



# South Mountain District News



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## 2009 Dates to Remember

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 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	11-18-09 [3]
Popcorn Pick Up	11-21-09
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-02-09 [2]
Pack leader Training	12-05-09 [97]
District Annual Meeting 7:00pm	12-08-09 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	12-10-09 [1]
Cub Leader Specific	12-11-09
Venturing Forum	12-21-09 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	12-16-09 [3]

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District Meeting 7:30pm	01-05-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	01-06-10 [2]
Re-Charter Day	01-09-10 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	01-14-10 [1]
Den Leader Training	01-16-10 [97]
Cub Winter Event	01-16-10 [ ]
District Commissioners 7pm	01-20-10 [3]
Venturing Forum	01-25-10 [3]
Council Recognition Diner	01-29-10 [ ]
District Meeting 7:30pm	02-02-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	02-03-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	02-11-10 [1]
Klondike Derby	02-26-27-10 [ ]
District Commissioners 7pm	02-16-10 [3]
Venturing Forum	02-22-10 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	03-02-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-03-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	03-11-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	03-15-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	03-17-10 [3]
Den Leader Training	03-20-10 [97]
Scoutmaster Leader Specific	03-27-10
District Pinewood Derby	03-27-10 [ ]

District Annual Planning Meeting 7:00pm	04-06-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	04-07-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	04-08-10 [1]
Venturing Leader Training	04-10-10 [3]
Boy Scout Youth Protection	04-17-10 [ ]
District Recognition Dinner	04-24-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	04-19-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	04-21-10 [3]
District Diner	04-24-10 [1]
District Meeting 7:30pm	05-04-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-05-10 [2]
BALOO	05-08-10
Eagle Board of Review	05-13-10 [1]
JAMBO	05-14-16-10 [99]
Venturing Forum	05-17-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	05-19-10 [3]
OA Spring Weekend	06-04-06-10 [5]
District Meeting 7:30pm	06-01-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-02-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	06-10-10 [1]
OA Conclave	06-11-13-10 [98]
Venturing Forum	06-21-10 [3]
Coopersburg Day Camp	06-14-18-10
District Commissioners 7pm	06-16-10 [3]
Eagle Board of Review	07-08-10 [1]
OA Summer Family Picnic	August
Bethlehem Day Camp	07-12-16-10
District Meeting 7:30pm	08-03-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-04-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	08-12-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	08-16-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	08-18+10 [3]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-01-10 [2]
District Meeting 7:30pm	09-07-10 [1]
OA Fall Weekend	09-10-12-10 [4]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 1	09-10-10 [ ]
Eagle Board of Review	09-09-10 [1]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 2	09-15-10 [ ]
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## Meeting Location Key 2010

- [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] Camp Trexler
- [6] Akelaland
- [97] St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem
- [98] NePa Goose Pond
- [99] Kutztown University

## Can you identify these badges?

Name the badge and is it Fake or Real.



**Badge 1**



**Badge 2**



**Badge 3**



**Badge 4**



**Badge 5**



**Badge 6**

**See if you are right. Email Bob “the BEAR” with your answers. Tell the BEAR if the Badge is “Fake or Real” and Name the Badge if Real.**

The Answer to the October Badges are Badge 1 [Interpreting Merit Badge] Badge 2 [Physical Development Merit Badge] Badge 3 [Rocks and Minerals Merit Badge] Badge 4 [White Water Rafting Merit Badge] Badge 5 [Airplane Structure Merit Badge] Badge 6 [Forage Crops Merit Badge]



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## District Award of merit, District Fellowship Award and Unit Scouter Awards



See the South Mountain District website for the award nomination forms. There are 2 different due dates. The Fellowship Award and District Award of Merit is due on Jan. 29, 2010. The Unit Scouter Award is due April 15, 2010.

Linda Small

## Cub Fall Event and Webelos. Meet the Troops

Despite the unpredictable weather, we had a wonderful turn out for both our Cub Fall Event and the Webelos. Meet the troops.

The morning hours were filled with 124 cowboys attending games sponsored by Pack 362, Troops: 311, 347, 364, 362, 302, and 318, our OA and a service group from Lehigh University. Thanks also go to our commissioners, and District representatives for volunteering their time to help make this event a success.

The afternoon brought in 84 Webelos ready to learn about



the Readyman activity badge by the youth and leaders of 7 of our Troops: 191, 302, 362, 364, 306, 318, and 347. After completing their requirement, the units then explained to the boys what they do in their troops so that the Webs. have an idea of what unit they may

be interested in joining in the future when they cross over to Boy Scouts.

