



JULY 2019 South Mountain District Newsletter

South Mountain District

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



NEWSLETTER... SUMMER NEWS!!

As you enjoy summertime trips and camping, remember to share your discoveries, your experiences, and your successes! Packs, Troops, and Crews—please submit articles and/or photos of your unit’s activities or events for the District newsletter to Bernie Sues at newsletter@minsi-southmountain.com. Submit your information by the first day of each month for the following month’s newsletter.

2019 DATES

Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:00pm	1st Wednesday [2]
District Committee 7:00pm	1st Monday [3]
Eagle Board & Project Review 7:00pm	3rd Tuesday [2]
District Commissioners 7:00pm	3rd Wednesday [3]
District Recharter Day	January 5, 2019 [11]
OA Family Banquet	January 5 [13]
Council Recognition Dinner	January 25 [1]
Trainer’s EDGE	February 9 [15]
Klondike Derby	February 23 [4]
Pinewood Derby	March 2* [11]
University of Scouting	March 9 [9]
District Recognition Dinner	March 30* [15]
National Youth Leadership Training	April 12-14 and 26-28 [6]
Beaver Weekend	May 3-5 [4 & 5]
Jambo	May 17-19 [94]
Spring OA Weekend	May 31-June 2 [5]
OA - Section NE-5 Conclave	June 7-9 [98]
SM District Planning Conference	June 19 [TBA]
Day Camp	July 8-12 [14]
World Jamboree	July 22-August 2 [99]
Wood Badge (weekend 1)	August 16-18 [6]
Fall OA Weekend	September 6-8 [4]
Wood Badge (weekend 2)	September 13-15 [6]
Fall Camporee	September 20-22* [TBA]
Fall Family Camp	October 4-6 [TBA]
OA OctoberFest Weekend	October 11-13 [5]
Fall Cub Event	October 19-20 [92]
Scouting for Food	November 2 and 9
Wood Badge Reunion Dinner	November 3 [8]
Popcorn sorting	November 15 [TBA]
Popcorn distribution	November 16 [TBA]

**indicates tentative date*

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] Trexler Scout Reservation
- [6] Akelaland
- [7] Settler’s Camp
- [8] Jordan Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Rd, Orefield, PA
- [9] Northampton Community College
- [11] First Baptist Church, Bethlehem
- [12] Lower Milford Township
- [13] Holiday Inn, Breinigsville, PA 18031
- [14] Louise Moore Park
- [15] Nitschmann Middle School, Bethlehem, PA

- [90] Harvel LCC, 300 Kuebler Road, Easton, PA 18040
- [91] Hellertown American Legion
- [92] Sportsmen’s Club, Hellertown
- [93] Wesley United Methodist Church
- [94] Kutztown University
- [96] George E. Moerkirk Emergency Medical Institute
- [98] Resica Falls Scout Reservation
- [99] Summit Bechtel Reserve

NOTICE: *If you have a question regarding any date or activity, please contact the respective Chair listed on the District Committee Page.*



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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.

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 Cub Resources Page:

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

South Mountain District Award Forms:

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

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

These forms are used for Scouter recognition.

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

Scouter Bio Form. Fill in and email to the district at bios@minsi-southmountain.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/current_forum.php

FORUM Attachments http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/~forum_attach.php

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP: 2019 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

REMEMBER - NO Roundtable meeting in July

JULY 15 - Eagle Scout service project approval/Boards of Review, St. Luke's Hospital

SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE AGENDAS

Start time is 7:00 PM

DATE	OVERALL PROGRAM	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS, BSA (for both adults and youth)
July		NO ROUNDTABLE - Enjoy your time at camp	
August		ROUNDTABLE Ice Cream Social Louise Moore Park (tentative)	

Around the District

***South Mountain District Roundtable Picnic - Louise Moore Park
June 5, 2019***



...the theme was bacon.

Remembering The Fallen

Every Memorial Day, we remember all of the men and women who served our country by placing a flag on their graves. Each year Troop 306 and the local Nam Knights Motorcycle Club place over 5,000 flags at Holy Savior Cemetery. Each year the kids have a chance to learn about local heroes. The oldest veteran's grave in the cemetery is a Spanish American War Veteran, but we remember all of the fallen.



