



# MARCH 2023 Northampton District Newsletter

# Northampton District

## MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



### NEWSLETTER... WINTER TIME??!!

With *spring rapidly approaching*, we might be wondering where winter went. In any case, it's time to start recruiting! Is there ever time not to recruit?

Packs, Troops, and Crews—please submit articles and/or photos of your unit's recruiting ideas for the District newsletter to Bernie Suess at [newsletter@minsi-northampton.com](mailto:newsletter@minsi-northampton.com). Submit your information by the first day of each month for the following month's newsletter.

### 2023 DATES

Roundtable 7:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
OA Chapter 7:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
District Committee 7:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
Eagle Board & Project Review	[as needed]
District Commissioners	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
OA Family Banquet	January 7 [13]
Council Recognition Dinner	January 27 [10]
Scout Sunday	February 12
Icifest	February 18 [2]
Klondike Derby	February 25 [4]
University of Scouting	March 11 [8]
LV Phantoms Game	March 12 [18]
District Pinewood Derby	March 18 [17]
Catholic Scout Weekend	April 22-23 [5]
Trexler SR Beaver Weekend	May 5-7 [3]
Council Pinewood Derby	<b>May 13 [11] note new date</b>
Camp Minsi Beaver Weekend	May 19-21 [2]
Spring OA Weekend	June 2-4 [3]
OA - Section E-17 Conclave	June 9-11 [12]
Trail to Town Camporee	June 16-18 [14]
National Jamboree	July 19-28 [15]
Council Fishing Derby	July 22 [3]
District Day Camp	August 4-6 [6]
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	August 6-12 [4]
Becky's Drive-in	September 8 [16]
Fall OA Weekend	September 8-10 [2]
Cub Fall Family Weekend	October 6-8 [3]
OA OctoberFest Weekend	October 6-8 [TBA]
<b>District Cub Fall Event</b>	October 21-22 [TBA]
Scouting for Food	November 4 and 11
District Recharter Day	December 2 [TBA]

### MEETING LOCATION KEY

*Some meetings may be online or hybrid (link sent via email or posted on calendar)*

- [1] Minsi Trails Council Office
- [2] Camp Minsi
- [3] Trexler Scout Reservation
- [4] Akelaland
- [5] Settler's Camp
- [6] Louise Moore Park, 151 Country Club Rd, Easton, PA 18045
- [7] Jordan Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Rd, Orefield, PA
- [8] Northampton Community College
- [9] Wind Gap Fire Company Social Hall, 111 North Broadway, Wind Gap
- [10] East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem
- [11] Kelly Auto, Lehigh St., Allentown
- [12] Joseph A Citta Scout Reservation (229 Brookville Rd, Barnegat, NJ 08005)
- [13] Stroudsmoor Inn, Stroudsburg, PA 18360
- [14] Wind Gap Park, 334 S Lehigh Ave, Wind Gap, PA 18091
- [15] Summit Bechtel Reserve, 2550 Jack Furst Dr, Glen Jean, WV 25846
- [16] Becky's Drive-in, 4845 Lehigh Dr, Walnutport, PA 18088-9597
- [17] Kelly Nissan 3830 Easton-Nazareth Highway, Easton
- [18] PPL Center
- [19] East Hills Middle School, Bethlehem

**PLEASE NOTE:** All dates and locations are tentative and should be confirmed online or at registration.

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



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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:

<http://www.minsitrails.org/districts/northampton-district/60269>

Northampton District Facebook page:

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

Trail to Eagle Resources:

<http://www.minsitrails.org/eagle-rank/trail-to-eagle-resources/60185>

Northampton District school policies (for recruiting Scouts):

<https://www.minsitrails.org/document/2022-northampton-school-policies/210661>

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

<http://www.minsitrails.org/document/cubscoutgoandseeguidecouncil2021q3/207571>

Current district newsletter (permalink):

[http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/current\\_newsletter.php](http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/current_newsletter.php)

District newsletter archive (permalink):

[http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/newsletter\\_archive.htm](http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/newsletter_archive.htm)

Minsi Trails Council Facebook page:

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

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP: 2023 NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

**MARCH 1** - Northampton District Committee meeting

**MARCH 11** - University of Scouting at Northampton Community College, Bethlehem

**MARCH 12** - Lehigh Valley Phantoms hockey

**MARCH 18** - Northampton District Pinewood Derby

**APRIL 1** - Allentown Trade-O-Ree, Scout Patch Collecting and Memorabilia Show

**APRIL 5** - Northampton District Committee meeting

**APRIL 12** - Northampton District Roundtable

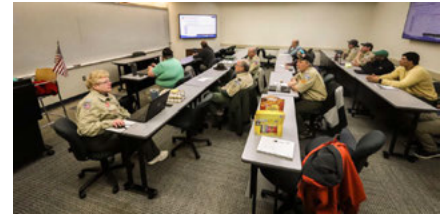
**The next Northampton District Roundtable will be on April 12 (tentatively). There will be more information in the April district newsletter.**

