



NOVEMBER 2023 Northampton District Newsletter

Northampton District

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



NEWSLETTER... THANKFUL SERVICE!!

This is the month to be thankful for *everything we have*, and help those not as fortunate. As you should know, Scouting for Food is an annual community service event organized by the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts collect non-perishable food items and distribute them to local food banks to help those in need. This event promotes the values of service, generosity, and civic engagement among young scouts while addressing hunger in our communities. If you have an article or photos of your unit's Scouting for Food activities, send them to Bernie Suess at newsletter@minsi-northampton.com for the District newsletter. Submit your information by the fifteenth of each month for the following month's newsletter.

2023-2024 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 Wednesday
Scouting for Food	November 4 and 11
Wood Badge Reunion Dinner	November 5 [10]
District Recharter Night	November 9 [1]
OA Family Banquet	January 7, 2024 [13]
Winter Fun Fest	January 13 [2]
Council Recognition Dinner	January 26 [10]
Scout Sunday	February 11
Klondike Derby	February 23-25 [2]
Winter Webelo Event	February 24 [2]
University of Scouting	TBD
District Pinewood Derby	March 16 [TBD]
Council Pinewood Derby	TBD
District Bike Hike (Cubs/Troops)	TBD
Cruise the Gap Camporee	MAY 3-5 [14]
Council Beaver Weekend	May 17 [2]
Northampton District Picnic	May 22 [6*]
Spring OA Weekend	May 31-June 2 [2]
OA Section E-17 Conclave	June 7-9 [4]
District Day Camp	TBD
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	TBA
Fall OA Weekend	September 6-8 [2]
OA OctoberFest Weekend	October 4-6 [2]
Council Fall Family Weekend	October 11-13 [2]
Scouting for Food	November 2 and 9
District Recharter Night	TBD

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] Klecknersville Fire Co.
- [4] Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco, Hardwick Township, NJ
- [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] DeSales University
- [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

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

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



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Northampton District is a geographical area located in Northampton county which serves the youth of Bethlehem, Bangor, Chapman, Easton, Freemansburg, Glendon, Hellertown, Nazareth, North Catasauqua, Northampton, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Stockertown, Tatamy, Walnutport, West Easton, Wilson, Wind Gap, and all areas between.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT LINKS

Northampton District Home Page on Council Website:

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

Northampton District Facebook page:

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

Trail to Eagle Resources:

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

Northampton District school policies (for recruiting Scouts):

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

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

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

Current district newsletter (permalink):

http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/current_newsletter.php

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

NOVEMBER 1 - Northampton District Committee meeting

NOVEMBER 4 - Scouting for Food, hanger drop off

NOVEMBER 5 - Wood Badge Reunion Dinner, East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem

NOVEMBER 9 - Northampton District Recharter Night

NOVEMBER 11 - Scouting for Food, food pick up

NOVEMBER 17 - Popcorn orders due

DECEMBER 6 - Northampton District Committee meeting

DECEMBER 8 - Popcorn pickup

DECEMBER 11 - Popcorn money due

COUNCIL-WIDE ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

Time and location(s) TBA

DATE	MAIN TOPIC	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS, BSA	SCOUTBOOK
Dec	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

In Northampton District

Council-wide Roundtable - Minsi Trails Council Office and online June 11, 2023



Pack 359 Halloween meeting



Pack 359 Webelos Walkabout requirement



NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIR

****NOMINATIONS NEEDED****

FOR

SCOUTING SPIRIT AWARD

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

The District awards committee highly recommends that each Troop, Pack, and Crew nominate one adult member associated with their unit for this award. This is a small way to recognize those who continue to volunteer their time and effort to Scouting.

The award nomination form is on the Minsi Trails Council / Northampton District website at:

<https://www.minsitrails.org/document/nd-scoutingspiritawardnominationform/>

Please submit the completed form to Michael Caffrey at mikecee1062@yahoo.com by November 9, 2023.

Save the Date
January 13, 2024
Winter FunFest at Camp Minsi
(formerly known as IceFest)

More details to come soon.

