lunch. All Training Materials and the VLSC Patch and Certificate issued upon completion of course.

UNIFORM: Crew Activity Uniform or Field Uniform or clothes appropriate for a scout function.

WHAT TO BRING: Sleeping bag, pillow, Sleeping Pad, Toiletry articles, change of clothes, Personal items books, camera, radio, CD player with headphones, Pen, Pencil and a thirst for knowledge.

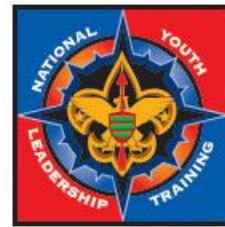
QUESTIONS: Please call or email John Arno at [lordbadenpowell@aol.com](mailto:l lordbadenpowell@aol.com) or 610 866 1810.

Attend the monthly Venturing Forum at the Scout Office on the 3rd Mondays of the Month at 7:00pm..

2009 National Youth Leadership Training

April 2009

Minsi Trails Council to run National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course.



What's new this year? The Minsi Trails Council will be sponsoring a two Troop course in 2009 to provide additional opportunities for the

Scoutmasters to train your youth leaders. The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course supports Scoutmasters in their primary responsibility of training youth leaders. The Minsi Trails Council will offer the two weekend course in April, 2009.

Built on the legacy of past youth leader training courses, NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, events, games, and adventures, NYLT participants will work and play together as they put into action the best that Scouting has to offer

The course is set up to represent a month in the life of a Scout Troop. Patrols experience the stages of team development. Scouts discover that leadership requires vision, goals, and planning. Participants are provided a "toolbox" of leadership skills.

The National Youth Leadership Training is an outdoor experience for boy leaders in support of the Scoutmaster's responsibility for the training of Troop youth leaders. It is conducted by the council leadership training committee using an outline approved by the Boy Scout Division of the Boy Scouts of America.



The two-weekend course will occur Friday, April 17 to Sunday, April 19 and Friday, April 24 to Sunday April 26 at Settlers Camp. Space is limited to 96 Scouts. Scouts must be 14 years old by September 1, 2009 and be a Star Scout. The Cost is \$170 per Scout. (\$190 per Scout if full payment is not received by April 3, 2009) A \$75 deposit is due with the registration form. The remainder of fee is due by April 3, 2009. Information and registration fliers are being mailed to each Scoutmaster and Committee Chairs.

Charlie O'Connell of Pocono District and Bernhard Suess of South Mountain District have been selected to serve as the Scoutmasters for the two Troops. A Youth staff and other adults have been selected and have been meeting to prepare for this great course.

Check out the information and registration form on the Council webpage: and at

www.minsi-nylt.com/index.htm

and at

www.minsitrails.com

If you have any questions please contact Wayne Gross, NYLT Coordinator, by email at wegseg@msn.com

Venturing NOT Venture

In case something about Venturing crosses your desk, one of the firm rules about Venturing-speak is that the name of the program is Venturing

- ◆ Therefore, a crew is a Venturing Crew, not a Venture or Venturer crew.
- ◆ A youth member is called a Venturer.
- ◆ Advisors and other leaders are Venturing Advisors and such, not Venture or Venturer leaders.
- ◆ Venturing leaders take Venturing training, not Venture or Venturer training.

Reprint of an article by Charles Holmes Past National Venturing Director.

2009 Minsi Trails Training Requirements



In support of the Council's Strategic Plan of having every Scout led by a trained leader, the Executive Board of the Minsi Trails Council has renewed the training requirements for 2009.

In 2004, all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors were required to complete the basic training for their position before the council would renew their unit's charter.

In 2005, this training requirement was expanded to include the Committee Chairmen of each unit.

In an effort to bring training to the volunteer leaders who work directly with our youth, the Executive Board has adopted an additional training requirement for 2006.

Beginning in January 2006, all newly registered "direct contact" leaders, age 21 and over, must complete the basic training for their position by the unit's rechartering date or the Council will not re-register that person in that position. Beginning in January 2007, any 18, 19, and 20 year old Assistant Scoutmasters must complete training by the year of their 21st birthday.

