



**APRIL 2024 Northampton District Newsletter**

# Northampton District

**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA**



## NEWSLETTER... **SPRINGTIME!!**

Spring is a *great time for outdoor adventures and community service*. Cub Scouts can try nature hikes, Earth Day cleanups, and gardening projects, fostering a love for the environment. Scouts BSA should consider backpacking trips, wilderness survival training, and high adventure activities, honing their outdoor skills and leadership abilities. Both groups partake in service projects, strengthening bonds with their communities. From bird watching to outdoor cooking competitions, spring offers a rich array of opportunities for scouts to explore, learn, and grow amidst the renewing beauty of nature.

### 2024 DATES

Roundtable 7:00pm	as scheduled (council-wide)
OA Chapter 7:00pm	as scheduled
District Committee 7:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
Eagle Board & Project Review	[as needed]
District Commissioners	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

OA Family Banquet	January 6, 2024 [13]
Winter Fun Fest	January 13 [2]
Council Recognition Dinner	January 26 [10]
Scout Sunday	February 11
Klondike Derby	February 24 [2]
Winter Webelo Event	February 24 [2]
University of Scouting	April 20 [8]
District Pinewood Derby	March 16 [17]
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]
Council Pinewood Derby	May 11 [11]
Hang Dog Event	May 17 [5]
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]
Recruiting Round Up	June 12 [6]
District Day Camp	July 26-28 [6]
Fall OA Weekend	September 6-8 [2]
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	September 20-22 & 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

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

### MEETING LOCATION KEY

*Some meetings may be online or hybrid (link sent via email or posted on calendar)*

- [1] Minsi Trails Council Office
- [2] Camp Minsi
- [3] Klecknersville Fire Co.
- [4] Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco, Hardwick Township, NJ
- [5] Hang Dog Outdoor Adventure, 410 Cedarville Rd, Easton, PA 18042
- [6] Louise Moore Park, 151 Country Club Rd, Easton, PA 18045
- [7] Jordan Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Rd, Orefield, PA
- [8] Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus
- [9] Wind Gap Fire Company Social Hall, 111 North Broadway, Wind Gap
- [10] East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem
- [11] Kelly Jeep
- [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

**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](http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/current_newsletter.php)

District newsletter archive (permalink):

[http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/newsletter\\_archive.htm](http://www.minsi-northampton.com/newsletters/newsletter_archive.htm)

Minsi Trails Council Facebook page:

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

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP: 2024 NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

**APRIL 3** - Northampton District Committee meeting

**APRIL 6** - Trade-O-Ree at Jordan Lutheran Church, Orefield

**APRIL 11** - District First Aid Meet at Klecknersville Fire Company

**APRIL 12 to 13** - BALOO Training at Camp Minsi

**APRIL 12 to 13** - IOLS Training at Camp Minsi

**APRIL 20** - University of Scouting, Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus

**MAY 1** - Northampton District Committee meeting

**MAY 8** - Council-wide Roundtable

**MAY 17** - Hang Dog Outdoor Adventure Camporee

**MAY 17 to 18** - Council Beaver Weekend at Camp Minsi

**MAY 31 to JUNE 2** - Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship Weekend

## COUNCIL-WIDE ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

*Time and location(s) TBA*

DATE	MAIN TOPIC	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS, BSA
May 8	TBA	TBA	TBA
August 15	TBA	TBA	TBA

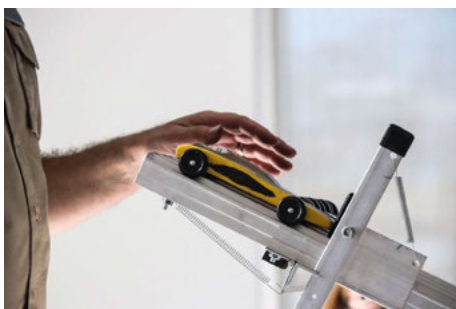
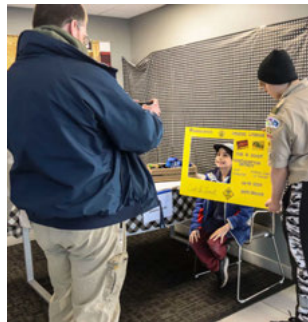


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## In Northampton District

Northampton District Pinewood Derby, Kelly Nissan  
March 16, 2024









## **NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIR**

Hello Northampton District Scouters,

We have many things to be thankful at this time of year. Spring has sprung, flowers are blooming and I will need to get the mower out soon....2 out of 3 isn't bad.

