



**MAY 2023 Northampton District Newsletter**

# Northampton District

**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA**



## NEWSLETTER... SUMMER??!!

Are you ready for summer, *because it's coming fast!* In addition to the Trail to Town Camporee, there are all sorts of opportunities to get outdoors! And when you do, take pictures and write a short article. share articles and/or photos of your unit's activities or events 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]
Northampton District Picnic	May 24 [6]
Spring OA Weekend	June 2-4 [3]
OA - Section E-17 Conclave	June 9-11 [12]
Trail to Town Camporee	June 16-18 [14]
Iron Pigs Scout Night	June 30 [20]
National Jamboree	July 19-28 [15]
Council Fishing Derby	July 22 [3]
District Day Camp	August 4-6 [6]
Iron Pigs Scout Night	August 4 [20]
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]

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

### 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
- [20] Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown, PA 18109

**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

**MAY 3** - Northampton District Committee meeting

**MAY 5 to 7** - Trexler SR Beaver Weekend

**MAY 13** - Council Pinewood Derby

**MAY 19 to 21** - Camp Minsi Beaver Weekend

**MAY 24** - Northampton District Picnic at Louise Moore Park, Pavilion #5, 6:00 PM

**JUNE 2 to 4** - Spring OA Weekend

**JUNE 9 to 11**-OA - Section E-17 Conclave

**JUNE 14** - Council-wide Roundtable

**JUNE 16 to 18** - Trail to Town Camporee

## COUNCIL-WIDE ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

*Time and location(s) TBA*

DATE	MAIN TOPIC	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS, BSA	SCOUTBOOK
June 14	Scouting in a Box: Planning NOW for Recruiting in the Fall	TBA	TBA	TBA

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## In Northampton District

**Council-wide Roundtable - Northampton Community College  
April 13, 2023**



## Membership News

### Cub Leaders

Effective 2/17/2023, the Lion and Tiger (adult) Partner position will no longer appear on the unit roster. Moving forward when registering a Tiger or Lion, the Lion Partner and Adult Partner relationship is created after the parent/guardian information is entered and the registration has been posted. The Lion Partner/Adult Partner information will appear in the youth profile under the relationship tab. This information also is populated in Scoutbook for unit leaders to identify the Lion Partner or Adult Partner of a Lion or Tiger.

### Pack Trading Cards

If your pack would like trading cards to help recruit during the summer, contact Mike Borgman at [Mike.borgman@scouting.org](mailto:Mike.borgman@scouting.org). Include the following information:

- Pack number
- Contact name and email
- Contact phone number (optional)
- Name of meeting location (Church, VFW, etc...)
- Address of meeting location

### BeAScout Pin

Attention all units please review your BeAScout pin to make sure that your unit Pin is **TURNED ON** and the information is up to date. Verify contact information, meeting location, and day and times that you meet.

### 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.

## MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL—NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT AWARDS PRESENTATION

Northampton District Members and Leaders!

Come out on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to Louise Moore Park (Pavilion #5) for the Northampton District Picnic and Celebration. Join us for a great night outdoors with some great food and hospitality. We will also be recognizing volunteers for the District Award of Merit as well as other Outstanding Individual awards. The event is free. Please sign up on the Minsi Trails website. Last day to sign up is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Borgman at [mike.borgman@scouting.org](mailto:mike.borgman@scouting.org)

### 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 old requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Chase at [cjcpabsa@aol.com](mailto:cjcpabsa@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" onboarding 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).

### Trash for Cash

Just a reminder there are many fundraising dates available for the cash for trash program at the Iron Pigs this summer. Sign up to make a few dollars for your unit and some free tickets for a future game. Below are dates for May.

**May 9, 11, 12, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31.**

Please contact Mike Borgman at [mike.borgman@scouting.com](mailto:mike.borgman@scouting.com) if your unit would like to reserve one of these dates. They are first come, first served. Your unit will need 6-12 participants. Cub packs should only involve the older scouts, Webelos 1 and AOLs and possibly Bears.