Light of the Eagle



In addition to the actual presentation of the Eagle Award during an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony, there are many possible parts to the ceremony, such as "Eagle Pledge," "Eagle Challenge and Charge," "Eagle Response," and more. One other possible part to consider adding is "The Light of the Eagle" ceremony. It involves a large box (2 feet x 3 feet) which has a lighted front section with an Eagle badge on it. The individual sections of the badge can be lighted individually. A ceremony that explains the significance of each section of the badge is provided.

If you would like to use this ceremony—or just the box—for your Eagle Court of Honor, please contact the South Mountain District Advancement Chairperson, Andrew Draper, at acdraper31@rcn.com.

Trexler District Fourteenth Annual
Shankweilers Drive-In Cub Camping
TREXLER DISTRICT'S BENCHMARK CUB EVENT!

Follow Us On Facebook! – “Shankweiler Cub Event”

ONE NIGHT ONLY in 2019!

When: Saturday, September 21, 2019

Gates open 5:00 pm. Event held rain or shine.
Activities held 5:30 pm. to 7:15 pm. Opening ceremonies & Movies begin 7:30 pm.

Where: Shankweilers Drive In 4540 Shankweiler Road Orefield, PA

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Cost includes: patch, two movies, games, camping overnight at the drive-in.

Who can attend? All registered Cub Scouts and their family members only. NO FRIENDS
Den Chiefs are encouraged to come with their Packs!

Deadline: Registration will begin **April 1, 2019** for Trexler District units. Space is limited.
Registration closes as soon as we reach capacity. **Last year's event was filled by early June!**

Due to limited parking spaces please car pool.

What should you bring? Small tent (size will be limited to 10 x 10), sleeping gear, your own water supply, chairs, radio and breakfast. **A radio is needed as the drive-in no longer has speakers!**

- This is a Cub Family Camping Event. Cub camping rules outlined in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* will be followed.**
- NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL AT THIS EVENT**
- Adult/Chaperone MUST STAY with their children throughout the duration of this event!**
- Use the trash cans provided. *No pets are allowed.***
- No stove cooking or fires are allowed.**
- Volunteer staff will be wearing yellow baseball caps.**
- Please support concession stand.**

Send completed registration form, (following pages) & roster (list full name of each attendee)
Number of tent spaces needed along with a check made out to Minsi Trails Council.

More details will be sent to after registration closes. Any questions:

Contact: Brenda Aubert 610-653-6363 shankweilercubevent@gmail.com

Registration Form

Trexler District Shankweilers Drive-In Cub Camping
Saturday, September 21, 2019 (One night only)

Please register by PACK for tent placement

**Include First and Last Name of each person attending and # Tents Needed
one per family**

Complete and return the registration form and Roster sheet below to Brenda Aubert

Pack #: _____ Pack Point of Contact _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Number attending _____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Number of families camping _____

Emergency Contact for PACK _____ Phone _____

**Mail completed registration form and roster along with payment check made out to
Minsi Trails Council to:**

**Brenda Aubert
Shankweilers Cub Scout Event
5173 Hanover Drive
Allentown, PA 18106**

Memo: Trexler District 4 C Shankweilers/Acct: 1680142820

You will receive an email or phone registration confirmation from Brenda Aubert

**If you have any questions, contact:
Brenda Aubert 610-653-6363 shankweilercubevent@gmail.com**

There will be a special viewing area for families not spending the night.
Parking for families not spending the night will be outside of the Drive In.

REGISTRATIONS BY PACK ONLY! No Refunds

Follow Us On Facebook – “Shankweiler Cub Event”

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of

WOOD BADGE



by signing up for N5-502-19, the 2019 Wood Badge course hosted by Minsi Trails Council on August 16-18, 2019 and September 13-15, 2019 (2-weekend course) at Akelaland. Learn cutting edge leadership skills that go beyond Scouting and enhance your professional and personal life as well.

