



MARCH 2026 Northampton District Newsbrief

Northampton District

SCOUTING AMERICA, MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL



BRIEFLY...

END THE HIBERNATION!!

Even though we've had a fair amount of snow (some would say *unfair*) spring is right around the corner and I'm sure all Scouts and Scouters are eager to do things outside!

Take a look at upcoming events and make plans. Although your annual planning goes a long way towards making a good program, there are always more things to add interest and generate excitement.

Northampton District Pinewood Derby Update

The Northampton District Pinewood Derby is coming up on March 28, 2026 at the community center at St. Anne Church in Bethlehem. The Pinewood Derby rules are on page 8. For more information and to register visit <https://scoutingevent.com/502-nopwd26>

2026 Lehigh Valley Auto Show Volunteers

Council is looking for youth and adults to be part of an incredible opportunity for Minsi Trails Council. From Wednesday, March 18 to Sunday, March 22 the council will have a presence at the Lehigh Valley Auto Show at Stabler Arena on the Lehigh University campus. We are in need of adult and youth volunteers to staff an informational booth for the entirety of the show and a Pinewood Derby Area on Saturday and Sunday. More information and sign-up is at: <https://scoutingevent.com/502-LVASvolunteer>

Northampton District Awards

Please submit your nominations for Northampton District Awards. Many deserving leaders do not know how much they are appreciated. Do your part and honor their service to your unit and more. Information and links to forms are on page 7. Nominations are due by April 1.

Northampton District Roundtable

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Northampton District Roundtable will be on April 8, 2026 at Louise Moore Park. Look for more information soon.



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, Rose-to, Stockertown, Tatamy, Walnutport, West Easton, Wilson, Wind Gap, and all areas between.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT LINKS

Northampton District Home Page on Council Website:

<https://minsitrails.org/northampton-district/>

Northampton District Facebook page:

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

Trail to Eagle Resources:

<https://minsitrails.org/the-trail-to-eagle-resources/>

Northampton District school policies (for recruiting Scouts):

<https://minsitrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/School-policies.docx>

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

<https://minsitrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Go-and-See-Guide-2024-V1.pdf>

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*: 2026 NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT & OTHER ACTIVITIES

MARCH 28 - Northampton District Pinewood Derby, St. Anne Church, Bethlehem

MARCH 28 - Collections Merit Badge and Scouting Heritage Merit Badge Day at Minsi Trails Council Service Center (registration required)

APRIL 1 - Northampton District Committee meeting

APRIL 3 - Council Office and Scout Shop will be CLOSED.

APRIL 11 - Trade-O-Ree - Scout Patch Collecting & Memorabilia Show, Jordan Lutheran Church

APRIL 17 to 18 - Camp Minsi Female Summit

APRIL 24 to 26 - Minsi Trails Council Spring Camporee, Camp Minsi

MAY 1 to 3 - National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) weekend 1 of 2, Camp Minsi

MAY 2 - Camping Gear Swap Meet, Council Service Center

MAY 8 to 10 - National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) weekend 2 of 2, Camp Minsi

MAY 9 - Minsi Trails Council Pinewood Derby, America On Wheels Museum, Allentown

**dates are tentative, check council calendar to verify*

March Council-Wide Program From Planning to Adventure: Creating a Summer Outdoors That Shines

Get your unit ready for its best summer yet! This council-wide program equips leaders with outdoor skills, planning tools, and fresh ideas to build a summer that strengthens the entire Scouting year.

What You'll Gain:

- Practical outdoor skills and safety refreshers
- Support for building your unit's summer calendar and camp readiness
- Program-specific breakouts under a shared theme
- Tools and templates leaders can use immediately
- Strategies that connect strong summer programming to higher retention

A strong summer builds stronger units—join us and set your program up for success

Monday March 23, 7:00PM

In person at the Minsi Trails Council Service Center, 991 Postal Rd, Allentown, PA

or on Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87536762777?pwd=smxrSE4W50ot2WkBBnSVX61GaExy1v.1>



Membership News

Awards

Please take some time to review the volunteer awards. Let's thank our volunteers who have taken the time to get position trained and who have gone the extra mile to help your unit and Scouting. They deserve to be recognized and appreciated. Our volunteers work full time, have families, and still take time to volunteer and often not just in Scouting. Let's acknowledge them! More information follows in the newsletter.

