



JULY 2023 Northampton District Newsletter

Northampton District

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



NEWSLETTER... SUMMER RULES!!

In spite of the heat and humidity, *very few people wish it was winter again*. With all the warm weather outings, we should all have plenty of new things to share!

Packs, Troops, and Crews—please submit articles and/or photos of your unit’s activities or events for the District newsletter to Bernie Suess at 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	as scheduled (council-wide)
OA Chapter 7:00pm	2 nd Wednesday
District Committee 7:00pm	1 st Wednesday
Eagle Board & Project Review	[as needed]
District Commissioners	3 rd 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	May 13 [11]
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]
Mule Madness	August 19 [21]
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]
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
- [21] National Canal Museum, 2750 Hugh Moore Park Rd, Easton, PA

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

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: 2023 NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

JULY 5 - NO Northampton District Committee meeting in JULY. GO CAMPING! See you in August.

JULY 22 - Minsi Trails Fishing Derby, Trexler Scout Reservation

AUGUST 2 - Northampton District Committee meeting

AUGUST 4 to 6 - Northampton District Day Camp, Louise Moore Park

AUGUST 4 - Second Iron Pigs campout

AUGUST 19 - Mule Madness, National Canal Museum

SEPTEMBER 8 - Becky's Drive In, Walnutport

SEPTEMBER 16 - BASD Recruiting Event, St. Anne Church

COUNCIL-WIDE ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

Time and location(s) TBA

DATE	MAIN TOPIC	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS, BSA	SCOUTBOOK
Sept. 13	Winter Activities	TBA	TBA	TBA

In Northampton District

**Council-wide Roundtable - Northampton Community College
June 14, 2023**



In Northampton District

Troop 31 and Pack 31 participated in the Williams Township Memorial Day service to honor our veterans. They posted the colors and a scout read the Gettysburg Address.



FYI...

FORKS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Forks Township Police Department is pleased to announce our 2023 Bike Rodeo! Registration for this event is limited. Free helmets will be distributed to participants who do not have one. Children will learn about bicycle safety and participate in several activities to develop their skills on a bicycle. For more information, check under the "Events" tab on our website at ForksPolice.org.

BIKE RODEO
PRESENTED BY FORKS TOWNSHIP P.D.

Saturday, July 15, 2023
11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Ages 4-12
BRADEN AIRPORT PARK
3520 SULLIVAN TRAIL
EASTON, PA 18040

Register at ForksPolice.org

FREE Event

The poster features the Forks Township Police Department logo, a blue background with white and yellow text, and an illustration of a child riding a bicycle.

Becky's
DRIVE IN

The logo is in a white cursive font above the words "DRIVE IN" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the text is a row of small, stylized icons of various cars and trucks.

Come join us for movies and camping at Becky's Drive In on Friday night September 8th. Doors open at 5 PM. Cost is \$12 per person which includes a patch and wrist band, pony and train rides and fun in the bounce house. Sign up at <https://www.minsitrails.org/event/2972189> to reserve your spot. Pay at the gate

Membership News

Recruiting Opportunities

BASD Recruiting Event

September 16th 12-4 pm at St. Anne Church in Bethlehem. All Packs and Troops in the Bethlehem area are asked to participate. We are asking each unit to provide a point of contact to represent your unit in planning this event. Please email Patti Davis at davispr91@outlook.com or Mike Borgman at Mike.Borgman@scouting.org with the point of contact's name, email, and unit type and number.

Fall Recruiting

As we step into summer, we are all enjoying being done with school and having fun at the beaches and summer camp. But before heading out on vacation, we are asking you to begin planning your fall recruiting campaign. Check out school calendars for 2023-2024 and plan to set up tables at a School Open House, some of which are in mid-August. Consider dates for your unit's joining night events. Design your flyers so that council can begin printing them and have them available for pick up in August. Please keep in mind that some schools require flyers be printed in both English and Spanish, so we will need extra time to have them translated.

Translator Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer who can assist us in translating flyers into Spanish. Several of our school districts require that we include both English and Spanish on all flyers and distributions in the schools. If you would be willing to help us, please contact Mike Borgman at Mike.borgman@scouting.org or Patti Davis at davispr91@outlook.com.

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.

BeAScout Pin

Attention all units: please review your BeAScout pin to make sure that 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 when you have a date for your Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation.

Trash for Cash

Remember, there are still 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 July, August, and September.

