



# OCTOBER 2019 South Mountain District Newsletter

## South Mountain District

**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA**



### NEWSLETTER... NEWS!!

Share the news! Remember when you found out about that new camping spot? Help others the same way. 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](mailto: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 [90]
Popcorn distribution	November 16 [90]

*\*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](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](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](mailto: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](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/current_forum.php)

FORUM Attachments [http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/~forum\\_attach.php](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/~forum_attach.php)

### **IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP: 2019 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

**OCTOBER 4 to 6** - Fall Camporee, Camp Minsi

**OCTOBER 11 to 13** - Order of the Arrow, Octoberfest at Settlers Camp, Trexler SR

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

**OCTOBER 19 to 20** - Fall Cub Event. Sportsmans Club, Hellertown

### **SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE AGENDAS**

*Start time is 7:00 PM*

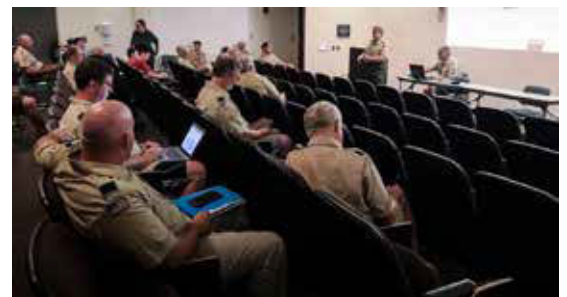
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OVERALL PROGRAM</b>	<b>CUB SCOUTS (Program Leaders and Committee)</b>	<b>SCOUTS, BSA (youth and adults)</b>	<b>Disabilities &amp; Differences JOINT SESSION</b>
Oct. 2	SFF Doorhangers	Practical Den Leader training—7 parts of the meeting	Quick First Aid training—allergies, dehydration, CPR—just to keep everyone alive	INCLUSION - Special Needs Scouts in any unit—How it can work and why you want it to
Nov. 6		Pack Meetings—Celebration Central!	Who's the Next Awesome Volunteer?	Impulse Control—how to redirect and make it work for your Scouts
Dec. 4		Austistic Scouts—Effective methods with Cubs	Eagle Trail—Part 1 of 2 Scouts, Mentors, and Parents	Disability Friendly Crossover—welcoming everyone

*Around the District*

**South Mountain District Roundtable - St. Luke's Hospital  
September 4, 2019**



**SCOUTBOOK** help is available during Roundtable





## **Three Generations Achieve OA Brotherhood Honor at Same Time**

Three members of Troop 191 got their brotherhood honor during the Order of the Arrow's Fall Fellowship Weekend, September 6 to 8, 2019, at Camp Minsi. That's not very unusual, but no one can recall three generations taking their brotherhood at the same time. Betty Bamberger and her son, Marc, became Ordeal members in the late 1980's. Marc's son achieved the same in 2016.

All three are members of the Tunhannock (South Mountain) Chapter of Minsi Trails' Witauchsoman Lodge #44. The lodge provides service to the council and community and offers leadership opportunities to youth and adults. The lodge is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019.

The chapter meets at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month at St. Luke's Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center on Ostrum Street in Bethlehem; this is the same day, time, and place as the South Mountain Roundtable. Members are urged to attend and participate.

<b>2019-20 Roundtable Calendar</b>				
Date	Overall Program	Cub Scouts (program leaders & committee)	Scouts, BSA (youth & adults)	Disabilities & Differences JOINT SESSION
August 7	Ice Cream Social & Meet the Commissioners	Changes to New Registrations this Fall & How to Hold A Successful Round-up	Volunteerism, Recycling, & Scouts	
September 4		Kick-off the Program Year – Finding Your Lion Leader	Multiple Gender Camping & Program Guidelines	Food Allergies & Reactions
October 2	Scouting for Food Doorhanger Distribution	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 & Why You Want It To
November 6		Pack Meetings: Celebration Central!	Who's the Next Awesome Volunteer?	Impulse Control – How to Redirect & Make It Work for Your Scouts
December 4				
January 8				
February 5				
March 4				
April 1				
May 6				
June 3	Closing Picnic			