BeAScout Pin

Units, please review your BeAScout pin to make sure that the information is up to date. Verify contact information, meeting location, day, and times that you meet. **Make sure your pin is turned on.**

BeAScout Leads

Units, when you receive an email through BeAScout please reach out to the family and address any questions they may have. Invite them to a meeting so they can see your unit at work and meet the Scouts and leaders. We ask that you make a note on the invitation to let us know that the family has been contacted and the results of the contact. These leads are an excellent opportunity to grow your unit.

Other Recruiting Opportunities

Check in your community for other opportunities to recruit. Consider having a "bring a friend night" event. Troops, reach out to packs for Arrow of Light visits to your unit.

Scouts BSA Interpreter Strip

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.

Northampton District Pinewood Derby

This year we will be holding the Pinewood Derby at St. Anne's Church located at 450 E. Washington Avenue in Bethlehem. Please sign up your top 5 races on the council website (<https://scoutingevent.com/502-nopwd26>). The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026. Check-in begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 9:00 AM; races will start at 9:30 AM. As always don't forget to bring your camp chairs. There is no charge for your racers.

Collections Merit Badge and Scouting Heritage Merit Badge Day

On March 28th the Minsi Trails Council Heritage Committee will be offering Collections Merit Badge and Scouting Heritage Merit Badge at the Minsi Trails Council Service Center. The event is free. All participants will receive a 10% off coupon for the Scout Shop to be used that day.

Space is limited to 20 Scouts per Merit Badge. If you do both badges, bring your own lunch.

Scouts are to bring a blue merit badge record card signed by their Scoutmaster. Check the council calendar for details and register.

Minsi Female Summit – 2026

Calling all Female Scouts and Rising AOLs!

Join us at Camp Minsi for a fun-filled weekend of adventure, skill-building, and networking with female Scouts from across the area. Friday, April 17, 2026, 6:00 PM to Sunday, April 19, 2026, 12:00 Noon. For more information and to register visit <https://scoutingevent.com/502-FemaleSummit2026>.



Minsi Trails Council Spring Camporee

Save the Date: Friday April 24, 2026 7:00 PM to Sunday April 26, 2026 12:00 Noon at Camp Minsi

. More information at <https://scoutingevent.com/502-lvsa26springcamporee>

Salesmanship Merit Badge

We will be offering Salesmanship Merit Badge. This merit badge will take two Saturdays. The first Saturday is April 18 and the second Saturday is May 2.

On April 18 you will be learning about salesmanship, going over your prerequisites, and prepping for the second Saturday. **On May 2** you will be putting your Salesmanship skills to the test at the Minsi Trails Swap Meet. Details will be explained on April 18.

Both Saturdays will start at 9:00 AM and plan to run to 12:00 Noon but may end earlier.

You must attend both sessions and do the pre-reqs in order to complete the merit badge.

An adult is required to be on property during class time. Scouts must bring a blue card signed by their Scoutmaster.

USA Archery Level 1 Instructor Training

No Registration Needed

We will be offering USA Archery Level 1 Instructor Training at Camp Minsi on Sunday April 26, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Please follow these steps to get registered for the online portion of the USA Archery Level 1 instructor. \$40 cost plus tax. You cannot sign up for the class at Camp Minsi until you have completed this online class first. Information about the online class at <https://scoutingevent.com/502-archeryinstructor>

Instructor for Troop Safety

Minsi Trails Council is piloting a unit youth leadership position called the *Instructor for Troop Safety*. The Instructor for Troop Safety is an older Scout with an interest in fostering safety awareness, planning, and compliance with the youth members of the Troop. The Instructor for Troop Safety is charged with making sure that safety considerations are included in all youth activities. This position can be counted towards Scouts' leadership positions for rank advancement.