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## In Northampton District

**Northampton District Roundtable - Northampton Community College, Bethlehem  
February 8, 2023**

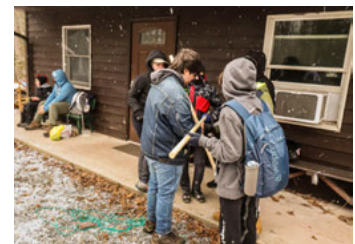
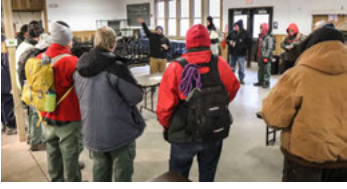


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February 25, 2023*



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## Northampton District Klondike & Winter Webelos Event - Akelaland, Trexler Scout Reservation February 25, 2023

### Klondike Scores

Place	Troop	Score	
1	359	287	
2	36	275	
2	54	275	
2	93	275	Sled A
3	3193	272	
4	93	264	Sled B
5	311	263	Sled A
6	76	261	
7	317	258	
8	50	256	Sled B
9	311	254	Sled B
10	62	251	
11	48	249	G
11	48	249	B
12	14	246	
13	50	244	Sled A
14	41	232	
15	38	231	
16	34	230	
17	362	224	



## Membership News

### Recharter

Units who have not turned in their charter, please contact either Mike Borgman at [mike.borgman@scouting.org](mailto:mike.borgman@scouting.org) (610-465-8575) or Brennan Malenovitch at [Brennan.malenovitch@scouting.org](mailto:Brennan.malenovitch@scouting.org) (610-465-8560) to set up an appointment at Council.

Please bring the following information:

1. Printed Charter
2. Paper copies of updated Youth Protection Training (YPT) certificates and Background checks for people providing new ones.
3. Completed and signed Journey to Excellence.
4. New adult and/or youth applications.
5. Completed and signed Charter Organization agreement.
6. Scouting Spirit Award nomination.
7. Signed Check made payable to *Minsi Trails Council*. **Do not fill in the amount** until we have reviewed your charter. Note the money will be deposited into your Council unit account and transferred once the charter is processed.
8. Contact information for Friends of Scouting; Popcorn; Scouting for Food; and Advancement (name, email, and phone).
9. Unit meeting information (day of the week; times; whether weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly; and location of meeting).

### Catholic Church Units—Recharter Update

Units that are chartered through the Catholic Church, The Diocese of Allentown requires that you complete the “BSA Catholic Traditional Charter Agreement dated 11-9-2022”. This document can be found on the Minsi Trail website under Charter Renewal page (<http://www.minsitrails.org/document/2022-catholic-traditional-unit-charter-agreement/210525>). This document is in lieu of the standard Charter Agreement.

### New Applications

Units, we ask that you turn in all new applications you have for both adults and youths. **Remember that although you have the application in hand, until it is submitted to Council for processing the youths/adults are not registered or insured with BSA. Youths cannot earn requirements, nor are they registered on Internet Advancement.**

### Friends of Scouting

All units please contact Bob Obermeyer at [obie1949@gmail.com](mailto:obie1949@gmail.com) when you have a date for your Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation.

### Merit Badge Updates 2023

Some of the merit badge requirements have changed. Scouts who have a blue card and are currently working on a merit badge that has been updated may continue to use the requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Chase at [ccjcpabsa@aol.com](mailto:ccjcpabsa@aol.com). A copy of the updates can be found on the Minsi Trails website at <https://www.minsitrails.org/document/finalrev-meritbadgerequirementupdates2023/21075> (PDF download).

**\*Minsi Trails Council “local” on boarding workshop series is no longer required for Scouters to serve as merit badge counselors for Citizenship in Society.**

### Eagle Candidates

An updated Eagle project workbook has been published. Scouts should use the 1/1/2023 book if they have not gotten signatures yet. The workbook is available at <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/> (look for the download link).

