



JULY 2025 Northampton District Newsbrief

Northampton District

SCOUTING AMERICA, MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL



BRIEFLY...

BETTER SCOUTING!!

We all want Scouting to be better, for the youth, for the adults, for the families, for the volunteers!

One important way to make Scouting better is for your leaders to take Wood Badge. Leaders who take Wood Badge have a positive influence on their units and many go on to make big contributions in Scouting and in their communities. Sign up now and be the difference.

<http://www.minsitrailswoodbadge.org/register.php>

Northampton District Roundtable

There won't be a Roundtable in July but in August, Unit leaders and parents can enjoy an evening to reconnect. There will be light refreshments and scouts can practice their casting skills just before the weekend's fishing derby.

Wednesday, August 13th, Louise Moore Park. 7:00 PM until close. Pavilion location TBD. Check online for updates.

Scout Night and Campout with the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

Come watch the Iron Pigs take the field on 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.

Council Cub Fishing Derby

Join us on August 16, 2025, from 8 AM to 1 PM at Albert Pond, Bushkill Township Park, Wind Gap PA 18091. This event is free thanks to Crew 940. This is a bring a friend event! Please pre-register.

Wildlife presentations from Pocono Wildlife and Rehab, PA Boat and Fishing Commission, and PA Game Commission presentations.

Rules: Catch and release only. Barbless hooks only, for safety and to cut down on killing fish.



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

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

AUGUST 6 - District Committee Meeting

AUGUST 8 - Iron Pigs Sleepover

AUGUST 13 - Northampton District Roundtable, Louise Moore Park, 7:00 PM until close.

AUGUST 16 - Cub Fishing Derby, Albert Pond, Bushkill Township Park, Wind Gap PA 18091, 8 AM to 1 PM

SEPTEMBER 5 to 7 - OA Fall Fellowship Weekend

SEPTEMBER 12 to 13 - Becky's Drive-In Cub Overnight

SEPTEMBER 12 to 14 - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

SEPTEMBER 12 to 14 - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) for Cub Leaders

SEPTEMBER 13 to 14 - Shankweiler's Drive In Campout, Orefield, PA

SEPTEMBER 19 to 21 - Wood Badge Adult Leadership Training, weekend 1

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

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***Pack 33 recruiting event - Keystone Park, Bath, PA
June 28, 2025***



James O. Troop 302 Eagle Court of Honor with PA State Representative Joe Emrick.



NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIR



*Gone
Campin'
back in August*

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.

Fall Recruitment

Units planning to recruit this fall make sure you check out the Minsi Trail Council website under units & leader resources/membership (<https://www.minsitrails.org/membership>). Complete the form regarding your unit's plans for recruiting, including your joining night date(s). If you would like to reserve the gaga pit, the Lego derby track, or the rain gutter regatta make sure you sign up for them. *Note:* Only public schools are listed for open houses. If you plan on recruiting at other schools or locations, please let us know.

Activities:

National Summertime Award – Cub Scouts

Just because school classrooms go dark in the summer doesn't mean Cub Scouting has to. Extend the fun of Cub Scouting into the year's hottest season by earning the **National Summertime Pack Award** (http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards_Central/NationalSummertime.aspx).

To qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award, a pack must hold at least one pack event or activity in each of the three months – June, July, and August. There is no attendance requirement to earn the pack award. Do that, and you'll get a streamer for your pack flag and a certificate suitable for framing. Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events are eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon.

Scouts and adults who participate in all three events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin, which they can wear on the right pocket flap of their uniform. Attending summer camp and day camp counts.

Complete the application and submit it to council.

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/chain-bridge/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/07/National-Summertime-Pack-Award-Application.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 to sign up for one of the following dates.