Membership News

Recharter News

Internet recharter opened October 1. We recommend that you begin reviewing your current charter now.

Unit Key 3 (Cubmaster/Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, and Chartered Organization Representative) can review all registered adult leaders' clearances (except PA15) and training status on my.scouting.org (<https://my.scouting.org/>). The following are some steps to begin the process and be prepared.

IMPORTANT: Make sure that your Key 3 is up to date before you begin the rechartering process.

1. All adults must have current Youth Protection training that does not expire prior to 3/31/2024.
2. PA15 clearances - Per PA law, all existing volunteers must secure their new clearances prior to the earliest expiration date to continue their volunteer roles. These clearances are good for 5 years. The clearances include PA Child Abuse History clearance; PA State Police Criminal Record and either FBI Criminal History Background Check (PA resident less than 10 years) or Council PA resident volunteer waiver (PA resident 10+ years). Information regarding these clearances can be found on the Minsi Trails website under resources or the PA website (<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/>). We recommend that clearances that expire prior to 3/31/2024 be updated. **Remember each unit is required to maintain a copy of these clearances as well as provide a copy to council (no photos please).**
3. Verify that all adults have completed their position training requirements. Information regarding what is required can be found on the Minsi Trails website under training/basic leader. We suggest that if adults complete online training they print a copy of the certificate. In the event the system glitches we will have a paper record and council will be able to update them manually.
4. Compare your 2023 charter with your current youth/adult roster. Make sure that addresses, phone numbers, and emails are current.

Taking these steps will minimize the time required to complete your 2024 charter. It may also alleviate the need for correcting errors.

Northampton District Recharter Day

Northampton District will hold its recharter event on Thursday, November 9th from 6 pm to 9 pm at Council Office. NOTE: All charters must be into council for processing no later than November 18th. Charters will not be processed if information is missing. Any charter that is not posted by council by 12/31/2023 will have to sign up as a new unit. If you have to sign up as a new unit you will lose your current tenure. We encourage all units to complete their charter and turn it in by November 9th. This will give you sufficient time should you have errors which need to be corrected.

Units are asked to sign up for a time slot at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084AA4AD29A7F58-northampton>

Recharter Checklist

Unit Key 3 were emailed a Recharter Checklist. To minimize your time, we are asking that you complete the checklist and bring it along with the required documentation listed to your recharter appointment.

Journey to Excellence form can be found at: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/tracking-workbooks/>. Once there click on the tracking workbook 2023 then either Pack or Troop to complete and print. **This needs to be submitted along with your charter.**

Charter Organization Agreement

We have been informed by Council that the Charter Organization Agreements are not required for re-chartering at this time.

Northampton District/National Award information can be found on the Minsi Trails website at <https://www.>

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minsitrails.org/districts/northampton-district/60269. We ask that each unit review the awards. Please nominate a candidate from your unit for the District Scouting Spirit Award and turn it in along with your charter.

The following information can be found on the Minsi Trails website under resources/Charter Renewal

Completing the Online Charter:

1. Log into my.scouting.org and ensure the current Key 3 leaders are correct. This is essential and must be done as soon as possible since changes at this step can delay the subsequent steps.
2. Open the User Guide to follow along: **2023 Internet Recharter User Guide 2.0** (<https://www.minsitrails.org/document/2022internetrecharteruserguide/210194>)
3. Log into Internet Advancement 2.0 & click on Recharter Internet Recharter Log In (<https://advancements.scouting.org/login>)
4. Check that all youth and adults are currently registered with the unit appear on your roster in my.scouting.org.
5. Applications for any new adults must be uploaded into the charter renewal along with their Youth Protection Training Certificate, Criminal Background Check Authorization, and 3 PA state clearances. This includes any adult who is moving from a Tiger Parent or Lion Parent into a leadership position and those who have turned 18 and are moving from a youth position to an Assistant Scoutmaster position or who is being entered as a UP, VP, or EP (Unit Participant, Venturing Participant, or Exploring Participant). You will need to enter any adult who is on the charter as an AP or LP and moving into a leadership position or a youth moving into a new leader position or into a UP/VP or EP as New Adult and upload all required documents.
6. Applications for any new youth must be uploaded into the charter renewal.
7. Confirm that all required information has been completed on the adult and youth applications before uploading the documents.
8. Bring copies of all supporting documents to your district rechartering event.

