



DECEMBER 2023 Northampton District Newsletter

Northampton District

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



NEWSLETTER... IN THE WINTERTIME...

It's the *time of year for holiday spirit*. Boy Scouts can embrace it by organizing service projects, such as assisting with food drives or volunteering at shelters. Cub Scouts can engage in winter nature hikes, festive crafting sessions, and holiday sing-alongs, fostering a sense of friendliness and kindness during the December season. Submit articles and/or photos of your unit's winter activities for the District newsletter to newsletter@minsi-northampton.com. Submit your information by the fifteenth of each month for the following month's newsletter.

2023-2024 DATES

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| Roundtable 7:00pm | as scheduled (council-wide) |
| OA Chapter 7:00pm | as scheduled |
| District Committee 7:00pm | 1 st Wednesday |
| Eagle Board & Project Review | [as needed] |
| District Commissioners | 3 rd Wednesday |
| Popcorn pick-up | December 8 |
| Popcorn money due | December 11 |
| Black Diamond Railroad Scout Night | December 12 [22] |
| 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 |
| District First Aid Meet | April 11 [3] |
| BALOO training | April 12-13 [2] |
| IOLS training | April 12-13 [2] |
| Cruise the Gap | May 3-5 [14] |
| Council Beaver Weekend | May 17-18 [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 |
| Fall OA Weekend | September 6-8 [2] |
| National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) | September 20-22 and 27-29 [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
- [22] Black Diamond Railroad Club, 900 E. Macada Road, Bethlehem, PA, 18017

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

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



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: 2023-24 NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 2 - OA Takhone Chapter Holiday Party, 10am-12 noon at St. Anne's Church (450 East Washington Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017).

DECEMBER 6 - Northampton District Committee meeting

DECEMBER 8 - Popcorn pick-up

DECEMBER 11 - Popcorn money due

DECEMBER 12 - Black Diamond Railroad

JANUARY 3 - Northampton District Committee meeting

JANUARY 13 - Winter Fun Fest at Camp Minsi

COUNCIL-WIDE ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

Time and location(s) TBA

| DATE | MAIN TOPIC | CUB SCOUTS | SCOUTS, BSA | SCOUTBOOK |
|---------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Jan. 17 | TBA | TBA | TBA | TBA |

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In Northampton District

Northampton District Recharter Night - Minsi Trails Council Office
November 9, 2023



NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIR

Hello Fellow Scout Leaders and Scouts,

I hope the newsletter finds you all in good health and hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families. At this time of year, with Thanksgiving just past and the upcoming Holiday Season, I try to take time to reflect with thoughts of being grateful for what I have and what can I give to others, making a conscious effort to doing my duty to God and helping others at all times. I am sure that I am “preaching to the choir” since we all adhere to these same principles and many of you fill your days (and nights and weekends) doing the same. Our scouts, who we support through those efforts, will learn by your examples of selflessness and hopefully carry on that tradition of helping others. Personally, I am thankful for the benefit of great adults along the way of my son’s Scouting careers that has made them better people. I am sure your sacrifices of time and talent (and treasure) is providing that same kind of learning for the Scouts across Northampton District. So, on behalf of those Scouts and their Families, thank you all for your work and dedication!

And regardless of your Faith, whether you celebrate Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza, wishing you blessings during this Holiday season. Hoping you have time to take stock of your personal blessings and have the opportunity to make someone else’s Holiday season brighter!

YIS,

Mike

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

More details to come soon.

Membership News

Recharter News

If you have not turned in your charter, please contact Mike Borgman at Mike.Borgman@scouting.org or Melissa Mohr at melissa.mohr@scouting.org. Remember all charters must be into Council and posted by December 31.

Scouting for Food

Don't forget to complete the Scouting for Food document and order your patches. The document can be found on the Minsi Trails Council website at <https://www.minsitrails.org/event/scouting-for-food-data-collection-patch-order/3015382>.

Pinewood Derby Kits

We are fortunate this year to again have Kelly Automotive sponsoring the Northampton District Pinewood Derby. They have also graciously offered to provide each registered Cub Scout with a Pinewood Derby kit. Please contact the Scout Shop to place your order for the kits. You will be notified when the kits are in and available for pick up.

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.

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.*

Membership News

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.

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>

Cub Scout Rank Advancement Changes Coming June 2024

National is working on updating requirements for Cub ranks. These changes will take effect in June 2024. We would urge you to make sure that all Cubs complete their current rank requirements and update them on Scoutbook before June. For details see the website below:

<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/cub-scout-program-updates-announced/>

District Cub Advancement Chair

Our district is looking for a volunteer to serve as the Cub district advancement chair. If you are interested, please contact Jim Daley. His contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.

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.

Membership News

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.