**Membership News**

**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL – NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT AWARDS  
PRESENTATION**

**Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at Louise Moore Park**

**Save the Date** Please mark your calendars accordingly and please try to attend.

The key to attracting and keeping youth involved in the Scouting program resides with its leaders. Strong leaders make for strong programs and make the experience more beneficial for our youth. Leaders need to be recognized for their efforts to encourage and enhance their Units and Districts. **Most Leaders do not want recognition but recognizing those Leaders should be a priority even if they do not want it.**

**District Awards**

**SCOUTING SPIRIT AWARD** - The Scouting Spirit Award is designed to recognize one individual in a unit who best exemplifies the ideals of Scouting in everything that they do. They do not need to be a registered leader, but should motivate others, work tirelessly, and have a positive influence with all they encounter. One per unit per year. Nominated by the Unit.

**FELLOWSHIP AWARD** - The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature for the District, or long-term dedication and service of an outstanding nature for a Unit. Nominated by the Unit or District. Max of 2X the Award of Merit Max. Currently 6 Max.

**UNIT LEADER AWARD OF MERIT** - A quality Scouting experience will help keep Scouts in the program, and the Boy Scouts of America created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen. Nominated by the Unit.

**SCOUTERS TRAINING AWARD – CUB SCOUTS/SCOUTS BSA/VENTURING** - Award designed to recognize those Cub Scout/Scouts BSA/Venture Leaders that have assisted in Pack/Troop/Crew planning & development and attended District level training. Nominated by the Unit.

**SCOUTERS KEY – CUB SCOUTS/SCOUTS BSA/VENTURING** - Awarded to those Scoutmasters/Cubmasters/Venture Leaders that have achieved a combination of Performance, Training and Tenure at both the Unit and District levels. Nominated by the Unit and/or District.

**KEY 3 LEADERSHIP AWARD** - The Key 3 Leadership Award is an award given out by the Key Three/Leadership of the district to volunteers who have given outstanding service to the District and embody the spirit of the District. Persons can be suggested to the Key 3 by anyone within the District.

**DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT** - The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. Nominated by the District. Based on number of Units within a District (1 per 25 units). Currently Max of 3.

These forms can be found on the Minsi Trails Council / Northampton District website:

<http://www.minsitrails.org/districts/northampton-district/60269>

**Please submit Nomination forms to one of the below Scouters by April 21:**

Brennan Malenovitch - [brennan.malenovitch@scouting.org](mailto:brennan.malenovitch@scouting.org)

Michael Caffrey – 1190 Blossom Circle, Bethlehem, PA 18017; [mikecee1062@yahoo.com](mailto:mikecee1062@yahoo.com)

Drew Draper – [acdramer31@rcn.com](mailto:acdramer31@rcn.com)



## Membership News

### Camping Information

#### Camp Minsi Fall/Winter Schedule

The BSA Unit Weekend Camping/Facility Rentals reservation system can be found here <http://www.minsitrails.org/week-end-camping/weekend-reservations/60702>

- All reservations MUST be made online, NOT over the phone.
- Due to summer camp operation, the possibility exists that a camp may be unavailable between June through August.
- Reservations that are made are only temporary and become official once payment is received and applied at Minsi Trails Council. Review receipt for payment instructions.
- Certain camps, facilities, and/or rentals may not be available on certain dates due to Order of Arrow, Special Events, District training, or Minsi Trails Council programs.
- There is NO waiting list for rentals. Please check back into the system for openings throughout the year.
- ALL CAMPS WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS OR BREAKS

April 7 - April 9, 2023 (Easter Holiday)

May 26 - May 29, 2023 (Memorial Weekend)

- **Rental invoices need to be paid and received at the Minsi Trails Council office within 10 days of the invoiced date, otherwise the rental will be deleted.** The mailing address will be listed on the invoice. All checks should be made out to Minsi Trails Council.
- The possibility exists, where an asset appears to not be available within minutes of the system opening - a registration may have already been secured by another group.
- Google Chrome works best. If the registration site is down or not functioning properly, please clear your browser's history and refresh the page. If this does not solve the problem, call the Council Camp Help Desk at 610-465-8568 or email Bonnie Keller at [Bonnie.Keller@scouting.org](mailto:Bonnie.Keller@scouting.org).

#### Summer Camp Registration 2023

**All three camps will once again operate for the summer of 2023.** Our camp directors will all be back, and they are already busy working on plans for another memorable summer. The council online registration system opened on Friday, August 19 for units to reserve a spot for 2023 at one of our three great camps. All camps will operate on a 5 week plan like this past year and Camp Minsi will offer a sixth week of specialty offerings. The weeks for 2023 are as follows:

**Week 1: June 25 – July 1**

**Week 2: July 2 – July 8**

**Week 3: July 9 – July 15**

**Week 4: July 16 – July 22**

**Week 5: July 23 – July 29**

**Week 6: (Camp Minsi Specialty Week): July 30 – August 5**

As most of you know, 2023 will be the last year we operate Trexler Scout Reservation so I hope you will consider joining us for one last visit! Plans for operating Camp Minsi as a resident camp simultaneously for both Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts starting in 2024 are moving forward and you will start to see progress on many projects in the coming year. A long-term view of the plan for improvements and new program offerings at Camp Minsi will be shared later this fall.