Learn more about the course at <http://www.minsitrails.org/training/wood-badge/60722>

Register for the course at <http://www.minsitrails.org/wb2019>

Read about the history of Wood Badge at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wood_Badge





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The Trail to Eagle Resources Page and its content
has been revamped effective May 1, 2019

The “Eagle Award Candidate Guidelines” document that appears on the MTC Trail to Eagle Resources webpage has been recently revised. Changes include revisions to better reflect the BSA’s “Guide to Advancement 2019”, including consistency of references and weblinks, and deletion of much of the bold print, italics, and capitalizations.

Among the changes you will see are such things as “preferred,” “requested,” “may” and “recommended.” An example of this is historically Minsi Trails Council asked that the Eagle Application be printed in color and back to back whereas the “Guide to Advancement” does not have such requirements and simply says the official application must be used.

Although flexibility is provided, the Council advancement committee hopes that units/Scouts would still consider using the methods that have been used in the past, as it helped to make for an Eagle application and Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook that was neat and well presented.

The Reference Letters have been revised and they are now called Recommendation Letters. Under “Additional Resources” the “Eagle Letter for Life Scouts” and the “Eagle Letter to Unit Leaders” have been removed from the webpage given that all relevant info is provided in the “Eagle Award Candidate Guidelines.”

The “Eagle Candidate Application Checklist” has been cleaned up and boxes provided for Scouts to check off as information is being worked on.

The “Eagle Application Submission Form” has also been updated and must be used when turning in the Eagle Application at the Council Service Center or when mailing it.

Committee also worked to make sure that all documents reflect appropriate changes for family scouting.

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*Denotes pricing for Northeast, Central, and Southern Regions



Jersey Jam 2019

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Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6, 2019

for a week-end Jam-packed with Scouting fun and adventure!

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- Fun Competitions: Tug of War, Human Foosball, GaGa Ball, Ultimate Frisbee
- Military, Police, Fire and EMS Displays
- Special Events, including Live Jump by the US Army's Golden Knights Parachuting Team
- Secure Overnight Camping for Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and Sea Scouts
- Saturday Evening Arena Show / Live Entertainment



RESERVE YOUR SITE TODAY!

Key Dates:

- June 4, 2018 Unit "Save A Site" Reservations Open
- January 2, 2019 Registration Open to all Units**
- June 15, 2019 Final Registration and Payment Due

Register online at www.JerseyJam.org

** Open to PPC units and units from area councils, on a first-come, first served basis.

* Waterloo Village is a National Historic District located in Byram Township, New Jersey



2019 SCOUT NIGHTS

SIGN-UP IS BY SCOUT UNIT ONLY FOR GROUPS OF 20+.
NO INDIVIDUAL TICKET ORDERS PLEASE.

FRIDAY
JUNE 14
7:05PM

OR

FRIDAY
AUGUST 9
7:05PM

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- PRE-GAME PARADE ON THE FIELD
- IRONPIGS GAME
- POST-GAME FIREWORKS!
- OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT ON THE FIELD
- MOVIE SHOWN ON THE VIDEOBOARD
- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN THE MORNING
- COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR PATCH

Scout uniforms or activity uniforms are permitted. Be sure to sign up early. If camping, please use free-standing tents only; no cots and no tent pegs allowed.



4 CONVENIENT PRICING OPTIONS:

- \$18 Field Level Ticket, Sleepover + \$2 Ballpark Credit
- \$11 Field Level Ticket (Game-Only) + \$2 Ballpark Credit
- \$15 GA Ticket, Sleepover + \$2 Ballpark Credit
- \$8 GA Ticket (Game-Only) + \$2 Ballpark Credit

 **610-841-7447 ext. 2**



2019-2020 TICKET PACKAGES

FULL SEASON TICKET PLAN OPTIONS

5 YEARS

\$665	\$750	\$832	\$955	\$1,080	\$1,331
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3 YEARS

\$686	\$772	\$852	\$975	\$1,100	\$1,331
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1 YEAR

\$709	\$797	\$880	\$1,025	N/A	N/A
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MINI PLAN OPTIONS

13 GAME PLAN

4 YEARS	\$240.50	\$266.50	\$312
2 YEARS	\$250.25	\$273	\$318.50
1 YEAR	\$256.75	\$279.50	\$325

21 GAME PLAN

4 YEARS	\$367.50	\$409.50	\$451.50
2 YEARS	\$378	\$420	\$462
1 YEAR	\$399	\$441	\$483

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See you on the River!