2024 Friends of Scouting Presenter Training

Join via Zoom for all the information about the 2024 FOS Campaign and brief training for district FOS presenters. <https://www.minsitrails.org/event/3016077>



Membership News

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

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| December 8 | Popcorn pick-up | |
| December 11 | Popcorn money due | |
| December 22 through January 1 — Council Office and Scout Shop Closed | | |
| January 13, 2024 | Winter Fun Fest | Camp Minsi |
| January 17 | Council-wide Roundtable | TBD |
| February 23-25 | Northampton Klondike | Camp Minsi |
| February 24 | Northampton District Winter Webelo Event | Camp Minsi |
| March 14 | Council-wide Roundtable | TBD |
| March 16 | District Pinewood Derby | Location TBD |
| March 23 | Markmanship Madness | Camp Minsi |
| April 6 | Trade-O-Ree | Jordan Lutheran Church, Orefield |
| April 11 | District First Aid Meet | Klecknersville Fire Company |
| April 12-13 | BALOO training | Camp Minsi |
| April 12-13 | IOLS training | Camp Minsi |
| May 3-5 | Cruise the Gap | Wind Gap Park |
| May 17-18 | Beaver Weekend | Camp Minsi |
| 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



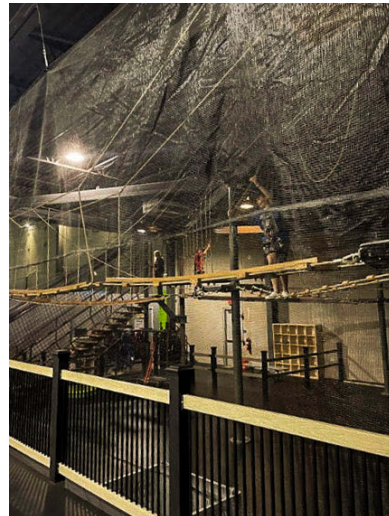
Hello Everyone!

Here are some photos from our November chapter meeting!! We had 6 youth and 3 adults at Freefall! We will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots at our holiday party on December 2 at St. Anne's Church convent in Bethlehem.

Upcoming Lodge and Chapter Events:

December 2nd – Holiday Party at St. Anne's Convent, 10 am to 12 noon

January 6th - Lodge Banquet at Desales University



SAVE THE DATE

National Youth Leadership Training Two weekend course

September 20-22 and 27-29, 2024

Camp Minsi

Registration starts after New Year



**Venturers and Scouts BSA,
Get ready for your next step
in Leadership Training!**

Scout Night at Black Diamond Railroad Club



Greetings from the Black Diamond model railroad club. This is a reminder that all persons involved in Scouting are invited to the Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers annual Scout Night on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at our club headquarters, 900 East Macada Road, Bethlehem, PA, 18017. We have ample free parking. No notice is required, just bring your Scouts. Boy and Girl Scouts are welcome, and siblings may attend. There is no charge for scouts, parents, or siblings.

Scout Night provides an opportunity for all persons involved in Scouting to view our operating layouts and artifacts up close, thereby experiencing first-hand the hobby of model railroading. Our "Ambassadors" will be on hand to help and answer any questions related to model trains and our non-profit organization.

Trains on the first floor are fully operational in 2-rail and 3-rail O, On30 narrow gauge, and even S gauge for any American Flyer fans. The second floor houses an HO scale layout, along with a switching layout that anyone can operate.

We look forward to seeing all of you on December 12. For additional information or directions, please send an email to Ray.Viohl@gmail.com or call 484-557-5810.



2023 Monroe
Merit Badge
College
Save the Date
Saturday,
December, 9th,
2023
Northampton
Community
College, Monroe
Campus

For Additional information please
contact

District Director, Ed Schaefer
edward.schaefer@scouting.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



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 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



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

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THE BENEFITS OF DONATING TO SCOUTS



BUILDING CHARACTER

Scouting allows youth to build more confidence, responsibility and a broader set of friends. Donations allow entry fees to remain low.



HEALTHY LIVING

Scouting's outdoor programs such as hiking, swimming, and other physical wellness programs can be offered to mainly due to donations.



MENTORING

The many volunteers would not be able to help these Scouts without the valuable resources, some of which are funded through donations.



CAMPING RETREATS

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.



SERVING OTHERS

Boy Scouts prides its focus on helping the community. By giving to Boy Scouts, in turn you're giving to the community!



LIFELONG LEARNING

Donations provide structured settings where young people can learn new skills that will help them succeed.



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**.



**Witauchsoman Lodge #44
Order of the Arrow
Minsi Trails Council**



Cordially invites you to our

**Order of the Arrow Lodge Family Banquet
&
Presentation of OA Awards to Lodge Members**

Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Gathering/Check-in opens at 4:30pm, Dinner will start promptly at 5:30pm
DeSales University Center
2755 Station Ave, Center Valley, PA 18034



Menu: TBA - check banquet website

This is a **family event** - your parents, sisters, brothers, etc. are all welcome!
FUN NIGHT of great food, fellowship, lodge displays, door prizes, and more!

