



DECEMBER 2019 South Mountain District Newsletter

South Mountain District

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



NEWSLETTER... NEWS!!

As recharter time approaches and the holidays begin to take our time, we should take a moments and be grateful for those who have helped us this year. You can help next year, too, by submitting articles and/or photos of your unit's activities or events for the District newsletter at newsletter@minsi-southmountain.com. Submit your information by the first day of each month for the following month's newsletter.

2019-2020 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]
Scouting for Food	November 2 and 9
Wood Badge Reunion Dinner	November 3 [8]
Popcorn sorting	November 15 [90]
Popcorn distribution	November 16 [90]
District Recharter Day	January 4, 2020 [11]
OA Family Banquet	January 4 [13]
Council Recognition Dinner	January 31 [1]
Klondike Derby	February 21-23 [4]
Trainer's EDGE	February 22* [TBA]
University of Scouting	March 14 [9]
Pinewood Derby	March 21* [11]
District Recognition Dinner	March 28* [TBA]
National Youth Leadership Training	April 17-19 and 24-26 [6]
Beaver Weekend	May 1-3 [5]
Beaver Weekend	May 8-10* [4]
Spring OA Weekend	May 29-31 [5]
OA - Section NE-5 Conclave	June 5-7 [12]
SM District Planning Conference	June 17 [TBA]
Day Camp	July 13-17 [14]
NOAC	August 3-8 [16]
Fall OA Weekend	September 11-13 [4]
Fall Camporee	October 2-4* [TBA]
Fall Family Camp	October 2-4 [TBA]
OA OctoberFest Weekend	October 9-11 [5]
Fall Cub Event	October 17-18* [92]
Scouting for Food	November 7 and 14
Wood Badge Reunion Dinner	November 1 [8]
Popcorn distribution	November 20-21 [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] Goose Pond Scout Reservation, Lake Ariel, PA 18436
- [13] Stroudsmoor Inn, Stroudsburg, PA 18360
- [14] Louise Moore Park
- [15] Nitschmann Middle School, Bethlehem, PA
- [16] Michigan State University, Lansing, MI

- [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

JANUARY 4 - District Recharter Day, First Baptist Church, Bethlehem

JANUARY 4 - Order of the Arrow Family Banquet, Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsburg

JANUARY 21 - Eagle Scout service project approval/Boards of Review, St. Luke’s Hospital

JANUARY 31 - Council Recognition Dinner, East Hills Moravian Church

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
Dec. 4		Austistic Scouts—Effective methods with Cubs	Eagle Trail—Part 1 of 2 Scouts, Mentors, and Parents	Disability Friendly Crossover—welcoming everyone
Jan. 8		What is a denner—and how do I get one?	Eagle Trail—Part 2 of 2 Scouts, Mentors, and Parents	Understanding Youth with Anxiety and Depression Disorders
Feb. 5		Team Building and Inclusion—Bring your program leaders and committee members		

Around the District

***South Mountain District Roundtable & OA chapter meeting - St. Luke's Hospital
November 6, 2019***



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**South Mountain District Popcorn Distribution - Georg Fischer Harvel LCC, Easton PA
November 15-16, 2019**



2020 FEES for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, & Venturing in South Mountain District:

All units will be moving to a January through December charter year; the following fees will apply for this year only!

South Mountain: 11-month Charter

Membership Fee	+	Insurance Fee	=	Total
\$55	+	\$2	=	\$57 per Youth
\$33	+	\$2	=	\$35 per Adult
\$0	+	\$2	=	\$2 per Lion/Tiger Parents
				\$60 Charter Fee per Unit

Den Chief Training

Minsi Trails Council Training Course

Sunday November 24th, 2019

Minsi Trails Council Office

1pm-5pm (may end earlier)

Cost: \$10 for book and patch

(Troops or Packs usually pick up cost)



A Den Chief is a Scout, Venturer or Sea Scout assisting a Cub Scout den. But the story is far more important than those words suggest as the Den Chief:

- Serves as a Scouting role model for the Cub Scouts in the den, as well as the entire pack;
- Promotes Scouting in general and the local troop in particular;
- Encourages the transition of Webelos Scouts into Scouts BSA;
- Holds a leadership position in the troop or crew, thus fulfilling an advancement requirement in the unit.

In addition, a trained Den Chief:

- Assists the den leader with planning and conducting den meetings;
- Understands the Cub Scouting program and the differences between Cub Scouts and other Scouting programs;
- Understands the den leader's duties and confidently helps lead portions of the den meeting program;
- Knows a variety of resources for age-appropriate activities for Cub Scouts in the den;
- Brings a repertoire of activities that Cub Scouts enjoy.

This training is designed to build on each of these ideas using a framework that will allow the new Den Chief, or perhaps the experienced Den Chief looking for new ideas, to have fun and learn the role.

If you are interested, please visit:

Minsi Trails Council Website Calendar and register.

WHAT IS EXPLORING™

Exploring is a national co-ed practical worksite-based vocation program for youth aged 14-20 that provides hands-on real world career experiences. In Exploring, our youth develop life skills for success in college and career including Leadership Development, Character Education, Networking and Community Service.



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94% OF YOUTH AGREE

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WHO HAS PARTICIPATED?



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Limited spaced still available in Engineering, Health Care, Information Technology, Law Enforcement and Manufacturing.

Contact Lori Wehr at 610-465-8580 or lori.wehr@scouting.org

Minsi Trails Council Boy Scouts of America
MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Registration Deadline: December 2, 2019



NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY
COLLEGE, MONROE CAMPUS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019
REGISTRATION 8AM-8:30AM START 8:45
SESSIONS 9AM-6PM



Registration Fee: \$30.00

Important: No registrations will be accepted after December 2nd.