Reserve your spot for 2023 today! <https://www.minsitrails.org/summer-camps/>

#### Merit Badge Counselor Lists

Troops: effective September 1, 2022, National began to manage all merit badge lists. The list will only be available via Scoutbook. Merit Badge counselors must maintain their Youth Protection Training (YPT) to stay on the list. We do not recommend that you print the list, in the event a counselor's YPT expires.

## Membership News

### Upcoming Events

#### **District Pinewood Derby**

This year the Northampton District Pinewood Derby will be held on March 18th. It will be at Kelly Nissan located at 3830 Easton Nazareth Highway in Easton. The top 5 Racers from each Northampton District Cub Scout pack are welcome to participate. Sign in starts at 8:00 am. Races begin at 9:30 am. Register your top racers online at <https://www.minsitrails.org/event/northamptn-district-pinewood-derby/2841556>. Cost is \$10 per racer. Any questions please contact Mike Borgman at [mike.borgman@scouting.org](mailto:mike.borgman@scouting.org).

### Training Opportunities

#### **University of Scouting**

March 11, 2023: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm at Northampton Community College located at 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem. Cost is \$15.00. Sign up on the Minsi Trails Council website (<https://www.minsitrails.org/event/2960364>). Questions, please contact Brennan Malenovitch at [Brennan.malenovitch@scouting.org](mailto:Brennan.malenovitch@scouting.org).

**Spring Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)** training will be held at Camp Minsi. In person training will be on April 14 and 15 with an evening virtual training on April 5. Sign up online via the Minsi Trails website(<https://www.minsitrails.org/event/2958027>). Questions can be directed to George Kenyon at 610-653-3421 or via email at [george.kenyon@messer.us.com](mailto:george.kenyon@messer.us.com).

#### **Catholic Scout Weekend**

Friday – Sunday April 22 -24 at Settlers Camp, Trexler Scout Reservation. See flyer elsewhere in newsletter

#### **NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training)**

August 6-12 at Akelaland, Trexler Scout Reservation. Get the brochure at <https://www.minsitrails.org/document/2023-nylt-brochure/210688> and register at <https://www.minsitrails.org/event/2953485>.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed as **Unit Commissioners**. Contact Council Commissioner Tamie Swain at [tamie.swain@rcn.com](mailto:tamie.swain@rcn.com) if you are interested. This is a great way to continue serving in Scouting after your daughter or son has aged out.

Northampton District is also seeking someone to fill the position of **District Cub Advancement Chair**. A description of the position is on the following page.

*Patti Davis*

*Northampton District Membership Chair*





## The Role of the Minsi Trails Council Cub Scout Advancement Committee

(Rev. 3, 1/22/2021)

### **A. Facilitate/assist advancement reporting:**

- i. Each District CS Advancement Chair will review the monthly CS advancement numbers and percentages for the Packs in their District using monthly membership numbers to calculate percentages.
- ii. Each District CS Advancement Chair will contact every Pack in their District at least once a year in the January/February timeframe, and then at least quarterly thereafter. The purpose is to introduce yourself, offer assistance, encourage submittal of Advancement reports, and provide Packs their current or previous year-end Advancement number/percentage for feedback. We will use the previous year-end advancement percentages to determine how often to contact each Pack. If a Pack ended the previous year above 75% advancements, then quarterly contacts are needed. If a Pack ended the previous year with a very low or zero advancement percentage, then monthly contacts are recommended to get the Pack on track, plus perhaps extra help. If a Pack is in the middle range, the Chairs will use their discretion to decide how often to contact them, but at least quarterly. Also, Chairs will keep track of which Packs they have contacted during each year for our Strategic Plan goal of contacting Packs.
- iii. Each District CS Advancement Chair will maintain a list of Pack Advancement Chairs in their District, along with their contact information, to be collected at rechartering. Also, at rechartering, collect information on which advancement reporting system (Scoutbook, Internet Advancement, other) that each Pack uses.

### **B. Provide educational materials for Pack Advancement Chairs to help them do their jobs, and facilitate Pack Advancements and instant recognition.**

- i. The PowerPoint presentation "Cub Scout Advancements: A Guide for Pack Advancement Chairs" includes specific duties and instructions for Pack Advancement Chairs, plus the importance of Advancements, instant recognition and meaningful ceremonies in Cub Scouts. The Council CS Advancement Chair will present this annually at University of Scouting. Each District CS Advancement Chair will try to present this once a year in their District, as well as directly to Packs when they have new Pack Advancement Chairs, and upon request from any Pack.
- ii. This Committee will provide available resources for Pack Advancement Chairs, consisting of an FAQ page on the MTC website with links, to help them find what they need quickly.

