



AUGUST 2023 Northampton District Newsletter

Northampton District

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



NEWSLETTER... RECRUITING MATTERS!!

With the start of school, *recruiting season is beginning again*. If you have recruiting ideas that have worked for your unit, please share them with us!

Packs, Troops, and Crews—please submit articles and/or photos of your unit’s activities or events (especially recruiting) 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 6:15pm	August 15 [6]
District Committee 6:00pm (this month)	1 st Wednesday
Eagle Board & Project Review	[as needed]
District Commissioners	Last Wednesday
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] note new date
Camp Minsi Beaver Weekend	May 19-21 [2]
Northampton District Picnic	May 24 [6]
Spring OA Weekend	June 2-4 [3]
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]
BASD Recruiting Event	September 16 [12]
Cub Fall Family Weekend	October 6-8 [3]
OA OctoberFest Weekend	October 6-8 [TBA]
District Cub Fall Event	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] St. Anne Church, 450 E Washington Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18017,
- [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

AUGUST 2 - Northampton District Committee meeting

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

AUGUST 4 - Second Iron Pigs campout

AUGUST 15 - Takhone (Northampton Order of the Arrow) Chapter picnic, Louise Moore Park

AUGUST 19 - Mule Madness, National Canal Museum

SEPTEMBER 8 - Becky's Drive In, Walnutport

SEPTEMBER 13 - Council-wide Roundtable, locations TBD

SEPTEMBER 16 - BASD Recruiting Event, St. Anne Church, Bethlehem

COUNCIL-WIDE ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

Time and location(s) TBA

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

The Takhone Corner



Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone had a great summer! We will be having our chapter picnic on Tuesday, August 15th, starting at 6:15 at Lousie Moore Park, Pavilion 2. We will be providing hot dogs and drinks. We would like if everyone could bring either a side dish or a dessert. Families are welcome to attend this event. We will also be having our chapter elections for Chief and Vice Chief.

Please RSVP by Friday August 11 by emailing takhonechapter@witauchsoman.org

Hope to see you all there!



Upcoming Lodge and Chapter Events
September 8th-10th- Fall weekend at Camp Minsi
September 13th Chapter Meeting- St. Anne's in Bethlehem at 7pm

**SCOUTING'S
NATIONAL
HONOR
SOCIETY**

Membership News

New Charter Fees

As of August 1, 2023, all charter fees paid to National will increase. Scouts (participants from kindergarten through age 20) will be \$80 a year. Exploring youth and adults will be \$50 a year. Registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions (such as district or council positions) will be \$60 a year. Merit Badge Counselors who are not affiliated with a unit or council will be \$25 a year. Joining fee (\$25) and Unit charter fee (\$100) will remain the same. In addition, National will begin collecting these fees directly from new Scouts and adult volunteers. All Scouts and adult leaders on your charter as of July 31, 2023, will have an anniversary date of December 31 (the expiration of your unit charter). According to council at this time you should collect your National charter fees for the youth and adults in your unit dues. The individual National charter fees will be paid during unit recharter in December as in the past.

Any youth or adult who joins on or after August 1st will be charged the full year registration by National via the online application process. Before accepting online applications, we recommend that you explain that the National fees only cover the individuals' registration in the Scouting program and that costs incurred by each unit for such things as equipment, rank patches, belt loops and merit badges, etc. are covered by the unit. Therefore, there will be an additional unit fee (dues) to cover these expenses. Scouts and adult leaders who join your unit on or after August 1, 2023, will carry the anniversary date that they joined Scouting rather than the December 31st date. These participants will be shown on your charter as paid so you will not be billed for them.

Should you have any questions please contact Mike Borgman at Mike.Borgman@scouting.org or Melissa Mohr at melissa.mohr@scouting.org. They will be happy to help you through this process.

72 Hour Rule

As you may be aware, the 72-hour rule will expire on September 1, 2023. What does this mean for your unit? Any adult who attends an overnight activity will be required to be a registered adult. That can be as an Assistant Scoutmaster, a member of your unit committee, or an adult program participant. This applies to Scouts BSA units only. Cub Scout exceptions are listed below.