July: 1,2,3,14,15,16,25,26,27,28,29,30.

August:1,2,3,4,5,6,15,16,17,18,19,20,29,30,31.

September: 1,2,3,19,20,21,22,23,24.



Please contact Mike Borgman at 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 to 12 participants. Cub packs should only involve the older scouts, Webelos 1 and Arrow Of Light Scouts and possibly Bears.

Merit Badge Counselor List

Use your troop leaders to pick a Merit Badge counselor in Scoutbook that works the best for each scout.

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.

Unit Commissioners Needed

Volunteers are needed as Unit Commissioners. Contact District Commissioner Bill Brugger at 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 22nd fishing derby

August 4th Day camp

August 4th 2nd Iron Pigs campout.

August 19th National Canal Museum - Mule Madness 11:30 to 4 (more info to follow)

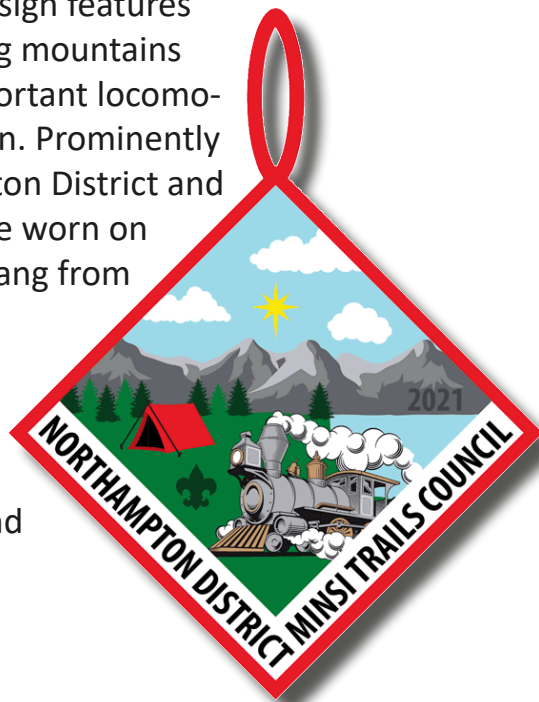
Sept 8th Becky's drive-in campout. Register online (<https://www.minsitrails.org/event/2972189>) Pay at the gate.

Sept. 16 BASD Recruiting Event St. Anne Church, Bethlehem.

Leaders, please make sure you share these fun events with parents and let them know to register on our website. Thank you all!

The Northampton District Patch is available now! 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 are available at the Scout Shop and cost \$5 each.



Membership News

JULY 22, 2023

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

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

CONTACT E-MAIL

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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Patti Davis

Northampton District Membership Chair



MINSI TRAILS S.T.E.M. CAMP

Explore your future. Explore your world.

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Participants will have opportunities to work on earning a variety of BSA skill awards and advancements – including merit badges, STEM Nova awards, and more! Experts and knowledgeable professionals in each field of study will help guide participants as they explore a variety of careers and subjects.

Participants attending individually (or with a buddy) will join a fully-staffed provisional patrol for the week, living and learning alongside youth with shared interests.

Sunday, July 30, 2023 to Wednesday, August 2, 2023

2023 Resident Camper Fee: \$325 per participant (if registered before June 1st)

2023 Day Camper Fee: \$250 per participant (if registered before June 1st)

PREPARE FOR DISCOVERY

Who can participate? The Minsi Trails Council STEM Camp program is open to any registered Scout, Venturer or Explorer (boys and girls ages 10 to 20).

Do Scouts attend with their troop/crew/post or as individuals? This program is designed for Scouts to register and attend as individuals (although they can sign-up with a buddy or two from their home unit). Participants will be placed into a fully-staffed provisional patrol for the week, living and learning alongside other youth with shared interests.

Where will I be staying? Participants will be staying in our summer camp campsites. Each site is equipped with standard BSA canvas tents on raised wooden platforms. Tents hold two cots. Each site also includes a comfort station with private latrine facilities and running water.

What should I bring to camp? Any good Scout should "be prepared" and bring the necessary items when they go camping. A suggested list of things to bring to STEM Camp can be found on Page 2 of this guide. An Annual BSA Medical Form (Parts A, B, and C) will also be need upon you arrival at camp.



















Are there additional costs for any of the activities? No, all of the program expenses and supplies are built-in to the camp fees for this specialty camp. However participants may want to bring some extra spending money for souvenirs and treats at the camp trading post throughout the week.