July 20th	Sunday	1:35 PM
July 22nd	Tuesday	12:05 PM
July 26th	Saturday	6:35 PM
July 27th	Sunday	1:35 PM
August 8th	Friday	7:05 PM
August 10th	Sunday	1:35 PM
August 24th	Sunday	1:35 PM
September 6th	Saturday	6:35 PM
September 7th	Sunday	1:35 PM
September 20th	Saturday	6:35 PM
September 21st	Sunday	1:05 PM

Patti Davis
Northampton District Membership Chair

Northampton County District June 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



6/2/2025	Lukas G.	Troop 33
6/9/2025	Grace C.	Troop 2019
6/9/2025	Tyler C.	Troop 359
6/9/2025	Alexander K.	Troop 31
6/16/2025	Nathan M.	Troop 317
6/23/2025	Adam V.C.	Troop 317
6/30/2025	Brody M.	Troop 76
6/30/2025	John T.	Troop 311



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 Events

August 6 to 10 - Section E-17 Conclave

September 5 to 7 - Lodge Fall Fellowship Weekend



What Wood Badge Did for Me

When some Scouting friends convinced me to take Wood Badge, I thought that it would be a repeat of the knowledge I already gained after years of staffing our youth-oriented NYLT course. In fact, I thought the only difference between the courses was the addition of a “ticket” that seemed like it had its own lofty requirements. Despite knowing parts of the course and hearing what others had mentioned, I was still going in blind, and I wouldn’t have changed it if I could.



The course didn’t feel like I was attending a two-weekend seminar on leadership training. Instead, Wood Badge rekindled my excitement and enthusiasm when attending NYLT fourteen years prior. The knowledge coupled with activities brought a different perspective to the skills I had learned. During the weekends, I was often taken by surprise given how energized the staff were and how well the course was catered to adult Scouters.

I felt enlightened when I saw how the material could be applied both within Scouting and my professional career. After the course, I saw connections to how my managers communicated especially in difficult situations. Much of what I saw on Wood Badge became more apparent and gave me the opportunity to put those skills into practice. I couldn’t imagine the skills taught on a course that I helped staff for so many years becoming more relevant to me when seeing it through a different perspective.



Todd Suess is an Assistant Scoutmaster for National Youth Leadership Training and will be a Scribe for Minsi Trails Council’s 2025 Wood Badge course.

**"Wood Badge
opened my eyes to
the vast diversity within
Scouting and how Scouting
helps all people."**

– CARSON HOLMES, GARLAND, TX

**"Through Wood Badge my unit
became more youth focused
and youth led."**

– JIM GROSSMAN, CHESTERFIELD, MO

**"I highly recommend taking
Wood Badge and taking it earlier
in your Scouting career, rather
than later."**

– CHAS CLIFTON, PORT NECHES, TX



WOOD BADGE



**TAKE YOUR UNIT
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL**



<http://www.minsitrailswoodbadge.org/register.php>

Questions?

scoutmaster@minsitrailswoodbadge.org



WHY ATTEND?

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them a better Scout leader. Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting serves.

By attending Wood Badge, the participants will internalize the 5 themes of Wood Badge: Living the Values, Growing, Connecting, Guiding, Empowering.



COURSE INFORMATION

Location: Camp Minsi, 106 Camp Minsi Road, Pocono Summit, PA 18346 (just off PA-940)

Course Dates:

1st Weekend: September 19-21, 2025
(Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

2nd Weekend: October 18-19, 2025
(Saturday, Sunday)

(Weekends start at 7:30 AM and end late afternoon on the last day.)

Cost: \$395.00*

\$295 for participants registered with Minsi Trails Council (financial support provided through the MTC Wood Badge Fund)

\$395 for all other non-Minsi Trails Council registered participants

Payment in full is due by July 31, 2025

A \$50 discount applies to all registrants if paid before January 31, 2025

A \$50 deposit is due at registration

For more information, contact Bernie Suess, Course Director at scoutmaster@minsitrailswoodbadge.org or phone: 484-330-6915.



<http://www.minsitrailswoodbadge.org/register.php>

Questions?

scoutmaster@minsitrailswoodbadge.org



Come join us on a Dragon Quest

2025 MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL DAY CAMPS

**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 Mierta at miertaa@gmail.com or Day Camp Staff Advisor, Ed Schaefer at edward.schaefer@scouting.org

YOUR HOMETOWN TEAM

2025 SCOUT NIGHT

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

**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

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