



South Mountain District News



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2009 Dates to Remember



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

NO MARCH DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

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]
First Aid Meet	03-14-09
District Commissioners 7pm	03-18-09 [3]
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]
Catholic Retreat	04-24-26-09[6]
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]
Venturing Forum	05-18-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	05-20-09 [3]
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]
College of Commissioner Service	06-13-14-09 [91]
Venturing Forum	06-15-09 [5]
Coopersburg Day Camp	06-15-19-09
District Commissioners 7pm	06-17-09 [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	08-19-09 [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	09-16-09 [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	10-21-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	11-03-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-04-09 [2]
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	11-18-09 [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	12-16-09 [3]

Location Key for Dates to Remember

- [1] East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem
- [2] St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network



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800-801 Ostrum Street Bethlehem, PA 18018

- [3] Council Service Center, 991 Postal Road
- [4] Camp Minsi
- [5] Minsi Trails Council Office
- [6] Camp Trexler
- [91] Kutztown University
- [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
- [99] Lehigh Carbon Community College

Commissioners Meetings Dates Changed

At our last commissioners' meeting we discussed keeping our meetings at the Council Service Center at 991 Postal Road. We changed the dates of our meetings. They will typically be the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

March 18	April 29 th
May 20 th	June 17 th
No July Meeting	Aug 19 th
September 16	October 21
(October DATE MAY CHANGE)	
November 18	December 16

District Pinewood Derby

When: Saturday, March 21, 2009

Where: Sacred Heart Church
1817 1st Street, Bethlehem

Time: Registration
8:30 – 9:30 AM
Racing starts at 10:00 AM

Cost: \$5 per boy
(maximum of five from each pack)

For more information contact:

**Jim Reinhart – reinhartfam@gmail.com
610-868-4818**

Pre-registration is required before March 7, 2009

NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Trail's End Popcorn – Voluntary Recall 9.5 oz. Trail's End Caramel Corn with Peanuts

Trail's End has announced that one of their popcorn products containing peanuts is part of a precautionary voluntary recall. Only one of variety is in this recall, the 9.5 oz. Trail's End Caramel Corn with Peanuts. The recall is part of the expanded Peanut Corporation of America recall that has recently impacted so many consumer goods containing peanut products.

Here's what Trail's End has advised:

✦ Trail's End has not received any health related complaints regarding this popcorn product.

✦ Samples of the peanuts and Trail's End Caramel Corn with Peanuts have been tested by a nationally recognized lab and all tests were negative for the presence of Salmonella.

✦ A recognized expert on Salmonella conducted a thorough inspection of Trail's End manufacturing process and advised that he is completely confident that no Salmonella organism would survive the manufacturing heat process.

✦ Trail's End is fully cooperating with this precautionary and voluntary peanut recall along with the FDA on this matter.

✦ Trail's End is offering a refund to consumers who return an unopened, sealed popcorn foil bag of the 9.5 oz. Trail's End Caramel Corn with Peanuts with the following code dates of "102861 109 JAN 19 08" through "102861 297 JUL 23 09". Only this one popcorn product with code dates in this range is part of the recall.

If you have popcorn as described above, please call Weaver Popcorn at 1-800-782-4255 (Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST) or send an email to ccp@trails-end.com to arrange for a refund.





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Minsi Trails Council UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING ROOM FULL OF LAUGHTER

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Lehigh Carbon Community
College
4525 Education Park Drive
Schnecksville, PA 18078

Flyer found on SMD website

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/UofS-ROOM_FULL_OF_LAUGHTER.pdf



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 NYLT 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 First Class (Star Scout is recommended).

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 has 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 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

Den Chief Training

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Where: Lehigh Carbon Community College
At University of Scouting
Time: 7:45 am – 3:30 pm
Class is FULL



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 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-

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Minsi Trails Council Announces the Long Awaited Return of the Cardboard Boat Regatta

When: **August 14, 15, 16, 2009**
Who: All Venturing Crews
Where: Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit
Cost: \$20 per Youth and Adult

Can your Venturing Crew handle the challenge of building and sailing a boat out of nothing but Cardboard?



Materials Allowed:

Only corrugated cardboard may be used. It can be of any thickness but must not be bonded to any other material such as vinyl. Latex paint and

Silicone caulking are usually the best materials to use for painting and gluing.

Materials Not Allowed Non-corrugated material, especially the kind of resin or wax-type coating found in packing cases. Solid cardboard and Carpet roll tubes. Styrofoam or rubber inflation devices. Sandbags or similar materials No ballast

Paints, Etc: Hulls may be painted with any “one-part” paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins or “multi-part” varnishes or paints may be used. Hulls may not be “wrapped” in plastic, duct tape or anything else. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted

Joints: Joints and seams may be glued and or taped with contact cement, rubber cement, liquid nail, and a water sealer like THOMPSON’S may be used. No nails or metal or wood fasteners or staples may be used in the construction of the boat (small amounts may be used for removable decoration only).

