



South Mountain District News



Minsi Trails Council. B.S.A. December 2009

Dates to Remember

NOTICE: If you have a question on any date or activity, please contact the respective Chair listed in the District Officers Page.

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 Leader Specific Training	12-12-09 [3]
Venturing Forum	12-21-09 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	12-16-09 [3]
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 []
Venturing Forum	09-20-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	09-15-10 [3]
BALOO	09-18-10
Fall Camporee	10-02-10 []
District Meeting 7:30pm	10-05-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	10-06-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	10-14-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	10-18-10 [3]
Cub Fall Event	10-16-10 []
District Commissioners 7pm	10-20-10 [3]
Fall Camporee	10-22-10 [6]



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Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-03-10 [2]
Scouting for Food – Bag Drop off	11-06-10
Eagle Board of Review	11-11-10 [1]
Popcorn – Pickup	11-13-10
Scouting for Food – Bag Pick up	11-13-10
Venturing Forum	11-15-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	11-17-10 [3]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-01-10 [2]
District Annual Meeting 7:00pm	12-07-10 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	12-09-10 [1]
District Commissioners 7pm	12-15-10 [3]
Venturing Forum	12-20-10 [3]

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

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

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING ANNOUNCEMENT

FOS CAMPAIGN 2010 PLANNING HAS BEGUN. ALL PRESENTERS -PAST AND NEW- PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND DECEMBER 2 ROUND TABLE AT 7PM FOR A PRESENTATION OVERVIEW AND SIGN UP FOR THE UNITS YOU WANT TO DO.I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER REWARDING YEAR!! THANKS, DONNA BONNEY

Can you identify these Scout badges?



Badge 1



Badge 2



Badge 3



Badge 4



Badge 5



Badge 6

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

The Answer to the November Badges are Badge 1 Lodge Chief – Real. Issued by OA and recalled by National all but a few were destroyed. Badge 2 Explorer Advisor Real -1950-54. Badge 3 Combination Badge Tenderfoot Bugler Real 1917. Badge 4 Scoutmaster Collar Brass Real 1920-1938. Badge 5 Council President Collar Brass Real 1933-1968. Badge 6 Neighborhood Commissioner Real 1967.



Silver Beaver Announcement South Mountain District has two recipients

Ellsworth Machin III



South Mountain District is proud to announce the selection of Ellsworth Machin III to receive the Silver Beaver Award at the January 29th Minsi Trails Council Dinner.

I was asked to write a few lines about Ellsworth and I had a difficult time deciding where to start. Whenever I think about a South Mountain or Council event, I know, somewhere I will find Ellsworth bustling around, getting work accomplished while directing others to get even more work accomplished. I do not think it's a stretch to anoint Ellsworth as the guardian angel of the Order of the Arrow (Tunkhannock Chapter at least) and his work in the ScoutReach program is unparalleled. Because of Ellsworth, the Witauchsoman Lodge Nature Quest program has garnered national attention and is a model that orders of the Arrow Lodges are encouraged to follow.

Ellsworth earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1961. He has been involved in Scouting virtually since his youth and contains boundless energy to assure the youth receive the best program possible. He earned his Wood Badge beads in 2001, Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor in 2003 and District Award of Merit in 2005. Ellsworth is a James E West Fellow. He encouraged the Scoutmaster of a ScoutReach Troop to become trained; that scoutmaster was later recognized nationally by BSA ScoutReach. Ellsworth has been responsible for overseeing an Order of the Arrow run Camporee for South Mountain District a few years back and did another one, the great Fall Camporee cum Klondike where snow mixed with the fall foliage; he is a valuable member of the South Mountain District

Committee known for his insight into challenges and innovative solutions to those challenges.

Within Scouting Ellsworth has been an Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Member, Committee Chairman, Unit Commissioner, Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor, JLTC Staff, and a member of the Chaplain Corp. Ellsworth has a myriad of interests out side Boy Scouts, but the one that says the most about his varied interests is that Ellsworth himself is a Girl Scout.