## Protect Yourself Rules Videos Replace Cyber Chip

You may have heard that the Cyber Chip is no longer a rank requirement for any ranks. Instead, Cub Scouts should watch the Protect Yourself Rules video for their grade.

These videos are part of the [Protect Yourself Rules preview adventure](#) that was released a few years ago. A Scout only needs to watch the video to meet the requirement for their rank--they don't have to complete the entire adventure.

However, if a Scout does complete the adventure, they will have met the rank requirement portion.

The change was announced via a [Facebook Live](#). You can learn more about the rationale behind the change by watching the video.

The change will be in the next printing of the Cub Scout handbooks.

From *Cub Scout Ideas* (<https://cubscoutideas.com/>)

## Bring A Random Friend

### Northampton District Recruitment Campaign

Recruit a friend to join your Scout Unit and both of you will receive this  
**EXCLUSIVE B.A.R.F Patch!**

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Name \_\_\_\_\_

Friend Recruited Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_



**Youth and Adults are eligible for Patch**

Recruited friend must register by turning in a application and registration fees for patch.

## **The Takhone Corner**



In 1915, Camp Director E. Urner Goodman and Assistant Camp Director Carroll A. Edson searched for a way to recognize select campers for their cheerful spirits of service at Treasure Island Scout Camp in the Delaware River. Goodman and Edson founded the Order of the Arrow when they held the first Ordeal Ceremony on July 16<sup>th</sup> of that year. By 1921, as the popularity of the organization spread to other camps, local lodges attended the first national gathering called a Grand Lodge Meeting.

The Order of the Arrow was one of many camp honor societies that existed at local Scout camps across the country. As the years went on and more camps adopted the Order of the Arrow's program, it gained prominence and became part of the national Boy Scout program in 1934. By 1948, the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. Toward the end of the twentieth century, the OA expanded its focus to include conservation, high adventure, and servant-leadership.

Throughout the years, the Order of the Arrow has played an integral role in the program of the Boy Scouts and in the community service its members contribute to their communities. To date, more than one million people have been members of the Order of the Arrow.

Presently, the Order of the Arrow consists of nearly 300 lodges, which form approximately 48 sections in four regions. Leadership positions and voting rights are restricted to members under the age of 21. Through the program, members live up to the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service set forth by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson.

### ***Upcoming Lodge and Chapter Events***

**Chapter Meeting will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> via Zoom**

**Assisting with the Northampton District Pinewood Derby on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Kelly Nissan**

**Trade-O-Ree on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Jordan Lutheran Church, Orefield**

**SCOUTING'S  
NATIONAL  
HONOR  
SOCIETY**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JUNE 2ND-4TH**



**WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44  
SPRING WEEKEND**

**TREXLER SCOUT RESERVATION**

**SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

## 2023 NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY RULES

**ATTACHMENTS:** The car must be freewheeling with no starting devices.

**AXLE CHANNEL:** The channel or groove designed to hold the axle must not be filled-in. The judge must be able to inspect the axle. If axles are loose secure them with transparent glue.

**AXLES:** Only the nails supplied with the kit are permitted. They must be mounted in the wood grooves only. The axles may be glued in place with transparent glue. They may be polished or lubricated but not machined or narrowed. Full length axles that can be purchased at hobby shops ARE NOT PERMITTED.

**DETAILS:** Details such as Steering Wheels, Driver Decals, Painting, etc. are permitted as long as these details do not exceed the maximum length, width and weight specifications.

**HEIGHT:** The bottom of the car must clear the guide strip (3/8 ") on the track. The car may not be more than 2" high.

**HUBCAPS:** No type of hubcap is permitted. This includes decals.

**INSPECTION:** Each car must pass inspection by the official inspection committee before it may compete. The car is to be held by the scout NOT THE PARENT as you prepare for inspection and throughout the race. The inspectors will disqualify those cars which cannot be made to meet these specifications. The race committee will hold cars that pass inspection until the race and inspect the winning cars following the race.

**JUDGES:** The decision of the judges on race day is final. Pinewood cars not meeting rule requirements will be permitted to race but **WILL NOT** be eligible for trophies! Questions and polite discussion will be allowed up to the point of a decision by the judges. Failure to follow this rule may lead to the disqualification of the car involved by the judges. At the discretion of the judges persons may be ejected from the premises of the race for behavior they deem disruptive, un-sportsman-like, or un-scout-like.