Boat Design: Design is builder’s choice. Let your “imagination” reign supreme!! Don’t be afraid to Google Cardboard Boat Regatta’s For example <http://www.gcbr.com/tips.html>

Safety Equipment: No boat will be allowed to leave the starting gate unless **all persons on board are wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and shoes. (Paddles and PFD’s will be provided.)**



Clean up: All entrants must ensure that their portion of the pit area has been cleaned prior to departure on Regatta day. All boats will be removed by

participants after the competition. No Boats may be left at the Camp

Judging Prior to the races, boats will be judged in the following categories: **Best Original Design, or Construction Technique, Best Decorated, and Best Theme. All boats entered must hold a minimum of 4 Crew Members.**

Arrival: Report to the Minsi Dining Hall. Crews may arrive on the evening of August 14th No Later than 10PM. We will have a common Campsite for all Crews to use. Crews may also arrive between 6 and 8 AM on the 15th.

Meals: Crews Camping will be responsible for Saturday Breakfast and Sunday Breakfast.

Awards: There will be a post Race Awards Banquet at the Camp’s Dining Hall (Regatta HQ) with a movie marathon to follow.

Staff: This will be a participant staffed event. Each Crew should anticipate being asked to facilitate the week end in some manner..

Note: Decisions of the Staff is final.

See Link to Forms at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Flyer-Regatta-09-Final.pdf>

For additional support contact Co Chairs John Arno at llordbadenpowell@aol.com or Bob “the BEAR” Monto at rmonto@aol.com



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Venturing FORUM newsletter.

The Venturing FORUM newsletter has been a cluster concept and a friendly way to help Venturing and Scouting Leaders exchange ideas and programs among our troops, crews, areas, councils, and regions. Our Cluster includes many councils and Crews in the Northeast, Central, Southern and Western regions that support venturing, exchange of ideas, Best Practices and activities for the Venturing Program. The Cluster newsletter “**Venturing Forum**” is not an official publication of any Council, Area, Region or National. It is the Venturing Leaders newsletter. Venturing has been growing thanks to your efforts.

We are starting our 6th year of publication. Thank you for your input and articles in this effort to better support the Venturing program. If you would like to add others to the email list, let Bob “the BEAR” Monto know at rmonto@aol.com. We need the Scouter or Venturing leader to email us with their name, Council, Area and Region so we can group the emails by sub groups.

As always, Venturing articles, questions and comments are welcome. We are seeking support from anyone interested in working on the newsletter or future website. Thanks for all you do!

Bob "the BEAR" Monto



100th Anniversary Celebration

Over the next two years, BSA will reintroduce to America the contributions Scouting makes in communities across the country and the positive impact Scouting has on millions of young lives.

The 100th Anniversary celebration will include major national events, activities, and initiatives to engage nearly 3 million youth and 1.2 million volunteers; an estimated 50 million Scouting alumni; and the general public.



The Order of the Arrow is Scouting’s National Honor Society

Purpose

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

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

History

The Order of the Arrow (OA) -was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Membership

The OA has more than 176,000 members located in lodges affirmed with approximately 327 BSA local councils.

Eligibility

Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow unit members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team Coach. To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be

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overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Adult selection is based on their ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, is not for recognition. Selected adult Scouters must be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities, and provide a positive role model for the youth members of the lodge.

Induction

The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep alone, apart from other campers. The entire experience, is designed to teach significant values.

Brotherhood Membership

After 10 months of service and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the OA.

Vigil Honor

After two years of service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow Committee a Scout may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for outstanding service to Scouting, his lodge and the community. This honor is bestowed by special selection

Each Scout has only one chance to be a participant at a World Jamboree, so if you are in this age group, now is your chance!

To apply to come to the World Scout Jamboree, you need to register with the group of Scouts from your country who are preparing to join the Jamboree. These groups are called National Contingents. The National Contingents will probably start their preparations a few years before the Jamboree, so keep an eye out for their information in your national newsletters, scout magazines, and on your national scout website.

In the coming months and years, you will find useful information on how to be prepared for the World Scout Jamboree 2011 here in this website.