Instructor for Troop Safety

Responsibilities

- Serves as a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council
- Ensures a relevant Safety moment is conducted at the start of each Troop meeting
- Utilizing the "SAFE" checklist, research potential safety concerns prior to Troop activities and ensures considerations are included in planning all activities
- Conducts a safety briefing at the beginning of activities
- Conducts a debrief at the end of activities to review safety challenges encountered, how they were handled, and lessons learned
- Understands what is included in the Guide to Safe Scouting, and serves as a monitor during Troop meetings and activities to help the Scoutmaster ensure compliance with protocols
- Teaches and guides other scouts about guidelines in the Guide to Safe Scouting
- Sets a good example
- Wears the Scout uniform correctly
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law
- Shows Scout spirit
- Take appropriate online Scouting America training related to activity being planned (i.e. Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb on Safely, etc.)
- Is certified or become certified in CPR and First Aid

Adult Leaders interested in this participating in this Pilot Program can sign up at:

<https://247scouting.com/forms/502-safetyinstructor>

Minsi Trails Flashlight Award

Shine the Spotlight: "Do Your Best" with the Flashlight Award! Every day across Minsi Trails Council, incredible volunteers go above and beyond to make Scouting happen. Now it's time to recognize their Good Turns and helpful actions in a special way!

Who inspires you?

Is there a leader who always goes the extra mile? A volunteer who steps up without being asked? Someone who truly lives the Scout Oath and Law? Let's shine a light on them with the Flashlight Award!

It's simple:

Take just a minute to fill out a short form and nominate a Scouter who deserves a little extra recognition. This is a Council-wide, ongoing program and there's no limit to how many amazing people you can nominate!

Award Recipients will receive:

A Certificate of Appreciation from Minsi Trails Council
Recognition in Council and District e-publications
A shout-out on social media
And most importantly, the gratitude of our Scouting family!

Nominate someone today:

<https://247scouting.com/forms/502-FlashlightAward>

Let's keep the Scouting spirit shining bright, one flashlight at a time!

SCOUTING MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Become a Mentor – Make a Lasting Impact!

Are you a seasoned scout leader with wisdom to share? Join our Scouting Mentorship Program and help guide new leaders on their journey. Your experience can make all the difference in building confident, capable, and inspired leaders for tomorrow.

Flexible time commitment, Monthly check-ins, Resources and support provided, Recognition for your service

Sign up today and be the mentor you once needed! <https://forms.office.com/r/T6VVqGht9u>

Patti Davis

Northampton District Membership Chair

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT AWARDS

Now is the time to recognize your leaders for their outstanding efforts in 2025

The key to attracting and keeping youth involved in the Scouting program resides with its leaders. Strong leaders make for strong programs and make the experience more beneficial for our youth. Leaders need to be recognized for their efforts to encourage and enhance their Units and Districts. **Most Leaders do not want recognition but recognizing those Leaders should be a priority even if they do not want it.**

District Awards

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. One per unit per year. Nominated by the Unit.

FELLOWSHIP AWARD - The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature for the District, or long-term dedication and service of an outstanding nature for a Unit. Nominated by the Unit or District. Max of 2X the Award of Merit Max. Currently 6 Max.

UNIT LEADER AWARD OF MERIT - A quality Scouting experience will help keep Scouts in the program, and Scouting America created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen. Nominated by the Unit.

SCOUTERS TRAINING AWARD – CUB SCOUTS/SCOUTS BSA/VENTURING - Award designed to recognize those Cub Scout/Scouts BSA/Venture Leaders that have assisted in Pack/Troop/Crew planning & development and attended District level training. Nominated by the Unit.