Volunteers who help at fundraisers, community service, and/or Eagle projects do not need to be registered.

However there always need to be at least 2 registered adults at these events. See details below:

Registration Requirements

The chartered organization representative, or in their absence the executive officer of the chartered organization, must approve the registration of the unit's adult leaders.

Registration includes:

- Completion of application including criminal background check and mandatory Youth Protection training
- Volunteer Screening Database check

Current Youth Protection training is required for leaders when renewing their registration or at unit charter renewal.

Adult program participants must register as adults and follow Youth Protection policies.

Membership News

Adult Supervision

(Effective September 1, 2023) **Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.**

Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement. See FAQ (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/>) for list of approved adult registration fee required positions. *Limited exception below for Cub Scout overnight Programs.*

Cub Scout Programs – Overnight Exception: Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the “How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook or online at <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/>. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.

Keep in mind that any adult who registers in a position will also need to provide all PA clearances in addition to the Youth Protection training as well as any requirements associated with your Charter Organization.

Joining Nights

It’s back to School this month. We are asking units to provide us with their joining night information (date, time, location, and contact information). Council will be happy to print any unit flyers, postcards, or bookmarks for you to hand out during Open House/Meet the Teacher events. Council is currently arranging meetings with school superintendents and/or principals to obtain information regarding school policies for this year. If a school district limits the number of flyers we can distribute, we are asking that you coordinate with council so that we can merge all units’ information into one document for distribution.

Please contact either Mike Borgman at mike.borgman@scouting.org, Melissa Mohr at melissa.mohr@scouting.org, or Patti Davis at davispr91@outlook.com once you have set your joining night date(s).

Spanish Translator

Some of our school districts require that flyer be printed in both English and Spanish. If you or someone you know would be willing to volunteer to assist us in doing translations, please contact Mike Borgman at mike.borgman@scouting.org or Melissa Mohr at melissa.mohr@scouting.org. We would appreciate any help you can provide.

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.

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.

Popcorn Sale

Learn all about the Minsi Trails Council 2023 Popcorn sale at <http://www.minsitrails.org/popcorn/60631>

Membership News

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

Trash for Cash

Remember, there are still some fundraising dates available for the cash for trash program at the Iron Pigs this summer. Remaining dates are first come first serve. Your troop earns \$75 and 8 free tickets to a future Iron Pigs game.

Scout units provide six Scouts and two adults for an Iron Pigs home game at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown. The Scouts will pass trash bags among the rows to collect trash. Scouts will collect trash in between innings from the start of the game to the beginning of the seventh inning.

Your group will enter the stadium 30 minutes prior to the game using the Club Entrance. Ask for the Operations Intern, who will provide further instructions. Below are dates for August and September.

Tuesday 8/1 7:05 pm

Wednesday 8/2 7:05 pm

Thursday 8/3 7:05 pm

Friday 8/4 7:05 pm

Sunday 8/6 1:35 pm

Friday 8/18 7:05 pm

Saturday 8/19 6:35 pm

Sunday 8/20 1:35 pm

Tuesday 8/29 6:45 pm

Wednesday 8/30 6:45 pm

Thursday 8/31 6:45 pm

Friday 9/1 7:05 pm

Saturday 9/2 6:35 pm

Sunday 9/3 6:35 pm

Thursday 9/21 6:45 pm

Saturday 9/23 6:35 pm

Sunday 9/24 1:35 pm



Please contact John.Yackabonis@scouting.org to reserve a date.

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)



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

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

mike.borgman@scouting.org

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

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





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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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.



Scout Recruiting BASD AREA

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023
12:00-4:00
SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH
450 E WASHINGTON AVE
BETHLEHEM, PA 18017



Live Demonstrations

From first aid to adventure, you'll see live demonstrations and get to know what scouting is all about.

- Why Scouting?
- Try new things.
- Build self-confidence.
- Meet new friends.



Join Today

For more than 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Today, these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential as they were in 1910.



CONTACT US

Patti Davis
davispr91@outlook.com

Join Online at:
www.beascout.org



IS YOUR PACK PREPARED?

Strengthen and Grow Your Pack by:

TASKS:

Help schedule and lead your school sign-up night.