**LENGTH:** Overall length shall not exceed 7".

**LUBRICATION:** Dry Lubrication only is permitted. **ABSOLUTELY NO ADDITIONAL LUBRICATION PERMITTED PRIOR TO OR THE DAY OF THE RACE!**

**NEW CAR:** A new car must be built each year. Pre-cut cars that can be purchased at hobby shops ARE NOT PERMITTED! Scouts must use the Grand Prix Pinewood Derby kit.

**NOSE OF CAR:** The nose must extend beyond the leading edge of the front wheel; however, no portion of the car can extend past the starting gate / peg.

**SPRINGING:** The car shall not ride on any type of springs or suspension.

**WEIGHT:** Weight shall not exceed 5.0 ounces. No loose materials of any kind are permitted in the car. The car may be hollowed out and built up to the maximum weight by the addition of wood or metal -provided that it is securely built into the body. Electronic balances will be used for the weight check.

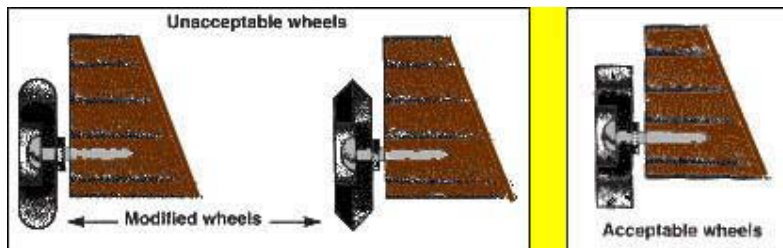
**WHEEL BASE:** (Length) Length of wheel base (front axle to rear axle) must be within the limits of 4 1/2" maximum and 4 1/4" minimum (essentially, the distance provided by the grooves precut into the supplied wood block).

**WHEEL BASE:** (inside) Do not make the distance between the left and right wheels narrower than 1 3/4 " or the car will not run down the track.

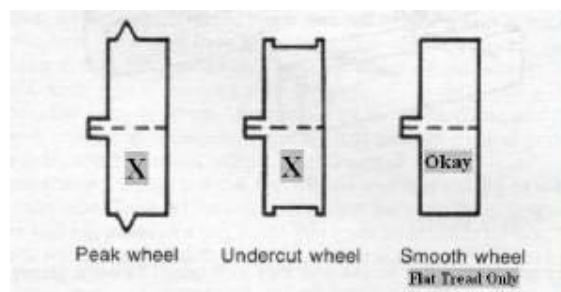
**WHEEL BEARINGS:** Bearings, washers, or other types of bushings are NOT permitted.

**WHEELS:** Only BSA licensed Grand Prix Wheels may be used. Wheels must have "BSA" printed on them from the manufacturer. BSA - Black, Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Pink, Purple, Orange and Glow-in-the-dark are only wheels permitted. Alterations to the wheels are not permitted - the wheels may not be cut, drilled, beveled or rounded. The shape must remain the same. The plastic flashing may be removed (outside edge). All 4 wheels must make contact with the track surface (this is tested by free rolling the car). **Wheel surfaces must remain flat with full tread contact, and cannot ride on edges or they WILL NOT pass inspection!**

**WIDTH:** Overall width shall not exceed 2 3/4 ".



Wheel Tread Example



**Wheel surfaces must remain flat with full tread contact and cannot ride on edges or they WILL NOT pass inspection!**



# **NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT**



## **PINEWOOD DERBY**



*We are inviting the TOP 5 Racers from all Northampton District Cub Scout Packs to join us on March 18th at Kelly Nissan of Easton for the District Pinewood Derby!*

*Sign In starts at 8:00am and the races start at 9:30am*

*Register your Top Racers online:*

*<http://www.minsitrails.org/event/northampton-district-pinewood-derby/2841556>*

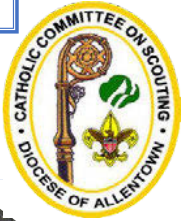
*Cost: \$10.00 per Racer*

*Any questions contact Mike Borgman at [mike.borgman@scouting.org](mailto:mike.borgman@scouting.org)*





# 2023 CATHOLIC SCOUT WEEKEND



**FRIDAY to SUNDAY, April 22-23, 2023**

**Settler's - Camp Trexler**

**All current COVID restrictions will be followed**

*Scouts are Reverent*

**Mass Saturday Evening**



A Fun-Filled, Active, Weekend  
For Scouts BSA & Girl Scouts  
Hawk Mountain &  
Minsi Trails Councils

