



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

January 2010

Dates to Remember

NOTICE: If you have a question regarding any date or activity, please contact the respective Chair listed in the District Officers Page.

District Meeting 7:30pm	01-05-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	01-06-10 [2]
Re-Charter Day	01-09-10 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	01-14-10 [1]
Den Leader Training	01-16-10 [97]
Cub Winter Event	01-16-10 []
District Commissioners 7pm	01-20-10 [3]
Venturing Forum	01-25-10 [3]
Council Recognition Diner	01-29-10 []
District Meeting 7:30pm	02-02-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	02-03-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	02-11-10 [1]
Klondike Derby	02-27-10 []
District Commissioners 7pm	02-16-10 [3]
Venturing Forum	02-22-10 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	03-02-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-03-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	03-11-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	03-15-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	03-17-10 [3]
Den Leader Training	03-20-10 [97]
District Pinewood Derby	03-20-10 []
Scoutmaster Leader Specific	03-27-10 []
District Annual Planning Meeting 7:00pm	04-06-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	04-07-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	04-08-10 [1]
Venturing Leader Training	04-10-10 [3]
Boy Scout Youth Protection	04-17-10 []
District Recognition Dinner	04-24-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	04-19-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	04-21-10 [3]
District Diner	04-24-10 [1]
District Meeting 7:30pm	05-04-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-05-10 [2]
BALOO	05-08-10
Eagle Board of Review	05-13-10 [1]

JAMBO	05-14-16-10 [99]
Venturing Forum	05-17-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	05-19-10 [3]
OA Spring Weekend	06-04-06-10 [5]
District Meeting 7:30pm	06-01-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-02-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	06-10-10 [1]
OA Conclave	06-11-13-10 [98]
Venturing Forum	06-21-10 [3]
Coopersburg Day Camp	06-14-18-10
District Commissioners 7pm	06-16-10 [3]
Eagle Board of Review	07-08-10 [1]
OA Summer Family Picnic	August
Bethlehem Day Camp	07-12-16-10
District Meeting 7:30pm	08-03-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-04-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	08-12-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	08-16-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	08-18+10 [3]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-01-10 [2]
District Meeting 7:30pm	09-07-10 [1]
OA Fall Weekend	09-10-12-10 [4]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 1	09-10-10 []
Eagle Board of Review	09-09-10 [1]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 2	09-15-10 []
Venturing Forum	09-20-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	09-15-10 [3]
BALOO	09-18-10
District Meeting 7:30pm	10-05-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	10-06-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	10-14-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	10-18-10 [3]
Cub Fall Event	10-16-10 []
District Commissioners 7pm	10-20-10 [3]
Fall Camporee	10-22-23-10 [6]
District Meeting 7:30pm	11-02-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-03-10 [2]
Scouting for Food – Bag Drop off	11-06-10
Eagle Board of Review	11-11-10 [1]
Popcorn – Pickup	11-13-10
Scouting for Food – Bag Pick up	11-13-10
Venturing Forum	11-15-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	11-17-10 [3]



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Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-01-10 [2]
District Annual Meeting 7:00pm	12-07-10 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	12-09-10 [1]
District Commissioners 7pm	12-15-10 [3]
Venturing Forum	12-20-10 [3]

Meeting Location Key 2010

- [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] Minsi Trails Council Office
- [4] Camp Minsi
- [5] Camp Trexler
- [6] Akelaland
- [96] Camp Serranova
- [97] St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem
- [98] NePa Goose Pond
- [99] Kutztown University

District Award of Merit, District Fellowship Award and Unit Scouter Awards



See the South Mountain District website for the award nomination forms. There are 2 different due dates. The Fellowship Award and District Award of Merit are due on **Jan. 29, 2010**. The Unit Scouter Award is due **April 15, 2010**. Return all forms to Amy Frantz or Linda Small.

Packs Troops and Crews

Please send articles on your units activities along with pictures to be included in the District newsletter to "Bob the BEAR" Monto at rmonto@aol.com.

Can you identify these Scout badges?



Badge 1



Badge 2



Badge 3



Badge 4



Badge 5



Badge 6

See if you are right. Email Bob "the BEAR" with your answers.

The Answers to the December Badges are

Badge 1: President's Award 1950-54

Badge 2 Original 5 YR Veteran patch

Badge 3- 1911 Patrol Ribbon (emblem)

Badge 4 -Cubs BSA Uniform strip prior to Cub Scouts BSA

Badge 5 - 2nd Class Air Scout

Badge 6 - Emergency Service Apprentice 1941



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Scouting for Food Drive



Thanks to all of our scouts, scout leaders and parents for their participation in the 2009 Scouting for Food Drive.

This was the 23rd year that

the Boy Scouts have conducted the food drive and in that time, three million pounds of food has been distributed to local food banks. This year's event was deemed a success in that it generated positive media attention for our organization and more importantly again helped our area's needy who might have otherwise gone without this holiday season. According to information furnished by the Minsi Trails Council, the overall total this year for all districts was 231,908 pounds. Here are the results for the South Mountain District:

Thanks again to all of our units, your results are commendable. I am seeking some help to organize next year's project in the Hellertown area. If you are interested in learning more please contact me at Steelcty@rcn.com Have a blessed holiday, yours in scouting.