**\*\* Units that attend specific Roundtable sessions and provide necessary information will be fast-tracked through selected Re-charter Day stations \*\***

**\*\* Throughout the year, YOUR recommendations for topics can be included! Please tell a Commissioner or leave a note in the suggestion jar! \*\***



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### Scouts BSA Advancement & Scoutbook Training/Information Session

- Presented by:** The Scout Advancement Education program
- Purpose:** To provide the latest information on advancement policies and help put your Troop at ease in using the Scoutbook Advancement program
- For who:** Open to Scouters and parents in Scouts BSA Troops from South Mountain and North Valley Districts
- What:**
- (a) Scout Advancement (9:00 -10:15 AM)  
Presented by Richard Silvius & Charles Chase
  - (b) Training on new Scoutbook advancement program (10:30 am – 12:00 pm)  
Presented by leaders in both districts who are experienced in Scoutbook
- Where:** Minsi Trails Council Service Center
- When:** Saturday, October 26, 2019  
Doors will open at 8:30 AM and the session will start at 9:00
- Participation fee:** \$7.00 - if you would like a pancake breakfast (pancakes/sausage/coffee)  
\$5.00 - if you would like to have bagels and coffee
- How to register:** <http://www.minsitrails.org/event/scouts-bsa-scoutbook-training/2572213>
- Registration deadline:** Friday, October 18 - **NO walk-in registrations – Limited to first 25**
- Additional info:** Participants are encouraged to bring their laptops so they can follow along as questions are being asked by looking at their unit



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# South Mountain District First Aid Meet



George E. Moerkirk  
Emergency Medicine Institute  
2100 Mack Blvd, First Floor  
Allentown, PA 18103

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

**Check-in begins 6:30pm ~ Meet begins promptly at 7pm, runs until 9pm**

**Registration deadline is January 10, 2020**

Cost is \$4 per Scout

- This event is limited to the **FIRST** 12 patrols that register – units are allowed to send more than one patrol of no more than **6 Scouts each**.

For more information, contact Bryan Kane at [bryankane97@gmail.com](mailto:bryankane97@gmail.com)

### 2020 South Mountain District First Aid Meet

Please detach and mail this portion with payment to:

Minsi Trails Council, P.O. Box 20624, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002

(write checks payable to Minsi Trails Council)

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Leaders attending (must have 2 adults per patrol)

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4 = \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature for Scout Account Use: \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Account # 318**

*Due to the fact that supplies are purchased based on registration numbers, fees are non-refundable after 2 weeks prior to event, or in the unlikely event of activity being postponed or cancelled.*



**South Mountain District  
First Responder Event**



George E. Moerkirk  
Emergency Medicine Institute  
2100 Mack Blvd, First Floor  
Allentown PA 18103

This event is open to the **FIRST 60 WEBELOS**  
Cost is \$5 per Scout  
(includes First Responder Pin & First Aid Patch)

**Event is Sunday, November 3, 2019  
1:00-5:30pm**

**Deadline for registration is October 18, 2019**

For more information, contact Bryan Kane at [bryankane97@gmail.com](mailto:bryankane97@gmail.com)

**2019 South Mountain District First Responder**

Please detach and mail this portion with payment to:  
Minsi Trails Council, P.O. Box 20624, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002  
(write checks payable to Minsi Trails Council)

**Pack #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Leaders attending (must have 2 adults per den)**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending leader contact info in case of cancellation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature for Scout Account Use: \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Account # 317**

***Due to the fact that supplies are purchased based on registration numbers, fees are non-refundable after 2 weeks prior to event, or in the unlikely event of activity being postponed or cancelled.***