**Activity Stations**

**'Awesome' Meals & Snacks**

**Souvenir**

**Patches & Pins**

**WHO'S INVITED**

- ✓ Catholic-sponsored Troops & Crews
- ✓ Individual Catholic Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Crews, Sea Scouts
- ✓ Troops can bring their Webelos II for Saturday activities

Registration information will be posted on the Allentown Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting Website: [www.adccos.org](http://www.adccos.org)



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:05PM**

**YOUTH JERSEY GIVEAWAY**

**\*First 1,500 fans 14 and under**

**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL WILL  
RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE  
PROCEEDS FROM BOTH 50/50 &  
CHUCK A PUCK SALES!**



**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL**

**NIGHT WITH THE**

**PHANTOMS**

**\*\$5.00 FROM EACH TICKET SOLD WILL GO BACK TO  
MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL!**



**Questions? [scarroll@phantomshockey.com](mailto:scarroll@phantomshockey.com)**



# NORTHAMPTON 2023 DAY CAMP CUB SCOUT INVESTIGATOR

It's time to investigate the mysteries at Louise Moore Park

## Important Case Files:

- ✓ August 4th-6th, 2023
- ✓ Louise Moore Park, Easton PA
- ✓ \$45.00 if Registered before June 30th\*
- ✓ \$35 if Registered with an adult volunteer before June 30th.\*

\*\$10.00 late fee after June 30th, 2023

## CALLING ALL JUNIOR DETECTIVES!!

The Northampton District is in need of its Junior Detectives as we work to solve the mysterious cases happening right in Louise Moore Park. Join us for a fun filled weekend! Open to Cub Scouts in grades 1st-5th!

Register Today at:

<http://www.minsitrails.org/event/2023-northampton-day-camp/2968213>

# Cub Day Camp Moore 2023

Friday August 4 5 PM - 8 PM  
Saturday August 5 8:30 AM- 4 PM  
Sunday August 6 8:30 AM- 4 PM

## Louise Moore Park

151 Country Club Rd, Easton, PA 18045

Day Camp is open to all youth entering Grades 1-5  
Fall 2023. *Please note that an adult partner is required every day for all youth  
entering the first grade.*

For questions or additional information

Barbara Emert, Camp Director

[DayCampMoore@gmail.com](mailto:DayCampMoore@gmail.com)

Mike Borgman, Senior District Executive

[mike.borgman@scouting.org](mailto:mike.borgman@scouting.org)



# Cub Day Camp Moore 2023

## NEEDS YOUR HELP

### Adult volunteers

Camp Program director, Program area directors,  
den leaders and assistants

Adult volunteers will get a discount for their cub.

Organizational meeting TBA in February

### Scout Volunteers - Earn service hours

Program aides, Den Chiefs

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Louise Moore Park, Easton, PA



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL



# Trail to Town Camporee

**June 16-18, 2023 | Northampton District | Wind Gap Park**  
**Schedule**

Wind Gap Borough, an Appalachian Trail Community, is joining the Northampton District of Minsi Trails Council to host the Trail to Town Camporee. This event is designed to highlight the Appalachian



Trail while offering navigation and hiking skills. New this year is the Webelos/AOL program and orienteering merit badge.



Date	Time	Activities
June 16	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Registration/Check-in
	6:00 p.m.	Orienteering Merit Badge Program
	10:00 p.m.	Lights Out
June 17	6:30-7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
	8:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Trail to Town Hike/Hiking on AT
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch
	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Scout Skills/Return to Wind Gap Park
	3:00-7:00 p.m.	Recruiting Event/Cheer on AT Hikers/Free Dinner/Dunkin' Cruiser/Ice Cream
	7:30 p.m.	P.T. Reptile Program
	10:00 p.m.	Lights Out
June 18	7:00 a.m.	Reveille
	7:15-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast/Clean-up
	9:30 a.m.	Scout's Own Service/Closing Ceremony
	10:00 a.m.	Campsite Inspection/Units Depart

## Trail to Town Offers Three Different Camper Experiences

**Webelos/AOL Camper** – Webelos will participate in a schedule of advancement and fun. Webelos will participate in a 5 mile Trail to Town hike and work on Webelos Walkabout, Webelos First Responder, AOL-Outdoor Adventure, and AOL-Scouting Adventure.

**Base Camper** – Base Campers will develop basic scout skills and participate in a 5 mile Trail to Town hike. Base campers will have the opportunity to develop first-aid, navigation, and nature skills to fulfill rank requirements for tenderfoot, second class and first class. Base Campers first class or higher will volunteer as Youth Instructors for Webelos and Base Campers, teaching basic scout skills.

