



AUGUST 2025 Northampton District Newsbrief

Northampton District

SCOUTING AMERICA, MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL



BRIEFLY...

THINK ABOUT CAMPING!!

Whether you're involved in Cubs, Scouts BSA, or Venturing, *camping is integral to your program*. There are plenty of camping opportunities coming up: with the Order of the Arrow, at the Drive-In, or during adult training! Take the time to explore the possibilities and enjoy your time in the outdoors.

Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship Weekend

Scheduled for September 5-7, 2025, at Camp Minsi. Registration closes August 29, 2025 at 11:59 PM.

Becky's Drive-In Campout

Family-focused overnight Cub Scout event featuring two feature films, themed games, and camping at Becky's Drive-In in 4548 Lehigh Dr., Walnutport, PA 18088. September 12-13, 2025.

Shankweiler's Drive-In Campout

Family-focused overnight Cub Scout event featuring two feature films, themed games, and camping at the historic Shankweiler's Drive-In in Orefield. Runs September 13-14, 2025.

Wood Badge Adult Training Experience

A premier leadership development course for adult Scouters. The first weekend runs September 19-21, but registration remains open until August 18, 2025.

Warren District Cub Scout Yukon Day

It's a Yukon Gold Rush on September 27, 2025 at Camp Minsi. More information to follow. Registration closes September 19, 2025 at 11:59 PM.

The Six Essentials of Cub Scouting

A rank advancement based event held on September 27th at the Wildlands Conservancy. It is a bring a friend event and the friend is free. Space limited to 80. There will also be wildlife presentations. This is a first time event, and all Cub ranks are invited.



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

SEPTEMBER 3 - Northampton District Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER 5 to 7 - OA Fall Fellowship Weekend

SEPTEMBER 10 - Northampton District Roundtable

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

SEPTEMBER 12 to 13 - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

SEPTEMBER 12 to 13 - 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, Camp Minsi

SEPTEMBER 22 - Lehigh Valley Golf Classic at Brookside Country Club in Macungie, PA (proceeds support local Scouting for at-risk youth)

SEPTEMBER 27 - The Six Essentials of Cub Scouting, Wildlands Conservancy, 3701 Orchid Place, Emmaus

SEPTEMBER 27 - Warren District Cub Scout Yukon Day, Camp Minsi

OCTOBER 21 - Minsi Trails Council Sporting Clays Tournament (21 and over event), Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays in Coplay, PA

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

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Troop 62 Eagle Fundraiser July 17, 2025



Troop 76 Eagle Court, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hecktown February, 2025



Congressman Ryan Mackenzie, State Senator Lisa Boscola and State Representative Joe Emrick were at a Troop 76 Eagle Court of Honor for new Eagle Scouts Aaron K., Adam L., Antonio P., and Logan V.

Northampton District Roundtable, Louise Moore County Park August 13, 2025



NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIR

Hello Fellow Northampton District Scouters,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and you've had a wonderful and safe summer. A new Scouting year is upon us. Our Council has made a concerted effort to provide new membership trainings and making tools available to units for their unit recruiting. I hope you have been able to make use of these new tools. Our District Membership Chair Patti Davis has been integral in supporting and representing our District in developing these tools. Patti is a great resource.

Our council website has a new look and is a work in progress but should allow better access to the information you need. We have a number of activities for both Cubs and Scouts at the District and Council level as we roll into our fall season. Please stay in touch with our website and please sign up early for activities. I hope to see you there.

I wish you and your units an exciting and rewarding fall activity season, along with a successful membership recruiting effort. Scouting is so much more than knot tying, first aid, and fire building, though those are valuable skills. But Scouting is truly about ensuring our youth are prepared for life.

In my close to 30 years as an adult volunteer, I can attest to the benefits I have seen in men that I once knew as children. They would tell you the benefits they derived from the Scouting program and from the adult volunteers they interacted with. Not only did they learn skills from those parents and leaders, but they also learned how to conduct themselves as responsible, caring citizens, co-workers, and neighbors now that they have reached adulthood. This might be the greatest lesson that they learned in Scouts, and it wasn't necessarily a merit badge.