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SET

\*LIMITED TO  
NEW SCOUTS  
ONLY. WHILE  
SUPPLIES  
LAST



**YOUTH IN GRADES K-5, START TODAY!**

Where & When	What
<p><b>Town &amp; Country Bowling Lanes</b> 1770 Stefko Blvd Bethlehem 18017 Saturday, 9/21 — 1:30-3pm</p>	<p>Free game of bowling for all youth registering as new Cub Scouts that night and a discounted rate of \$2.50 per game and 1/2 off shoe rentals for their family members, as well as current Scouts in uniform and their families!</p>
<p><b>Putt U</b> 5201 Route 309 Center Valley 18034 Wednesday, 9/25 — 5:30-7pm</p>	<p>Free round of mini-golf for all youth registering as new Cub Scouts that night and a discounted rate of \$5 for their family members, as well as current Scouts and their families! Wear your uniform!</p>
<p><b>Hellertown Sportsmen's Association</b> 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown 18055 Thursday, 9/26 — 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>Free round of archery shooting for all youth registering as new Cub Scouts that night. Families can learn how to join the Association, as well as programs and benefits offered!</p>

**Check out BeAScout.org to find  
Cub Scout Packs close to your home!**

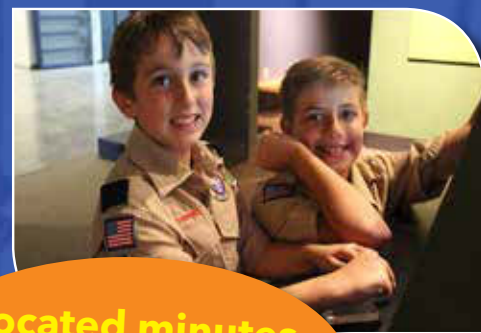
A registration fee is charged when signing up for Cub Scouts. Get all the details at the sign up event.

**...& SO MUCH MORE. [SignUp4Scouts.org](http://SignUp4Scouts.org) 610.264.8551**



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**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](mailto:scouts@davincisciencecenter.org)

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

**For more information, visit  
[davincisciencecenter.org/scouts](http://davincisciencecenter.org/scouts)**

**Trexler & South Mountain District Fall Camporee**

**2019 Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Weekend**

**Date:** October 4-6, 2019

**Location:** Camp Minsi- Pocono Summit PA

**Cost:** \$8.00 per person

**Includes:** Camping (2 nights) and patch

**Program:** Starting on Saturday at **8:30AM** and continuing throughout the day. Saturday evening will be wilderness camping per the merit badge requirement. There will be some pre-event requirements that will need to be satisfied in order to complete all Merit Badge requirements during the weekend. Prerequisite information will be provided in August.

**Other:** Scouts will need to bring a packed lunch for Saturday. There will be time for units to prepare an evening meal.

**Reservations:** Space is limited to 125 Scouts and are **due no later than Wednesday September 25.**

**Questions:** Contact Andy Frobase ([frobbasea@yahoo.com](mailto:frobbasea@yahoo.com)), Jim Swain ([jim.swain@rcn.com](mailto:jim.swain@rcn.com)) or Al Dallao ([ajdallao@ptd.net](mailto:ajdallao@ptd.net))

**Please register on Double Knot:**

District: (SM or TX): \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Youth (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults (over 18) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00= \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE = \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline is Wednesday September 25.**



# 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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# Jersey Jam 2019

