



AUGUST 2019 South Mountain District Newsletter

South Mountain District

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



NEWSLETTER... NEWS!!

It seems like summer just started but we're getting ready for a new Scouting year!

Packs, Troops, and Crews—please submit articles and/or photos of your unit's activities or events for the District newsletter to Bernie Suess 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	October 4-6* [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.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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

AUGUST 10 - Commissioner Conference, Trexler Scout Reservation

AUGUST 16 to 18 - Wood Badge, Weekend 1, Akelaland Camp

AUGUST 20 - Eagle Scout service project approval/Boards of Review, St. Luke's Hospital

SEPTEMBER 6 to 8 - Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship Weekend, Camp Minsi

SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE AGENDAS

Start time is 7:00 PM

DATE	OVERALL PROGRAM	CUB SCOUTS (Program Leaders and Committee)	SCOUTS, BSA (youth and adults)	Disabilities & Differences JOINT SESSION
Aug. 7 (6:30PM)	Ice Cream Social & Meet the Commissioners	Roundup Training—BIG changes	Volunteerism, Recycling, and Scouts	Upcoming topics and timing—your input needed ALL SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS welcome!
Sept. 4		Kick-off the program year—finding your Lion Leader	Multiple gender Camping and Program Guidelines	Food Allergies and Reactions
Oct. 2	SFF Doorhangers	Practical Den Leader training—7 parts of the meeting	Quick First Aid training—allergies, dehydration, CPR—just to keep everyone alive	INCLUSION - Special Needs Scouts in any unit—How it can work and why you want it to

Around the District

South Mountain District Day Camp - Louise Moore County Park July 8-12, 2019



53 Scouts from throughout Minsi Trails Council descended upon the South Mountain Aeronautical and Space Administration training facility at Louise Moore County Park to take part in Cub Scout Day Camp from July 8 to 12. Day Camp this year celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Minsi Trails Council and the Apollo 11 mission to the moon with 5 days of space themed activities.

Scouts enjoyed BB and archery, along with many other activities that helped them complete rank requirements while having fun with their friends. Stations also included sports and games, water sports, craft, scout skills, and science.

Some highlights this year were a visit from the Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company and their aerial truck that sprayed down the scouts with 1,000 gallons of water on a hot day, as well as an opportunity to build and launch model rockets.

Next year will provide more of the same fun, so join us in July 13 to 17, 2020 as we go Back...to the Future!



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SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

Ice Cream Social

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Louise Moore Park
Pavilion #5
Country Club Rd.
Easton, PA 18045

COST:
FREE!!!

Join your fellow Scouters and celebrate the start of
a new program year!

Topics for the night:

- *For All = Meet the Unit Commissioners*
- *For Cub Scout leaders = Changes to New Registrations this Fall and How to Hold A Successful Round-up*
- *For Scouts BSA leaders = Volunteerism, Recycling, and Scouts*

Please share this information with the other Scouters in your unit and encourage them to attend with their families!

Register for this event before **August 6, 2019** at:

<http://www.minsitrails.org/event/2019-smd-roundtable-ice-cream-social/2548169>

HISTORIC BETHLEHEM RIVER TOURS

Experience Bethlehem's Newest Outdoor Activity



See you on the River!



Kayak & Bike Tours

Experience a real treat - a great outdoor activity on one of the gems of the Lehigh Valley. Gain a different perspective of Bethlehem as you see it from the river on a recreational kayak tour.

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>



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

610-224-GOAL





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Jersey Jam 2019

Join 5,000 Scouts, Explorers, Venturers and Sea Scouts on

Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6, 2019

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

Rain or Shine 70 Acres U.S. Historic Location* Safe, Secure, Easy Access

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- High Adventure: Climbing Wall, Tomahawk / Knife Throwing, Archery, BB Gun Shooting and much more
- Hands-on Pioneering and Backwoods Engineering Projects
- Extensive Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) Exhibits and Activities
- 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

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FUN with science and earn
badges and belt loops!**

2019-20 Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Programs

Date	Type	Age/Level	Title
Aug. 17	Day	Scouts BSA	Sustainability Merit Badge Pt. 1
Sept. 28	Camp-in	Cub Scouts	Ultimate Halloween Sleepover*
Oct. 19	Day	Scouts BSA	Sustainability Merit Badge Pt. 2
Oct. 26	Day	Bears	Robotics Belt Loop
Jan. 11	Camp-in	Webelos/Arrows of Light	Adventures in Science
Jan. 31	Camp-in	Cub Scouts	Wizarding World
Feb. 7	Camp-in	Scouts BSA	Electricity Merit Badge
Feb. 21	Camp-in	Cub Scouts	Art of Science
Feb. 22	Camp-in	Cub Scouts	Wizarding World
March 21	Camp-in	Cub Scouts	Art of Science
May 2	Camp-in	Cub Scouts	Amusement Park Science*

See website for program details

**Choose your own date
& topic for a private
camp-in with
60 or more people**

*Camp-in includes admission to Dorney Park



For reservations, call 610.841.1875
Email: scouts@davincisciencecenter.org

Camp-in pricing starts at \$45
Day Programs start at \$16 per scout

**For more information, visit
davincisciencecenter.org/scouts**

You have leaders in your unit who need training...

Sign them up for an upcoming training!

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...

MAR 14 2020 University of Scouting

University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for Scouts and Scouters. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in...

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.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

DISTRICT KEY 3

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Membership School Night	OPEN		
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COMMISSIONERS

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