Ellsworth has shown himself to be a true asset to his community and to the South Mountain District and Minsi Trails Council. Ellsworth is active working at the Unit, District and Council level for several years. He truly embodies the spirit and service attitude of a Silver Beaver.

Linda Small

Linda started in Scouts in 1987 as an Assistant Wolf Den Leader in Cub Scout Pack 329. The following year she became a Bear Den Leader for her son's den and then followed her son and became a Webelos I and Webelos II den leader. In 1991 her son crossed over to become a Boy Scout in Troop 329 and she became a member of the Troop's Committee as their Treasurer. She continued as their treasurer for 12 years. In Troop 329 she organized their Red and White dinner, ran their popcorn fund raiser and spent many years going twice a day during Musikfest to the parking lot to make sure that the boys in her troop had enough change for their parking fund raiser, In 1995 her son, son Stephen, became an Eagle Scout. Linda became involved



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with the South Mountain District in 1991 when she became a Unit Commissioner. Today she serves as an Assistant District Commissioner for the South Mountain District. She has been the District Recognition Dinner Chairperson since 2001 and was Co-Chairperson for 3 year prior to that. She now is a member of the District Advancement Committee serving on Eagle Board of Reviews. On the Council level, Linda has been a member of the Minsi Trails Council Recognition Dinner since 2006 and has also served as the Food Host for the University of Scouting for 3 years. Her activities in Scouting include being a South Mountain Day Camp Den Leader, Merit Badge Counselor, and FOS presenter, She volunteered for 1 week as part of the summer camp staff at Camp Minsi and the following year at Camp Trexler. She was involved in Scouting for Food for many years, helping to load military trucks with cans of food that were donated to Second Harvest Food Bank. She helped staff the South Mountain District tent at 3 Jambos, and helped in the distribution of Popcorn to packs and troops on pick-up day for many years. Linda earned her Woodbadge beads in 1998, received the District Fellowship Award in 1992, District Award of Merit in 1995 and her Boy Scout Leader Training Award in 1999. As a commissioner she received the Arrowhead award in 1992, Commissioners Key in 1994, and the Distinguished Commissioners Award in 1998. She also is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Her outside activities include being PTA treasurer for William Penn Elementary School for 2 years, followed by becoming the PTA president for 2 years. She is involved in many committees at Church of the Manger, UCC. At church she is on the Stewardship committee, the Christian Ed committee and is the Church Council Representative for the Spiritual Life Committee. Linda served as a Sunday School Teacher for 14 years, was on the search committee for a new pastor and a Church Council member for 13 years.

Linda works for the Bethlehem Area School District as secretary to the principal at East Hills Middle School and is a member of the Teamsters Union. She has been on the negotiating team for the secretaries for 2 contract talks.

Linda has been given the honor of the Silver Beaver Award for her 22 years of dedicated service to the Boy Scouts of America.

National Eagle Scout Association
The Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National
Eagle Scout
Service Project of the Year Award

The National Eagle Scout Association has established the ***Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award*** to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each local council will choose a council-level winner, and from that pool each region will pick a region-level winner. From the four regional finalists, an overall winner will be selected.

Annually, on or before January 21, an Eagle Scout, his parents, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit his Eagle Scout service project for consideration. The Scout must have passed his Eagle board of review in the prior calendar year (January 1–December 31). The nomination shall be submitted to the NESA committee of the council in which the service project was completed. The submission must include the application (found on www.nesa.org), the name of the project, and the Eagle Scout's contact information. A complete duplicate copy of his *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook* (previously submitted by the Scout to his Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to the application.



Each local council NESA committee shall, on or before February 28 each year, select one service project of the year from among those submitted, as described above. Evaluation criteria for this award should include consideration of at least the following:

- 1 The project planning required
- 2 The effort to develop the project
- 3 The extent and character of the leadership provided by the Scout
- 4 The extent of achievement of the planned result, including changes or modifications required to complete the project
- 5 The project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
- 6 The originality of the project
- 7 The scope of the work
- 8 The time and materials contributed
- 9 The level of skill employed to complete the project

These and other factors are all appropriate for consideration by the committee in selecting the winners.