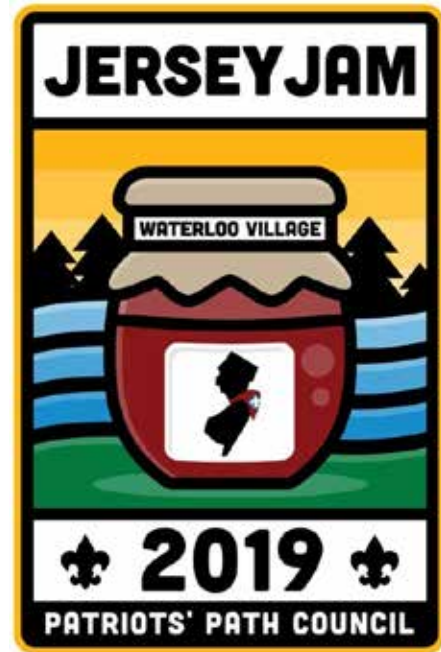
Join 5,000 Scouts, Explorers, Venturers and Sea Scouts on

**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

- Outdoor Challenges, including Extreme Obstacle Course
- 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](http://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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## Sustainable Citizen Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop Series



**2019/2020**

The mission of the workshops is to focus on building skills towards stewardship of the earth and local communities through the structure of Scouts BSA merit badges. Since 2017, NNC has conducted workshops on 8 merit badges including Eagle-Required badges. Over 150 badges have been earned through our first two years.

A counselor will be in attendance and Blue Cards provided after successful completion of requirements.

All workshops are at the NNC unless otherwise noted. Cost of workshop: \$15 (payable to Nurture Nature Center)



### Weather Merit Badge Workshop

**Saturday November 2nd, 2019, 2-4 pm**

— Guest instructor, WFMZ-TV Meteorologist Christina Anthony

Scouts will learn about the basics of weather and its drivers with a Science on a Sphere show at 2 pm, followed by a presentation and Q&A with WFMZ-TV Meteorologist Christina Anthony.



### Astronomy Merit Badge Workshop

**Friday November 15th, 2019, 7-9 pm**

Scouts will learn all about astronomy through a Science on a Sphere® show and various hands-on demonstrations.



### Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Workshop

**Friday January 24th, 2020, 7-9 pm** (Part 1 - panel discussion with local officials)

**Friday February 28th, 2020, 7-9 pm** (Part 2 - scout presentations)



### Geology Merit Badge Workshop

**Saturday April 18th, 2020, 9-1 pm**

— Guest instructor, Lafayette professor Dr. David Sunderlin

Scouts will learn about the basics of geology and plate tectonics with a Science on a Sphere® show at 9 am, followed by a visit to Lafayette College's rock and mineral collection and a short field trip to view a local outcrop.

Scouts must register: call 610-253-4432 or email [liesel@nurturenaturecenter.org](mailto:liesel@nurturenaturecenter.org)



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## STEPS FOR SUCCESSFUL CUB SCOUT RECRUITING

### SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS FOR RUNNING A CUB RECRUITING EVENT

1. Set a date and location. The best locations are the school from which you're (primarily) recruiting, or your chartered partner's location. Make sure you have permission for the event way in advance and get ready to publicize the event.
2. Order your flyers and yards signs from the council office. Identify locations for the yard signs and locations to distribute the flyers.
3. Make sure you have a fun activity for the youth (30 to 45 minutes) and a separate area to talk to the parents. Get your den chiefs or other parents to staff this area.
4. Recruit your Lion and Tiger Den Leaders early. Get a parent that is familiar with the other families from school. This will help to allay any fears the new parents might have.
5. Assemble a packet of information for the parents. Make sure you include the next year's calendar, permission forms, dues information, uniform information, and a copy of the mini *Boy's Life*.
6. Publicize your event. Church bulletins, school mailings, PTA meetings, supermarkets, pediatricians' offices, local newspapers, and other civic organizations are great places to start.
7. Make sure the youth are having fun. A well-planned activity will ensure that their first exposure to Cub Scouting is a positive one, and they will want to return for more.
8. Make the sale to the parents. Use a script; keep it simple, and then mingle with the parents to answer their questions. Don't extend the meeting with a group Q&A session; instead, answer questions individually, and make sure other "seasoned" parents are there to help as they tell their great experiences with Scouting. Have pictures of pack activities displayed, or running on a loop on a computer or projected onto a screen.
9. Get the applications signed that night. Have a pack event scheduled very close to the recruiting event to invite the new Scouts to and make it clear that they need to be registered to attend. Collect the applications and turn them in to the scout council office the same week.
10. Follow-up! If parents are hesitant to sign up that night, follow up with them within a few days. Have the Lion and Tiger Den Leaders do the follow-up, especially if the families know each other.
11. Get all the new Cubs together for Lion and Tiger events. Make sure it's fun and keeps them active so they'll want to come back.
12. Follow-up with your new Lion and Tiger Den Leaders to make sure the Scouts stay engaged and continue to have fun. Monitor attendance and advancement, two key indicators of a successful program. Keep it fun!



