



DECEMBER 2011 South Mountain District Newsletter

SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



NEWSLETTER ... NEWS!!

Hi All!!

Packs, Troops and Crews, submit articles of your activities or events for the District newsletter to Kellie Pypiuk kpypiuk@me.com. Please try to submit your information to me by the 22nd of each month.

2011 DATES

Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	1st Wednesday [2]
District Committee	2nd Tuesday [1]
Eagle Board & Project Review	2nd Thursday [1]
District Commissioners 7:00pm	3rd Wednesday [3]

NOTICE:

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

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] Camp Trexler
- [6] Akelaland
- [90] Iron Pigs Stadium
- [91] NePa Goose Pond
- [92] Sportsmen's Club, Hellertown
- [93] Wesley United Methodist Church
- [94] Jordan Lutheran Church
- [95] Allentown Rose Garden
- [96] Jacobsburg State Park



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 Mil ford, 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 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

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 "Bob the BEAR" at rmonto@aol.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/FORUM-1210.pdf>

FORUM Attachments http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/cluster_attach/forum1210.zip

EXCITING NEWS! 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE!

Scouting Magazine reports that The Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) will be hosting the 2019 World Scout Jamboree!

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2011/01/the-summit-will-host-the-2019-world-scout>

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

February 18, 2012 – Klondike Derby

March 17, 2012 – Pinewood Derby

April 28, 2012 – District Dinner

May 18-20, 2012 – JAMBO 2012

September 22, 2012 – Fall Camporee

October 20, 2012 – Cub Fun Day

VALLEY FORGE HIKE-O-REE





EAGLE ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

BSA National has released a new “Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook” No. 512-927. To make the transition, the new workbook is available on the Minsi Trails Council website, www.MinsiTrails.com , along with the old workbook.

As of January 1, 2012, no old workbooks will be accepted. Therefore, we are encouraging all new Eagle Scout candidates to use the new workbook.

If there are any Eagle Scout candidates that are now working on their service project using the old workbook, please complete the workbook and have all required signatures, including those required on the district level, on or before the December 31, 2011 deadline. If the old workbook is not signed by December 31, 2011, the candidate will be required to resubmit their proposal using the new “Eagle Scout Service Workbook”.

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Finding ways for your Troop or Pack to partner with a non-profit agency outside of your chartering organization is a great way to broaden community relationships. In the past year, Troop 352 in Bethlehem has built such a relationship with NAMI (National Association on Mental Illness – Lehigh Valley Chapter). NAMI provides education, family support and advocacy activities to support families and their loved ones dealing with mental illnesses. Often, this is for the parents of a child who has been diagnosed with such an illness. NAMI staff and volunteers provide families a place to go to get assistance from individuals who understand the problem and know where help is available. Their office is located at 802 W. Broad St. Bethlehem, PA. <http://www.namipalehighvalley.org> is the website. Each Fall, the organization holds a 5K run which is their major fundraiser. The troop helped set up tables, arrange signs and mark the course. Others ran in the race and helped raise funds. Last month, NAMI provided the troop with a guest presenter for one of our meetings. She was a young person who spoke to the troop about her personal challenges dealing with a mental illness during her adolescence and her college years. This experience may not have taken place without our association and it proved to be a very enlightening meeting. Last weekend, the troop was asked to volunteer at the NAMI office to refresh their landscaping, pull weeds and spread mulch. NAMI was thrilled with the results. Such relationships benefit both organizations immensely. It provides the non-profit organization a ready source of volunteers for projects they need extra help with. Organizations may not necessarily think of the boy scouts or understand what we can do or where to find us. An outreach is usually all it takes to get the ball rolling. Your unit will benefit by getting increased exposure in the community as word spreads about our eagerness to help once we demonstrate what we can do. Exposure leads to increases in membership, builds community good will and gives the unit further opportunities to complete those community service projects found in the Journey to Excellence program. Identify a non-profit organization that interests you and give them a call ... they're waiting.

Mark Firth, ASM Troop 352

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The BSA has a year round growth plan which is designed to facilitate Scout recruitment and pack-troop relations. The South Mountain District Membership Committee supports the individual units as they implement their yearly growth plan and will offer monthly advice to units in this column to give your unit leaders some ideas and suggestions.



DECEMBER:

Announce a recruitment drive in the Pack. Display awards and incentives for recruiters. Recruiter patches are available now through December 31, 2011 for any youth that invites a friend to join scouting. The district will mail out a free patch now through the end of the year for all applications received along with the paid application fee.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Leave last months copy of Boy's Life at your pediatrician's office with a sticker about your unit. Check with your unit commissioner about setting up an appointment to finalize the end of the year roster check and check with council that your roster is updated. Check to be sure that families contact information is current. Encourage youth to bring a friend to the December Pack meeting.



DECEMBER:

The first step for any recruitment effort is to appoint a troop committee member to serve as the troop membership chair. This person will develop and implement a year-round growth plan that incorporates all methods of recruitment, working closely with Cub Scout packs in the community, the district membership committee, and the unit commissioner.

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Check with your unit commissioner about setting up an appointment to finalize the end of the year roster check and check with council that your roster is updated. Check to be sure that families contact information is current. Send information or a greeting to the Webelos Scouts about to join the troop and let them know you are looking forward to them joining you. Set up a parent meeting to orient them to the new troop. Include a NESA (National Eagle Scout Association) membership \$35.00 for 5 years for any youth that attains the rank from your troop. Keep them connected.

Let us know your successes and your challenges with youth recruitment. The district Membership Committee wants your feedback so please drop us an email with your thoughts to: Mark Firth, SMD Membership Committee Chair at: Steelcity@verizon.net

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**TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER
WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44
ORDER OF THE ARROW
DECEMBER 2011**

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE – The Order of the Arrow will be collecting TOYS FOR TOTS at the following meetings: Dec. 7th Roundtable, Dec. 13th South Mountain District Committee, and Dec. 14th Commissioner Staff Meeting. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift with you to one of these meetings to help brighten a child's Christmas Holiday.

LODGE FAMILY BANQUET – Jan. 7, 2012 5:30pm at the Best Western Genetti Inn, Route 309, just north of Hazleton.

Please join your fellow Arrowmen for an evening of FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP! The Banquet provides an opportunity to recognize individuals with various Chapter and Lodge Awards earned in 2011. This is a great evening for the entire family!

Registration deadline is December 30, 2011 at the Council Office.

*****REGISTER FOR ALL OA EVENTS @ THE COUNCIL OFFICE.****

Reminder – 2012 membership dues can be paid at the Council Office.

David Hay
Tunkhannock Chapter – OA Advisor

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SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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Any Scouter interested in serving on the District Committee contact Rich Santee or if interested in servicing as a Commissioner Staff contact Mike Dolan.