Scouts can register for more than one Merit Badge, (not to exceed 8 hours of total class time).

Registration fee includes facility usage, security, materials, lunch and blue cards. Merit Badge Courses are for currently registered Scouts with the Boy Scouts of America.

Important:

- **Class registration can be found on the council calendar. All registrations must be done on DOUBLEKNOT SYSTEM. Must be done by individual Scout.**
- For all Merit Badges being completed at Merit Badge College, you must follow the requirements as stated from the most current edition.
- **All requirements marked in bold type must be completed prior to Merit Badge College. Some work will need to be emailed to the counselor in advance - see specifics online.**
- A Scout completing a pre-requisite needs to understand that a written response must be in his own words. **A written response involving text a Scout has “copied and pasted” (or otherwise borrowed verbatim from a source) will not be accepted as fulfillment of a pre-requisite.**
- **All written requirements must be typed.**
- Partialials will be issued for incomplete work.
- **Some badges require outside walking. Be prepared for outside tours.**
- The Scout Oath and The Scout Law shall be the code of Merit Badge College.
- **Full, Class “A” uniform is required.**
- Any and all supplies needed for merit badge classes, along with any completed work, project materials, pre-requisites, verifications, hard copies of email submissions, etc. must be brought with you to Merit Badge College. Be Prepared.
- Each Scout is required to be in possession of the Merit Badge Workbook for class(es) attending.

Attendance is no guarantee of receiving credit for the merit badge(s) attempted at Merit Badge College. All merit badges require active preparation and participation.

Save the Date!

South Mountain District Klondike Derby

Are You Ready for Antarctica!



Amundsen's Expedition to the South Pole

February 22nd, 2020

Camp Minsi

106 Camp Minsi Road

Pocono Summit, PA 18344

Check in at **08:00**



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

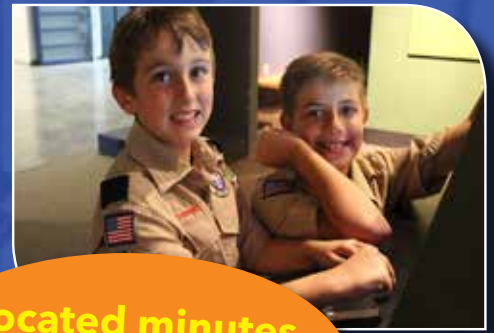
Scouts will learn about the basics of geology and plate tectonics with a Science on a Sphere® show at 9 am, followed by a visit to Lafayette College's rock and mineral collection and a short field trip to view a local outcrop.

Scouts must register: call 610-253-4432 or email liesel@nurturenaturecenter.org



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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

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

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

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

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.



2019-2020 TICKET PACKAGES

FULL SEASON TICKET PLAN OPTIONS

5 YEARS

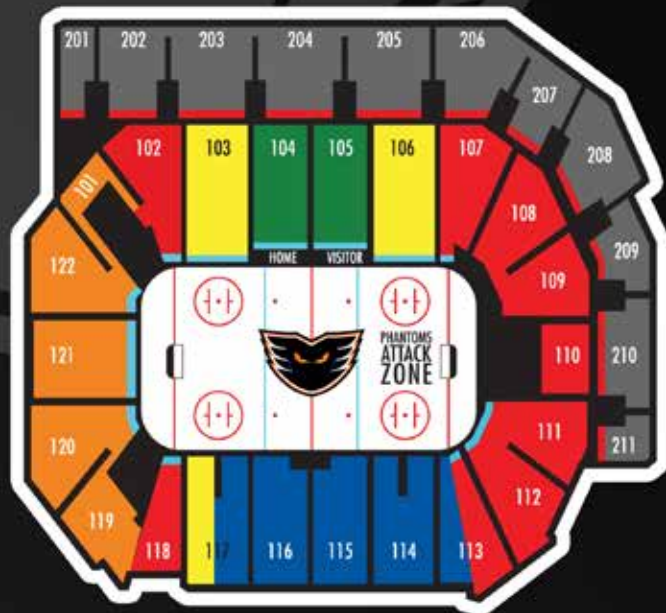
\$665	\$750	\$832	\$955	\$1,080	\$1,331
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3 YEARS

\$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



Are there leaders in your unit who need training?

Have them sign up for an upcoming training!

NOV **Den Chief Training - COUNCIL**

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Have any new Den Chiefs? Looking to get YOUR Den Chiefs trained for the upcoming year now that they have experienced a little bit of the Cub...

DEC **Family FOS Presenter Training - North**

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North Location Wednesday, December 4, 2019 7:00 PM. ESSA Nature Lodge Trexler Scout Reservation 288 Camp Trexler Road Kunkletown, PA 18058 Drive...

DEC **Family FOS Presenter Training - South**

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South Location Thursday December 5, 2019 St Luke's University Health Network Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Building - Room EC111 Fountain...

JAN **Family FOS Presenter Training - Central**

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Central Location Tuesday January 7, 2020 Minsi Trails Council Service Center This training is designed for the presenter by presenters...

MAR **2020 University of Scouting**

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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...

APR **National Youth Leadership Training (Multi Weekend Training)**

17

National Youth Leadership Training April 17-19 and April 24-26, 2020 Venturers and Scouts BSA, This is your next step in Leadership...

AUG **Commissioner Conference - MTC 2020**

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2020 Minsi Trails Council Commissioner Conference When: August 15, 2020 Registration 8:30 am to 9:00 am Program from 9:00 am to 2:00...

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 acdramer31@rcn.com.

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DISTRICT KEY 3

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