South Mountain District 2009 Recognition Dinner

Date: Saturday April 25, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

Place: East Hills Moravian Church



The South Mountain District Dinner Committee would like to invite you to attend the District Dinner on Saturday, April 25th to recognize and honor the following people:

Receiving the Fellowship Award

Michael P. Caffrey
Steven Dashe
Darrin E. Knowles
Bryan L. Ritter
Mark Tange

Receiving the District Award of Merit

Andrew J. Draper
Gary R. Brueningesen
Robert Monto

Watch your mailbox for the flyer. This will have all the information you will need to know about the dinner, but it will also have a form attached that will let your unit select two people to honor for the Unit Scouter Award.

World Jamboree



To be a participant at the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden 2011, you need to have turned 14 but not yet had your 18th birthday at the start of the camp. That means you must have been born between 25 July 1993 and 27 July 1997.



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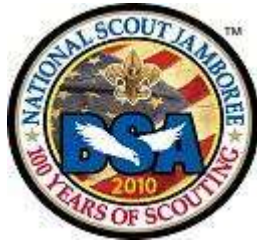
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2010 National Scout Centennial Jamboree

Still wondering whether to send your son to the **2010 National Scout Centennial Jamboree?**

Now's the time - the four Minsi Trails Troops are being formed now ! This Jamboree, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts, is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your sons and scouts. If you have not already visited: <http://www.bsajamboree.org/> or the Minsi Trails Council Jamboree Contingent information at www.minsitrails.com, please consider checking them out. There is a wealth of information available to help you and your sons decide.



Jamboree Rallies Scheduled to Recruit the Final Jamboree Participants

Information sessions for Parents and Scouts wanting more information on the 2010 National Scout Jamboree can attend one of the Jamboree rallies. They are scheduled:

Sunday, March 8th, 7:30 – 9 PM

Thursday, March 26th, 7:30 – 9 PM

Akelaland Dining Hall Jordan Lutheran Church

Trexler Scout Reservation, Jonas, PA 5103

Snowdrift Rd., off PA 309, Orefield, PA

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SITES IN EASTERN REGION TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL SCOUTING CENTER

Outgrowth of National Site Selection Process for Permanent Home for the BSA National Jamboree As an outgrowth of an 18-month process aimed at establishing a permanent home for its iconic event, the national Scout jamboree, the Boy Scouts of America announced on February 11, 2009 that it will enter negotiations with sites in Virginia and West Virginia to explore the vision of a National Scouting Center. The National Scouting Center will comprise three major areas of focus: the permanent home for the national Scout jamboree, a new high adventure base, and expanded opportunities for national leadership and outdoor skills training.

See Link to letter at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Jamboreesite.pdf>

NESA Life Membership Square Knot Now Available



The new NESA Life Member square knot is now available for purchase from your local Scout shop. It is the same red, white, and blue Eagle Scout square knot, but with a silver metallic thread border. Only one Eagle Scout Award square knot maybe worn at a time, so this one should replace the Eagle Scout square knot on your uniform if you are a NESA Life Member.

The new square knot may be purchased by NESA Life Members who show their NESA Life Member card at their local Scout shop. If they don't have them in stock, they can order one for you. The item number is 18092. You may buy one for each uniform you have.

TRAINING ALERT



The new online training course "This is Scouting" will soon replace New Leader Essentials. However, the development time has taken longer than anticipated and it will not be on the Online Learning Center until the middle of March.



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Leadership Development for Venturers



NATURE OF LEADERSHIP

The full
Venturer (Youth) Development is covered in the
SMD flyer at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/VenturerLeadershipDevelopment.pdf>

Eagle Scout Service Projects



Often an Eagle Candidate will ask the question, how many hours should my Eagle leadership Project be? I wish there was a simple answer. It would be great if we could say, 100, 150, 200 or so hours. The reality is that the BSA does not have a threshold of hours that must be met to be considered "Eagle worthy". At the same time, the Eagle Leadership project is to be a project of significant value to the Community where the candidate showed leadership. If leadership is not demonstrated, even through the project is completed, the project might be rejected at the Eagle Board.

To this end this year the Minsi Trails Council has set the expectation that the combined number of hours an Eagle Leadership project should take is 100 hours. The 100 hours (the Eagle candidate and others) mark should not be looked at as the goal, or as the minimum. The 100 hours total is intended to give the Scout and his unit a frame of reference as to

what will constitute a valid Eagle Leadership Project.

If the project plan calls for 100 hours and the project comes in at 99, its not a big deal, neither is it if the project comes in at 90 hours. However, somewhere around 80 or so, the scout may run into problems.

This issue can be avoided if the Scout will plan for at least 125-150 hours on his project, but this is only a guideline, the exact number of hours is up to the Scout.