Yours in Scouting,

Mike Caffrey
Northampton District Chair
Minsi Trails Council



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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.

Six Essentials of Cub Scouting

This event is open to all Cubs and their friends. It is a great opportunity for Scouts to bring a friend so they can see what Scouting is about. This is an advancement-based day for Cub Scouts. Sign up via the Council website. The event is September 27th 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. \$9 per Scout; a patch is included. If you have any questions, please contact John Yackabonis at council at john.yackabonis@scouting.org. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

Trash for Cash

Baseball season is winding down. But there are a few more opportunities to raise money 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 few remaining dates.

September 20th	Saturday	6:35 PM
September 21st	Sunday	1:05 PM

PLAN NOW for Summer Time Fun

1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun
				

One Requirement

1. Anytime during May through August participate in a total of three Cub Scout activities.

Earning Adventure is not dependent on other's participation.

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Activities:

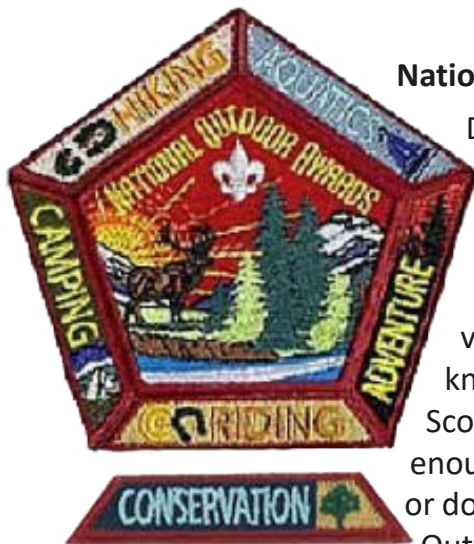
National Summertime Award – Cub Scouts

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/>

Patti Davis

Northampton District Membership Chair



THE SIX ESSENTIALS CUB ADVENTURE QUEST



CUB SCOUTS DAY EVENT
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
9:30AM - 12:00PM



Activities

- Animal Presentations
- Walking Trails
- Six Essentials Activity
- Interact with a model camp site
- Scout stations, games and activities



What to Bring;

- Backpack with six essentials inside; *small First Aid kit, water, flashlight, snack, sunscreen, whistle*
- Wear closed toe shoes
- Wear Scout themed activity shirt.

**Earn a few
Rank Req.**

**For Tigers to
Webelos
Cub Scouts**

Registration; \$9.00 per scout. Adult Leaders are free.

- Scouts may Bring a Friend
- Rain or Shine
- No refunds will be given for cancellations made 14 days prior to the event date.
- Two adult registered leaders must attend with their Pack.
- Individual Scouts may register
- Patch Included with *paid* registration.

Contact:
ssalvo1922@gmail.com

Northampton County District July 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



7/7/2025	Krish G.	Troop 29
7/14/2025	Brock W.	Troop 40
7/14/2025	Colby S.	Troop 311
7/14/2025	Michael H.	Troop 74
7/14/2025	Cody K.	Troop 50
7/21/2025	Jack F.	Troop 29
7/21/2025	Joshua A.	Troop 36





<https://www.minsitrails.org/2025-minsi-trails-council-golf-classic>



<https://www.minsitrails.org/2025-minsi-trails-council-sporting-clays>

The Takhone Corner



Registration is open for the OA's Fall Fellowship Weekend at Camp Minsi, on September 5 to 7:

<https://scoutingevent.com/502-OAFallWeekend2025>

For more information about the weekend, go to:

<https://witauchsoman.org/weekend/>

The September chapter meeting will be chapter elections. The place and time is to be determined. The chapter will also be making a plan of activities at the September meeting.

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