



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A.

August 2009

2009 Dates to Remember

District Meeting changed to 11th

Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-05-09 [2]
District Meeting 7:30pm	08-11-09 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	08-13-09 [1]
OA Summer Family Picnic	08-15-09 [6]
Cardboard Boat Regatta	08-14-16-08 [4]
Venturing Forum will be held at the Regatta	
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
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	10-07-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	10-08-09 [1]
Cub Leader Specific	10-10-09 [90]
District Meeting 7:30pm	10-13-09 [1]
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]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-02-09 [2]
Boy Scout First Aid Meet	12-05-09
District Annual Meeting 7:00pm	12-08-09 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	12-10-09 [1]
Venturing Forum	12-21-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	12-16-09 [3]

Location Key for 2009 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

Registration Rates have changed for 2010!

\$15 for adult and youth

\$2 for insurance

Total: \$17 to Register in 2010!

September Fireside CHAT

Don't miss out on September 2nd's South Mountain Roundtable at 7:30pm. Tom Harrington, the Scout Executive and CEO of the Minsi Trails Council and John Hayes Minsi Trails Council President will be leading a fireside chat that evening. They will be sharing exciting happenings in the council including our 100th anniversary celebrations and looking for ideas and feedback from volunteers in our district.

Amy Frantz Senior District Executive, South Mountain District



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Celebrating 100 years of Scouting
See Page from Scouting Magazine attached
1916 issue.

Scouting 1916

If any Scouter has an article about the 100 years of Scouting please send to Bob Monto at rmonto@aol.com

THE PROPER SCOUT SALUTE



The accompanying sketch shows the proper form of scout salute about which there has been a wide misunderstanding. The sketch also shows the proper positions for wearing scout equipment, which are applicable to scout officials as well as to scouts.

If you have old scouting flyers, pictures, stories send them to the editor Bob Monto to share in future issues.

SHARE SCOUTING'S HISTORY!

TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44 ORDER OF THE ARROW AUGUST 2009



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!
FALL FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND at CAMP MINSI Sept. 11th-13th - This is a great opportunity for newly elected candidates to complete their Ordeal and for members who became Ordeal in 2008 and before to become Brotherhood members. It will be a spectacular weekend!!!

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.

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

David Hay
Tunkhannock Chapter – OA Advisor



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Den Chief Training

September 12th 9 am to 4 pm

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



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 smiley9@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>

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.

2009 Popcorn Campaign Kick Off!

Please attend the South Mountain 2009 Popcorn Kickoff **August 18, 2009 at Coca Cola Park, 1050 Iron Pigs Way, Allentown, PA 18109**

6pm - Dinner "the Ball Park way"

7pm - Program Starts

There are changes in the product line and changes in incentives. Campaign Packets will be available at the South Mountain District Table. Also, sign up for your units popcorn pick up time and or help with the district break out of unit orders. Participating units can take their unit order home that day.

Please have your unit's popcorn chair attend or have a unit representative present. If unable to attend please contact SM District Executive Amy Frantz for your packet.



**AREA 5
Cardboard Boat Regatta
August 14, 15, 16, 2009**



We are expecting 150 venturing leaders and youth from several councils to assemble at Camp Minsi for the GREAT Race, Area 5 Forum and Area 5 VOA (Venturing Officers Association) and the Area 5

committee meeting.

Amy Clark our NE Region Venturing President will meet and greet all on Saturday, attend the race and speak to everyone about Venturing.

We are looking for Scouters to demonstrate Venturing skills and staff sessions. Contact Bob at rmonto@aol.com to help out.

Activities include: Regatta Races, Rifle Shooting, Tom-A-Hawk Throwing, New Crew Officers class, and more.

All Crews will discuss the 2010 Area 5 event. So come and get your ideas known.

Can you identify this badge?



See if you are right. Email Bob the BEAR with your answer.