We had a fantastic District Pinewood Derby at Kelly Nissan. So a huge thank you to Kelly Nissan for their hospitality, the Donut NV donut truck for providing donuts and drinks, and so much more. Another huge thank you to Chris Van Camp and all of the volunteers who came out to put on a great event for our Cubs. Thank you on behalf of our scouts and congratulations to all of our participants and winners.

We have an upcoming First Aid meet on April 11<sup>th</sup> and are thankful to all of those pulling this event together. Our District picnic is happening on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and I hope that you are all able to attend. During the picnic we will be recognizing those adult leaders who have gone above and beyond in service to others and for them we are thankful.

On a final note, we are thankful for the hope that spring, and tomorrow, brings to us each day.

YIS,

Mike Caffrey  
Northampton District Chair

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## Membership News

### Northampton District Pinewood Derby - Results

Thanks to all the Scouts who participated in our District Pinewood Derby. Congratulations to our top 10 winners who will move on to the Council Pinewood Derby on May 11th.

First Place: Rebekah J. Pack 368  
Second Place: Aaron M. Pack 34  
Third Place: Evan H. Pack 33  
Fourth Place: Ashton D. Pack 3  
Fifth Place: Shane W. Pack 40

Sixth Place: Samantha B. Pack 349  
Seventh Place: Travis B. Pack 29  
Eighth Place: Graham Z. Pack 359  
Ninth Place: Benjamin D. Pack 25  
Tenth Place: Theo G. Pack 317

*Special thanks to Kelly Nissan for opening their showroom to us and Donut NV for providing free donuts and a drink to all our Racers! We would also like to thank our volunteers who pitched in to help.*

### Attention All Units

Northampton District has received a grant which will pay registration fees for one year for any new Scout that joins your unit. In addition, the Scout will receive a \$50 credit at the Scout Shop. In order to receive these funds units must have the Scout complete a paper application and turn it in to Melissa Mohr at Council. This is an excellent initiative to help in recruiting new Scouts to your unit. **Do Not accept online applications!** We also have a grant for new Scouts who join and have a Nazareth mailing address. The same applies for these Scouts as well. **Again, paper applications only!**

### New Registration Fees

Just a reminder: as of April 1<sup>st</sup> registration fees have increased. **See pages 35 and 36 in this newsletter for details.** Note that the new Scout joining fee is no longer in place.

### PA Clearances

The Pennsylvania Act 15 law requires all units and Charter Organizations in addition to Council maintain a copy of all registered adult clearances. This includes Child Abuse, Criminal history, and FBI fingerprint or waiver. We recommend that you ask each adult for a copy of their clearances and make sure that your chartered organization also retains a copy. We suggest that you get a binder and clear inserts to keep the information safe. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Davis at [davispr91@outlook.com](mailto:davispr91@outlook.com).

**Northampton District/National Award** information can be found on the Minsi Trails website under District/ Northampton (<https://www.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. Completed awards should be forwarded to either Drew Draper at [acdramer31@rcn.com](mailto:acdramer31@rcn.com) or Mike Caffery at [mikecee1062@yahoo.com](mailto:mikecee1062@yahoo.com). All nominations are due NOW.

### 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. 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. Don't forget to let them know that there are funds available to cover the cost of the first-year registration and towards the purchase of a uniform, etc. at the Scout Shop.

## Membership News

### University of Scouting

Minsi Trails Council will be holding a University of Scouting Conference on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus. Please visit <https://www.minsitrails.org/event/3041657> for details regarding courses and to sign up.

### Northampton District Mobile Office

Our District Executive Melissa has set up some dates and locations as mobile offices. The hours are 10 am to noon at various locations around our district. This information is posted on the MTC website as well as in this newsletter. This is an opportunity to drop off paperwork that needs to go to council or discuss issues/concerns you may have. We hope that you take advantage of this opportunity to meet with her. If you need paperwork from council let her know in advance so they can bring it along. Thanks to Melissa for making it easier for all of us. We appreciate it.