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A river tour is a great adventure for families, groups and business teams.

Choose a kayak paddling tour and the option of adding a bicycle ride back to the put in. The best of both, kayaking the river and biking the D&L Trail canal towpath, a great combination. (The D&L trail was named a Smithsonian Institution affiliate in 2017!)

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY!

"We had so much fun kayaking on the Lehigh. Eric was very friendly and even made sure that the weather was going to cooperate with our tour. He contacted me a few days before to schedule a different day. Overall great experience and highly recommended" Meredith M.

Great experience. Eric is a wealth of information about the area and its history. He made the trip down the river most enjoyable and was considerate of each person's comfort level with kayaking. Would definitely recommend this trip to anyone visiting the area. Thanks Eric for a great day on the river. Dick & Karen

Our goal is to take away the hassle and let everyone enjoy the river. We have the equipment, trained guides, transportation, and provide a great trip souvenir, a picture of you or your group passing by the iconic Bethlehem Steel Stacks. It is a great way to enjoy the day.

Our signature tour is the Steel Stacks Run - a 7 mile paddle on the Lehigh River followed by an optional 7 mile bike ride back on the D&L Trail. Tours are 4 hours. During the tour we will pass by Historic Bethlehem Moravian settlement (In consideration to be named a UNESCO World Heritage site), The D&L Trail, a bear trap dam from the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, Lehigh University, Lehigh Railroad, Bethlehem Steel and more. We run May through October. We provide all the equipment, no experience necessary.

www.historicbethlehemrivertours.com Phone : 877-529-2599 email eric@hbrtours.com

See you on the River!

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sdmOZN-p8m3TKBvxb8yACvsWoKTcqPhpY>

<http://www.wfmz.com/news/lehigh-valley/experience-bethlehem-by-kayaking-through-lehigh-river/753209364?fbclid=IwAR1It2p8Qih68d>

Who needs training? We all need training! Sign up for an upcoming training!

- JUN** **29** **RSO- Range Safety Officer Practicum**
Range Safety Officer Practicum For: Registered BSA Adults who are current Range Safety Officers, Chief Range Safety Officers and...
- JUL** **13** **Basic Muzzleloading Course**
For: Current BSA registered adults and youth 15 years of age and older. Where: Camp Minsi – Dining Hall & Range Name: NRA...
- AUG** **10** **2019 MTC COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE**
2019 Minsi Trails Council Commissioner Conference When: August 10, 2019 Registration 8:30 am to 9:00 am Program from 9:00 am to 2:00...
- AUG** **16** **Wood Badge Training - Multiple Weekend Course 2019**
Course Dates - Must Attend All Weekends! 1st Weekend – August 16-18, 2019 Friday, Saturday, Sunday 2nd Weekend –...
- AUG** **21** **Campmaster Annual Pre-Season Planning Meeting**
Annual Campmaster Pre-Season Planning Meeting held at the Council Service Center. All Campmasters and anyone interested in the program are...
- SEP** **21** **Shooting Sports Merit Badge Counselor Day**
SettlersCampMap.pdf Where: Trexler Nature Lodge-ESSA Nature Lodge Who: All Registered BSA...
- SEP** **27** **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - Council**
There is a mandatory pre-meeting at 7 PM on Tuesday Sept. 10th. at the Bushkill Township Fire Hall. 155 Firehouse Dr. Nazareth, PA...
- SEP** **27** **BALOO - Council**
Trexler Scout Reservation - Beck Pavillion, Scoutcraft, Staff Campsite BALOO is a weekend course designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout...
- OCT** **18** **Pistol Instructor Course**
The NRA Pistol Instructor Course will certify a candidate (upon successful completion) as an NRA Pistol Instructor. Certification will allow...
- NOV** **18** **Home Firearm Safety Course**
Who: Adults and Parents Cost: \$10 per person Name : NRA Home Firearm Safety Course Short Description : Non-shooting...

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DISTRICT KEY 3

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*Any Scouter interested in serving on the District Committee, contact Mike Faccinetto
or if interested in serving as a Commissioner, contact Tamie Swain.*