## **Cub Scout Recruiting – Make an Impression That Will Last!**

Every fall we see the look in thousands of young faces as they sign up to be a Scout. We all have seen that face, full of excitement and anticipation sparked by promises of adventure. So, our first step to making a difference in a youth's life is to enroll them as a member.

Youth join our organization to have fun (and develop life skills) and they stay in our program because they are engaged in enjoyable activities. **Our challenge is to make a good first impression at one of the most important nights in a Scout's career – the School Night.** It is on this night that the families are introduced to Scouting and it's our responsibility to make this night special.

At your district's school night training, your unit received a packet of resources that will help you plan a GREAT fall membership drive and school night.

Included with the packet are two very useful items. The **“Official Tool Kit for Packs”** includes sample press releases, flyers, timelines, samples letters, job descriptions (for school night chairs), and the Pack Round-up Agenda. The **“Cub Scout Den Leader Kit”** will help you support new and existing den leaders. This folder includes a welcome to new den leaders, ideas for the first two months, Program Helps, yearly planner, resource listings, and Cub Scouting Highlights.

After looking at your packets, you may feel a little overwhelmed with all the information and resources available. However, if you focus on the following topics, you will have a great fall recruitment campaign:

### **Orientation**

Unit leaders involved with school nights should be familiar with available resources.

### **Planning**

Work with your district membership committee, district executive and Pack committee to design your fall recruitment campaign.

### **Marketing**

Make an attempt at 7 contacts for your audience. This can include school presentations, flyers, yard signs, billboards, press releases to local newspapers, bring-a-friend, and advertising in a church bulletins.

## **Leadership Inventory**

Take a look at your pack and identify vacant positions. Write a job description for each (see Cub Scout Leader Handbook for samples). What qualities should these leaders possess? Use this information to help identify new leader prospects. Remember, recruiting one-on-one is better than recruiting in a group setting such as school night.

## **Incentives**

Use incentives to create excitement. This year, the Council will provide each new youth who joins Scouts a Lego Creator set. Your Pack could develop its own incentive plan for parents who become new leaders!

## **The School Night**

Make this night special. Following an agenda to explain Scouting in general, importance of parental involvement, finances, divide parents/youth into their dens and discuss their specific program, discuss leadership vacancies and talk about their job descriptions, collect registration, and announce follow-up meetings.

## **Follow-up**

Hold a parents meeting within a week of your School Night to finalize leadership recruiting, invite new leaders to training, announce the next Pack meeting and other up-coming activities. Hold another school night if the first did not meet your recruiting expectations.

## **Have Fun!!!**

Remember, in order to gain the benefits of Scouting, youth must first join the organization. It's our role as leaders to develop a sound plan to ensure that youth have a quality Scouting experience and that quality experience starts with the sign-up night!

For additional information, please contact your District Executive and District Membership Chairman.