Pay the 2023 BSA Registration fees via check to Minsi Trails Council in the office or at your district recharter event.

Please Note: DO NOT Pay by E-check or Credit Card online.

The Key 3 leaders will receive an email for a final digital approval signature. This must be completed in order to finalize the Charter Renewal, please print, and bring a copy of this charter renewal with you to rechartering day.

Note: Only one signature is required. Council is requiring that the Charter Organization Representative sign the electronic charter.

To ensure a timely process of your Charter Renewal, be sure your CURRENT key leadership (including the COR and IH) have established their [My.Scouting](https://my.scouting.org) accounts and are ready to make approvals of new members and the charter renewal application. This message is only being sent to the unit Key 3 listed in [My.Scouting](https://my.scouting.org). If your Scouting role has changed, please forward this message to the person who now has your former role.

The system will not allow you to submit your charter if *any* adult YPT is expired.

Your Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner, and District Executive are great resources to help you through this process.

Recharter Help Sessions:

Charter Renewal Q&A Help Sessions will be available online from 8:00 to 9:00 pm beginning October 27th through November 18th. These sessions will be staffed by commissioners experienced with the process to help you answer questions. We may need you to share your screen to work through your questions if you have access from your login device. There is no limit to the number of sessions you may attend. Check the council calendar for more information.

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New Charter Fees

As of August 1, 2023, all charter fees paid to National increased. 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 who register online. 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 November as in the past.

Any youth or adult who joins on or after August 1, 2023 will be charged the full year registration by National via the online application process. **Before accepting online applications, we recommend that you speak with new families to 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 pre-paid so you will not be billed for them.

Should you have any questions please contact Mike Borgman at Mike.Borgman@scouting.org, Melissa Mohr at melissa.mohr@scouting.org, or Patti Davis at davispr91@outlook.com.

72 Hour Rule

As you are aware, the 72-hour rule expired on September 1, 2023. What does this mean for your unit? Any adult who attends a **Troop** 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 Scout 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** needs to be at least 2 registered adults at these events. See details below:

The following is from the Guide to Safe Scouting under Youth Protections & Adult Leadership section (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety>):

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.

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.

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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. *(End Effective September 1, 2023 Update)*

We strongly recommend that any parent who attends an outing with your unit take Youth Protection Training.

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

Cub Scout packs can camp up to two consecutive nights.

Effective Sept. 1, 2023, Cub Scout packs who are conducting their own overnight camping activities may now camp up to two consecutive nights.

This is a change from the earlier policy on pack unit-coordinated camping, which was previously limited to single overnight experiences.

The updated policy also applies to Webelos and Arrow of Light dens, who can now conduct campouts for up to two consecutive nights.

Here’s what you need to know.

What does unit-coordinated camping mean?

A unit-coordinated campout is one that is entirely planned and executed by the leaders and parents in a Cub Scout pack, and not by the unit’s district or council. That means the pack or unit adults are solely responsible for organizing transportation and activities at the campout, and ensuring that all BSA rules are followed. This includes having at least one registered adult leader trained in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) who oversees the planning and is in attendance for the pack campout. <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/03/28/what-is-baloo-a-quick-look-at-this-crucial-outdoor-training-for-cub-scout-leaders/>

What is BALOO?

BALOO is a 1½-day course designed to be an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program. It consists of an online pre-requisite component in addition to an overnight hands-on event. Participants will learn BSA’s Cub Scout-level camping policies along with the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. While only one adult at minimum needs BALOO, it’s a great idea to have multiple adults take it. The more adults who know BALOO, the better!

What else do I need to do as I plan a unit-coordinated campout?

Make sure the location where you will be camping is approved by your local council. If you’re camping at a popular park or public camping area, chances are it’s already approved, but you should check with your local council to be sure.

How do councils decide which locations are approved?