## Membership News

### End of 72 Hour Rule

As of September 1, 2023, any adult who wishes to attend an outing with your unit must be a chartered registered adult. This includes Lion/Tiger adults. They must complete an adult application and include all PA clearances and youth protection certificate. The 72-hour rule will no longer be in place.

### Cub Scout Advancement Chair

Northampton District would like to welcome Saadia Ackerson as our new Cub Scout Advancement Chair. Saadia can be reached at [saadialin@gmail.com](mailto:saadialin@gmail.com), phone 610-442-4083. Should you have any questions, please contact Saadia.

### Merit Badge Counselor List Directions

(courtesy of Bill Gade)

Log into <https://my.scouting.org>

Under "Menu"

Choose "Legacy Dashboard"

Select "Menu" again

Choose "Northampton District 02 ..."

Click on "Roster"

Choose "Reports"

"Run" COUNCIL MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LISTING

There are filter or sort options, though the default options usually work fine.

The listing can be exported to CSV, which opens in Microsoft Excel, or PDF.

The listing should be checked each time a scout requests a merit badge counselor.

Only the current listing should be used.

### 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>. The course is filled, but Scouts may still be registered for the waiting list.

### Unit Commissioners Needed

Volunteers are needed as Unit Commissioners. Contact District Commissioner Bill Brugger at [we.brugger@gmail.com](mailto:we.brugger@gmail.com) if you are interested. This is a great way to continue serving in Scouting after your daughter or son has aged out.

### Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, May 2023

#### Fishing Equipment Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

#### DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies, and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

## Membership News

### Hike for Health

Wednesday, May 3 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 2.5 miles over uneven terrain. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov). Registration is not required.

### Weekly Weeders

Thursday, May 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

### Basic Boating Course

Saturday, May 6 at 9:00am to 5:00pm

The PA Fish & Boat Commission's PA Basic Boating Course was developed to supply boaters with practical information so they can make better informed decisions on the water. Instructors provide students with information to help them reduce the risk of injury and conflict on the water. Students who successfully complete this course may apply for a Boating Safety Education Certificate issued by the Commission. This course will be held indoors. Registration required. For questions call Andy Desko at 215-968-3631.

### Beginner Birding for Retirees

Monday, May 15 at 9:00am to 11:00am

It's never too late to pick up a new hobby. The act of "birding" simply means to observe birds in their natural habitat. Conservation volunteers Doug and Dan will help you discover the entertaining aspects of looking and listening for birds while on a short hike around the center. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Registration is required.

### Watershed Education Educator Workshop—Virtual

Wednesday, May 17 at 3:30pm to 5:00pm, Thursday, May 25, or June 8 at 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Educators with any certification for grades 6-12 are invited to join us virtually for an introduction to the Bureau of State Parks' Watershed Education Curriculum to discover lessons and resources that can be used to teach cross-curricular, inquiry-based lessons in the classroom that will prepare students for an optional field experience at a stream. An online homework assignment will follow. You MUST attend a virtual meeting AND the field day (Thursday, June 28) to be awarded 14 Act 48 Hours. Register for both the virtual meeting and field day separately on DCNR's calendar of events.

### Birds of a Feather

Saturday, May 20 at 9:00am to 10:30am

Rise and shine! Over 150 species of birds have been recorded at Jacobsburg. Amateur birdwatchers will improve their skills at identifying birds by sight and sound during this morning hike. Intermediate and experienced birders will also enjoy these walks. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars and a field guide. Registration is required.

### Wildflower Folklore

Saturday, May 20 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Join us on a two-hour search for the late spring botanical treasures of Jacobsburg! We'll discuss how flowers got their names as well as legends, myths and stories that surround them. Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring binoculars, a camera, water, and a snack and wear sturdy shoes. Registration is required.

## Membership News

### **Knotweed Knockdown**

Saturday, May 27 at 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Join us in walking the banks of the Bushkill Creek to eliminate Japanese Knotweed. We will be using machetes to chop down large stands throughout the park before the plant goes to seed later in the summer. Registration is required.