Cost is \$40 per person – Registration Deadline: 12/29/2023
Register online via: www.witauchsoman.org/banquet

PATCH AUCTION – Lodge Youth Scholarship Fund

Donations:

Please bring/donate any patches or OA/BSA memorabilia
We greatly appreciate your support and donations!

Bidding:

Silent auction (bidding sheets) – starts at 4:30pm, ends at 6:00pm
All proceeds go to the **Lodge Youth Scholarship Fund**,
which helps send Youth Arrowmen to NOAC – National OA Conference

Cub Scout Program Updates Announced

Get more information at: <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/cub-scout-program-updates-announced/>



BOBCAT

- One set of requirements is ineffective
- What to do with returning Cub Scouts
- Rank or not a rank?



ADVENTURES

- Disjointed required adventure topics
- Inconsistent number of adventures for each rank
- Volunteers want more elective adventures



WEBELOS (4TH/5TH GRADE)

- Length of Webeles program
- Does not follow the pattern of other ranks
- Purpose of the program



AWARDS

- Awards are not in the direct line of sight of Den Leaders
- Average attachment rate of 1.5%
- Awards do not drive behavior

2024-2025 Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure. Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures. The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

| LION Kindergarten | TIGER 1 st Grade | WOLF 2 nd Grade | BEAR 3 rd Grade | WEBELOS 4 th Grade | ARROW OF LIGHT 5 th Grade |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|---|
| BOBCAT Character/Leadership | BOBCAT Character/Leadership | BOBCAT Character/Leadership | BOBCAT Character/Leadership | BOBCAT Character/Leadership | BOBCAT Character/Leadership |
| MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors | TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors | PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors | BEAR HABITAT Outdoors | WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors | OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors |
| FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness | TIGER BITES Personal Fitness | RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness | BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness | STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness | PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness |
| KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship | TEAM TIGER Citizenship | COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship | PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship | MY COMMUNITY Citizenship | CITIZENSHIP Citizenship |
| LION ROAR Personal Safety | TIGER ROAR Personal Safety | SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety | STANDING TALL Personal Safety | MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid | FIRST AID Safety/First Aid |
| LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence | TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence | FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence | FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence | MY FAMILY Family/Reverence | DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence |
| 2 Elective Adventures | 2 Elective Adventures | 2 Elective Adventures | 2 Elective Adventures | 2 Elective Adventures | 2 Elective Adventures |



CUB SCOUT PROGRAM UPDATES ROLLOUT

| NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| Cub Chat Live! 11-10-23 General Announcement | Cub Chat Live! 12-1-23 Rank Advancements and Bobcat | Cub Chat Live! 1-12-24 New and Improved Adventures | Cub Chat Live! 2-2-24 Webeles and Arrow of Light | Cub Chat Live! 3-1-24 Handbooks and Leader Resources | Cub Chat Live! 4-5-24 Den and Pack Meetings | Cub Chat Live! 5-10-24 Top 10 Most Common Questions | Cub Chat Live! 6-7-24 Safety Integration |
| Council Programs Resources for councils and districts to plan for programs for the summer of 2024 | Presenters Trained December 18 Team of experts trained and available to present to local councils and districts. Commissioners Resources for Commissioners | Prime Time Episodes of Cub Chat Live! January 16 th @ 7 p.m. Central January 23 rd @ 7 p.m. Central January 30 th @ 7 p.m. Central | Scouts BSA Resources for Scouts BSA Leaders | Scout Shops Spring of 2024 New Cub Scout Handbooks New Cub Scout Adventures Loops and Pins | Training Position Specific Training Updated Updated Cub Scout Roundtable Videos | On-line Tools Scoutbook Updated Online Reports Updated | June 1 New Program Takes Effect |

Training opportunities

It's your responsibility to become a better leader!

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2023 Monroe Merit Badge College

Just added!!! Forestry, Reptile & Amphibian Study, 2 sessions of Veterinary Medicine, a second...

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NRA Basic Rifle

NRA Basic Rifle Date - Saturday Dec. 16th 2023 Location- Camp Minsi - Weytrex side A - 8am to 5pm This course is at least 8-hours long and...

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Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor Course - SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA LEAVE NO TRACE LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR COURSE (Formally Leave No Trace Trainer Course) WHEN: April 12-14,...

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BALOO Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Minsi Trails Council Spring 2024 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) This course is open to all registered Adult...

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Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills IOLS

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National Youth Leadership Training Save the Date



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