Mark Firth, Scouting for Food Chairman



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Pack	LBS	Boys	Adults
199	635	17	10
302	1260	17	18
306	1638	22	22
311	388	6	4
317	3917	76	74
319	1684	35	36
329	563	15	18
333	3049	34	41
334	3056	42	42
335	100	17	12
343	2549	32	37
346	1412	21	22
347	545	32	17
349	933	11	12
352	514	43	25
359	851	20	18
360	1402	12	14
362	1200	21	16
364	2173	30	25
368	1265	11	10
Total	29134	514	473

Unit Totals
for Scouting
for Food



Troop	LBS	Boys	Adults
191	1782	21	21
300	507	9	7
301	635	16	9
302	1260	11	10
306	1672	17	8
311	387	6	4
317	1025	19	12
318	1553	19	10
319	766	15	13
335	100	14	10
347	411	8	5
352	513	2	0
359	1200	35	32
362	2182	28	27
364	1018	12	23
383	250	11	3
416	510	11	7
Total	15771	254	201
	44905	768	674

Total District



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2010 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE / BIRTHDAY PARTY

A Century of Achievement Celebrating A New
Century of Promise

WHEN October 22nd & 23rd, 2010

Rain or Shine (or Snow)

WHERE Akelaland, Trexler Scout Reservation
Jonas, PA 18058

WHO The South Mountain District

Tiger & Cub Scouts come for the day. Webelos,
Boy Scouts and Venturers can stay for the day or
camp overnight.

YOUR HOST Arrowmen from the
Tunkhannock Chapter Witauchsoman OA Lodge
#44



See Flyer at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/CCSMDf4iflyerA10.pdf>

See additional Pictures at http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/pictures/2009_Fall_Camporee/main.html

NEW - Unit Leader Award of Merit

A quality Scouting experience will help keep Scouts in the program, and the Boy Scouts of America created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen.

The Unit Leader Award of Merit replaces the Scoutmaster, Varsity Team Coach, and Venturing Crew Advisor award of merit programs. This new recognition has revised requirements and may be earned by Cubmasters as well.

Requirements

The nominee must

1. Be a currently registered Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach, or Advisor who has served in that position at least 18 continuous months.
2. Meet the training requirements for the registered position.
3. Distribute a printed or electronic annual unit program plan and calendar to each family in the unit.
4. Have a leader succession plan in place.
5. Effectively use the advancement method so that at least 60 percent of the unit's youth have advanced at least once during the last 12 months.
6. Cultivate a positive relationship with the chartered organization.
7. Project a positive image of Scouting in the community.

Nomination Procedure

1. The unit committee chair completes the Unit Leader Award of Merit Nomination Form on behalf of the unit committee. For Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews, the nomination must include endorsement by the senior patrol leader, team captain, or crew president, respectively.

2. The unit or district commissioner certifies that the form is complete.



3. The unit submits the nomination form to the council for approval by the Scout executive and council commissioner or president.

The Award

Upon receipt of the approved nomination form, the council may present the Unit Leader Award of Merit, which includes a certificate, square knot with the appropriate device, and a special unit leader emblem. Recognition of this achievement may be presented at appropriate district or council events, such as district or council leader recognition dinners, training events, and board meetings.

The award may be presented for each program, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venturing, if the individual meets the requirements in each program. Only one knot is worn with the devices of each program that the award was earned in.

Unit Leader Award of Merit certificate, No. 30767 Scoutmaster emblem, No. 610093

Unit Leader Award of Merit square knot, No. 610091 Cubmaster emblem, No. 610094

Varsity coach emblem, No. 610092 Venturing Advisor emblem, No. 610095

New Merit badges for 2009-2010

The National Council has been putting out the word to Councils about some new Merit Badges coming soon! Rumors of the majority of these being in developed starting surfacing back in March, but now they have been approved.

Robotics merit badge approved. Requirements are under development. Debut expected late 2010.

GPS/GIS merit badge approved. Requirements are under development. Debut expected early 2010.

Scouting Heritage merit badge has been approved. Requirements are under development. Debut expected 2009

Scuba merit badge has been approved. Requirements are under development. Debut expected 2009.

See Flyer "Scuba Diving Merit badge"



Youth and Adult Transfer Form

The Transfer form requires you to do the following.

1. Unit leader issues transfer form to each member transferring to another unit in the same or another council.
2. Unit leader approves transfer form and includes complete Scouting record.
3. Member presents transfer form to unit leader of unit being joined.
4. Leader of the new unit registers member on proper application.

This very important because not only the Scout or Scouter gets registered but the transfer form lists all the awards etc is sent to the new unit to go to the council. Recently at an Eagle Scout Board of Review the Life Scout had transferred to the new council but the new unit never sent the transfer form to the new council and 8 merit badges earned in the old council was in question.

Councils do not keep all the merit badges and ranks on a national data base. This information stays in the original council and must be registered in the council being transferred too.



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South Mountain District Home Page:

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/>

South Mountain District Fliers and Brochures Page:

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/fliers.htm>

South Mountain District Award Forms:

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Form-DistrictAwardofMerit.pdf>

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Form-Fellowship.pdf>

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Unit_Scouter_Award_Nomination-2010.pdf

Scouter Bio Form. Fill in and email to “Bob the BEAR” These forms are used for Scouter recognition.

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/District_Bio_Form.pdf

Jambo Flyer

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/JamboNewsEdition1.pdf>

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/JAMBO100NewsEdition2.pdf>

SMD Announcements

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/announce.htm>



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South Mountain District Committee

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Eagle Board Chair	Linda Cortis	610-691-5712	lindacortis@rcn.com
Finance Chair	OPEN		
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Merit Badge Chair	John Arno	610-866-1810	llordbadenpowell@aol.com
New Unit Chair			
Nominating Chair	Rich Santee	610-691-7000	rsantee@ptd.net
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Any Scouter interested in serving on the District Committee contact Rich Santee or if interested in servicing as a Commissioner Staff contact Mike Dolan.