



JANUARY 2012 South Mountain District Newsletter

# SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



## NEWSLETTER ... NEWS!!

Hi All!!

Packs, Troops and Crews, submit articles of your activities or events for the District newsletter to Kellie Pypiuk [kpypiuk@me.com](mailto:kpypiuk@me.com). Please try to submit your information to me by the 22nd of each month.

### 2012 DATES

Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	1st Wednesday [2]
District Committee	2nd Tuesday [1]
Eagle Board & Project Review	2nd Thursday [1]
District Commissioners 7:00pm	3rd Wednesday [3]

#### NOTICE:

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

### 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] Minsi Trails Council Office
- [4] Camp Minsi
- [5] Camp Trexler
- [6] Akelaland
- [90] Iron Pigs Stadium
- [91] NePa Goose Pond
- [92] Sportsmen's Club, Hellertown
- [93] Wesley United Methodist Church
- [94] Jordan Lutheran Church
- [95] Allentown Rose Garden
- [96] Jacobsburg State Park



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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 Mil ford, Lower Saucon, Steel City, and Upper Saucon.

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT LINKS

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

These forms are used for Scouter recognition.

[http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/District\\_Bio\\_Form.pdf](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/District_Bio_Form.pdf)

Scouter Bio Form. Fill in and email to "Bob the BEAR" at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)

SMD Announcements

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

Advancement and Recognition Guide

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

FORUM Newsletter- <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/FORUM-1210.pdf>

FORUM Attachments [http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/cluster\\_attach/forum1210.zip](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/cluster_attach/forum1210.zip)

## EXCITING NEWS! 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE!

Scouting Magazine reports that The Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) will be hosting the 2019 World Scout Jamboree!

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2011/01/the-summit-will-host-the-2019-world-scout>

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## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP: 2012 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

**JANUARY 21** - Webelos Activity Badge Day at East Hills Moravian Church

**FEBRUARY 18** - Boy Scout Klondike Derby at Minsi Trails Council Camp Minsi

**MARCH 17** - Cub Scout Pinewood Derby at Wesley United Methodist Church

**APRIL 21** - Cubs-Webelos-Boy Scout Hike/Camporee at French Creek State Park (tentative)

**APRIL 28** - So. Mt. District Dinner at East Hills Moravian Church

**MAY 18-20** - JAMBO 2012 at Kutztown University

**SEPTEMBER 22** - Cubs-Webelos-Boy Scout Hike/Camporee at TBA

**OCTOBER 20** - Cub Fall Event at TBA

**NOTE:** 2013 District Activities dates will be available at May 2 South Mountain District Roundtables.



## **EAGLE ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS**

BSA National has released a new “Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook” No. 512-927. To make the transition, the new workbook is available on the Minsi Trails Council website, [www.MinsiTrails.com](http://www.MinsiTrails.com) , along with the old workbook.

As of January 1, 2012, no old workbooks will be accepted. Therefore, we are encouraging all new Eagle Scout candidates to use the new workbook.

If there are any Eagle Scout candidates that are now working on their service project using the old workbook, please complete the workbook and have all required signatures, including those required on the district level, on or before the December 31, 2011 deadline. If the old workbook is not signed by December 31, 2011, the candidate will be required to resubmit their proposal using the new “Eagle Scout Service Workbook.”

## **SMD- Webs. Activity Badge Day**

### **COMMUNICATIONS / READYMAN ACTIVITY PINS**

When: Saturday, January 21, 2012

Where: East Hills Moravian Church  
1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem

Time: 8:45- 9:15 am Registration  
Opening Ceremony is at 9:15 AM

**COMMUNICATIONS PIN- 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**READYMAN PIN – 12 noon – 2 PM**

Cost: \$7 if pre-paid on or before Fri., Jan. 6th

\$9 at the door or after Fri., Jan. 6th

**\*\*\*\*IF YOU DO NOT PRE-REGISTER, YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE YOUR PATCH THAT DAY \*\*\*\***

Price includes patch, hot dog and hot chocolate

For more information- Contact Marci Weaver- [smiley9@ptd.net](mailto:smiley9@ptd.net)  
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Rhonda Young at [young04@rcn.com](mailto:young04@rcn.com) for READYMAN

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### **2012 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY RULES**

**ATTACHMENTS:** The car must be freewheeling with no starting devices.

**AXLE CHANNEL:** The channel or groove designed to hold the axle must not be a filled in. judge must be able to inspect the axle. If axles are loose secure them with transparent glue.

**AXLES:** Only the nails supplied with the kit are permitted. They must be mounted in the wood grooves only. The axles may be glued in place with transparent glue. They may be polished or lubricated but not machined narrower.

**DETAILS:** Details such as Steering Wheels, Driver Decals, Painting, etc. are permitted as long as these details do not exceed the maximum length, width and weight specifications.

**HEIGHT:** The bottom of the car must clear the guide strip (3/8 ") on the track. Height of block can be no larger than 2 ".

