



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

February 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	02-02-10 [1]	Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-05-10 [2]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	02-03-10 [2]	BALOO	05-08-10
Eagle Board of Review	02-11-10 [1]	Eagle Board of Review	05-13-10 [1]
District Commissioners 7pm	02-16-10 [3]	JAMBO	05-14-16-10 [99]
Trainers Edge	02-20-10 [97]	Venturing Forum	05-17-10 [3]
Venturing Forum	02-22-10 [3]	District Commissioners 7pm	05-19-10 [3]
Klondike Derby	02-27-10 [ ]	OA Spring Weekend	06-04-06-10 [5]
District Meeting 7:30pm	03-02-10 [1]	District Meeting 7:30pm	06-01-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-03-10 [2]	Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-02-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	03-11-10 [1]	Eagle Board of Review	06-10-10 [1]
University of Scouting	03-13-10 [95]	OA Conclave	06-11-13-10 [98]
Venturing Forum	03-15-10 [3]	Venturing Forum	06-21-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	03-17-10 [3]	Coopersburg Day Camp	06-14-18-10
Den Leader Training	03-20-10 [97]	District Commissioners 7pm	06-16-10 [3]
District Pinewood Derby	03-20-10 [ ]	Eagle Board of Review	07-08-10 [1]
Scoutmaster Leader Specific	03-27-10 [ ]	OA Summer Family Picnic	August
District Annual Planning Meeting 7:00pm	04-06-10 [1]	Bethlehem Day Camp	07-12-16-10
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	04-07-10 [2]	District Meeting 7:30pm	08-03-10 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	04-08-10 [1]	Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-04-10 [2]
Venturing Leader Training	04-10-10 [3]	Eagle Board of Review	08-12-10 [1]
Boy Scout Youth Protection	04-17-10 [ ]	Venturing Forum	08-16-10 [3]
District Recognition Dinner	04-24-10 [1]	District Commissioners 7pm	08-18+10 [3]
Venturing Forum	04-19-10 [3]	Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-01-10 [2]
District Commissioners 7pm	04-21-10 [3]	District Meeting 7:30pm	09-07-10 [1]
District Diner	04-24-10 [1]	OA Fall Weekend	09-10-12-10 [4]
District Meeting 7:30pm	05-04-10 [1]	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]



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Eagle Board of Review	10-14-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	10-18-10 [3]
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]
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
- [95] Lehigh Carbon Community College  
4525 Education Park Drive  
Schnecksville, PA 18078
- [96] Camp Serranova
- [97] St Stephens Evangelical Lutheran Church 67  
West Washington Ave Bethlehem
- [98] NePa Goose Pond
- [99] Kutztown University



## THE PROPER SCOUT SALUTE



The accompanying sketch shows the proper form of scout salute about which there has been a wide misunderstanding. The sketch also shows the proper positions for wearing scout equipment, which are applicable to scout officials as well as to scouts.

Scouting 1916



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## Silver Outranks Gold

It seems odd that in Boy Scouts, silver always is a higher level than gold. We know that gold is a more precious metal than silver and in almost all other settings gold is the top award. So why is it different in Boy Scouts?

Well the simple answer is that the order comes from how silver evolved as the higher recognition in our military.

### Where Boy Scouts Use Silver, Gold & Bronze

**1915** was the first year that silver cloth rank badges were issued for Second Class and First Class. Tenderfoot followed in 1921. These badges mostly embroidered in silver were used to signify the Scout's rank and the fact that the boy was a Patrol Leader. These rank badges were issued during a time in scouting when the highest rank was First Class. Life, Star and Eagle were considered honors not ranks. For this reason, a boy who earned the honor of Life, Star or Eagle and was Patrol Leader wore a silver First Class badge on his sleeve along with his honor award on his pocket. Yes, originally Life came before Star.

### Boy Scout Cloth Rank Badges 1913-1925



When scouting began in the U.S. in 1910, the rank badges were issued only as pins. The Tenderfoot pin was worn on the left pocket flap. Second Class and First Class were worn on the left sleeve. Life, Star and Eagle were worn above the left pocket.

Although Tenderfoot by itself was not issued as a cloth badge until 1921, Tenderfoot as a combination badge with scribe or bugler was issued in 1916 and 1917 respectively. Likewise, Second Class and First

Class were issued in the same years with scribe and bugler. Since Life and Star were not worn on the sleeve, they were not made as combination badges

## 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

## UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING



Celebrating 100 years of Scouting  
Lehigh Carbon Community College  
4525 Education Park Drive  
Schnecksville, PA 18078  
Saturday, March 13, 2010  
Check-in starts at 7:30am with

opening ceremony at 8am

Cost – \$14, option of purchasing lunch @ additional \$9.25

Questions, contact Marci Weaver at [smilely9@ptd.net](mailto:smilely9@ptd.net)

**\*\* If you do not have access to a computer, see the council receptionist for a form!\*\***

This event is for Adults ONLY! Scouts who qualify for Den Chief class may sign up. Those scouts who hold a Chaplain Aide position in a troop or will may register for the Chaplain class.

*Dutch Oven cooking is being offered at an additional charge of \$8 – if you've already taken this course, please choose a different class to give others their first opportunity!*

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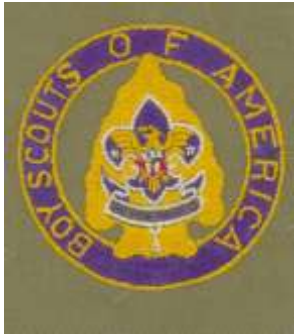
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## Can you identify these Scout badges?



