



JUNE 2025 Northampton District Newsbrief

Northampton District

SCOUTING AMERICA, MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL



BRIEFLY...

GET OUT(DOORS)!!

Summertime camping is a *vital part of the Scouting experience*, offering packs and troops the chance to build independence, resilience, and outdoor skills in a fun, supportive environment. It strengthens friendships and teamwork through shared adventures like hiking, swimming, and campfire activities. Most importantly, it creates lifelong memories and fosters a deeper connection to nature and the values of Scouting.

Northampton District Roundtable

June's Roundtable will be Wednesday, June 25th, at Pavilion 1 in Louise Moore Park.

Gathering will start at 6:30 pm and go until 8:00 pm. It will be a chance to meet other Scout leaders and talk about challenges and achievements. We will talk a bit about ways you can say "thank you" to your fellow volunteers. Ideas will range from funny awards to recognizing key people in your unit. We will even explain those square knots on our shirts!

There won't be a Roundtable in July but keep an eye out for more information for August.

Scout Night and Campout with the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

Come watch the Iron Pigs take the field! June 20 and August 8, 2025. There is a Scout Parade on the field before the game for the units to participate in. Campout on the field after the game and watch a movie at Coca-Cola Park.

Look inside this news for more information.

Fall Recruitment Kickoff Webinar

Join us On June 16 or June 30, 7-8:30 PM, for our Fall Recruitment Kickoff Webinar—your essential guide to building strong, vibrant Scouting units this season! This engaging session will walk you through the 2025 Fall Recruitment strategy, showcase new tools and resources, and equip you with proven tactics for bringing more families into Scouting.

Whether you're a seasoned leader or new to recruitment, this webinar will provide everything you need to run a successful membership campaign—from marketing materials and event planning tips to council incentives and support opportunities.

Let's grow Scouting together—one new family at a time. Don't miss it



The Northampton District is a geographical area located in Northampton county which serves the youth of Bethlehem, Bangor, Chapman, Easton, Freemansburg, Glendon, Hellertown, Nazareth, North Catasauqua, Northampton, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Stockertown, Tatamy, Walnutport, West Easton, Wilson, Wind Gap, and all areas between.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT LINKS

Northampton District Home Page on Council Website:

<https://minsitrails.org/northampton-district/>

Northampton District Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonDistrict/>

Trail to Eagle Resources:

<https://minsitrails.org/the-trail-to-eagle-resources/>

Northampton District school policies (for recruiting Scouts):

<https://minsitrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/School-policies.docx>

Cub Scout Go and See Guide for Packs, Dens, & Families:

<https://minsitrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Go-and-See-Guide-2024-VI.pdf>

Current district newsletter (permalink):

http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/current_newsletter.php

District newsletter archive (permalink):

http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/newsletter_archive.htm

Minsi Trails Council Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/minsitrailsbsa>

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP*: 2025 NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT & OTHER ACTIVITIES

JUNE 16 - Fall Recruitment Kickoff Webinar, 7:00 PM (online)

JUNE 20 - Scout Night and Campout with the Iron Pigs, 7:00 PM

JUNE 25 - Northampton District Roundtable at Pavilion 1 in Louise Moore Park

JUNE 30 - Fall Recruitment Kickoff Webinar 2, 7:00 PM (online)

JUNE 30 to JULY 3 - Minsi Cub Day Camp at Camp Minsi

JULY 2 - NO District Committee Meeting in July (go camping!)

AUGUST 4 to 7 - Unami Cub Day Camp at Indian Trail Park, Northampton, PA

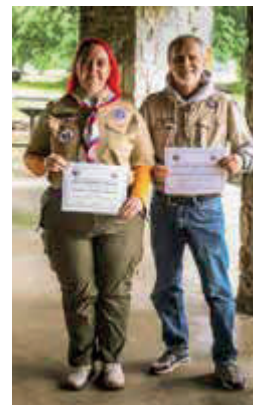
AUGUST 6 - District Committee Meeting

**dates are tentative, check council calendar to verify*

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***Northampton District Picnic - Louise Moore Park
May 21, 2025***



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Klecknersville Rangers Scouts BSA Weekend - Bath, PA June 6 – 8, 2025



Northampton District Membership Kick-off - Louise Moore Park June 4, 2025



NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIR

Hello Fellow Northampton District Scouters,

Welcome to summer!! I would first like to thank all who persevered through the cold and damp District Awards picnic. I had a friend who once said anyone can camp in nice weather ... well the same holds true for the District picnic. We were previously blessed having nice weather up until this year, but it was still a very nice time. Congratulations to all of our awardees, especially our District Award of Merit awardees Chris Fluke and John Hawk. And a big Thank You to all who took the time to recognize all of our award winners, all of whom are very deserving of the recognition. No one is looking for it, but when it happens, it is nice to be appreciated.