## Pack Roundup Night Coordinator Checklist MAKE YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION EXCITING

### Before you Leave Home

- Prepare your pre-opening activity
- Wear your uniform
- Review agenda and practice your presentation
- Take a pocket calculator
- Take 20-30 pens and/or pencils
- Take some change, both bills and coins
- Take masking tape

### Also Bring for Display

- Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, & Webelos Books
- Your Round-up Night packet of materials
- A copy of Boys' Life magazine
- A copy of Program Helps
- A copy of Cub Scout Leader Book
- A copy of How-To Book
- Pack/Council Annual Calendar

### Arrive at the School - at least 30 minutes before start time:

- Organize your materials and setup room.
- Check with other team members (including unit leaders) on their part of the program.
- Post your pack organizational chart.
- Assist unit leaders with their displays.
- Organize your pre-opening activity.
- Station either yourself or another team member at the door to serve as greeter. Have parents sign-in on attendance rosters, give them a Parent's Orientation Guide, and welcome families to your Round-up Night.
- Youth and parents should sit together by grade.

### The General Presentation

- Begin promptly at your start time.
- Present opening ceremony by pack (or a troop).
- Introduce yourself and welcome everyone on behalf of Minsi Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America.
- Follow the Round-up Night agenda carefully.

Be sure to turn in all applications, monies, and attendance rosters to your District Round-up Team Member.

## Roundup Night Agenda

- 6:30 P.M.     **Arrive Early**
- Set up chairs, tables, signs, displays, & refreshments
  - Time to rehearse
- 7:15 P.M.     **Pre-Opening**
- Personally welcome everyone as they arrive. Be in uniform! Have everyone sign attendance roster
  - Give each family a Parent Orientation Guide AND Pack Annual Calendar
  - Seat families by grade
- 7:30 P.M.     **Opening Ceremony**
- Conduct a simple ceremony using current Cub Scouts or Scouts BSA youth
  - Introductions of current leaders
  - Welcome families and thank them for coming
  - Have the youth go with another leader for a fun activity so that you can inform the parents about Cub Scouts
- 7:40 P.M.     **Presentation to Parents**
- Explain Cub Scouts to the parents
    - Joining Requirements
    - Activities
    - Rank Advancement
    - *Boy's Life*
    - Fees (Registration and Dues)
    - Uniform
  - Answer questions at the end of your presentation
- 8:00 P.M.     **Reassemble the Group, Form Dens, Recruit other Volunteers**
- Select leaders for each den
  - Recruit volunteers and helpers
  - Schedule den meetings
  - Collect forms and fees
  - Conclude the meeting
- 8:30 P.M.     **Brief Meeting with New Leaders**
- Give job descriptions
  - Share on-line training information
  - Share other important dates such as Committee Meeting, Roundtable, etc.
  - Assign an experienced leader to mentor any new Den Leaders to help make sure the new leaders feel comfortable conducting the first den meetings
  - Give all completed applications, with proper signatures and along with their registration fees to your District Round-up Team Member that night.

# Every leader in your unit needs training!

*Have them sign up for an upcoming training!*

**SEP** [Shooting Sports Merit Badge Counselor Day](#)

21 SettlersCampMap.pdf Where: Trexler Nature Lodge-ESSA Nature Lodge Who: All Registered BSA...

**SEP** [Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - Council](#)

27 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** [BALOO - Council](#)

27 Trexler Scout Reservation - Beck Pavillion, Scoutcraft, Staff Campsite BALOO is a weekend course designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout...

**OCT** [Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training \(TX\)](#)

5 Camp Minsi - Wilcox Lodge 106 Camp Minsi Road, Pocono Summit, PA 18344 This course will provide Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters with...

**OCT** [Pistol Instructor Course](#)

18 The NRA Pistol Instructor Course will certify a candidate (upon successful completion) as an NRA Pistol Instructor. Certification will allow...

**NOV** [Home Firearm Safety Course](#)

18 Who: Adults and Parents Cost: \$10 per person Name : NRA Home Firearm Safety Course Short Description : Non-shooting...

**MAR** [2020 University of Scouting](#)

14 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](mailto:acdraper31@rcn.com).

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