### 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 should 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 has worked 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/>

### 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.brunner@gmail.com](mailto:we.brunner@gmail.com) if you are interested. This is a great way to continue serving in Scouting after your daughter or son has aged out.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

April 6	Trade-O-Ree	Jordan Lutheran Church, Orefield
April 11	District Mobile Office	Dunkin’, Wind Gap
April 11	District First Aid Meet	Klecknersville Fire Company
April 12-13	BALOO training	Camp Minsi
April 12-13	IOLS training	Camp Minsi
April 25	District Mobile Office	Panera Bread, Easton
May 8	Council-wide Roundtable	TBA
May 17-18	Hang Dog outing	Hang Dog Outdoor Adventure
May 17-18	Beaver Weekend	Camp Minsi
May 22	District Picnic	Louise Moore Park

Please Note: Cruise the Gap has been cancelled. Adults who were planning to do their BALOO training should consider the April 12 & 13 course at Camp Minsi.

*Patti Davis*  
*Northampton District Membership Chair*



**TIMES: 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

April 11—Dunkin' 855 S Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091

April 25—Panera Bread 3714 Nazareth Rd Easton PA 18045

**\*If you need specific items please reach out via email 2 days prior to ensure we can get them.**



# MOBILE OFFICE HOURS COFFEE HOUR

Northampton District, Minsi Trails Council

- Come meet with your District Executives closer to home
- Drop off applications and paperwork that needs to go to council
- Pick up paperwork you need for youth, volunteers and fundraising
- No appointments needed, come when we are scheduled for “mobile” office hours

**QUESTIONS**

[melissa.mohr@scouting.org](mailto:melissa.mohr@scouting.org)



## The Takhone Corner



Hello Everyone!

Thank you everyone that helped out with our elections. Our chapter nominated 53 induction candidates this year!

Our next meeting will be April 14th at Bethlehem Township Community Center, where we will be playing kickball against Ahtuwi-Kana Chapter (Monroe District). More details to come in an email.

Trade-O-Ree is on April 6th at Jordan UCC (admission is free for youth)

Vigil Nomination is due on May 15th

Spring Weekend is May 31st-June 2nd at Camp Minsi

Hope to see you all on April 14th!

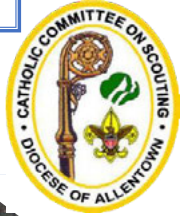
And don't forget to sign up for NOAC.



**SCOUTING'S  
NATIONAL  
HONOR  
SOCIETY**



# 2024 CATHOLIC SCOUT WEEKEND



**FRIDAY to SUNDAY, April 19-21, 2024**

**St Joseph's Catholic Church  
Limeport, PA**

*Scouts are Reverent*



A Fun-Filled, Active, Weekend  
For Scouts BSA & Girl Scouts  
Hawk Mountain &  
Minsi Trails Councils



Souvenir



**Bread  
for the Soul**



Patches & Pins

## WHO'S INVITED

- ✓ Catholic-sponsored Troops & Crews
- ✓ Individual Catholic Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Crews, Sea Scouts
- ✓ Troops can bring their Webelos II for Saturday activities



Activity Stations

Registration information will be posted on the Allentown Diocese  
Catholic Committee on Scouting Website: [www.adccos.org](http://www.adccos.org)



## 2024 CATHOLIC SCOUTING ACTIVITY WEEKEND

**PLACE:** St Joseph's Church, 5050 St Josephs Rd, Limeport, PA

**DATE:** Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am

**CHECK IN:** Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm – St Joseph's Church pavilion

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

All Boy Scouts working on the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Awards are required to attend this Activity. It fulfills the requirement to attend a retreat.

Catholic-sponsored Units are encouraged to attend as a group with their own leadership. Units may bring Webelos II, with leaders/parents as required by the council guidelines.

Catholic Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts from any unit may attend. Girl Scouts are invited to attend during the Saturday program.

Individual Scouts will camp with one of the troops attending with adult leaders. Older Scouts, Explorers, Venturers, Sea Scouts, parents, and other adults are also invited to participate with our staff.