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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Special offering of Basic Pistol training course for Venturers

Venturers who complete this course will:

- ◆ increase their enjoyment of the sport of pistol shooting;
- ◆ learn to safely handle and operate a variety of handguns;
- ◆ comply with BSA Health & Safety guidelines for Venturers;
- ◆ earn the NRA basic pistol shooting certificate;
- ◆ qualify for more advanced NRA shooting sports courses; and
- ◆ save money compared to publicly offered instruction

The class size will be limited to 24 youth. Cost is \$25, which includes all books, ammunition, targets, and snacks. The classroom session of the course will be offered in small groups on Sunday, October 11th at convenient local sites, followed by practical instruction at the Camp Minsi firing range on Sunday, **October.18**

For additional Information contact Alex Stirton at alexanderstirton@lehighcounty.org



BSA Centennial Coin February 2010 to January 2011

- ✦ The Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act (H.R. 5872) was signed into law, authorizing the minting of 350,000 silver dollar coins in recognition of the BSA's 100th Anniversary in 2010.
- ✦ The United States National Mint will produce 350,000 commemorative BSA silver dollar coins between February 8, 2010, and January 1, 2011.
- ✦ Only two commemorative coins are selected for U.S. Mint production each year.
- ✦ For each coin sold, there is a \$10 surcharge that
- ✦ will directly benefit Scouts in hard-to-serve areas, adding up to \$3.5 million in new revenue for the BSA Foundation

Gala 2010 February 9, 2010

On February 9, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will honor our 100th Anniversary at a very special evening in our nation's Capitol.

Impactful, reflective and inspiring...Gala 2010 will be a night to remember.

This elegant affair - held between the colossal Corinthian columns and archways of the National Building Museum's Great Hall - will be heightened by an inspirational journey across the first 100 years of Scouting, celebrating the BSA's great heritage with an unforgettable preview of Scouting in the century to come.



BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership February 2009 to February 2010

The BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership is a one-time opportunity to recognize and thank Scouts, their leaders and Scouting volunteers (past and present) for the extraordinary difference they make in the lives of others through their leadership.

Our country will never outgrow the need for thoughtful leadership. And so, it will never outgrow the need for those dedicated individuals who choose to live their lives by the Scout Law and teach others to do the same.

In both simple and dramatic ways, people in every community have experienced positive life impacts from the leadership of a Scout, Scouter or volunteer. When that leadership was extraordinary, and the personal impact great, an individual may want to honor that person with a nomination to the BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership.

Through February 2010, deserving Scouts and volunteers can be nominated for this once-in-a-century honor online, at Scouting.org/100years.

Each local council and the BSA National Council will forward 12 semi-finalists to a national judging panel. One inductee will be selected from each to form a group representing all of the nominees and the great gift of leadership that Scouting gives to America every year.

Year of Celebration awards

A Year of Celebration. A Century of Making a Difference is a series of awards developed to explore the values of leadership, character, achievement, community service and the outdoors as we celebrate a century of living by the Scout Law. Each *Year of Celebration* award recognizes

Scouts and adult leaders who demonstrate dedication to these values.

These awards seek to engage each participant to become involved in Scouting activities based on each of these five values.

Requirements will emphasize engagement and reflection on the lessons Scouting teaches. They reward personal development through these five values. *A Year of Celebration* will be available to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers, as well as their respective adult leaders.

Scouting alumni are also encouraged to earn *A Year of Celebration* awards and will be eligible to receive patches.

Activities occur and patches are earned during the September 2009 – December 2010 program year.

Focus on Outcomes

In developing these awards, hundreds of Scouting professionals and volunteers were surveyed and interviewed to determine the outcomes they'd like to achieve through this awards program. As a result, *Year of Celebration* awards requirements are tailored to accomplish specific outcomes in recruitment, engagement and awareness. How can your council use these awards to fulfill your own local needs?

Youth awards focus on:

- ✦ Increasing membership
- ✦ Promoting service
- ✦ Rank advancement and award achievement
- ✦ Character and skills development

Adult awards focus on:

- ✦ Building contacts and increasing membership
- ✦ Serving active units through volunteer opportunities
- ✦ Encouraging support for service projects
- ✦ Creating incentives for participation in council activities



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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>

2010 SMD Dates to remember

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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