



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

July 2009

2009 Dates to Remember

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]
Popcorn Kickoff	08-18-09 [87]
Show and Sell Popcorn Orders Due	08-19-09
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]
BALOO	09-19-09 [88]
Cub Fall Event	10-03-09
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]
Cub Leader Specific	10-10-09 [90]
Fall Camporee	10-16-18-09
Venturing Forum	10-19-09 [5]
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]
Boy Scout First Aid Meet	12-05-09

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
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
- [87] Coca Cola Park
- [88] Camp Serranova
- [90] St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem



2010 Dates to remember are on the SMD website

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2010_SMD_Dates_to_Remember.pdf

New Eagle Scouts for June 2009

Sean M – Troop 335

Zachary L – Troop 191





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AREA 5

Venturing Committee and Cardboard Boat Regatta

Open to all Venturing Crews
August 14, 15, 16, 2009

We are closing in on "crunch time" for the Area 5 Venturing Committee and Cardboard Boat Regatta. Start your design phases and begin to think on how best to waterproof your cardboard, within the rules of course. Exciting times are guaranteed at the Regatta. This will be the first Area 5 event featuring an assembling of an Area 5 VOA (Venturing Officers Association), Area 5 Venturing Committee meeting and Forum. We hope all who wish to participate are able to assemble at Camp Minsi whether or not your Crew has a Boat.

Remember to let either Bob "The Bear" Monto at rmonto@aol.com or "Admiral" John Arno at llordbadenpowell@aol.com to save your Crew a spot. Let's see who is the most sea worthy in the Area? The Region? Anywhere

The Area Venturing Committee will meet Saturday. To register for the Area Venturing meetings contact Bob for a Registration form.

Registration deadline has past. If you missed the registration contact John or Bob NOW!

Den Chief Training

When? September 12th 9 am to 4 pm

Why ? Get the knowledge and tools you need to "Do your Best"! Skills to keep it fun!

Who should come? Any Scout serving as or thinking of serving as a Den Chief

Where? Akelaland Dining Hall
Registration starts @ 8:30 AM
Cost is \$20 and includes Den

Chief Handbook and lunch

Register for this at Minsi Trails Council Office

Any questions email charlico@yahoo.com or call 570-223-0700



TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44 ORDER OF THE ARROW



WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE HAS 2 NEW PATCHES:

Our NOAC fundraiser (2 piece set) is available for \$10.

Ryan Hay, former Witauchsoman Lodge Chief (from SMD) has been elected the Northeast Region Chief. To celebrate Ryan becoming a National Officer, our Lodge has issued the Ryan Hay commemorative flap available for only \$5. These 2 patches are limited edition items. They are available at the Council Office or at Roundtable, just see Chapter Chief Drew. Get them while they last!!!

LODGE FAMILY PICNIC Saturday, August 15th at Camp Trexler's waterfront pavilion. Bring the whole family for food, fun, and fellowship!

REGISTER FOR ALL OA EVENTS at THE COUNCIL OFFICE

SMD FALL CAMPOREE OCT. 16TH & 17TH 2009 at CAMP MINSI (OA Youth are running event) Experience Minsi through Delaware Eyes – Camp Minsi is 60!!! Come Celebrate with Us.

Pre-Register NOW before June 3rd (on-line) with your best estimate & avoid fees for late additions. Provide Troop #, contact person(phone & e-mail), # patrols, # youth, # adults and send to:Blake Tange at walkietalkietange@yahoo.com

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

Who to contact:

Chapter Chief: Drew Stasak

Chapter Advisor: Dave Hay

(610) 861-4494





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OA CHAPTER 2009 DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE

OCTOBER 16th and 17th

MT3 MAW*EM*IN*UNK TUL*PE*HAUK*EN

(to Assemble in the Turtle land)



SMD FALL CAMPOREE
Experience Minsi through
Delaware Eyes
CAMP MINSI is 60!!



Celebrate with us at the Minsi MT3.

Register NOW for MT3 before 9/15 if you want to guarantee t-shirt availability.

Registration Packets have been delivered or mailed to ALL TROOPS.

If your Troop did not receive a packet, Email Blake Tange at walkietalkietange@yahoo.com.

Pocono District Rendezvous



September 25-27, 2009, at Camp Minsi

Hosted by Crew 99

Join Other Crews for a Weekend of Fun, Challenging Competitions and Obstacles Prizes for Best Team. Modeled After TV Reality Show: "The Amazing Race". \$20/person Early Discount \$25 after August 1st Your cost includes: campsite accommodations, Saturday evening dinner, commemorative patch, evening social featuring music, karaoke, refreshments

For More Information: vcrow99@yahoo.com or call George Gallagher 570-807-7758

Registration Rates have changed for 2010!

\$15 for adult and youth

\$2 for insurance

Total: \$17 to Register in 2010!

Cub Fall Event and Webs. meet the Troops

Please see fliers for information on Cub Fall Event and Webelos meet the Troops on the South Mountain District website at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009CubFallEvent.pdf>

There is an early bird fee for pre-registration for the Fall Event. We are in need of packs and troops to run events to make this a success. Theme is Western!

Contact Marci Weaver at 610.282.0921 or smilely9@ptd.net to sign up to run an event.

Webs. meet the Troops- Webs. will have a chance to earn their Readyman Activity Badge. They will also get to see and discuss with the units what activities they do in their troops. Troops are asked to run an event that will help fulfill the Readyman Activity Badge. Contact Marci Weaver for listing of what events are available.

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009Webelosmeetthetroops.pdf>

Resistration Fee Increase

The BSA National Executive Board recently approved an increase in the traditional membership registration fee for all youth and adults. The new fee effective January 1, 2010 will be \$15. The last fee increase was nearly seven years ago when fees were increased from \$7 to the current \$10.