SCOUTERS KEY – CUB SCOUTS/SCOUTS BSA/VENTURING - Awarded to those Scoutmasters/Cubmasters/Venture Leaders that have achieved a combination of Performance, Training and Tenure at both the Unit and District levels. Nominated by the Unit and/or District.

KEY 3 LEADERSHIP AWARD - The Key 3 Leadership Award is an award given out by the Key Three/Leadership of the district to volunteers who have given outstanding service to the District and embody the spirit of the District. Persons can be suggested to the Key 3 by anyone within the District.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT - The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. Nominated by the District. Based on number of Units within a District (1 per 25 units). Currently Max of 2.

These forms can be found on the Minsi Trails Council / Northampton District website - see Awards Nominations <https://www.minsitrails.org/training-awards-and-recognition>

Please submit Nomination forms to one of the below Scouters by April 1, 2026:

Ian Fairbairn - drjuggleif@gmail.com

Drew Draper - ajdraper31@gmail.com

If you got a Pinewood Derby kit for Christmas...

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL PINEWOOD DERBY RULES

INSPECTION: Each car must pass inspection by the official inspection committee before it may compete. The car is to be held by the scout NOT THE PARENT as you prepare for inspection and throughout the race. The inspectors will disqualify those cars which cannot be made to meet these specifications. The race committee will hold cars that pass inspection until the race and inspect the winning cars following the race.

JUDGES: The decision of the judges on race day is final. Pinewood cars not meeting rule requirements will be permitted to race but **WILL NOT** be eligible for trophies! Questions and polite discussion will be allowed up to the point of a decision by the judges. Failure to follow this rule may lead to the disqualification of the car involved by the judges. At the discretion of the judges persons may be ejected from the premises of the race for behavior they deem disruptive, un-sportsman-like, or un-scout-like.

ATTACHMENTS: The car must be freewheeling with no starting devices.

AXLE CHANNEL: The BSA Pinewood Block's pre-cut slots must be used for the axles. The channel or groove designed to hold the axle must not be filled-in. The judge must be able to inspect the axle. If axles are loose secure them with transparent glue.

AXLES: Only the nails supplied with the kit are permitted. They must be mounted in the wood grooves only. The axles may be glued in place with transparent glue. They may be polished or lubricated but not machined or narrowed. Full length axles that can be purchased at hobby shops ARE NOT PERMITTED.

DETAILS: Details such as Steering Wheels, Driver Decals, Painting, etc. are permitted as long as these details do not exceed the maximum length, width and weight specifications.

HEIGHT: The bottom of the car must clear the guide strip (3/8 ") on the track.

HUBCAPS: No type of hubcap is permitted. This includes decals.

LENGTH: Overall length shall not exceed 7".

LUBRICATION: Dry Lubrication only is permitted. **ABSOLUTELY NO ADDITIONAL LUBRICATION PERMITTED AFTER INSPECTION!**

NEW CAR: A new car must be built each year. Pre-cut cars that can be purchased at hobby shops ARE NOT PERMITTED! Scouts must use the Grand Prix Pinewood Derby kit.

NOSE OF CAR: The nose must extend beyond the leading edge of the front wheel; however, no portion of the car can extend past the starting gate / peg.

SPRINGING: The car shall not ride on any type of springs or suspension.

WEIGHT: Weight shall not exceed 5.0 ounces. No loose materials of any kind are permitted in the car. The car may be hollowed out and built up to the maximum weight by the addition of wood or metal -provided that it is securely built into the body. Electronic scales will be used for the weight check.

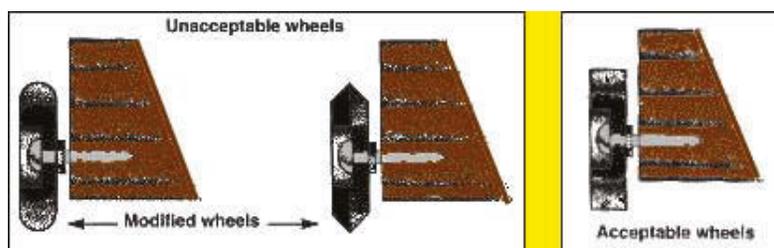
WHEEL BASE: (Length) Length of wheel base (front axle to rear axle) must be within the limits of 4 1/2" maximum and 4 1/4" minimum (essentially, the distance provided by the grooves precut into the supplied wood block).