### **Watershed Education Educator Workshop – Field Day**

Wednesday, June 28 at 8:00am to 5:00pm

Educators with any certification for grades 6-12 are invited to join us for an introduction to the Bureau of State Parks' Watershed Education Curriculum to discover lessons and resources that can be used to teach cross-curricular, inquiry-based lessons in the classroom that will prepare students for an optional field experience at a stream. A fee of \$15.00 may be paid in advance or at the beginning of the in-person portion of the workshop. Exact cash, checks made out to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and credit cards are accepted. The in-person field day, held at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, will provide the opportunity to practice inquiry-based teaching techniques while using State Parks' Watershed Education Curriculum and lessons as a guide. Teachers will receive the curriculum and supplemental materials to ensure confidence while teaching Watershed Education with an emphasis on PA STEELS! You MUST attend one virtual meeting AND the field day to be awarded 14 Act 48 Hours. Register for both the virtual meeting and field day separately on DCNR's calendar of events.

### **Summer Day Camps for Young People:**

#### **DiscoverE Hide 'n Seekers (Age 5 only): Nature Detectives**

Tuesday, June 13, 20, & 27 at 9:30am to 11:30am

The world is full of all sorts of exciting things to explore! Come see how much fun learning about nature can be. Campers will learn about things that fly, water dwellers, and life in the undergrowth. This program will prepare campers that have aged out of Tales for Tots for Outdoor Explorers. Campers must be accompanied by an adult each day of camp. This camp is on three Tuesdays: June 13th, June 20th, and June 27th from 9:30am - 11:30am each day. Your child will be enrolled for all three Tuesdays. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp. Registration is online only.

#### **Environmental Stewardship for Youth Leaders Day Camp (Ages 13-18)**

Tuesday, June 13 to Friday, June 16 at 9:00am to 3:00pm

Get your feet wet in the field of waterways conservation and learn to lead projects that make a difference in our world! Teens ages 13-18 will participate in science-based activities that focus on local watersheds and waterways with plenty of opportunities to learn leadership skills, get hands-on with field investigations and a stream-side service project along the Bushkill Creek. Upon completion of this free program, participants will receive a certificate and are eligible for 4 community service hours. There is no fee to attend this camp. This camp begins on Tuesday, June 13th and ends on Friday, June 16th and will be from 9:00am - 3:00pm each day. Registration is online only.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov). Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least five days notice.

### **Lauren Forster | Environmental Education Specialist Supervisor**

PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources

Bureau of State Parks | Jacobsburg EE Center

Phone: 610 746-2801 ext.102 | Fax: 610 746-2804

[LaForster@pa.gov](mailto:LaForster@pa.gov) | [www.dcnr.pa.gov](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov)

**Membership News**

# Cub Scout Range Training

(Range Master)

Date - Saturday May 6th 2023

Location: Akelaland BB and Archery Ranges (TSR)

10am-12

This course is at approx. 2-hours long and includes instruction at the range. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; BB gun parts and operation; shooting fundamentals; range rules; and continued opportunities for skill development. The archery portion will cover Range rules and layout. Safe operation of the bow, equipment, and shooting basics. Students will receive a Training course pocket certificate no. 33767 which must be renewed every (2) two years.

If you are planning on helping out at one our District day camps this summer please consider taking this class, we will need help to conduct shooting sports events at this camps.

There is no cost for this training

Class size will be limited based on the current state social distancing guidelines. The program will be outdoors, this training will be conducted by members of the MTC Shooting Sports Committee, NRA rifle instructors and USAA archery instructors.

Be Prepared

Please sign up through the doubleknot system:

<https://www.minsitrails.org/event/2973927>

Questions please contact Chuck Yeoman, MTC Shooting Sports Committee

Cell 484-627-4830 or [cyeoman380@gmail.com](mailto:cyeoman380@gmail.com)

## Membership News

### Minsi Trails Council Fishing Derby

Come and join us for a jammed packed day of fun!

- Families are encouraged to attend.