Eagle Scouts who are awarded the **Council Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award** will receive a framed certificate and a bronze⁽¹⁾ Eagle Scout Knot device from the National Eagle Scout Association. Presentation should take place at an appropriate occasion by the council NESA committee. In addition, each winner's name will be added to a perpetual plaque located in the council service center or other prominent local council facility.

NESA will fund the framed certificate and the council NESA committee will fund the plaque, which will be designed by the National Eagle Scout Association. Once awarded, councils are encouraged to distribute a press release to local media using the form provided by NESA. The announcement should focus on the award and the value of all Eagle Scout service projects performed within the council area during the past year. Inclusion on the council's Web

site and other council publications and communication tools also is encouraged.

Each council should forward the complete application, including attachments, for its winning Eagle Scout service project to the National Eagle Scout Association on or before February 28 of each year. Applications received will be considered for selection of the **Regional Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award** winner. The regional NESA committees shall be composed of three or more Eagle Scouts, preferably Distinguished Eagle Scouts. Regional NESA committees will select one winner for each region on or before March 31 each year.

Regional award winners will be considered for the **Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award**. One winner will be selected by April 15 of each year, in time for presentation at the NESA Americanism breakfast at the National Annual Meeting in May.

The national award winner will receive a plaque, a silver⁽¹⁾ Eagle knot device, and a cash award of \$2,500 to be available for the Scout's future educational purposes or for him to attend a national or international Scouting event or facility. (Eagle Scouts may be asked to provide an accounting of the funds spent, if requested by the Adams Trust.) The national award winner's local council will also receive a \$2,500 award.

The Service Project of the Year Award winner and his parents or guardians will be invited to the National Annual Meeting as guests of NESA and at NESA's expense. They will attend the award presentation at the Americanism breakfast.

With the exception of the regional winner selected as the national award winner, all regional winners will receive an award of \$500 each to be available for their future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or facility. The regional winners will also receive a framed certificate and a gold⁽¹⁾ Eagle Scout knot



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device. The local councils of these regional winners also will each receive a \$500 award.

The application and additional information about the *Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award* can be found on NESAs Web site, www.nesa.org.

Knot devices are silver for best, then gold, and finally bronze, as is the order for the Eagle Palms.

Fayette to become permanent home of Scout Jamboree and National High Adventure base

November 18, 2009

GLEN JEAN -- A 10,600-acre site beside the New River Gorge National River will become the permanent home of the Boy Scouts of America's National Jamboree, an event that attracts up to 40,000 Scouts and 200,000 visitors a year.

The Fayette County property also will house a summer camp and high-adventure base, the Scouts announced today.

The organization plans to spend up to \$300 million on the project. At least 80 full-time jobs would be created and another 1,200 seasonal workers hired.

The site -- called "The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve" -- would host the Scout's National Jamboree in 2013 and subsequent Jamborees every four years.

The high-adventure base and summer camp would open in 2014. "This will be the heartbeat of the Boy Scouts of America," said Jack Furst, the project's chairman. "It's a piece of property we can utilize 24-7, 365 days a year."

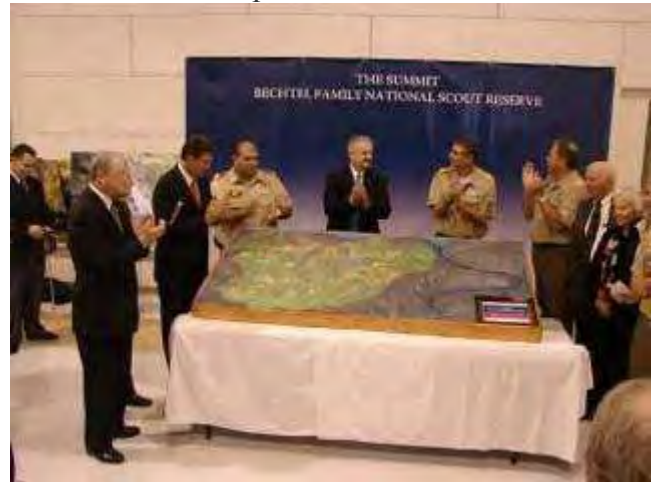
The Boy Scouts chose the Garden Ground Mountain site -- a former strip mine -- after an 18-month search that included 80 properties in 28 states.