In addition, the yearly Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan that all members pay when they charter will increase to \$2 per person. This will also be effective January 1, 2010.

National BSA has stated that the adjustment in the fees was necessary due to the increased support for local Scouting as well as increased operating costs. More information from our National Office will be coming in the future and we'll be sure to share all the details with you. Thank you for your understanding about this increase.

Rick Christ, Director of Field Service



Exploring

A Program for Career Education

The Exploring Program will be served by the districts. Before we can serve the program we should understand what it is.

Exploring is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) or 15 through 20 years old. Adults are selected by the participating organization for involvement in the program. Color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, and citizenship are not criteria for participation.

Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities.

Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organizations in their communities. Local community organizations initiate an Explorer post by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

Explorer posts can specialize in a variety of **career** skills. Exploring programs are based on five areas of emphasis: career opportunities, life skills, citizenship, character education, and leadership experience.

Career Opportunities

- Develop potential contacts that may broaden employment options
- Boost self-confidence and experience success at school and work

Life Skills

- Build physical and mental fitness

- Experience positive social interaction

Citizenship

- Encourage the skill and desire to help others
- Gain a keen respect for the basic rights of others

Character Education

- Help make ethical choices
- Fulfill one's responsibility to society as a whole

Leadership Experience

- Acquire leadership skills to fulfill one's responsibilities in society

Goals

Young adults involved in Exploring will

- Gain practical knowledge of and experience in a career
- Engage in a program of activities centered on career opportunities, life skills, service learning, character education, and leadership experience to encourage the development of the whole person
- Experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and be given opportunities to take on leadership roles
- Have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and enjoyable environment

Methods

The methods of Exploring have been carefully chosen to meet the needs of young adults.

- **Voluntary association between youth and adults.** Because Exploring is voluntary, youth are receptive to new ideas, experiences, and relationships. For the Explorer, these relationships provide a connection to new ways of thinking and acting as well as a new identity as a responsible young adult.
- **Ethical decision making.** Exploring asks young people to be responsible for themselves, for a program of activities and experiences, and for other people, thereby providing numerous opportunities for youth



to make effective and ethical decisions. These opportunities are enhanced by the influence of capable adults and structured activities.

- E Group activities.** Exploring activities are interdependent group experiences. Success depends on the cooperation of all.
- E Recognition of achievement.** Recognition might come through formal awards, but it also is achieved through the acknowledgment by peers and adults of a young person's competence and abilities.
- E Democratic process.** Explorer posts provide exposure to democratic ideals and skills that are needed throughout life.
- E Curiosity, exploration, and adventure.** Curiosity is encouraged and a sense of exploration and adventure is developed through new experiences that provide opportunities for youth to acquire new skills and participate in action-oriented activities.

Venturing vs. Exploring

Venturing

- ◆ Traditional BSA
- ◆ Members
- ◆ 14-20 Year Olds
- ◆ Coed
- ◆ Unit=Crew or Ship
- ◆ Advancement Program
- ◆ National or Crew Uniforms



Exploring

- E Learning for Life Division**
- E Participants**
- E 14-20 Year Olds**
- E Coed**
- E No Advancement program**
- E Unit=Post**
- E Post Uniforms only**



College of Commissioner Science Staff and Students



Top Picture: Class photo



Middle: John Arno and Bernie Suess on break from teaching

Left: Bob "the BEAR" with student.

Many of the staff and students traveled from Boston, Baltimore, New Jersey and Central PA councils to work on their Bachelor, Masters and Doctor

degrees.



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JAMBO 2010



May 14, 15, 16, 2010
Kutztown University,
Kutztown, PA

SAVE the DATE
See Flyer on website:

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Jambo100SaveTheDate.pdf>

SCHEDULE:

Friday, May 14 – Check In and setup for Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing camping begins at 5:00 p.m.

Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and Crew Advisor meetings are scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15 – Opening Ceremonies begin at 8:45 a.m. Open program between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Lunch scheduled from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. Program areas remain open during lunch. Dinner between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. with a special evening program scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 18 – Church Services and Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by designated area clean up and campsite cleanup

FEES AND PAYMENTS:

Fees for **JAMBO100** help cover the costs of providing a quality program and includes an early signup option to keep your costs even lower! Registration forms will be available online in a few weeks:

Early Fee (Paid by March 1, 2010)

Youth \$25

Adult \$10

Late Fee (Paid after March 1, 2010)

Youth \$30

Adult \$15

Day pass only Early Fee (Paid by March 1, 2010)

Youth \$20

Adult \$10

Day pass only Late Fee (Paid after March 1, 2010)

Youth \$25

Adult \$12

In addition, all early fee registrations will receive their **JAMBO100** Patch for free. Late registrations will need to purchase patches during JAMBO weekend.

2009 Insomniacs' Revenge

September 25-28, 2009

NePa Venturing event

The promotional packet for the 2009 Insomniacs' Revenge is available for download at the following address. A number of files are included, so check everything out.

www.venturing-nepa.org/intro_pack.zip



Are you ready to be up 24 hours?



Also see the Venturing FORUM for updates.

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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.



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South Mountain District Links

South Mountain District Home Page:

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/announce.htm>

South Mountain District Fliers and Brochures Page:

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/fliers.htm>

New BSA Health and Medical form

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

“This is Scouting” training Link

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/news.htm>

Venturing Terminology

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

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http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2010_SMD_Dates_to_Remember.pdf

Cub Fall Event

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009CubFallEvent.pdf>

Webelos Meet the Troops

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009Webelosmeetthetroops.pdf>

Jambo Flyer

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/JamboNewsEdition1.pdf>



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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.