### WHAT TO BRING

Clothing for the weekend (appropriate for the weather), Scout uniform (for Mass Saturday evening and BoR), tent, sleeping gear, and personal equipment (Dining Hall eating). Logbooks and workbooks with signatures for all awards candidates.

**NOTE: Please bring a signed Troop/Venture permission slip with emergency contact info, any dietary restrictions or dietary preferences (e.g. vegan), and BSA Medical form (which will be returned)**

**ALL ADULTS are required to have completed Diocesan Safe Environment requirements.**

**Please contact Bill Minford [wminford@gmail.com or (610)428-8763] with any questions.**

### PROGRAM FORMAT

Friday evening: 6-7 pm check-in, set up your tent, ice-breaker activities, cracker barrel (snack time)

Saturday: Activity Stations including scoutcraft and a handicraft, a service project, evening Mass, BoR for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious awards, games, and cracker barrel

Sunday: Pack up and clean up, presentation of patches and pins, 10:00 am departure

**REGISTRATION AND FEES:** Please use the registration form below or contact:

Activity Chairman – Bill Minford .....(610) 428-8763

CCOS - Fred Flemming.....(610) 966-4239

The cost of the weekend will be \$40.00 per person attending. This cost will include registration, all meals, and a patch. **Registration deadline on or before April 5, 2024.** Any early attendance numbers are appreciated – email to Bill Minford: wminford@gmail.com

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Return this registration form with fees on or before April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Make checks payable to 'Diocese of Allentown - MTCCOS'.

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a: Boy Scout \_\_\_ Girl Scout \_\_\_ Webelos \_\_\_ Explorer \_\_\_ Venture Scout \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_

Candidate for A.A.D. \_\_\_ P.P.XII \_\_\_

Mail to: Bill Minford, Catholic Committee on Scouting, 3109 Val Vista Dr, Easton, PA 18045

# JOIN US!

We are excited to announce University of Scouting will be happening again this Spring. Courses will include:

- New Cub Scout Program
- ScoutsBSA Girl Troop Summit
- Recruitment in 2024
- More to be announced soon!

Save the Date:  
April 20th, 2024

At Northampton  
Community College  
Monroe Campus

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Go to [minsitrails.org](https://minsitrails.org)





# **Grow Your Unit**

## **We are here to help!**

**ARE YOU HAVING A RECRUITING  
EVENT?**

**Let's get it on FaceBook**

We can put your events on our FaceBook page for you! Ask us if it qualifies for Geofencing.

[melissa.mohr@scouting.org](mailto:melissa.mohr@scouting.org)

**Print your flyer!**

We will help you design and print a flyer for your recruiting event!



## **Advancement Updates 2024**

As of January 1, 2024, the following changes to Scouts BSA requirements become effective.

### **Rank Requirements:**

There were minor changes to Scout (6), and Star (6).

The Cyberchip has been phased out. Scouts should use the Personal Safety Awareness training at <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/> for both Scout and Star ranks.

### **Eagle Palms:**

Scouts BSA will no longer have to wait three months between Eagle Palms. They will have to earn five additional merit badges, and live by the Scout Oath and Law.

### **Merit badge with significant changes to content are:**

- Automotive Maintenance – updated to include electric/hybrid vehicles (1c,d,e,f,g,h) (2a,b,c,d,e) (3c) (8a,e,f)
- Canoeing – major reorganization (3) (4b) (7) (8) (9)
- Coin Collecting – reorganization and updated for new/retired coinages (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
- Fire Safety – safety updates (1c) (2) (4) (6b,c,d,g) (7a) (9a) (10a) (11)
- First Aid\* – more hands-on (2) (4) (7) (8d) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16)
- Golf – reorganized and added disc golf option (1) (2)
- Insect Study – expanded requirements (2) (4) (6a,b) (12)
- Journalism – included social media (2a1)
- Nuclear Science – updated, more active options (1a,b,c,d,e) (2b) (3a,b) (4,4c) (6a,b)
- Safety – updated to include natural disasters (1c) (2c,d,e)
- Skating – added skateboarding option (1b)(2) (Skateboarding Option), Ice Skating Option (2b1) (2d2), Roller Skating Option (2c1)(2d2)
- Surveying – added use of drones (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
- Sustainability\* – major reorganization (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)
- Swimming\* – added correct demonstration of strokes (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