WHEEL BASE: (inside) Do not make the distance between the left and right wheels narrower than 1 3/4 " or the car will not run down the track.

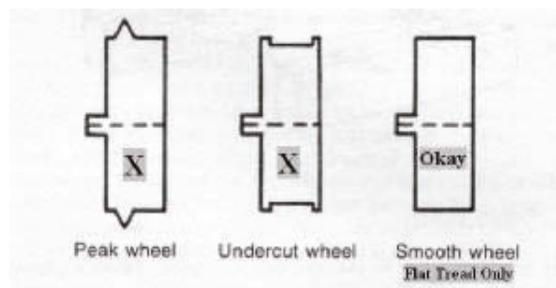
WHEEL BEARINGS: Bearings, washers, or other types of bushings are NOT permitted.

WHEELS: Only BSA licensed Grand Prix Wheels may be used. Wheels must have "BSA" printed on them from the manufacturer. BSA - Black, Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Pink, Purple, Orange and Glow-in-the-dark are only wheels permitted. Alterations to the wheels are not permitted - the wheels may not be cut, drilled, beveled or rounded. The shape must remain the same. The plastic flashing may be removed (outside edge). All 4 wheels must make contact with the track surface (this is tested by free rolling the car). **Wheel surfaces must remain flat with full tread contact and cannot ride on edges or they WILL NOT pass inspection!**

WIDTH: Overall width shall not exceed 2 3/4 ".



Wheel Tread Example



Wheel surfaces must remain flat with full tread contact and cannot ride on edges or they WILL NOT pass inspection!

2026 LEHIGH DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE CAMP MINSI

SAVE-THE-DATE: APRIL 24-26, 2026



Come and learn about wildland fire management, search and rescue teams, and other emergency services.

Scouts will have an opportunity to earn the Wildland Fire Management Test Merit Badge, Fire Safety Merit Badge, Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge, and Search and Rescue Merit Badge.

Scouting America has several potential merit badges they are testing that Scouts can work on and complete now before they become official merit badges. The Scouts will be required to fill out a survey on the test merit badge and based on the survey, Scouting America may make it an official merit badge. If the test merit badge you completed becomes an official merit badge, you will officially earn it based on the date you completed it.

Please visit <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/test-lab/> for more information on these test merit badges.



Auctioneering

Til June 30, 2026



Physics

Til Aug. 2026



Dance

Til Nov. 1, 2026



Sewing & Needlework

Til Aug 2026



Life Skills

Til June 30, 2026



The Spring Camporee is being run by Venturing Crew #77 members. Please visit our website at www.BSACrew77.org for more information on the Spring Camporee and upcoming trainings.

To join Venturing Crew #77 or to help with the Spring Camporee, please contact us at VentureCrew77@aol.com

National Youth Leadership Training

May 1-3 and 8-10, 2026 (2 weekend course)
at Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, PA