On a different but somewhat-related note, I recently had the opportunity to give a few thoughts at an Eagle Court of Honor and wanted to share a quick perspective on the Scout Law. The traits we aspire to project through our lives ... being Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent ... are the same that we hope to experience from our neighbors, classmates, co-workers, managers, family members, friends, and so on. All of us want to experience others around us in our families, in our workplace, in our church, in our schools, and elsewhere, acting with these traits. The best way to convince someone to live in this manner is to be an example for others to emulate. We all must walk-the-walk and hopefully something rubs off on others. Thanks for being examples in your own lives.

Have a great summer.

Mike Caffrey
Northampton District Chair



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Membership News

BeAScout Pin

Units, please review your BeAScout pin to make sure that the information is up to date. Verify contact information, meeting location, day, and times that you meet. Make sure your pin is turned on.

BeAScout Leads

Units, when you receive an email through BeAScout please reach out to the family and address any questions they may have. Invite them to a meeting so they can see your unit at work and meet the Scouts and leaders. We ask that you make a note on the invitation to let us know that the family has been contacted and the results of the contact. These leads are an excellent opportunity to grow your unit.

Activities:



Summertime Fun Adventure Award – Cub Scouts

The National Summertime Pack award has been reimagined into an elective Adventure named Summertime Fun. This new Adventure may be one of the simplest Adventures, it has one requirement and that is: anytime during May through August participate in a total of three Cub Scout activities.

As the National Summertime Pack award was evaluated it was deemed a valuable method to promote summer activities such as Cub Scout Day Camp and Cub Scout Resident Camp. It was also determined that requiring a percentage of participation for the National Summertime Pack award was unfair to those who attended when the percentage of participation was not achieved.

The new Summertime Fun elective Adventure is available for Tiger through Arrow of Light. Lions do not begin Cub Scouting until they are attending Kindergarten in the fall so there are no summertime activities for Lions.

For more information: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/RT-HT-National-Summertime-Pack-Award-Reimagined.docx.pdf>

National Outdoor Awards Program – Scouts BSA

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you. There is nothing virtual about these awards—you can earn them only by demonstrating knowledge and experience in the outdoors. So, if you are a member of Scouts BSA, Sea Scout, or Venturer, and think you are tough and disciplined enough to hike or ride the miles, camp the nights, run the rivers or lakes, or do the work to conserve the land, then read on and see if the National Outdoor badges or possibly the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement could be for you!



National Outdoor Awards for Camping, Aquatics, Conservation, Hiking, Riding, and Adventure

When a Scout excels in outdoor participation, there are awards to show for it! This program, conceived by the BSA's National Camping Task Force, includes a series of six badges designed to recognize a Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer who has exemplary knowledge and experience in performing high-level outdoor activities. The award consists of up to six emblem segments positioned around the perimeter of a beautiful center emblem. All are embroidered in full color. The segments represent six areas of emphasis: Camping, Aquatics, Conservation, Hiking, Riding, and Adventure, with rigorous requirements to earn each segment.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/noa/>

Trash for Cash

It is that time of year again! Baseball season is here. We are again partnering with the Iron Pigs with Trash for Cash! There have been a few changes to the program, the major change is that there needs to be only 4 Scouts, instead of 6 from last year to participate in the program.

The program is available for Packs and Troops also.

Please contact John Yackabonis at john.yackabonis@scouting.org for available dates

Trash For Cash with the Iron Pigs. Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown, PA 18109.

Patti Davis

Northampton District Membership Chair



Northampton County District May 2025 Eagle Scouts

Our young men and women work through the ranks in Scouting with busy schedules-sports, school, church, and more. These scouts still found time to complete all the requirements and achieve their goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. All our Eagle Scouts will set the bar higher as they continue in their life. We wish them all the best in their future.

Jim Daley, Northampton District Advancement Chair and Eagle Chair



5/5/2025	Tristan S.	Troop 317
5/12/2025	Tobias S.	Troop 31
5/12/2025	Aidan D.	Troop 31





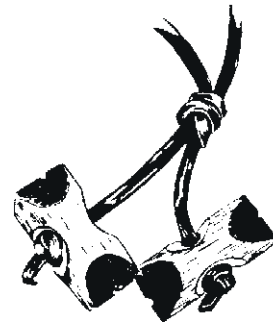
Minsi Trails' Wood Badge Registration is open!

[http://www.minsitrailswoodbadge.org/
register.php](http://www.minsitrailswoodbadge.org/register.php)

Fee: \$395; \$295 for Minsi Trails
registered leaders after \$100 Wood
Badge Fund scholarship.



**September 19-21, 2025
and
October 18-19, 2025**



What Wood Badge Did for Me



Growing up in England, Girl Guides was an important and positive part of my childhood. Following the Girl Guide Promise and Girl Guide Law gave me morals and values that were important to me during that time in my life. Girl Guides was established by Agnes Baden Powell, who was Robert Baden Powell's sister. I have happy memories of singing, camping, cooking, hiking, and working together in teams called Sixes.

Fast forward many, many years to 2016. I joined Cub Scouts as my son's Tiger Den leader and knew that I needed to learn more about leadership. I wanted to ensure my son and his patrol would be the best prepared possible for entering Boy Scouts. I heard about Wood Badge at BALOO and registered in 2018.