Are there prerequisite requirements for any of the merit badges? No, due to the expert teachers and special opportunities being offered during this week, there are no additionally pre-requisites for any of the badges. However Scouts should bring a "blue card" (signed by their Scoutmaster) for each badge they plan on earning.

Aside from merit badges, what other awards can I earn? Working with the STEM Camp staff at our special evening workshops, Scout will be able to complete one of the BSA's five Nova awards and begin on the path towards earning the Boy Scouts of America's prestigious Supernova Award.

Can I attend as a day camper? Yes, a day camp option is available. Scouts should arrive on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:45am and should be picked-up at 5:00PM when merit badge instruction is completed. Lunch is included. Scouts doing the day camp option will not participate in the evening Nova workshops.

SELECT A FOCUS EACH DAY...

<u>MONDAY MERIT BADGES</u>	<u>TWO-FOR-TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY MERIT BADGES</u>
(Select One Badge)	(Select One Pairing)	(Select One Badge)
 Woodwork	 Aviation & Camp Minsi Flight School (Drones)	 Chemistry
 Game Design	 Radio & Space Exploration	 Oceanography
 Horsemanship	 Art & Music	 Plant Science
 Engineering	 Fish and Wildlife Management & Fishing	 Exploration
 Rifle Shooting	 Signs, Signals and Codes & Public Speaking	 Shotgun Shooting
 Environmental Science	 First Aid & Fire Safety	 Robotics

Check-In:

Scouts should arrive at Camp Minsi between 2PM and 3PM on Sunday. They will be directed to check-in at the Administration Building just off the parking lot. The office check-in will review their registration and that payment has been received. After checking in at the Administration Building, a staff guide will take you to the Health Lodge for a medical check. All participants must turn in a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B and C). Scouts will then be led to their campsite to unload gear and get settled into a tent.

Check-Out:

The STEM Camp program concludes on Wednesday with our closing ceremonies in the Parade Field at 5:45PM, followed by a camp-wide picnic barbeque dinner. Parents and families coming to pick-up their Scouts are invited to attend the closing ceremonies and the picnic. Scouts can pick-up their blue cards, check-out and depart between 6:30PM and 7:30PM on Wednesday evening.

Questions?

Contact us at campminsi@minsitrails.org.

Suggested Personal Gear for STEM Camp

Scout Uniform
 Extra shirts
 Extra shorts
 Socks
 Underwear
 Rain gear
 Sleepwear

Warm sweatshirt or jacket
 Long Pants
 Towels
 Toothbrush and toothpaste
 Soap and shampoo
 Sunscreen
 Sleeping bag

Blanket
 Pillow
 Notebook
 Pens/Pencils
 Flashlight
 Water bottle
 Watch



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
7:00AM					
		Colors	Colors	Colors	
8:00AM		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
9:00AM		Monday Merit Badge Sessions	Tuesday Merit Badge Sessions	Wednesday Merit Badge Sessions	
10:00AM					
11:00AM					
12:00PM		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:00PM		Check In and Arrival	<i>Merit Badges Sessions Continue</i>	<i>Merit Badges Sessions Continue</i>	<i>Merit Badges Sessions Continue</i>
2:00PM					
3:00PM					
4:00PM	Ice Breakers and Camp Orientation				
5:00PM	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	
6:00PM	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Picnic Dinner	
7:00PM	STEM Nova Award Workshops	STEM Nova Award Workshops	Nova Movie Night	Check Out and Departure	
8:00PM					
9:00PM					
10:00PM	Taps	Taps	Taps		

Connect and Get Additional Resources at:

www.campminsi.org/STEM



Come and explore the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor – National Canal Museum. Take a canal boat ride. Visit one of the few remaining Locktender's houses on the Lehigh Canal. Listen to stories of the old canal days inside the National Canal Museum. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a quiet meal in a lovely setting.



George and Hank are our most beloved employees here at the D & L. We can't help but think that they deserve their own day! Come celebrate them with us. We will have mule talks, the opportunity to walk with the mules like mule tenders did years ago, we will have mule facts, mule crafts, and mule activities. Come out and enjoy a little extra special mule time!

Included in price of Museum admission.

When: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Time: 11:30 to 4:30 pm

Where: National Canal Museum - 2750 Hugh Moore Park Road, Easton

Cost: \$49.00 Family Pack includes 2 adults and up to 3 children

The museum is planning lots of fun activities. Some of our Scout units are also planning on setting up tables with activities for youth.