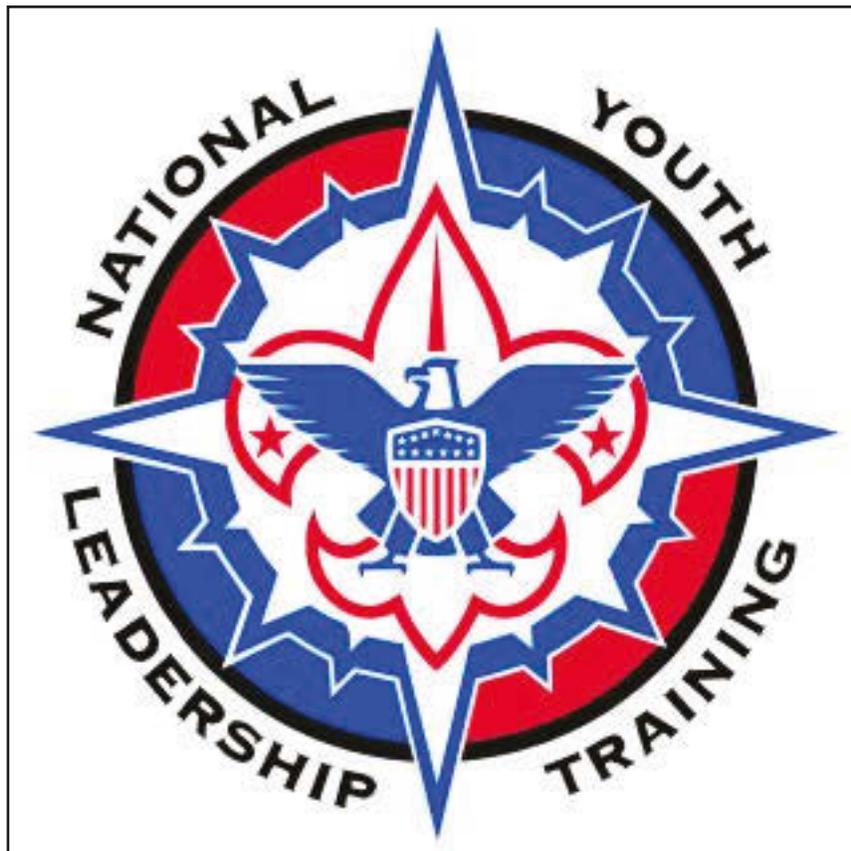
Leadership training designed for youth in Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Scouts BSA.

Register today!

The fees are:

Minsi Trails Scouts: \$360 if paid before April 3, 2026, \$460 paid after April 4, 2026

Out of Council: \$460 if paid before April 3, 2026, \$560 paid after April 4, 2026



Northampton County District February 2026 Eagle Scouts

Our young men and women work through the ranks in Scouting with busy schedules-sports, school, church, and more. These scouts still found time to complete all the requirements and achieve their goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. All our Eagle Scouts will set the bar higher as they continue in their life. We wish them all the best in their future.

Jim Daley, Northampton District Advancement Chair and Eagle Chair

2/2/2026

Nathan P

Troop 93

2/2/2026

Nicholas K

Troop 311



Minsi Trails Council

Camping Gear Swap Meet

Saturday May 2nd

BUY, SELL or TRADE. Inviting Individuals, Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships to clean out your extra camping gear.

New Scouts and old can find the gear they're looking for just in time for summer camp.

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Phone 610.465.8577



**Join us on Saturday
May 2nd**

**Camping Gear Swap Meet
Out on the Lawn**

Hot dogs for Lunch, and Gaga Ball

**10% off all camping gear sold in the Scout
Shop on May 2nd only.**

**Register today if you want space to sell or trade your units or
personal camping gear. Spaces will be outside.**

Here is the link to reserve space

<https://scoutingevent.com/502-swapmeet>

**Leaders are welcome to bring Pop-ups or
tarps for the lawn. Please setup on the
north lawn.**

**At the end of the event if you would like to donate any
camping gear.**

That would be useful for a first-year scout.

Hiking Backpacks, Mess Kits, Sleeping Bags with temp. ratings and ground mats

No tents, chuck box or klondike sleds

MINSI TRAILS HISTORIC TRAILS HIKES



👣 Explore the Past with Minsi Trails Historic Hikes!

The Minsi Trails Council Activities Committee is excited to announce a refresh of the Historic Trails Program! Originally launched in 1969 and updated in the 1990s, this program features 10 unique hikes that guide Scouts through the rich history of our region—from pre-colonial landscapes to bustling industrial centers.