By using the *Pack Overnight Campout Site Appraisal Form* (https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/430-90218-PackOvernightForm_Fillable.pdf) Completion of this form helps your council ensure that the location has appropriate facilities for Cub Scout camping. Units are not allowed to do their own site appraisals. However, if you have a site in mind that is not on your council’s list of approved sites, you can reach out to them and request an appraisal.

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What else do I need to know about Cub Scout camping?

Pack camping is a family-centric program. Cub Scout youth should attend the camping event with their parent(s) or guardian(s). Cub Scout youth may tent with a parent or guardian as outlined in *Scouting's Barriers to Abuse* (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/scoutings-barriers-to-abuse/>).

Only Webelos and Arrow of Light dens may conduct den campouts, and those campouts can only include the Webelos or Arrow of Light youth. As with pack-coordinated campouts, the den must have a BALOO trained adult leader in attendance and all Youth Protection policies apply.

Webelos and Arrow of Light dens may participate and camp at a Scouts BSA troop unit campout; however, all Cub Scout camping and YPT requirements still apply, including having a BALOO-trained adult leader in attendance.

Council approval is required when units from different chartered organizations camp together, including when a den camps with a Scouts BSA troop.

When did this change go into effect?

September 1, 2023, at which time the policy was updated in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>) and other official BSA resources.

Adventures for Cub Scouts:

Packs check out the Cub Scout Go and See guide on the Minsi Trails Council website under districts/Northampton. A resource of local activities and locations and what Cub Scout requirements they can help fulfill. Lots of opportunities to work on adventures towards rank.

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

Scouts BSA Interpreter Strip

With fall comes back to school. Scouts taking a foreign language, this is an excellent opportunity to earn your Interpreter strip. Adults and Scouts BSA are eligible for this strip. Below are the requirements. Thank You Troop 302 for reminding us.

Overview

To signify that a youth or adult member speaks a foreign language (one other than English)

French; German; Spanish; signing; Dutch; Italian; Portuguese; Russian; Cantonese (Chinese); Greek; Japanese; Simplified Mandarin (Chinese); Traditional Mandarin (Chinese); Vietnamese;; American Sign Language; Hebrew; Morse Code.

Who Can Earn This Award?

Any member who speaks a specific foreign language; demonstrate knowledge by carrying on a five-minute conversation in this language, translating a two-minute speech or address, and writing a letter in the language (does not apply for sign language); or, translating 200 words from the written word.

Requirements

Youth and adults may wear this strip if they show their knowledge of a foreign language or sign language by:

1. Carrying on a five-minute conversation in this language.
2. Translating a two-minute speech or address.
3. Writing a letter in the language (does not apply for sign language).
4. Translating 200 words from the written word.

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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.

Popcorn

Council has extended the sale period and the delivery date for products as well as payment. Details on the council website: <https://www.minsitrails.org/popcorn/60631>

2023 Eagle Class - Eagle Scout Scholarship Award

Congratulations to those who have achieved the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. You have just begun your life journey and with the skills and character you've developed in Scouting, you have a solid foundation to build upon. As a future leader, Eagle Scouts like you, are critical to preserving the fabric of our great nation.

As part of the Minsi Trails Council Eagle Scout Class, a Scholarship Award is offered. All Eagle Scouts from their respective Eagle Class Year are invited to submit an application. Awardees are selected based on activities, experiences and accomplishments in Scouting, school and other aspects of their personal life.

Application process closes on March 1, 2024. Awardees are recognized at the Minsi Trails Council Court of Honor and Recognition Dinner in May 2024.

Download Form at <https://www.minsitrails.org/document/2023eagleclass-eaglescholarshipaward/211816>

National Eagle Scout Association & General Financial Scholarships

Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association (<https://nesa.org/scholarships/>)

Eagle Scout Scholarship Award FAQ

- Q. When will the 2023 Eagle Scholarships be announced?
- A. Awardees will be announced mid April 2024.
- Q. What determines my class?
- A. Simply, the year date of your Board of Review is your class!