For more information check out the museum's website

[Events – National Canal Museum - National Canal Museum \(canals.org\)](https://www.canals.org)

SCOUTBOOK TIPS

HOW TO PRINT BLUE CARDS FROM SCOUTBOOK

1. Log into Scoutbook
2. Click on “My Dashboard”
3. Click on appropriate “Unit”.

FIRST ENTER THE MERIT BADGE WITH THE SCOUT

4. Click on “Troop Roster”.
5. Click on appropriate “Scout”.
6. Click on “Scout Advancement”.
7. Go to the bottom of the page.
8. Click on “Start another Merit Badge”.
9. Click on “Start a Merit Badge”.
10. Click on the appropriate Merit Badge from the list.

The image shows a blue merit badge application card. It is titled "APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE". The card is divided into several sections: "Information for Applicant" with bullet points, "Information for Counselor" with bullet points, a signature line for the unit leader, and a date field. There is also a barcode and the Boy Scouts of America logo at the bottom. The card is numbered 3412AA and has a barcode number 7 50176 34124 8.

DO STEPS 4 THROUGH 10 FOR ALL THE SCOUTS/ MERIT BADGES FOR WHICH BLUE CARDS ARE NEEDED

11. Click on “My Dash board”.
12. Click on “Unit”.
13. Click on “Print Blue Cards”.
14. Set dates.
15. Click on “Update Filter”.
16. Click on print on blank 8.5x11 paper - “BOX”.

PAPER CAN BE EITHER BLUE (PREFERRED) OR WHITE

17. Turn off “Show Unit Leader Signature” and “Show Merit Badge Counselor Signature”.
18. Click on appropriate Scouts/Merit Badges.
19. Click on “Print Cards”
20. Set printer for print on both sides.

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





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

Mike Borgman, Senior District Executive

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.

Scout Volunteers - Earn service hours

Program aides, Den Chiefs

For questions or additional information

Barbara Emert, Camp Director, DayCampMoore@gmail.com

Mike Borgman, Senior District Executive

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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, Easton, PA

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



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA[®] MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL

June 2, 2023

Minsi Trails Council Family,

Earlier this week the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America announced an increase to national membership fees based upon rising operating costs. Effective August 1, 2023, the national membership fee for youth members will increase by \$5/year and the national membership fee for adults will increase by \$15/year. Merit Badge Counselors not already registered in a Scouting position will be required to pay a national annual fee of \$25. Additionally, as of September 1, 2023, adults staying overnight in connection with any Scouting activity must be currently registered. The national, one-time new member joining fee of \$25 for program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts remains in place. The BSA Unit Recharter Fee (which is also a national fee) will remain unchanged.

It is important to note the National Membership Fee, Joining Fee, and Unit Recharter Fee are all National BSA fees and none of these funds stay with our local Scouting program in Minsi Trails. Unlike all neighboring councils, Minsi Trails does not charge local program, insurance, or service fees to participants.

Please see the attached Infographic for additional information about the new national fee structure.

BSA National also announced that beginning August 1, 2023, all new youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle and BSA will cease prorating fees. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee and will renew their membership on their anniversary date. All proration of membership fees will be eliminated. Registered members of the BSA will receive an email notice with a registration renewal link 60 days before the anniversary date they joined Scouting. Unit leaders will receive a copy of the email and should stay engaged in the membership renewal process just like rechartering. We will share additional details on the process when they become available from the National Office.

We recognize these fee increases may be difficult for some Scouting families and encourage them to use the annual Fall Popcorn Sale as a way for Scouts to earn their own way. We encourage Scouting Units and Sponsoring Organizations to help support Scouting families in need. Minsi Trails Council also has funds available to help support Scouts and families with the greatest financial needs. If you have a Scout that is truly in need, please have them contact their District Executive to apply for financial assistance.

The Scouting program remains one of the most valuable investments we can make in today's youth. Our dedicated volunteers, staff, and families make the Scouting program possible. Thank you for continuing to make a difference in the lives of the youth we serve.