As always, everyone's help and dedication to help make these events is greatly appreciated. We wouldn't be able to supply our youth with a strong program without everyone's teamwork

## Minsi Trails Council Southern Tier Venturing Forum October 19, 2009



At this meeting 15 Venturing Leaders and Venturers were in attendance

CD's containing pictures from the Cardboard Boat Regatta held in August were distributed; copies are available, contact [John](mailto:JohnArno@LordbadenPowell@AOL.COM)

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The following Training Updates were given:

The Group in attendance thinks the Council should present a Powder Horn in 2011 The Powder Horn course is designed to help adult leaders in the Boy Scouts of America to safely conduct outdoor/high adventure activities of a fun and challenging nature. It provides an introduction to the resources needed to successfully lead their youth through a program of outdoor adventure. This course is based upon the Ranger requirements giving participants an exposure to some outdoor/high adventure activities and not a certification event. Even though the course is based on the Ranger program, it still is useful for any adult interested in delivering a unit-level high adventure program.

The Group also thinks that Council should do a Kodiak Program in 2011 Kodiak is a 2 three day course that rather than just talking about leadership, Venturing through the new Kodiak course, teaches useable, relevant leadership skills that every teen can use.



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A tentative time of March/April 2010 was decided as a target for a VLSC, to be held in Trexler open to all Council Venturing youth. A course designed for young adults in the Venturing Crew to help teach the attitudes and skills of leadership. This course is required for the Silver Award.

Venturing Leader Specific Training Dates

November 7, 2009 at Trexler

December 12, 2009 at the Scout Office. Fees to be determined.

Steve Mehl discussed his plans for offering Leave No Trace Training in 2010. Steve is a Master trainer and hopes to hold monthly training sessions in 2010 starting in April. The sessions will last a week end and should cost \$20-\$25

Amy Frantz (Venturing staff advisor) gave a Venturing Officers Association (VOA). The group has met twice and has a meeting coming up November 12, 2009 at the Council office at 7pm. All Venturers are invited to attend as the VOA forms and develops a Council Program

Minsi Trails Jambo 2010 will be held May 14-15-16 at Kutztown University. Plans are being formed now to offer an exciting program to the Venturing Crews in attendance. Planned is a Friday Movie night "In" the pool and an all night movie marathon on Saturday Night as as other activities. Interested adults and Venturers who want to help should contact either Amy Frantz, at [afrantz@minsitrails.com](mailto:afrantz@minsitrails.com) or Jason Capone (Venturing Jambo Chairman) at [jacapone@gmail.com](mailto:jacapone@gmail.com)

A discussion of Crew Calendars took place as well as other information sharing. Alex Stirton mentioned the formation of a council shooting sports committee, of which Todd Heyn is the chairperson. They will be working to expand shooting sports into a year round program, including Venturer specific handgun and centerfire rifle activities. Physical upgrades of shooting ranges at Camp Minsi and Settler's Camp are also in the planning stages

The next meeting of the Forum will be November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Council Office.

## 2010 New Troop Leadership Positions of Responsibility

The following leadership positions count toward Boy Scout advancement. For more information, see the *Senior Patrol Leader Handbook* (#32501) and *Patrol Leader Handbook* (#32502A).

### Leave No Trace Trainer (new in 2010)

The Leave No Trace Trainer specializes in teaching Leave No Trace principles and ensuring that the troop follows these principles on outings. He can also help Scouts earn the Leave No Trace award. He should have a thorough understanding of and commitment to Leave No Trace. Ideally, he should have completed Leave No Trace training and earned the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges.



- ✦ . *This is an appointed position.*
- ✦ *The Scout will complete a LNT Trainer Course conducted by a BSA LNT Master Educator. (This is a 16-hour weekend course with both class and hands-on instruction.)*
- ✦ *The minimum age set by the BSA to take this course is 14.*
- ✦ *Although this position isn't listed for Eagle in the new handbook, it does qualify—It was accidentally missed by the proof readers and will be corrected in the second printing.*

### Troop Webmaster (new in 2010)

The troop webmaster is responsible for maintaining the troop's website. He should make sure that information posted on the website is correct and up to date and that members' and leaders' privacy is protected. A member of the troop committee may assist him with his work. Stay in the role for more than the usual 4 or 6 months needed for rank advancement.



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## Troop Webmaster



Troop Webmaster is a newly announced position of responsibility for rank advancement within a Boy Scout Troop. It will become an officially sanctioned position of responsibility in January 2010, Troop webmasters

should be supervised by appropriate adult leadership, making sure that the troop website conforms to Minsi Trails Council guidelines.

Many troops make their information available on a website. Usually making that information widely available is the best choice, because it gives potential Scouts and their parents a chance to see what shorts of meeting, outing, and service projects a Scout Troop has. It also gives current members a chance to check something they might have missed at a meeting. But that wide accessibility also means that several important points must be considered before putting information online.

From the national BSA web site, comes "Advice on Council Web Site Policies"

(<http://councilspp.scouting.org/scoutsource/Webmasters/WebStandards/02.aspx>) containing advice on District and Unit Web Sites: Guidelines for district and unit sites, and the decision as to whether districts and/or units may maintain officially representative sites at all, are completely at the discretion of the council. If these sites are permitted, and especially if the council site provides links to them, it is highly recommended the council provide guidelines for these sites and to recognize and link only to those sites that meet the council's guidelines.