### **Merit badges with minor changes include:**

Backpacking (11b)	Indian Lore (2) (3) (4) (5)
Bird Study (2) (4) (7) (8c) (9d) (11) (12)	Law (1) (5) (11)
Camping* (9c)	Mining in Society (8c)
Chemistry (2c) (5)	Photography (1a)
Cooking* (5 a,b,c,d,e)	Plant Science (8 Option 1: Agronomy E5c)
Digital Technology (1)	Programming (1a)
Engineering (5) (6c)	Radio (9a5)
Fly-Fishing (3b,c) (10)	Scouting Heritage (2b3, b4) (3) (4c)

The current merit badge requirements are found at <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/>

"\*" indicates Eagle required merit badge

The Guide to Advancement Section 7.0.4.3 addresses what to do when merit badge requirements change and Section 4.0.0.1 addresses changes to rank requirements. This can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

# Cub Scout Program Updates Announced

- November 9, 2023

It's official! The Cub Scout program will be updated for the 2024-25 program year. Over the past several years the National Cub Scouting Committee under the leadership of past chair Lisa Wylie and current chair Audrey Oakes has identified four areas to improve the Cub Scout program to ensure that it is fun, simple, and easy.

Over the past five years the National Cub Scouting has been working on these updates. These updates are based on feedback from over 23,000 parents and Cub Scout leaders through various surveys and data. Listening to and identify the key opportunities to improve the program the National Cub Scout committee is excited to finally reveal these improvements. Over the past year these improvements have been socialized to thousands of individuals with overwhelming support.



## **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 (4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

- Length of Webelos 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

The four areas of improvement are the Bobcat badge, Cub Scout Adventures, Webelos, and Cub Scout Awards.

Bobcat will no longer be a badge that is earned once when a Cub Scout joins. It will become a required Adventure for each rank and earned each year. The requirements for the Bobcat Adventure are different for each grade to make them age-appropriate.

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.

 <b>LION</b> Kindergarten	 <b>TIGER</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	 <b>WOLF</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	 <b>BEAR</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	 <b>WEBELOS</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	 <b>ARROW OF LIGHT</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership
 <b>MOUNTAIN LION</b> Outdoors	 <b>TIGERS IN THE WILD</b> Outdoors	 <b>PAWS ON THE PATH</b> Outdoors	 <b>BEAR HABITAT</b> Outdoors	 <b>WEBELOS WALKABOUT</b> Outdoors	 <b>OUTDOOR ADVENTURER</b> Outdoors
 <b>FUN ON THE RUN</b> Personal Fitness	 <b>TIGER BITES</b> Personal Fitness	 <b>RUNNING WITH THE PACK</b> Personal Fitness	 <b>BEAR STRONG</b> Personal Fitness	 <b>STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER</b> Personal Fitness	 <b>PERSONAL FITNESS</b> Personal Fitness
 <b>KING OF THE JUNGLE</b> Citizenship	 <b>TEAM TIGER</b> Citizenship	 <b>COUNCIL FIRE</b> Citizenship	 <b>PAWS FOR ACTION</b> Citizenship	 <b>MY COMMUNITY</b> Citizenship	 <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Citizenship
 <b>LION ROAR</b> Personal Safety	 <b>TIGER ROAR</b> Personal Safety	 <b>SAFETY IN NUMBERS</b> Personal Safety	 <b>STANDING TALL</b> Personal Safety	 <b>MY SAFETY</b> Safety/First Aid	 <b>FIRST AID</b> Safety/First Aid
 <b>LION'S PRIDE</b> Family/Reverence	 <b>TIGER CIRCLES</b> Family/Reverence	 <b>FOOTSTEPS</b> Family/Reverence	 <b>FELLOWSHIP</b> Family/Reverence	 <b>MY FAMILY</b> Family/Reverence	 <b>DUTY TO GOD</b> Family/Reverence
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Cub Scout Adventures have been improved to make it easier to deliver the program to multi-rank dens or as a Pack. To earn each rank in Cub Scouting will require a Cub Scout to earn the six required Adventures and two elective Adventures. Required Adventures reflect the aims and focus areas of the BSA. The number of elective Adventures increases.