Conduct "Back to the Pack" event in July.

Schedule Fun Activity / Parent Orientation.

Attend District Fall Recruiting event.

Share pack activities on social media.

Conduct a least one service project at your school per year. Participate at sneak-a-peaks or open houses.

Invite school administrative staff to Scouting events. (Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold, etc.)

RECRUITMENT GOAL

Last fall we recruited _____ new Scouts.

This year our goal is to recruit _____ new Scouts!

Membership Coordinator: -----

Pack Number: -----

Our School(s): -----



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New parents who meet a pack leader the night of the sign up are more likely to return.



**SPECIAL
FOOD
DRIVE**

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST IN THE
MINSI TRAIL AREA

<http://bitly.ws/NYDU>

CLICK THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE AND COMPLETE THE FORM IF YOUR SCOUT UNIT CAN HELP

WE NEED DROP OFF LOCATIONS-PLEASE SHARE INFORMATION WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES, TEMPLES, MOSQUES, CHURCHES, AND ASK THEM TO SIGN UP WITH THE SAME LINK!

DONATIONS

We know that there is a shortage of food at the local pantries, which means that people (adults and children) and pets are going hungry. As Scouts, we can help.

We are organizing a special Food Drive for the month of August in the Minsi Trails Council area - we need to get organized quickly, and find the pantries that need our help as well as businesses which will allow us to have drop off boxes at their locations.

We will need Scout units/families to do box dropoff, food pickup, counting, and delivery of items to the food pantries.

If you know of a food pantry that needs donations - share this email with their leadership!

If you know of or have a business that may allow drop off - share this email!

I am working on a recognition for participating Scout units - time spent on this would count for community service and toward rank advancement.

Tamie Swain | Council Commissioner
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Minsi Trails Council
CouncilCommissioner@minsitrails.org

SPECIAL FOOD DRIVE

AUGUST ONLY



**ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES
OUR MINSI TRAIL SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS WILL TRANSPORT ITEMS FROM
YOUR LOCATION TO THE PANTRIES**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE NEW AND UNOPENED
POP-TOP CANS ARE ACCEPTABLE
GLASS CONTAINERS ARE NOT
WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING PET FOOD**

YOU CAN REFER TO THE LIST OF REQUESTED ITEMS BELOW



**QUESTIONS? CONTACT TAMIE SWAIN AT:
COUNCILCOMMISSIONER@MINSITRAILS.ORG**

LOCAL PANTRY REQUESTED ITEMS

- **Canned Goods**
- **Cereal**
- **Granola Bars**
- **Shampoo (Body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, conditioner, baby wipes, diapers)**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Jelly**
- **Microwaveable food (not frozen)**
- **Chicken and tuna packets**
- **Canned fruit**
- **Rice**
- **Small bottles of laundry detergent or dish soap**
- **Can openers (non-electric)**
- **Pasta**
- **Meals in a can (Ravioli)**
- **Pancake mix**
- **syrup**
- **Boxed mashed potatoes**
- **Canned meats (tuna spam)**
- **Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)**



- **Pasta**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Breakfest cereal & oatmeal packets**
- **kid-friendly meals (ravioli, tuna, peanut butter, ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese.**
- **kid-friendly snacks (fruit cups, granola bars, crackers, pop-tarts**
- **Hygiene products(toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, deodarant, shampoo, soap.**
- **Pet food (dry or canned)**
- **Baby food (tubs or squeezezy bags)**
- **Pasta**
- **Pasta sauce in plastic bottles**
- **Ramen Noodles**
- **Mac and cheese in a box**
- **Kid friendly snacks(fruit cups, granola bars, crackers, pop-tarts**
- **Hygiene products(toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, deodarant, shampoo and soap.**



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. On the left, there is a section titled 'Information for Applicant' with bullet points: 'A merit badge application can be approved only by a registered merit badge counselor.', 'You must have a buddy with you (Scout buddy system) at each meeting with the merit badge counselor.', and 'Turn in your approved application to your unit leader. You will be awarded the merit badge emblem and certificate at a suitable occasion.' Below this is 'Information for Counselor' with bullet points: 'Merit badge applications must be signed in ink by the applicant's unit leader.', 'The Scout must have the buddy (Scout buddy system) in attendance at all instructional sessions.', and 'You may not change any requirement, but you may share your knowledge or experience that will make the counseling more interesting and valuable.' The card has a grid for recording progress with columns for 'Counselor', 'Date of approval', and 'Scout'. At the bottom, there is a signature line, the date, and the Boy Scouts of America logo and address: '34124A, 2500 Boy Scouts of America'.