"Direct contact" leaders for Cub Scout Packs include: Tiger Cub Den Leaders, Cub Scout Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters, and Assistant Cubmasters.

"Direct contact" leaders for Boy Scout Troops include: Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.

"Direct contact" leaders for Venturing Crews include: Venture Crew Advisors and Associate Crew Advisors.

This training requirement would not apply to existing leaders unless they changed their position after January 2006. Limited exceptions may be considered by the Council Training Chairman based on individual circumstances. Our hope is that over the next four to five years, as we train all of our new leaders coming into our organization, we will realize



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our vision of having every Scout led by a trained leader.

National BSA studies have shown that, on the whole, Scout units led by trained leaders present a higher-quality program that retains boys longer in Scouting. This is key to our council's long-range plan, which calls for retaining boys longer so as to have a positive impact on their values & character.

What Makes a Trained Leader?

Youth Protection Guidelines

Cub Scout leaders are considered trained when they have completed Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, and New Leader Essentials.

Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Troop committee members are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and the Troop Committee Challenge as their leader-specific training.

Varsity Scout leaders and assistants are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Varsity Scout Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Venturing crew Advisors, assistant Advisors, and crew committee members are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and Venturing Leader Specific Training.

Chartered Organizational Reps The course called Training the Chartered Organization Representative is what is needed to be trained as a COR. This is a national course which can be found on the national website.



ALL NEW

Trainer Development Conference

Saturday, February 21, 2009

8:00am to 4:00pm

Minsi Trails Council will be presenting the all new annual Trainer's Edge Conference (formerly called 'Trainer Development' and prior to that 'Train the Trainer') on two levels, the Basic course and an Advanced course.

Who should attend?

The Basic Course is designed for District Trainers / Pack Trainers, interested Scouters who have not attended a 'basic' course in recent years, and anyone who has always wanted to be involved in training. Please note that this course is required for Wood Badge and NYLT staff members.

The Advanced Course will be limited to ten (10) participants, and is intended for experienced Trainers wishing to improve their skills. Topic to be announced.

Time: Registration starts at 7:30 AM. Opening at 8:00 AM, Course will end at 4:00 PM.

Questions: Call Rod Long at 610-751-6768.

Location: *Banko Center (LVH - Muhlenberg), Bethlehem, (just off 22 & Schoenersville Rd)*

Cost: \$15.00 (Catered lunch, continental breakfast, and beverages included). Participant food is not allowed in the Banko Center. Deadline to register is February 6, 2009 - **NO WALK-INS**



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SCOUTMASTERS' BENEDICTION

All scouts should be prepared to go...
 Not only upon the earthly trail... but also upon the
 heavenly trail...
 Be it in the early dawn of youth...
 Or the twilight of old age...
 To this end,
 May the great master of all scouts,
 Be in our hearts and minds, until we meet again.

Ryan Hay elected Northeast Region OA Chief



During the Order of the Arrow National Elections, our very own, Ryan Hay, was elected Northeast Region Chief.

Ryan Hay, the section chief from NE-5B, has been elected the 2009 Northeast Region Chief in Southlake TX.

Ryan is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Witauchsoman Lodge #44, Minsi Trails Council. Ryan currently serves as the Section Chief of NE-5B and is the lead editor of the Region's newsletter, The Visionary. Last year, Ryan served as the Section Vice-Chief of NE-4A. Ryan is a past Lodge Chief and Committee Chairman of Witauchsoman Lodge. Ryan is a rising sophomore at DeSales University in Center Valley, PA, majoring in Political Science with an emphasis in National Security. In addition to his work with scouting, Ryan is the EMS Director at DeSales University and is a Firefighter/EMT with Nancy Run Fire Department in Bethlehem Township.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

1. To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
2. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
3. To promote Scout camping
4. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

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Camping Chair

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The South Mountain District is a geographical area located in Lehigh and Northampton counties which serves the school districts of Bethlehem Area, Saucon Valley, and Southern Lehigh. Municipalities within the South Mountain District include Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Center Valley, Coopersburg, Fountain Hill, Freemansburg, Hanover Township, Hellertown, Lower Milford, Lower Saucon, Steel City, and Upper Saucon.



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