Each newly updated booklet includes:

- Revised routes for safe hiking
- New photographs
- Links to additional online resources

📌 Booklets are available in both online and print-friendly formats at:

www.minsitrails.org/historictrails

🏆 Earn Awards Along the Way!

Scouts earn a rocker patch for each hike completed—and after five hikes, they qualify for the Historic Trails Medal, available now at the Minsi Trails Scout Shop.

Questions? Contact us at: historictrails@minsitrails.org

Lace up, learn something new, and hit the trail!

**25th
Annual**

Allentown Trade-O-Ree

Scouting Memorabilia & Patch Show

www.AllentownTOR.com

Hosted by: Witauchsoman Lodge #44
& Minsi Trails Heritage Collection Committee

Saturday – April 11, 2026

Open 8:00 am to 3:00 pm



Convenient from I-78, PA Turnpike-NE Extension (I-476), LVI Airport, Rt. 22

Location: Jordan Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Rd., Orefield, PA 18069

- Scouting Memorabilia and Patches – Buy / Sell / Trade / Browse
- Witauchsoman Lodge #44 will be selling their OA merchandise and patches
- Food and Refreshments will be available for purchase
- Free parking and Wi-Fi Internet access
- 80 Tables (8 ft.) available for \$25.00 each. (Max. of 4 tables may be purchased)
- Vendor table set-up begins at 7:30 a.m. Doors open to the public at 8:00 a.m.

Admission: \$2.00 per person. Youth under 18 free. (You do not need to purchase a table to attend)

For more information: **Mike Best or Scott Best at 610-767-6079 or tradeoree@allentowntor.com**

TO PURCHASE TABLE(S):

- All table purchases must be done online at **www.AllentownTOR.com**
- Online table purchase system will close when tables are sold out



Hotel Information:

- Holiday Inn Express, 5630 Tilghman St, Allentown, PA 18104, Call 610-530-5545
- Motel 6, 681 Blue Barn Rd, Allentown, PA 18104, Call 610-242-0041

Directions:

- From **I-78 East**, take Exit 51 to Rt. 22 East and proceed 2.4 miles. Take Exit to Rt. 309 North and proceed 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Snowdrift Rd. and proceed ¼ mile.
- From **I-78 West**, take Exit 53 to Rt. 309 North and proceed 3.3 miles. Turn left onto Snowdrift Rd. and proceed ¼ mile.
- From **PA Turnpike-Northeast Extension (I-476)**, take Exit 56 (Lehigh Valley). After tollbooth, bear right to Rt. 22 East and proceed 0.8 miles. Take Exit to Rt. 309 North and proceed 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Snowdrift Rd. and proceed ¼ mile.
- From **Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE)**, turn right onto Airport Rd. and proceed 0.2 miles. Take Exit to Rt. 22 West and proceed 7.0 miles. Take Exit to Rt. 309 North and proceed 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Snowdrift Rd. and proceed ¼ mile.
- From **Rt. 22** in Allentown, PA, take Exit to Rt. 309 North and proceed 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Snowdrift Rd. and proceed ¼ mile.

The Takhone Corner



Takhone Chapter will be having a chapter meeting on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Lost River Caverns in Hellertown (726 Durham St) and there will be a tour of the caverns. The cost of the tour is \$17.50 per person.

Scouts BSA and Venturing unit leaders, you should have received an email with information regarding scheduling a unit election. Please follow up. Elections are continuing in March.

Members, check your email for upcoming chapter events, meetings, and service opportunities!

Vigil nominations are open. ANY Witauchsoman Lodge member, in good standing, may nominate any other Lodge member who is eligible. To be eligible for the Vigil Honor an Arrowman must:

- **Be a Brotherhood member for at least 2 years prior to July 1st of this year**
- **Be a member in good standing of Witauchsoman Lodge #44 (membership OA dues are current)**
- **Be registered in the Minsi Trails Council, Scouting America**

Visit <https://witauchsoman.org/vigil/> for more information and to nominate a deserving Brotherhood member. The Deadline for nominations is May 15, 2026.

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