Submitted by the District Eagle Board



Planned for the weekend of **June 13-14** at Kutztown University. See Flyer at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/CCS2009/CCS2009.pdf>



MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

PLACE: Camp Trexler

DATE: Friday, April 24th until Sunday, April 26th, 11:00 am

REGISTRATION: Friday, April 24th at 6:00 pm - Akelaland Dining Hall

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Scout uniform, tent, sleeping gear, and personal equipment (Dining Hall eating). Logbooks and workbooks with signatures for all awards candidates.

See flyer at

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/CatholicScoutRetreat2009flyer.pdf>

or

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/CatholicScoutRetreat2009flyer.doc>



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The Klondike Results! Thanks to Kevin Long, his team of volunteers and the commissioners staff who put on the event! Congratulations to all the patrols involved!

Klondike 2009 results

- 1st place Troop 191 – Wrasslers Patrol (415)
- 2nd place Troop 362 – Duct Tape Patrol (394)
- 3rd Place Troop 318 - Rattlesnake Patrol (392)
- 4th Place Troop 191 – Falcon Patrol
Troop 317 – Dragon Patrol
- 5th Place Troop 191 – Leaping Lumberjack Patrol
- 6th Place Troop 393 – Charger Patrol
- 7th Place Troop 302 – Tyrant Patrol
- 8th Place Troop 311 - Red Snapper Patrol
- 9th Place Troop 340 – Shark Patrol
- 10th Place Troop 317 - Fighting Irish Patrol
- 11th Place Troop 191 - Cardboard Platapi Patrol
- 12th Place Troop 302 – Albino Blacksheep
- 13th Place Troop 300 – Dragons of Nature Patrol

Pack 306 Awards

CONGRATULATIONS: To the following boy's from Cub Scout Pack 306 for receiving their Religious Medals,

Light of Christ medal was received by Noah and Jalen .

Parvuli Dei medal was received by Charles , David, Wyatt , Schuyler and Jarrett



TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44 ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Tunkhannock Chapter of the Witauchsoman Lodge meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the same location as the South Mountain District Roundtable (St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network Education Center)

UNIT ELECTIONS – In January, our Chapter started conducting OA Elections for the Troops in South Mountain District. For a Scout to be eligible

for election he must have his Unit Leader's approval and within the last 2 years have met the following requirements:

- a. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America
- b. Hold the First Class rank, as a minimum
- c. Have experienced 15 nights of camping, including at least 5 or 6 consecutive days and nights of long-term camping (like summer camp or Philmont).

Our election teams look forward to visiting and holding an election for each Troop in the South Mountain District.

WEBELOS CROSSOVER CEREMONY

Our Chapter's ceremony team can perform a Crossover Ceremony for your Pack's upcoming Blue & Gold Banquet. We can only perform 1 ceremony per evening. Packs will be scheduled on a first signed up basis. If interested contact: Mike Mayrosh, Jr. (610) 866-4968 or Dave Hay (610) 861-4494.

TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER will be providing cheerful service at the SMD Pinewood Derby on March 21st.

CONCLAVE – The Conclave is when our OA Lodge joins the other 4 lodges in our Section to gather for a weekend of fun & fellowship! This year's Conclave will be held at Resica Falls Scout Reservation in Marshall's Creek, right here in our own backyard – the Poconos. It will be held June 12th-14th, and will be a blast!! Please encourage the Arrowmen (youth & adults) in your Unit to join us for a weekend to remember!! Sign-up now at the Council Office – spots are limited.

Reminder – 2009 membership dues can be paid at Chapter meetings.

Who to contact:

Chapter Chief: Drew

Chapter Advisor: Dave Hay 610-861-4494

Tunkhannock Website is

www.tunkhannockoa@yahoo.com



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Order of the Arrow 2009 Section NE-5B
Conclave Registration Form

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/FORM-ConclaveRegistration2009.pdf>

Order of the Arrow 2009 Event Registration Form
at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/FORM-EventRegistration2009.pdf>

New BSA Health and Medical form

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

Health and Medical Form Questions and Answers

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/medical_form_faqs.htm

SWB Yankees Boy Scout Night June 4th
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/SWBYankees_BoyscoutNight2009.pdf

Pinewood Derby – March 31st
<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/SMDPinewoodDerbyFlyer2009.pdf>

Boys Life
<http://boyslife.org/>

Scouting Magazine
<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/>

National Jamboree site announcement
<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Jamboreesite.pdf>

College of Commissioner Science Booklet

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/CCS2009/CCS2009.pdf>

Pocono Raceway Scout Day
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Pocono_Raceway_Scout_Day_09.pdf

Scouter Bio Form. Fill in and email to Bob the BEAR Forms used for District recognition.

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

Venturer Development Training:
flyer at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/VenturerLeadershipDevelopment.pdf>

Catholic Retreat Flyer:
<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/CatholicScoutRetreat2009flyer.pdf>

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