Webeles and Arrow of Light will be separated. Webeles becomes the 4th-grade program in Cub Scouting. Arrow of Light becomes a stand-alone badge of rank for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and will no longer be associated with Webeles. Arrow of Light will be the program that prepares Cub Scouts to join Scouts BSA.


Cub Scouts Awards will be reimagined as Cub Scout Adventures. Topics like camping, STEM, and range and target sports will remain and are reimagined into elective Adventures that can be used towards earning a badge of rank.

The changes will take effect officially on June 1, 2024.





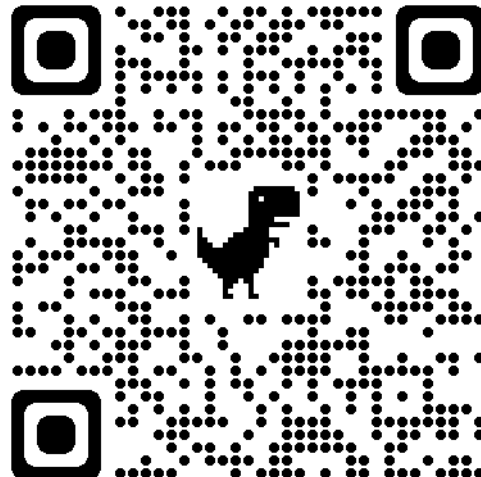
## CUB SCOUT PROGRAM UPDATES ROLLOUT

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 Webelos 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
<b>Council Programs</b>  Resources for councils and districts to plan for programs for the summer of 2024	<b>Presenters Trained</b>  December 18 Team of experts trained and available to present to local councils and districts.  <b>Commissioners</b>  Resources for Commissioners	<b>Prime Time Episodes of Cub Chat Live!</b>  January 16 <sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. Central  January 23 <sup>rd</sup> @ 7 p.m. Central  January 30 <sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. Central	<b>Scouts BSA</b>  Resources for Scouts BSA Leaders	<b>Scout Shops</b>  Spring of 2024 New Cub Scout Handbooks New Cub Scout Adventures Loops and Pins	<b>Training</b>  Position Specific Training Updated  Updated Cub Scout Roundtable Videos	<b>On-line Tools</b>  Scoutbook Updated  Online Reports Updated	

There are a lot of details that will be shared in future episodes of [Cub Chat Live!](#) Make sure to check out the episodes. Cub Chat Live! is a weekly Facebook Live show that streams live every Friday at 2 p.m. Central. Episodes are recorded and are now available as a podcast.



Official information and updates can be found on [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)





**NORTHAMPTON & WARREN  
DISTRICTS**

# **WILD WEST DAY CAMP**

**July 26, 2024 5:00-8:00  
July 27, 2024 8:00-4:00  
July 28, 2024 8:00-4:00**

**Louise Moore Park  
151 Country Club Rd  
Easton, PA 18045**



**Three Days of  
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**For more information:  
Barb Emert: [Daycampmoore@gmail.com](mailto:Daycampmoore@gmail.com)**



***An annual adventure!  
The Northampton &  
Warren Districts Day  
Camp, wild west fun!***





**February 21, 2024**

**Dear BSA Leader:**

The National Safe Scouting Committee has fully engaged with the goal of *Becoming the National Leader in Youth Safety* as presented in the *5 Imperatives of the BSA Roadmap*. This letter is to ask you to assist us in our effort.

Over the past century, we have made significant strides in establishing a robust safety culture within Scouting. While we believe our movement is generally safe, we recognize the ongoing need to enhance safety measures and focus on harm prevention.