Trail Notes

To get a copy of Minsi Trails Council's Trail Notes in your in-box sign up at:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/p149DPC/mtcenews>

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Oct. 27 to Nov. 17	Recharter Help line (Open 8 – 9PM)	
	<i>Check Council website for sign-in information</i>	
November 4	Scouting for Food—Door Hanger Drop off.	
November 5	Wood Badge Reunion Dinner	
November 9	Northampton District Recharter Night	
November 11	Scouting for Food—Food pick up.	
November 17	Popcorn orders due	
December 8	Popcorn pick-up	
December 11	Popcorn money due	
February 23-25	Northampton Klondike	Camp Minsi
February 24	Northampton District Winter Webelo Event	Camp Minsi
March 16	District Pinewood Derby	Location TBD
April 11	First Aid – Klecknersville Fire Company	
May 4	District Bike Hike (Cubs/Troops)	Location TBD
May 22	District Picnic	Louise Moore Park

Patti Davis
Northampton District Membership Chair



Our BARF Campaign Continues! A reminder that any Scout who signs up a friend to join our program will receive a BARF patch for them and their friend. If you need the paperwork to complete the application contact your District Executive

The Takhone Corner



Hello Everyone!

Here are some photos for our last chapter meeting!!



Takhone and Ahtuwi-Kana chapters joined together for the chapter meetings at Mazeilla. We had 10 youth and 3 adult arrowmen at the chapter meeting.

I would also like to introduce Chris Martin from Troop 74, who is our New Associate Chapter Adviser!

Remember to pay your 2024 Lodge Dues!!!!

Upcoming Lodge and Chapter Events

November 8th—Chapter meeting at Freefall

December 2nd—Holiday Party

January 6th—Lodge Banquet at Desales University



Sea Scout Ship 940 and Maritime Club 940

Sea Scouts are for young people ages 14-20 who have an interest in water based adventures. Many Sea Scouts are also in a Scouts BSA troop working toward their Eagle rank. Ship 940 is now recruiting new members!

Maritime Explorer Clubs are for girls and boys, ages 10-14 and do many of the activities of a Sea Scout Ship, plus insights into maritime careers. Club 940 is just forming, and new members are welcome. Come visit us.

For 2023, Ship 940 and Club 940 will be engaged in a small boat sailing program that will lead to the Sea Scout Apprentice Rank and the Scouts BSA Small Boat Sailing merit badge.

Contact us at: www.Ship940.org; www.Club940.org; or, mailto:
Contact@Ship940.org

Northampton-Warren Districts Klondike

Save the Date

February 24th 2024

Gold Rush



12 stations of scout skills

Tie breaker is a scout trivia quiz for leaders— No open book test.

Campsites are available for overnight camping

Patrols of 4 to a max of 8 scouts per sled.

Location

Camp Minsi

For overnight camping reservations contact Mike Borgman at mike.borgman@scouting.org

For registration and event questions contact Chris Fluke at ddf1uke15@gmail.com

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT 1st AID MEET

SAVE-THE-DATE



THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2024
Check-in starts at 6:15pm
Event starts at 7:00pm



**Klecknersville Rangers
Fire Station
2718 Mountain View Drive
Bath, PA 18014**

SOME THINGS TO KNOW:

- The theme for the event will be a super heroes
- The 1st Aid Meet will consist of a written test and 3-4 scenarios
- Awards will be given to the top finishers
- Patrol sizes will be 4-8 scouts
- Patrol Flag Competition will take place (start working on them now!!)
- Each patrol must provide an adult judge
- Webelos may serve as victims for the patrol, but may not be a "rescuer"
- The event will be completed by 9:15pm
- Sample tests and problems can be found at Venturing Crew #77's website, www.BSACrew77.org

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT IN FEBRUARY

Any questions or concerns, please contact the First Aid Meet Committee at:

VentureCrew77@aol.com

First Aid Meet Committee Chairperson: Chris Lubenetski



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL

SAVE THE DATE

“Cruise the Gap” Camporee

May 3-5, 2024 | Northampton District | Wind Gap Park

Wind Gap Borough, is joining the Northampton District of Minsi Trails Council to host the Cruise the Gap Camporee. The weekend will offer cub adventures and merit badges connected to the “Cruise the Gap” theme. Cub leaders will have the opportunity to complete Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training (Baloo).