**HUBCAPS:** No type of hubcap is permitted. This includes decals.

**INSPECTION:** Each car must pass inspection by the official inspection committee before it may compete. The inspectors will disqualify those cars which cannot be made to meet these specifications. The race committee will hold cars that pass inspection until the race and inspect the winning cars following the race.

**JUDGES:** The decision of the judges on race day is final. Questions and polite discussion will be allowed up to the point of a decision by the judges. Failure to follow this rule may lead to the disqualification of the car involved by the judges. At the discretion of the judges persons may be ejected from the premises of the race for behavior they deem disruptive.

Our Judge will Award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies and subjective awards for the following 10 categories: Fastest Looking; Most Original; Best Expresses the Derby Theme; Most unusual Car; Did their best award; Most Patriotic; Best Overall Car; Best representation of Cub Scouting; Best used of add ons; Best use of physics

**LENGTH:** Overall length shall not exceed 7".

**LUBRICATION:** Dry Lubrication only is permitted.

**NEW CAR:** A new car must be built each year.

**NOSE OF CAR:** The nose must extend beyond the leading edge of the front wheel, however no portion of the car can extend past the starting gate / peg.

**SPRINGING:** The car shall not ride on any type of springs or suspension.

**WEIGHT:** Weight shall not exceed 5.0 ounces (141.75 grams). No loose materials of any kind are permitted in the car. The car may be hollowed out and built up to the maximum weight by the addition of wood or metal provided that it is securely built into the body. Electronic balances will be used for the weight check.

**WHEEL BASE: (Length)** Length of wheel base (front axle to rear axle) may not be altered.

**WHEEL BASE: (inside)** Do not make the distance between the left and right wheels narrower than 1 3/4 " or the car will not run down the track.

**WHEEL BEARINGS:** Bearings, washers, or other types of bushings are NOT permitted.

**WHEELS:** Only Grand Prix Wheels supplied with the kit may be used. Alterations are not permitted – the wheels may not be cut, drilled, beveled or rounded. The shape must remain the same. The plastic flashing may be removed (outside edge).

**WIDTH:** Overall width shall not exceed 2 3/4 ".

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The BSA has a year round growth plan which is designed to facilitate Scout recruitment and pack-troop relations. The South Mountain District Membership Committee supports the individual units as they implement their yearly growth plan and will offer monthly advice to units in this column to give your unit leaders some ideas and suggestions.



### JANUARY:

Preparations for the cross over of your second year Webelos should be well underway. Identify all those Scouts who will be crossing over and assist them to find a Troop that best suits their individual and family needs.

### JANUARY ACTIVITIES:

Plan the cross over ceremony and contact the local scoutmasters who will be accepting the Webelos into their troop. If you had a den chief assigned to a Webelos den be sure to thank them for their service.



### JANUARY:

The first step for any recruitment effort is to appoint a troop committee member to serve as the troop membership chair. This person will develop and implement a year-round growth plan that incorporates all methods of recruitment, working closely with Cub Scout packs in the community, the district membership committee, and the unit commissioner.

### JANUARY ACTIVITIES:

Host Webelos scouts and their parents at a troop meeting. Collect email addresses and add them to your email distribution list for announcements. Make sure they have an opportunity to meet the scoutmaster and ask questions. Help them feel comfortable with the process. As you meet parents ask them if they are interested in a troop committee function or perhaps helping as an Assistant Scoutmaster or merit badge counselor. After crossover add new scouts to your unit roster.

Let us know your successes and your challenges with youth recruitment. This month, specifically about Webelos to Scout transition, as we will be discussing this topic at the February Roundtable. The district Membership Committee wants your feedback so please drop us an email with your thoughts to:

Mark Firth, SMD Membership Committee Chair at: [Stee1city@verizon.net](mailto:Stee1city@verizon.net)

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**TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER  
WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44  
ORDER OF THE ARROW  
DECEMBER 2011**

**CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE** – The Order of the Arrow will be collecting TOYS FOR TOTS at the following meetings: Dec. 7th Roundtable, Dec. 13th South Mountain District Committee, and Dec. 14th Commissioner Staff Meeting. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift with you to one of these meetings to help brighten a child's Christmas Holiday.

**LODGE FAMILY BANQUET** – Jan. 7, 2012 5:30pm at the Best Western Genetti Inn, Route 309, just north of Hazleton.

Please join your fellow Arrowmen for an evening of FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP! The Banquet provides an opportunity to recognize individuals with various Chapter and Lodge Awards earned in 2011. This is a great evening for the entire family!

Registration deadline is December 30, 2011 at the Council Office.

**\*\*\*REGISTER FOR ALL OA EVENTS @ THE COUNCIL OFFICE.\*\***

Reminder – 2012 membership dues can be paid at the Council Office.

David Hay  
Tunkhannock Chapter – OA Advisor

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### SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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Membership School Night			
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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.*