Given your role as an owner or influencer of our published materials, we kindly request your assistance in disseminating the message of safety in all your print and electronic publications. To achieve this, we propose the following actions as you edit or prepare various materials:

1. **Coursework Syllabi:** Include a focus on safety by incorporating Safety Moments (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/>) at the beginning of each session or activity. While over 100 safety moments are available, course leaders may create activity-specific safety moments as needed to make the moment more relevant to participants.
2. **Printed Materials:** In all handbooks, syllabi, pamphlets, and other printed materials, we ask you to prominently feature the one-page SAFE information sheet ([www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/)). Ideally, this information should be placed in the front cover or on a flyleaf. Examples of our preferred location and appearance can be found in recent editions of the Handbook for Officers and Advisers ([oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org)) or the ShootingSportsManual.pdf ([scouting.org](http://scouting.org)), which both display the checklist, use the logo, and present the material in the initial pages of the document.
3. **Resource Listings:** Include the *Guide to Safe Scouting* (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>) in printed materials where resources are listed. This will draw attention to the *Guide*, emphasizing its importance as a key BSA resource.
4. **Program Planning Materials:** For materials intended for program planning, such as Troop or Den Meeting Planning Forms and Annual program planning conference guidance, incorporate references to SAFE, Safety Moments, and the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Pay special attention to highlighting prohibited activities and age-appropriate activities as well as incident reporting and risk assessment.

We appreciate your collaboration in spreading the SAFE Scouting message. Your support is crucial in ensuring the continued safety and well-being of our youth within the Scouting community.

Thank you for your dedication to the principles of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

David Berry  
Chair, National Safe Scouting Committee

Richard R. Bournon  
Director, Environmental, Health and Safety, BSA





## **Camp Minsi Beaver Weekend & OA Callout Ceremony**

106 Camp Minsi Rd, Pocono Summit, PA 18346

**with Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser & Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

**May 17-19, 2024**

[www.minsitrails.org/beaverweekend](http://www.minsitrails.org/beaverweekend)



Join us for a weekend of fun and service with your fellow Arrowmen at Camp Minsi's Beaver Weekend! Help make our camp shine for the Summer Camp season!  
*See details and registration link above*

This event counts towards your Lodge Service Award requirements!  
OA Callout Ceremony is Saturday evening.

BEAVER WEEKEND Questions? – [campminsi@minsitrails.org](mailto:campminsi@minsitrails.org)  
FUNDRIASER Questions? – [foodservice@witauchsoman.org](mailto:foodservice@witauchsoman.org)

**Breakfast and Dinner Fundraiser** proceeds go to **OA Youth Scholarship Fund**, which helps send Lodge Youth Arrowmen to NOAC – National OA Conference



### **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Saturday, May 18**



- **8:00am to 8:45am** in Camp Minsi Dining Hall
- Pancakes (plain / chocolate chip / blueberry), Sausage, Coffee, Orange Juice
- Bring your whole Troop / Pack / Family!
- \$7 per person
- Money collected at door

### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Saturday, May 18**



- **5:00pm to 6:30pm** in Camp Minsi Dining Hall
- Spaghetti with meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Cannoli's
- Bring your whole Troop / Pack / Family!
- \$10 per person
- Money collected at door

### **What to bring to Beaver Weekend:**

- Work gloves
- Work boots
- Water bottle
- Rain gear
- Rakes / Leaf Blowers





## **Breaking 2024 Summer Camp News!**

**SAVE THE DATE for 2024!**

**Camp Minsi 2024 Summer Camp**

**Sign Up Today!**

**[www.campminsi.org](http://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

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

## **New Campership Announcement**

We are happy to announce the creation of a new campership that will be given automatically to the first 1000 Minsi Trails Council Scouts going to Camp Minsi Cub Scout, Scouts BSA or Venturing/Sea Scouting Summer Camp in 2024. The new **"General Trexler Campership"** is funded by a portion of the proceeds of the sale of Trexler Scout Reservation, and is intended to directly benefit our council's scouts. \$75 per scout youth will be taken off the 2024 Camper Fee at Camp Minsi for Minsi Trails Council Scouts, so instead of \$455 for a full week of camp the camp fee will be \$380. Scouts can also apply for our other camperships to further reduce the cost of attendance. More info about those camperships is in this email.

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## **Join the Camp Minsi Team**

Earlier this month we announced our management team. Foof, Kasey, Matt and Trey have been busy interviewing staff and filling up the staff roster. While most of the staff positions have been filled, we are still accepting applications, especially for lifeguards.