Yours In Scouting,

Rick Christ
Scout Executive

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Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0624

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Minsi Trails Council, BSA

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting Participants

National BSA Membership Fee	Minsi Trails Council Insurance Fee	Minsi Trails Council Program Fee	Total Registration Fee
\$80	\$0	\$0	\$80

Neighboring Council	National BSA Membership Fee	Council Fee	Total Registration Fee
Washington Crossing	\$80	\$72	\$152
Northeast PA	\$80	\$30	\$110
Hawk Mountain	\$80	\$55	\$135
Patriots Path	\$80	\$40	\$120

All Adult Volunteers (Units & Non-Units)

National BSA Membership Fee	Minsi Trails Council Insurance Fee	Minsi Trails Council Program Fee	Total Registration Fee
\$60	\$0	\$0	\$60

\$25 One-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting

\$25 Merit Badge Counselors (New Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)

Exploring Participants Youth & Adult

National BSA Membership Fee	Minsi Trails Council Insurance Fee	Minsi Trails Council Program Fee	Total Registration Fee
\$50	\$0	\$0	\$50

Unit Charter/Affiliation Fee

\$100 Unit Charter/Affiliation Fee

Effective August 1, 2023

Frequently Asked Questions About BSA National Membership Fee Increase

What is driving the youth and adult national membership fee increase?

- General Liability Insurance costs to protect volunteer leaders, staff, charter organizations, units, and youth.
- BSA restructuring costs.
- Enhanced Criminal Background check processes and investments in Youth protection and safety programs.

What steps has the National Service Center taken to manage costs?

- Completed a new staff structure and streamlined both the professional workforce and the volunteer structure, while maintaining essential services.
- Reduced the National staff workforce to support essential services.
- Reduced expenses throughout the National organization.

What is the new national membership fee for youth and adults? Will the fees go up again?

- The new adult national membership fee is \$60, and the youth national membership fee is \$80 annually.
- The BSA will continue to evaluate the national membership fees and keep our councils and unit leaders informed of any further changes to the fee structure.

What benefits and services are provided to the unit with the national registration fee?

- Expanded General Liability Insurance protections for the chartered organization and unit leaders in the event of an incident.
- Program research and development including, Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Exploring.
- Access to Youth Protection Training, Incident Reporting and Scouts First Helpline: 1- 844-Scouts1.
- Access to leadership specific training for adult leaders.
- Investments in program literature and resource development.
- Ability to purchase Uniforms, Insignia and Recognition for youth and Adults.
- Provides access to Membership, Marketing, and Brand Center resources.
- Provides important technology support including Scout Book, on-line registration, on-line advancement, and rechartering, My. Scouting, BeAScout, and BSA Brand Center for digital assets.
- Access to the four BSA High Adventure Properties including Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier High Adventure Base, and the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

The Takhone Corner



Hello Everyone!

Welcome to all new members to our chapter! It was a great spring weekend of service and fellowship!

Thank you everyone that came out for mini golf! It was great seeing some of the new members and a great night of fun! We found out that a chapter adviser is good at mini golf with two holes in one!

Our Chapter Picnic will be held on August 16th at Louise Moore Park. More details to come. Families are invited to this gathering.

See you all in August!

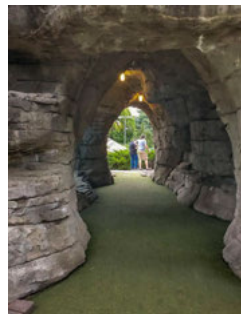
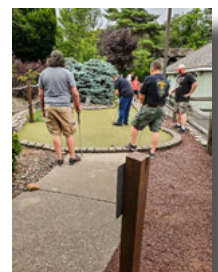
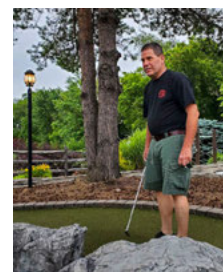
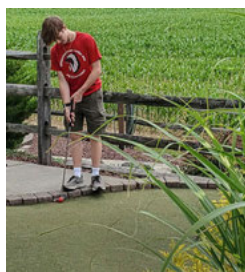
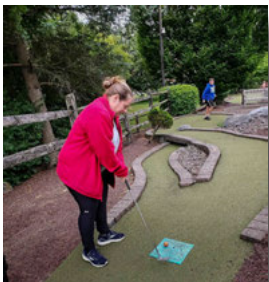
Upcoming Lodge and Chapter Events

NO Meeting in July

August 16th - Chapter Picnic

September 8th-10th - Fall weekend at Camp Minsi

September 13th - Chapter Meeting at St. Anne's in Bethlehem at 7pm



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