



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

April 2009

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. Brueningsen
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**.

Forms at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009-districtdinner.pdf>

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009-districtdinner.doc>

District Pinewood Derby Results

For full details check the link:

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009_SMD_Derby_Results.pdf

2009 Dates to Remember

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



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]

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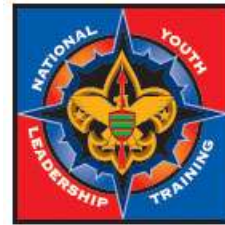
District Commissioners 7pm	08-19-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	09-01-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-02-09 [2]
OA Fall Weekend	09-11-13-09 [4]
Eagle Board of Review	09-10-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	09-21-09 [5]
SM & ASM Leader Specific Part 1	09-10-09 []
SM & ASM Leader Specific Part 2	09-15-09 []
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]

- [95] 5130 Snowdrift Road Orefield, PA
- [96] Skytop Lodge, Skytop PA
- [97] Resica Falls Scout Reservation
- [99] Lehigh Carbon Community College

2009 National Youth Leadership Training

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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-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

Location Key for Dates to Remember

- [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] 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



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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



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

Venturing Cardboard Boat Regatta

Minsi Trails Council Announces the Long Awaited Return of the Cardboard Boat Regatta All Venturing Crews August 14, 15, 16, 2009 at Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, PA Minsi is hosting the AREA 5 event

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

E-Mail your Crew intention to attend to reserve a place.

Register on a First Come basis.

HOLD A SPOT: No payment required to hold your place. E-Mail Co-Chair John Arno at llordbadenpowell@aol.com to reserve a spot and get the full set of rules. All communication will be via email so email John now or miss important communications.

CHALLENGE: The Venturers challenge the Crew Advisors and the Professional Staff to a Race. Make your own boat and race the Adults from all crews around the NE Region. For additional support contact Co Chairs John Arno at llordbadenpowell@aol.com or Bob "the BEAR" Monto at rmonto@aol.com. Contact us NOW to get all emails,



MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

PLACE: Camp Trexler

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

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



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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.

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!

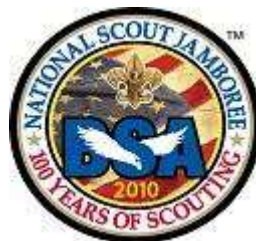
To apply to come to the World Scout Jamboree, you need to register with the group of Scouts from your country who are preparing to join the Jamboree. These groups are called National Contingents. The National Contingents will probably start their preparations a few years before the Jamboree, so keep 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.

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

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, it's not a big deal, neither is it if the project comes in at 90 hours. However,



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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

A Boys Eyes Author Unknown

I'd like to be a Cub Scout, his eyes were deepest
blue,
I'd like to learn and play and build, like Jim and
Freddy do.
I know how to use a hammer, I can drive a nail if I
try,
I'm seven years old, I'm big and strong and hardly
ever cry.
I gave him the application and parent participation
sheet,
His eyes were filled with sunshine, as he left on
dancing feet.
Next day my friend was back again, a dejected little
lad,
I guess I'll skip the Cub Scouts, his eyes were dark
and sad.
My mom is awful busy, she has lot's of friends you
see,
She'd never have time for a den, she hardly has time
for me.
And dad is always working, he's hardly ever there,
To give them any more to do, just wouldn't be quite
fair.
He handed back the papers, with the dignity of
seven years,
and smiling bravely left me, his eyes were filled
with tears.
Do you see your own boys eyes, as other people
may,
how he looks when you're too busy, or just haven't
the time of day?
A boy is such a special gift, please try and realize,

It only takes a little time, to put sunshine in a boys
eyes.

South Mountain District Links

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

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

Order of the Arrow 2009 Event Registration Form
at [http://www.minsi-](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/FORM-EventRegistration2009.pdf)

[southmountain.com/documents/FORM-EventRegistration2009.pdf](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/SWB Yankees_BoyscoutNight2009.pdf

Boys Life

<http://boyslife.org/>

Scouting Magazine

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

College of Commissioner Science Booklet

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

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



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[http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/District Bio For m.pdf](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/District_Bio_For_m.pdf)

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

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

Commissioner Recognition Awards <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/commissioners.htm>

Minsi Trails patch Contest http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Minsi_Trails_2010_patch_design_contest.pdf

Armed Forces Parade <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/ArmedForcesParade-2009.pdf>

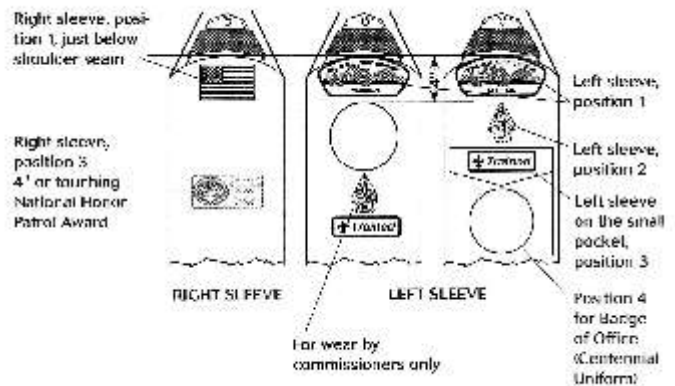
Northstar Adventure at Dutch Springs Minsi Trails Council



See-

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/NE-NorthstarAdventure.pdf> for flyer

Commissioner Arrowhead on old and new Uniform



Armed Forces Parade



The annual Armed Forces Parade is about five weeks away; taking place in Bethlehem during Council Beaver Weekend, on Saturday, May 2 (rain date is Sunday, May 3).

The Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council (Minsi Trails is a charter member organization of LVMAC) and I would appreciate your help to advertise this opportunity to get those who are not going to the camps to consider taking part as a helper, participant, or as a spectator of the Armed Forces Parade--sort of a non-competitive invitation.



We need both individuals and groups of Venturers, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, to carry the division banners, carry their unit's flags, participate as marchers or with floats, and to assist in the parade staging area. We will need some adults and/or Venturers to oversee the parking area located in the big lot under the Hill to Hill Bridge.

The general details are included in a file on the SMD website.



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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

Our Chapter's election teams held an election for each Troop in the South Mountain District. We enjoyed visiting with each Unit and look forward to seeing the newly elected candidates complete their Ordeals at our Lodge Fellowship Weekend May 29-31st at Camp



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.

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