Minsi Trails Council has had unit website guidelines for many years. The most recent is at [http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/UNITSv2\\_1.pdf](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/UNITSv2_1.pdf).

A related Frequently Asked Questions page is at <http://www.minsitrails.com/Documents/WebComittee/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.pdf>

Helpful links for unit webmasters are also located on the district website at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/misc-ws.htm>

Several points for unit sites should be stressed. Content should be appropriate and tasteful. Material that will be posted to a unit site or sent from a unit email account should be reviewed by at least three adult members of the unit committee. Access to the website, (that is, the ability to place material on the site or send messages from the account) should be controlled by an adult who is responsible to the committee. A youth serving as Troop Webmaster should never be given unsupervised access to the troop website. All content and linked material must conform to the principles and traditions of the Boy Scouts of America.

Linking to external sites should be carefully monitored, since the unit cannot control what is posted on external sites. From the National website guidelines: While it is permissible, by the guidelines, to provide links to sites that provide content that is appropriate to the Scouting movement, it is especially important to clarify (perhaps through an explicit disclaimer) when linking to Scouting-oriented sites that units as well as youth and adult members do not represent or serve as agents of the Boy Scouts of America when disseminating information over the Internet.

In the proper spirit of Youth Protection, names, identifiable images, and contact information pertaining to youth members should never be placed on a website. Youth first names and last name initials or just initials may be used as appropriate (for example, recognizing an Eagle project, leadership, and so on). Also regarding Youth Protection, online chat, forums, and other forms of "live" real-time conversation should be limited or inaccessible from a unit website, especially since monitoring these areas is problematic at best.

Units should be aware of copyright issues. Graphics and written content used from other sites should only be done with written permission. Items listed as "public domain" or "free" often are not.



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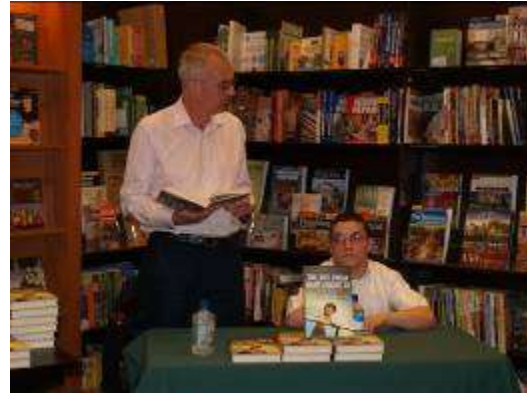
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Using content or graphics without written permission may be in violation of the copyright law and is illegal. It is the same as stealing and should never be done by any Scout or Scouter. Your best choice is to use original content.

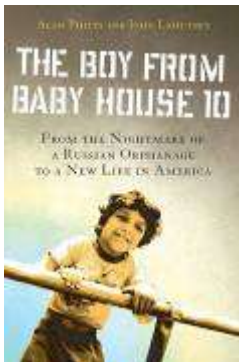
Remember that unit websites are not “official” in the sense that the site represents the Boy Scouts of America or Minsi Trails Council. This should be included in your website disclaimer.

Troop websites are useful and, for many troops, necessary components of their troop communication plan. They offer youth a chance to use their skills in an appropriate position of responsibility that will help the troop. By following the council guidelines, a troop’s website will fulfill those requirements in the best possible way.

interested in seeing the triumph of the human spirit over incredible adversity.



## Troop 362’s John Lahutsky



John Lahutsky a scout in troop 362 of South Mountain District recently held a book signing to promote his book along with co – author Allan Phillips **The Boy from Baby House 10** at the Barnes and Noble on Southmont Way. The book details John’s life from his premature birth in Russia with cerebral Palsy to his abandonment by his mother, his life in an orphanage in nightmare conditions to the even worse horror of being confined in a mental asylum surrounded by psychotic adults. He was finally rescued and came to the attention of a single woman living in the United States named Paula Lahutsky. After a lot of red tape and more than one miracle, Paula adopted John and brought him to the U.S. where he is now lives as, an honors student at Freedom High School in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and a member of the Boy Scouts of America and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. John credits his ability to adjust to life in the United States to his experiences as a Scout. I recommend the book to all who are

## Cub Leader Training

CLS-Den Leaders

Sat. Jan 16, 2010

Sat. March 20, 2010

CLS-Pack Leaders

Sat. Dec. 5, 2009

All will be held at the following:

Where: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 67 W Washington Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm (bring your lunch; coffee and snacks will be provided)

Cost: \$10.00 in 2009 and \$12.00 in 2010 sessions



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## 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 Award Forms:**

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

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

[http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Unit\\_Scouter\\_Award\\_Nomination-2010.pdf](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Unit_Scouter_Award_Nomination-2010.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](http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/District_Bio_Form.pdf)

**Jambo Flyer**

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

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/JAMBO100NewsEdition2.pdf>

**SMD Announcements**

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



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