



# South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

March 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	03-02-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-03-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	03-11-10 [1]
University of Scouting	03-13-10 [95]
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 [2 ]
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]
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



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- [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

## 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 at 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!*

## JAMBO 2010



### JAMBO UPDATE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE EXTENDED

Due to the weather's impact on many units' schedules, the early bird deadline has been extended until **March 15**

### *Don't miss the early bird deadline*

Register by March 15<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the lower fee and a free patch.

*No money is due at the time of registration*

To register and more info, visit the

[Jambo100](http://Jambo100) website!

[www.minsitrails.com/jambo100](http://www.minsitrails.com/jambo100)

**Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting with a motorcycle ride on May 15th that will arrive at Jambo at 2:00 pm.**

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

### The Answer to the February Badges are

**Badge 1:** National Executive Board patch - 1950's

**Badge 2** Insect life merit badge - 1923-24 (they changed it when they realized a spider was not an insect)

**Badge 3-** Achievement 1 patch - used during the 1920's - 1940's for handicap scouts that could not complete all the requirements for First Class. The boy would do what he could then petition National for a substitute requirement(s) for the things he could not do.

**Badge 4** Sea Scout - Special Long Cruise - 1930's - 50's

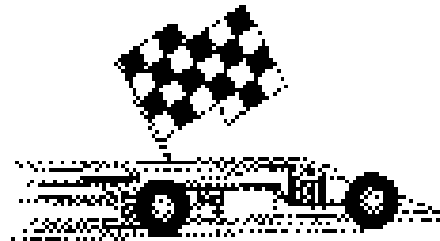
**Badge 5** National Staff Hat pin

**Badge 6** Cubmaster 1965



### South Mountain District Pinewood Derby

The South Mountain District Pinewood Derby is March 20<sup>th</sup> at East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem. Registration begins at 8:30 am. The race begins at 10 am. The registration fee is \$5 per racer (the fee includes a patch for each racer). There is a maximum of 5 racers for each pack. Pre-registration deadline is March 7<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Scott Chomitzky, [solius77@yahoo.com](mailto:solius77@yahoo.com) or Amy Frantz at [afrantz@minsitrails.com](mailto:afrantz@minsitrails.com), 610-465-8558.



### South Mountain District Newsletter

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.



## 2010 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PINWOOD 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 ".



### District Commissioner Minute



Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to the boy scouts of America, as district commissioner it is my unique honor to serve your units during this historic time. The boy scouts have been active in America since 1910 and

have served millions of youth creating thousands of our most important leaders in the last century not only for our nation but for our states, communities and churches. Many of the leaders of our community and especially our scouting program were scouts as youth. The seeds that were planted one hundred years ago in a small group of boys have grown, matured and continued to plant new seeds. The commissioner staff started at the same time as scouting and we too are celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The commissioner staff has volunteered their time since the inception of the BSA to ensure that the mission of the boy scouts is preserved and provided to every youth who enters our programs. We strive to assist all units in delivering the promise to the youth of our communities. As the customer service and quality control portion of this program we want all units to succeed at being the best they can possible be.

There will be many events this year for your units to participate in this very special celebration, and I encourage **all units** to do so. It is also time for us to join together to celebrate this special time, to do this I ask all units to team with other troops, crews and packs to share the values, skills and fun of scouting. I ask all leaders to commit to increasing their training through roundtable and other training events to guarantee that the youth are receiving the highest quality we can provide. I ask all committees to and charter organizations to get personally involved in their units and see what your units can do for you as well as what you can do to

assist them. As scouts and Scouters we do our best work together as a team. And what a team we are from the national organization to the region s to the council district and units we are all working toward the same goal. Rarely are so many people of such diversity committed to such a singular mission. Let us recommit to work together with all aspects of the scouting organization to serve our youth.

As your commissioner staff I can assure you we will be available to assist you in all aspects of the scouting program as well as with all levels. We are here to serve you. Each unit has a unit commissioner and if you have not seen yours or are not sure who yours is please contact me at [dc@minsi-southmountain.com](mailto:dc@minsi-southmountain.com).

Share your unit or personal scouting experience by submitting a story to our district newsletter by sending it to Bob Monto our Newsletter editor at [Rmonto@aol.com](mailto:Rmonto@aol.com). Also share it with your friends and neighbors and recruit a new scout. Happy 100<sup>th</sup> BSA!!!!

Yours in scouting  
Dr. Michael J. Dolan  
District commissioner  
South Mountain district

### Advancement and Recognition Policies and Procedures

The National office has released a new Advancement and Recognition manual. There are several changes to Advancement with most of the items a clarification of existing policies and procedures.

Every unit should have a copy of this manual

One such clarification is the Scouts appearance at a Board of Review. The previous Manual stated on page 29.

**The Scout should be neat in his appearance and should be in a coat and tie or his uniform, which should be as correct as possible, with the badges worn properly.**

The current manual states on page 27



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The Scout should be neat in his appearance; however, *a uniform is not required*. Local boards of review may not make up their own rules about wearing a uniform.

If you also wish a copy of my Advancement and Recognition Policies and Procedures Guide email me at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com) for a copy

## WOOD BADGE NE - V - 141

**WEEKEND COURSE**  
August 27, 28, & 29, 2010  
September 25, 26, & 27, 2010

### Course Limit:

48 participants. A standby list will be created on a first-fully-paid, first-served basis.

### Location: Akelaland

Both Weekends at  
Trexler Scout Reservation  
Jonas, PA (just off Rt. 534)  
(Weekends start at 7:30 AM and end late afternoon on the last day.)

### Weekend Course consists of:

- Two weekends in camp.
- Two Patrol Meetings between weekends

### Cost: \$199.00

All participants registered in the Minsi Trails Council will receive a \$70.00 scholarship from the Wood Badge Fund making their cost only \$ 129.00. Monies for the Wood Badge Fund are raised at the Minsi Trails Council's annual Wood Badge Reunion.

### Medical Examination:



Wood Badge requires the Annual Health and Medical Record form available at

[www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) .

### Course Director:

Rod Long, 1992 Polk Valley Rd. Hellertown, PA 18055, 610-751-6768 (c)

[longbsa@enter.net](mailto:longbsa@enter.net)

See Flyer on SMD website

## National Venturing Changes

The National Executive Board recently approved a resolution to change the eligibility requirements for Venturing to ensure consistency among Venturing, high-adventure bases, and other core programs



VENTURING · BSA

The current age and grade eligibility requirement for participation in the Venturing program is 14 years of age and completion of the eighth grade.

Effective May 1, 2010, the minimum age requirement will be changed to 14 years of age, or 13 years of age and completion of the eighth grade. The maximum age for participation remains under 21 years of age.

In support of this change, is a list of frequently asked questions. This information is posted at [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing)



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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>

**Advancement and Recognition Guide**

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



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