Cub Adventure Program

Tiger - My Tiger Jungle; Tigers in the Wild; Rolling Tigers

Wolf - Call of the Wild; Paws on the Path; Finding Your Way

Bear - Bear Necessities; Fur, Feathers, and Ferns; Baloo the Builder

Webelos/AOL - Cast Iron Chef; Webelos Walkabout; Build It; Into the Woods; Outdoor Adventurer; Scouting Adventurer

Cub Scout Leaders - Baloo Training

Scout Program

Tenderfoot - Camping & Outdoor Ethics; Tools; Hiking

Second Class - Camping & Outdoor Ethics; Navigation; Nature

First Class - Camping & Outdoor Ethics; Navigation; Tools; Nature

Merit Badges - Cycling, Orienteering

Registration

Online registration will open December 1, 2023 through the Minsi Trails website. Units who register before March 1, 2024 will be guaranteed a patch for their participants and a full registration refund if they check-in to the Camporee. Registration is \$5 per participant.

There are many more exciting activities being planned for this weekend of scouting adventure.

Save the date and prepare to sign-up when registration opens on December 1, 2023.

2023 Monroe
Merit Badge
College
Save the Date
Saturday,
December, 9th,
2023
Northampton
Community
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Breaking 2024 Summer Camp News!

SAVE THE DATE for 2024!

Camp Minsi 2024 Summer Camp

Sign Up Today!

www.campminsi.org

Overnight camping for Cub Scouts & Scouts, BSA

Week 1 June 23: Cub Scout Resident Camp (At capacity, registration is closed)

Week 2 June 30: Cub Scout Resident Camp & Specialty Camps

Week 3 July 7: Scouts BSA Resident Camp & Webelos Pioneer Camp

Week 4 July 14: Scouts BSA Resident Camp & Webelos Pioneer Camp

Week 5 July 21: Scouts BSA Resident Camp & Webelos Pioneer Camp

Week 6 July 28: Scouts BSA Resident Camp & Webelos Pioneer Camp

Week 7 August 4: Scouts BSA Resident Camp & Webelos Pioneer Camp

Support Local Scouting

Support local Scouting by visiting Minsitrails.org/give and making a contribution

• MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL •

THE BENEFITS OF DONATING TO SCOUTS

		
<p>BUILDING CHARACTER</p> <p>Scouting allows youth to build more confidence, responsibility and a broader set of friends. Donations allow entry fees to remain low.</p>	<p>HEALTHY LIVING</p> <p>Scouting's outdoor programs such as hiking, swimming, and other physical wellness programs can be offered to mainly due to donations.</p>	<p>MENTORING</p> <p>The many volunteers would not be able to help these Scouts without the valuable resources, some of which are funded through donations.</p>
		
<p>CAMPING RETREATS</p> <p>Donations allow camping costs to be low and even allow no-cost camping trips to those who may not normally be able to afford it.</p>	<p>SERVING OTHERS</p> <p>Boy Scouts prides its focus on helping the community. By giving to Boy Scouts, in turn you're giving to the community!</p>	<p>LIFELONG LEARNING</p> <p>Donations provide structured settings where young people can learn new skills that will help them succeed.</p>

Training opportunities

The best leaders are trained leaders!

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Leave No Trace Instructor Course

[Click Here for full event...](#)

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2023 Wood Badge Reunion and Auction

[click here for printable...](#)

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NRA Range Safety Officer Training

NRA RSO (Range Safety Officer) Date – Saturday November 18th 2023 Location 57 south Commerce Way Suite 220 Bethlehem, PA....

DEC
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2023 Monroe Merit Badge College

The Monroe Merit Badge College Soon to be updated with adult class options When: Saturday,...

DEC
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NRA Basic Rifle

NRA Basic Rifle Date - Saturday Dec. 16th 2023 Location- Camp Minsi - Weytrex side A - 8am nd...



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.

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