Steve Grover was the Course Director that year. He was an inspiration to my motivation to want to learn how to speak publicly. I am very appreciative of his time and mentorship. The skills I've learned in Wood Badge have helped me to communicate with adults in a more meaningful way. Through playing games, activities, and enjoying our patrol camaraderie during Wood Badge helped me to learn about my leadership style. We quickly formed friendships in our patrol, learned to trust each other, and had fun along the way while learning about leadership.

After all these years, I still have strong values as a result of scouting. Wood Badge made me stronger.



Sarah Salvestrini is an adult leader with Troop 72 in Fogelsville and will be Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop Guides for Minsi Trails Council's 2025 Wood Badge course.

The Takhone Corner



Our last meeting was at the lodge Spring Fellowship Weekend. Our next meeting will be in Aug. for the Chapter picnic. We will be having our chapter election at the September meeting.

Upcoming Order of the Arrow Unit Events

August 6 to 10 - Section E-17 Conclave



YOUR HOMETOWN TEAM

2025 SCOUT NIGHT

SIGN-UP IS BY SCOUT UNIT ONLY FOR GROUPS OF 20+.
NO INDIVIDUAL TICKET ORDERS PLEASE.

**FRIDAY
JUNE 20**

7:05PM

VS



**FRIDAY
AUGUST 8**

7:05PM

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 2025 IRONPIGS SCOUT SLEEPOVER PATCH
- TROOPS CAN SEND IN A TROOP PHOTO TO BE SHOWN ON THE VIDEO BOARD BEFORE THE GAME
- PREGAME PARADE ON THE FIELD
- IRONPIGS GAME
- POST-GAME FIREWORKS!
- OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT ON THE FIELD
- MOVIE SHOWN ON THE VIDEOBOARD
- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN THE MORNING

Scout uniforms or activity uniforms are permitted. Be sure to sign up early.
If camping, please use free-standing tents only; no cots and no tent pegs allowed.

**PINEWOOD DERBY RACING
IN THE TD BANK PLAZA!**

TICKET OPTIONS:

SLEEPOVER \$20 Field Level Ticket,
+ \$2 Ballpark Credit

\$17 GA Ticket,
+ \$2 Ballpark Credit

GAME-ONLY \$13 Field Level Ticket
+ \$2 Ballpark Credit

\$10 GA Ticket,
+ \$2 Ballpark Credit

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GROUP SALES
AT INFO@IRONPIGSBASEBALL.COM
OR TEXT 833-495-0033



610-841-7447 ext. 2





Come join us on a Dragon Quest

2025 MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL DAY CAMPS

Minsi Day Camp
Camp Minsi,
Pocono Summit
June 30 - July 3

Unami Day Camp
Indian Trail Park,
Northampton
August 4 - August 7

Schedule of Activities is Fun and Engaging

Crafts - Games - Scout Skills
Range and Target Sports - Aquatics
Citizenship - Nature - STEM

Use the QR code to learn more



<https://scoutingevent.com/502-MTC2025Daycamps>



Day Camp Informational sheet

- There are two days camps being run by the Minsi Trails Council in 2025
 - Minsi Camp or northern will be held Monday, June 30 through Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Camp Minsi in Pocono Summit, Pa
 - Unami Camp or southern will be held Monday, August 4 through Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Indian Trail Park in Northampton, Pa
 - Both camps will begin with check in at 8AM and end with pick up at 4PM each day of the camps.
- Both camps are open to youth ages 5-11, boy and girl. They do not need to be registered in the Scouting program to attend but it is greatly encouraged. Go to beascout.org for additional information on Scouting in your area.
- Lunches **will be** provided as part of the Minsi Camp day and included in the fee. Please complete the dietary needs/restriction portions of the registration so that meals can be planned accordingly.
- Lunches for the Unami Camp **will not** be provided and not included in the fee and will be the responsibility of the participants.
- Each youth participant and volunteer will be given one event tee shirt and it is requested that they be worn every day of the event. Additional shirts will be available for purchase at the event.
- Each participant and volunteer will also be given a wristband identifying them as participants of the event.
- Adult and youth volunteers will be required to provide clearances as per PA Act 15 and be registered with Scouting America prior to the camps. Emails detailing that process will be sent to those registering for the camps through our reservation system at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/502-MTC2025Daycamps>
- Scouting Medical forms are required for all Scouting events for all attending, youth and adults, and can be found at [camp med forms](#).
- Bring a friend day will be the last day of camp. Each youth participant is encouraged to bring a friend of similar age at no additional cost.
- Lion (5 years old or Kindergarten) and Tiger (6 years old or 1st grade) youth are required to have a parent or guardian accompany them the entire duration of camp. These adults are not considered volunteers unless they register as such and complete and submit the necessary paperwork prior to attending camp.
- Both camps will have aquatic-based activities so youth should be prepared with proper attire for swimming. Private changing areas will be provided.
- Anyone needing any additional accommodations please contact either Day Camp Chair, Alyssa Mierata at mierataa@gmail.com or Day Camp Staff Advisor, Ed Schaefer at edward.schaefer@scouting.org