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 Answer to the January Badges are

**Badge 1:** Sr Scout Naturalist-35-49

**Badge 2** Explorer Silver Award 49-58

**Badge 3**-National Executive Staff

**Badge 4** District Committee

## Badge 5 Scout Executive

## Badge 6 15<sup>th</sup> National OA Meeting

The February Badges are the last of the series. Hope you enjoyed the challenge to identify badges from our history. February starts our next hundred years. Badges will change over the next hundred years yet the spirit of Scouting will be steadfast.

The future of Scouting is up to each and every one of us. Remember Scouting is a game with a purpose

## Trainers Edge

ALL NEW

Trainer's EDGE

Saturday, February 20, 2010

8:00am to 4:00pm

### Who should attend?

The Basic Course is designed for District Trainers / Pack Trainers, interested Scouters, 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. Prior Trainers EDGE course recommended

**Questions:** Call Charlie O'Connell 570-223-0700 or 973-277-4799 Email charlico@yahoo.com

**Location:** *St Stephens Evangelical Lutheran Church 67 West Washington Ave Bethlehem PA*

**Cost:** \$20.00 (Catered lunch, continental breakfast, and beverages included).

Deadline to register is February 12, 2010 - **NO WALK-INS** - Due to course material preparation and food orders



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## Webelos get behind the scenes at the U.S. Federal Reserve

The Webelos 2 den #3 of Cub Pack 317 in Bethlehem Twp., PA was recently treated to a rare, behind the scenes, private tour inside the United States Federal Reserve Bank's immense Operations Center in East Rutherford, NJ.

The scouts were allowed access to the high security facility where a great deal of the region's cash and coin is counted, stored and sorted. Highlights of the tour included watching robots carrying currency to and from massive vaults, seeing high resolution security cameras in action, viewing armored trucks making deliveries, and witnessing the process by which damaged bills are shredded and compacted. Scouts also learned about various careers in security, government, technology and the banking industry.



Packs, Troops and Crews submit articles for the District newsletter to Bob the BEAR at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com)

## 2010 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY RULES

See Flyer on our website at [http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2010\\_PinewoodDerbyRules.pdf](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2010_PinewoodDerbyRules.pdf)

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 20, 2010

**WHERE:** East Hills Moravain Church 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, Pa.

**TIME:** Registration 8:30 – 9:30am

Racing starts at 10:00am



**COST:** \$5.00 per boy (Maximum of five from each pack)

For more information contact: **SCOTT**

**CHOMITSKY** / Solius77@yahoo.com / 610-

866-3022

**Pre-registration is required before March 7, 2009 – NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

## JAMBO 2010



May 14, 15, 16, 2010

Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA

Registration for University of Scouting is now online.

You can find the registration under the “University of Scouting,” box on the right hand side of the Homepage and the Volunteer page.

<http://www.minsitrails.com/>

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## MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL #502 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT TUNKHANNOCK OA CHAPTER 2010 DISTRICT CAMPOREE



### #6 NEWSFLASH A It's not a *CENTURY* *PARTY*, Without YOU !

All South Mountain Units, that's Troops, Packs and Crews, are invited to our Fall Camporee at Akelaland, Trexler Scout Reservation (Jonas, PA 18058) on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The BSA is one hundred years old and we are going to party. Our theme is 'A Century of Achievement Celebrating A New Century of Promise'. This gala event will be hosted by your friendly neighborhood Arrowmen from the Tunkhannock Chapter of the Order of the Arrow.

For Tiger and Cub Scouts this will be a day event. The Saturday program will start with picking up your CP Badge after which you take on a variety of Scouting Party Games. You and your buddy will earn tokens at the games to turn in for recognition. Lunch will be provided as part of the party. The day will end with a show and of course a birthday cake. You can't have a party without gifts and everyone will come away with the brand new anniversary edition of the SMD patch!

Webelos and Boy Scouts can come with your Troop for the day or plan to start on Friday and camp overnight with your Unit. Every Unit that registers will be asked to run party games that you design with a Scouting Theme. Remember games must be suitable for all ages.

Game Registration will start February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the SMD Roundtable. Remember, Scouting has been around 100 years; let's see who can be really creative. Sign up for your game AT THE

ROUNDTABLE, before someone else beats you to it. Details for day and overnight cost along with Unit Registration will be available in March.

## WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44 ORDER OF THE ARROW FEBRUARY 2010



**UNIT ELECTIONS** – From February to March, our Chapter will be holding an OA election for every Troop in the District. We look forward to visiting each Troop this winter.

**WEBELOS CROSSOVER CEREMONY** – Our Chapter ceremony team can perform a Webelos Crossover Ceremony at your Pack's Blue and Gold Banquet this winter. Contact us for more information. Please schedule your ceremony soon.

**KLONDIKE DERBY** – Tunkhannock Chapter will be running the "Extreme First Aid" event @ Camp Serranova on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CONCLAVE** – The Conclave is when our OA Lodge joins the 4 other lodges in our Section to gather for a weekend of fun & fellowship! This year's Conclave will be held at Goose Pond Scout Reservation in Lake Ariel, PA 18436. It will be held June 11-13, 2010, and will be a blast!! Please encourage Arrowmen (youth & adults) in your Unit to join us for a weekend to remember!! Sign-up now @ the Council Office – spots are limited.

**REGISTER FOR ALL OA EVENTS at THE COUNCIL OFFICE.**

**Reminder – 2010 membership dues can be paid at Chapter meetings.**

**David Hay**

**Tunkhannock Chapter – OA Advisor**



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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](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](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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Any Scouter interested in serving on the District Committee contact Rich Santee or if interested in servicing as a Commissioner Staff contact Mike Dolan.