Activities Include: (program subject to change due to staffing or weather)

- Check-in for the fishing derby will begin at 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Saturday outside the ESSA Nature Lodge.
- This event happens rain or shine.
- Open Derby Fishing on two lakes.
- Due to limited space around the lakes... **ONLY YOUTH ARE ALLOWED TO FISH IN THE MORNING.** Families can fish in the afternoon.

Where: Trexler Scout Reservation

Cost: All youth 11 and under are \$5 - Adults Free.

- Cost covers a patch and some prizes.
- Extra patches can be ordered.

Details:

- 1 - Day Event, no overnight camping this year for the event due to COVID protocols.

Deadline:

- Online registration no later than July 19 @ 5:00 PM.

What do you need?

- Your lunch, snacks, and drinks. Picnic areas or pavilions are available for use in and around camp.
- You need to bring fishing pole/equipment, BAIT, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, rain gear, and insect repellent.

How do I sign up?

<https://www.minsitrails.org/event/2839124>

CONTACT E-MAIL

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

COST

\$3.00 per Extra Patches

\$5.00 per Youth

CANCELLATION POLICY

To learn more about the Minsi Trails Council cancellation and or refund policy visit: [minsitrails.org/resources](https://www.minsitrails.org/resources)  
Cancellation and Refund Policy <http://www.minsitrails.org/resources/cancellation-and-refund-policy/61280>



## Membership News



Minsi Trails Council is proud to continue STEM Camp, an exciting summer camp experience for Scouts hosted at Camp Minsi. This special 4-day camp provides in-depth and hands-on experiences to help participants explore careers, trade skills, scientific fields, and technology—all while having fun in a great camp environment. During the week participants will have opportunities to work towards earning a variety of BSA awards and advancements—including merit badges, STEM Nova awards, and more!

2023 Merit Badges and Program is still being planned out but you can register starting April 15, 2023 and sign up for the programs when they are announced.

Learn more: [www.campminsi.org/STEM](http://www.campminsi.org/STEM)

### CONTACT E-MAIL

[campminsi@minsitrails.org](mailto:campminsi@minsitrails.org)

### COST

\$250.00 per Youth Day Camper

\$325.00 per Youth Participant

### LATE FEE

After 6/1/2023 a fee of \$25.00 will apply to all Youth Day Camper Registrants.

After 6/1/2023 a fee of \$35.00 will apply to all Youth Participant Registrants.

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## Membership News



Camp Minsi's annual Beaver Weekend is a great opportunity for service, fellowship, and outdoor fun! Take the opportunity to bring your unit to Camp Minsi for a weekend camping trip to check out the camp and its facilities, meet the staff, participate in open programs, and give back to Scouting through friendly service. This event is completely free!

We will provide your unit with a site, tents, and cots. You can even request to stay in the site you will be staying in during your week of summer camp. Lunch on Saturday will be provided for all who are participating in the weekend. All that we ask in return is that your unit gives a few hours of service to the camp on Saturday. Additionally, Scouts and leaders will have the opportunity to take advantage of several open programs on Saturday afternoon along with a chance to explore the camp, meet the staff and participate in many fun activities.

If your unit decides not to make a full weekend out of the event, you're invited to come up just for the day on Saturday to participate in all the fellowship events, service projects, and other festivities.

CONTACT E-MAIL

[campminsi@minsitrails.org](mailto:campminsi@minsitrails.org)

*Patti Davis*

*Northampton District Membership Chair*

## ***Northampton District Patch***

The Northampton District Patch should be available soon. The design features components from around Northampton County including mountains (with our year of formation), rivers, stars, and an all-important locomotive representing the importance of railways in our region. Prominently displayed is a tent representing our Scouts of Northampton District and one of their favorite activities, camping. The patch can be worn on the sleeve, or, comes with a sewn in loop to allow it to hang from the pocket on your uniform.

This is a significant step in our identity as Northampton District. Units are strongly encouraged to consider purchasing patches for each of their Scouts and Leaders in a show of unity. Patches will be available at the Scout Shop and will cost \$5 each.