The S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation donated \$50 million to start the project. "Scouting made a tremendous impact on my life," said Stephen D. Bechtel Jr. "It's the source of my fondest memories.

I'm proud to be a founder on this project, and I'm thrilled to know that it will be part of the Scouting legacy future generations will enjoy." Construction is expected start this spring.

The Scouting center will offer a host of outdoor activities, including whitewater rafting, technical rock climbing, mountain biking, camping and hiking. "We think our constituency is absolutely going to love this venue," Furst said. "It is a wonderful piece of the great outdoors."

At a press conference today, the Scouts unveiled a model replica of the site, which featured three lakes, regional camps, a mountain bike course and a Center for Leadership Excellence.



The Scouts also led a helicopter tour over the property.

"There are so many possibilities here," Furst said. "We're only limited by our creativity." Furst said the West Virginia site was selected because of its natural beauty, world-class high adventure Activities and excellent roads and public services.

The 10,600-acre property borders the New River Gorge National River Park. The Scouts will have access to the New River at two locations.

Furst promised that the Boy Scouts would be good stewards of the land. The project will be based on the organization's long-standing commitment to "leave no trace," he said.



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The Jamboree, held for 10 days every four years, will likely provide the biggest economic payoff to Fayette County and the surrounding region.

Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia has hosted the Jamboree since 1981, but the Scouts decided to find a new permanent home for the event 18 months ago.

The Fayette County scouting center also would become eligible to host the Boy Scouts' World Jamboree.

"This could be a competitive offering to world Scouting," Furst said. "This is a site that would be very attractive for the World Jamboree."

The high-adventure base, which would be tucked into the southeast corner of the Fayette County property, would join three existing Boy Scouts of America adventure camps -- in New Mexico, Minnesota and Florida.

The adventure bases have a waiting list of about 20,000 Scouts a year.

Scouting officials predict that the Fayette County adventure center would host about 50,000 Scouts annually. Scouts ages 14 to 18 would use the adventure base, while younger Scouts would stay at a summer camp on the site.

The Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th anniversary next year. "As we prepare to enter another century of service, this announcement demonstrates that Scouting is as relevant and vital today as it was when our journey began," said Bob Mazzuca, chief Scout executive. "Today is a great day for Scouting."

Are You Tougher than A Boy Scout?

The creator of hit shows "Deadliest Catch" and "Ice Road Truckers" announced his support for Scouting with a new reality show....*Are You Tougher than a Boy Scout?* The premise of the reality show will be to test participants' skills against experienced Scouts in camping, survival, and leadership. It's another great way to showcase

our Scouts and our program. I'm pretty sure that our Scouts will come out on top. We are currently working on relationships with several networks.....stay tuned for more.

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CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE – The Order of the Arrow will be collecting TOYS FOR TOTS at the December 2nd Roundtable. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift to help those less fortunate have a Merry Christmas.

Let's get in the Holiday Spirit!!

LODGE FAMILY BANQUET – Jan. 9, 2010 6

pm at the Jordan Lutheran Church in Orefield. This is a great evening for the entire family! Registration deadline is 12/31/09.

UNIT ELECTIONS – From January to March, our Chapter will be holding an OA election for every Troop in the District. We look forward to visiting each Troop this winter.

WEBELOS CROSSOVER CEREMONY – Our Chapter ceremony team can perform a Webelos Crossover Ceremony at your Pack's Blue and Gold Banquet this winter. Contact us for more information. Please schedule your ceremony soon.

REGISTER FOR ALL OA EVENTS @ THE COUNCIL OFFICE.

Reminder – 2010 membership dues can be paid at Chapter meetings.

David Hay

Tunkhannock Chapter – OA Advisor



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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

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

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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