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.

How can adult Scout leaders and parents make use of their NYLT-trained youth?

This month Minsi Trails' National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course is happening at Akelaland for 48 Scouts BSA and Exploring youth. But when these young women and men return to their home units, how can adult Scout leaders and parents make use of their NYLT training?

They can make effective use of their NYLT-trained youth in various ways to enhance the overall Scouting experience and promote leadership development. Here are some ways to leverage the skills and knowledge of NYLT-trained youth...

Youth Leadership Positions: Assign NYLT-trained youth to leadership positions within the troop or unit. These positions may include Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, and so forth. Giving them responsibilities allows them to practice their leadership skills and put their training into action.

Mentoring New Scouts: NYLT-trained youth can serve as mentors and guides for new or younger Scouts. They can share their knowledge and experiences, helping new members adapt to the Scouting program and fostering a sense of belonging within the troop or crew. NYLT teaches youth leaders how to adapt their skills to the learning stages of newer Scouts.

Planning and Leading Meetings: Encourage NYLT-trained youth to plan and lead troop meetings or activities. This includes letting them take the lead in setting goals, organizing tasks, and delegating responsibilities to others. Of course, youth should always run the troop or crew, but NYLT gives them skills to better deal with the challenges of doing so.

Outdoor Activities: NYLT-trained youth can be instrumental in organizing and leading outdoor activities such as camping trips, hikes, and service projects. They can demonstrate their leadership skills in a real-world setting.

Troop/Crew Training: NYLT-trained youth can assist in training other Scouts within the troop or crew. They can help conduct skill training sessions, teach knot-tying, demonstrate camping techniques, and more. When you run an ILST/C (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops/Crews), your NYLT-trained Scouts should lead most of that training.

Leadership Conferences: Encourage NYLT-trained youth to attend leadership conferences and events where they can network with other youth leaders and share their insights and experiences. NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience) and NYLT Leadership Academy are two opportunities for them to expand their skills.

Boards of Review: Involve NYLT-trained youth in the boards of review process for rank advancement. They can contribute valuable perspectives as peer evaluators and reinforce the importance of the Scouting values and principles.

Goal Setting and Evaluation: Work with NYLT-trained youth to set personal and troop goals. Regularly review progress and evaluate achievements to help them grow as leaders.



Service Projects: Allow NYLT-trained youth to lead service projects, both within and outside of Scouting. This experience will help them develop organizational and team-building skills while making a positive impact on the community.

Leadership Roundtables: Encourage NYLT-trained youth to participate in district or council leadership roundtables. This provides them with opportunities to learn from other experienced leaders and share their own best practices.

Youth-Led Program: Emphasize the importance of a youth-led troop or unit. Let NYLT-trained youth take the reins in decision-making and planning activities with guidance from adult leaders when needed.

Feedback and Reflection: Regularly provide feedback to NYLT-trained youth on their leadership performance, strengths, and areas for improvement. Encourage them to engage in self-reflection to continuously grow as leaders.

Staff an NYLT course: By being on staff, NYLT-trained youth expand their knowledge and help to foster a learning environment. Although it takes a considerable amount of time to be on staff for an NYLT course, the youth come back with even better skills and confidence.

Adults, consider taking Wood Badge: If you're already Wood Badge-trained, you know the benefits of working with NYLT-trained youth. Wood Badge trains adults in similar skills, using much of the same terminology and theories. Wood Badge allows you to better understand the capabilities of NYLT-trained youth. An additional benefit, is that Wood Badge gives adult leaders skills that will take them well beyond Scouting.

By involving NYLT-trained youth in these ways, adult Scout leaders and parents can create a more dynamic and engaging Scouting experience while nurturing the next generation of capable leaders within the organization.



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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.



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