**Backpackers** – Backpackers will participate in a backpacking experience, geared for first class scouts and higher. Backpackers prepare breakfast, break down camp, load their packs and board a bus that will transport them to Fox Gap. They will spend the day on the AT hiking from Fox Gap to Wind Gap. The 10 mile Trail to Town hike will return to Wind Gap Park after about 6 hours on the trail.

## Registration Open Until June 9, 2023

**Cost** – \$5 per person. Registration fee includes use of facility, patch, awards, entertainment & transportation.

**Contact Information** – Joe Kondisko | Camporee Director | trailtotowncamporee@gmail.com

**Adult Leadership** – Leadership is essential to camporee success. Each unit must provide a supporting adult leader to programs they have participating scouts. Webelos must attend as a den with leaders from your pack.

**Registration** – Units register through the Minsi Trails Doubleknot registration system. Use this link to register:

<http://www.minsitrails.org/event/northampton-district-trail-to-town-camporee/2841560>



# 2023 SCOUT NIGHT

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

FRIDAY  
**JUNE 30**

7:05 PM  
VS



FRIDAY  
**AUGUST 4**

7:05 PM  
VS



## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 2023 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
- 2022 IRONPIGS SCOUT SLEEPOVER PATCH

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** \$19 Field Level Ticket, + \$2 Ballpark Credit
- \$16 GA Ticket, + \$2 Ballpark Credit
- Game-Only** \$12 Field Level Ticket + \$2 Ballpark Credit
- \$9 GA Ticket, + \$2 Ballpark Credit

 **610-841-7447 ext. 2**

## Taking Your Scouts To A Civil War Battlefield?

I am a Civil War reenactor with the 153rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and an Eagle Scout. I would be happy to come to your meeting to explain the battlefield you are going to, or just Civil War history in general. I do all presentations in full period uniform.

David Burgermeister  
610-694-9520







**FREE CORE STANDARDS PROGRAM!**

Jewel Gilbert  
Presenter



Jorne Gilbert  
Presenter



★ **One School Period**

the Program can fit your timing need. Designed to take roughly one period, 40 minutes, but can be increased or reduced

★ **Interactive**

An engaging Interactive speech workshop empowering every student by educating

★ **Classroom or Assembly**

The workshop can be presented to the entire school or a single classroom at a time



Constituting America Is a national 501c3 organization that exists to teach and inspire civic engagement In a non-partisan way and teach about the US Constitution.

Constituting America would like to offer your school a great opportunity. I can present a FREE 'Constitution workshop', an interactive speech covering

- The three branches of government,
- How to utilize the First Amendment as their "tools in their toolbox" to effect change they want to see (there is more they can do than just protest!),
- The amendment process and more!

# THERE'S ONLY **ONE** **NATIONAL JAMBOREE**

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE JULY 19-28, 2023



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TEN DAYS. HUNDREDS  
OF ADVENTURES.  
A ONCE-IN-  
A-LIFETIME  
EXPERIENCE.



Sign up NOW at [Jamboree.Scouting.org](https://Jamboree.Scouting.org)

# Your training opportunities

*This is the chance to become a better leader!*

**MAR 11** [2023 University of Scouting](#)  
University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for Scouts and Scouters. It is the...

**MAR 25** [NRA Pistol Instructor Training \(BIT Only\)](#)  
NRA Pistol Instructor Date - Saturday March 25th 2023 (BIT) Only Location- Camp Trexler Nature lodge 8am to 1pm Saturday This a part one of a...

**APR 1** [NRA Pistol Instructor Training - Part 2](#)  
NRA Pistol Instructor Date - Saturday April 1st 2023 Location- Camp Trexler Nature lodge 8am to 6 pm Saturday This is part two of a 16 hr....

**APR 14** [2023 IOLS: Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills](#)  
Minsi Trails Council Spring 2023 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) This is the second of the courses required to be taken to...

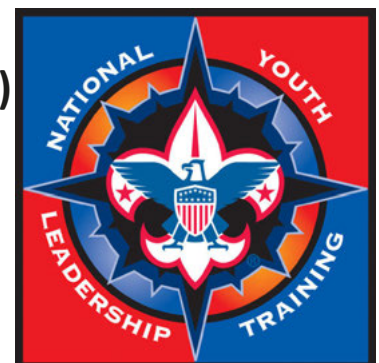
**AUG 6** [2023 NYLT- National Youth Leadership Training](#)  
National Youth Leadership Training will be held August 6th-11th, 2023 at Akelaland, TSR A training designed for youth in Venture, Ships and...



**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**  
is scheduled for August 6 - 11, 2023 (weeklong course)

Registration is now open and closes 7/31/2023.

<https://www.minsitrails.org/event/2953485>



## NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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