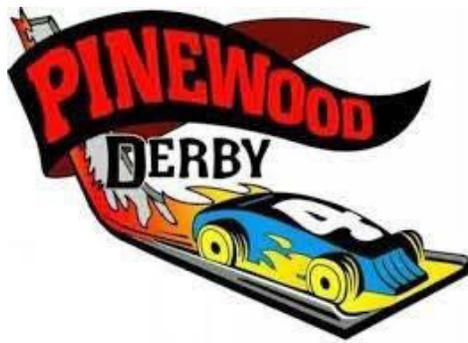




**Minsi Trails Council  
Pinewood Derby  
Sponsored by  
Witauchsoman Lodge #44**



**May 13, 2023 @ 11:00AM  
Kelly Jeep Dealership  
501 State Ave Emmaus, PA 18049**



The top 10 racers from each district race are invited to participate.

**Check-in will begin at 10:00AM.**

**Races will begin promptly at 11:00AM and will end approx. 1:00PM.**

\$10 registration paid online. All participants will receive a patch. Patches will be ordered and mailed out after the race.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 10 finishers.

Seating will not be provided, please plan accordingly to bring your own seating.

Lite refreshments will be available for purchase to support the youth of Witauchsoman Lodge #44

Questions? Contact Kris Silfies at [Activities@Witauchsoman.org](mailto:Activities@Witauchsoman.org)

Register and pay at <http://www.minsitrails.org/councilpwd2023>

## The Takhone Corner



Hello Everyone!

The month of May is a time to remember the fallen heroes of our country. This month there will be no chapter meeting, but we will be doing service by replacing flags on the Veteran's graves. If your troop does that already but needs help, let us know and we will help!

Here are the dates for the flag replacements:

May 8 - Gethsemane Cemetery in Easton at 6 pm

May 11 - Holy Savior Cemetery in Bethlehem at 6 pm

May 15 - Memorial Park in Bethlehem at 6 pm

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

Beaver Weekend/Call out at Trexler Scout Reservation May 5-7, 2023

Vigil Nominations due May 15, 2023 Witauchsoman Lodge #44 » Vigil (<https://witauchso-man.org/vigil/>)

Beaver Weekend/Call out at Camp Minsi May 19-20,2023

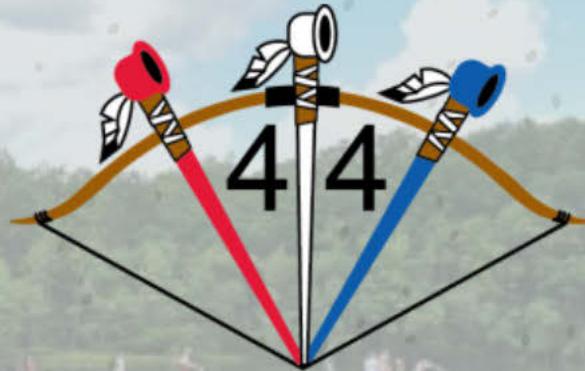
Deadline to sign up for the Spring weekend is Friday May 26, 2023

Spring Fellowship Weekend at Trexler Scout Reservation is June 2-4, 2023

**SCOUTING'S  
NATIONAL  
HONOR  
SOCIETY**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JUNE 2ND-4TH**



**WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44  
SPRING WEEKEND**

**TREXLER SCOUT RESERVATION**





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>



# 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

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# **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



# 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



# 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)

# Training opportunities

*For all your leaders!*

**MAY  
6**

## **Cub Scout BB and Archery Range Master Training**

Cub Scout Range Training (Range Master) Date -...

**MAY  
8**

## **May 2023 Citizenship in Society Class Offering**

click here for printable...

**JUN  
4**

## **NRA RSO -Range Safety Officer Training**

NRA RSO (Range Safety Officer) Date - Sunday June 4th 2023 Location- Camp Trexler- Nature Lodge 8am to 5pm...

**JUN  
17**

## **MTC 2023 Commissioner Conference**

Save the Date! The 2023 Minsi Trails Council Commissioner Conference is ON! We are working on the agenda and signups - we expect to see you there -...

**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...

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

**The course is filled. But registration is still open for the  
wait list and closes 7/31/2023.**

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



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