Please fill out the camp staff application if interested in joining the team.

<https://www.minsitrails.org/summer-camps/summer-camp-staff-application/>

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### **Camp Director – Dr. James "Foof" Feuerstein**



We are excited to have Dr. James Feuerstein back as the Camp Director for Camp Minsi. James has served as Camp Director at Akelaland since 2003. He is Scoutmaster for Troop 97 Girls, Cubmaster for Pack 90, and a Crew Advisor. As a youth, James was First Vice Chief and then Lodge Chief of Witauchsoman Lodge #44. He started his camp staff journey by working on staff at Camp Minsi as a youth. Many of you know Dr. Feuerstein better as "Foof."

James' many awards include the District Award of Merit, Eagle Scout, Vigil Membership in the Order of the Arrow, and Founders Award for the OA. He was also presented the Silver Beaver Award by Minsi Trails Council. He is a gifted education teacher who has served as chapter president of the PA Association for Gifted Education, a MathCounts coach, an Envirothon coach, and a coach for local youth sports programs. He has also been named the Sigma Xi Educator of the Year.



**Program Director Scouts, BSA - Matt Gillespie**



Matt has held various positions as part of summer camp staff over the years, and most recently served as the Settlers Camp Program Director for the final year at Trexler Scout Reservation.

He is extremely excited to return for another summer and is looking forward to the unique opportunities present this year, including the development of a new program that will provide Scouts with the best experiences that had previously been spread out across three camps.

Matt is looking forward to working with the rest of the Camp Minsi management team, and is extremely grateful for their support, as well that of his wife and their two children.

**Program Director, Cub Scouts – Kasey Pohl**

Since 2021 Kasey Pohl has been the Akelaland Cub Scout Program Director. Kasey has been an elementary school teacher for the past 20 years and currently teaches for the Stroudsburg School District. She has also served as a Den Leader for Pack 90 the past five years.



**Assistant Program Director – Trey Wachob**



Trey has served on the Akelaland Cub Scout Camp since 2018. He served on Pioneer Staff 2018-2020, Director of Special Operations in 2022, and Assistant Program Director in 2023.

Trey is an Eagle Scout and is on NYLT Staff.

Trey is a Vigil honor member of the OA and has been serving as the Lodge Chief for Witauchsoman Lodge #44 since 2021.





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# Support Local Scouting

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## THE BENEFITS OF DONATING TO SCOUTS

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**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.



**THANK YOU!**  
*Northampton County*



**THANK YOU TO NORTHAMPTON COUNTY & THEIR GENEROUS GRANT:**

**WE ARE ABLE TO REGISTER 95 YOUTH IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY AT **NO COST!****  
**(Unit dues may apply)**

**GRANT IS OPEN TO ALL PROGRAMS!**

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**ALL APPLICANTS MUST REGISTER BY **HARD COPY APPLICATIONS!****

**ONCE YOUR APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, PLEASE SUBMIT THEM BY HAND TO:**

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT  
MELISSA.**



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## Operation Shadow Recon

### A Ministry of Intelligence and National Security Initiative (MINSI) Camporee

Greetings, recruits!

The Ministry of Intelligence and National Security Initiative (MINSI) extends a classified invitation to you, the elite scouts of our council, for a Camporee like no other - Operation Shadow Recon. Prepare to embark on an unforgettable spy-themed adventure where your scouting skills will be put to the ultimate test.

**Mission Overview:** A clandestine threat looms over our nation, and only the best and brightest Scouts can unravel the mysteries that threaten our security. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to attend the Operation Shadow Recon Camporee and become agents of MINSI. Your objective is to hone your spy skills and thwart the impending danger that lurks in the shadows.

#### Key Details:

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**INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE**

#### Event Details:

**Date:** April 26-28, 2024

**Location:** Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, PA

**Attire:** Spy-themed costumes encouraged (disguises may be necessary!)

**Equipment:** Bring your camping gear, along with a keen sense of adventure.

**Remember:** This mission is top-secret, and discretion is of the utmost importance. Your scout troop is our last line of defense, and the success of Operation Shadow Recon rests in your hands.

Are you ready to become agents of MINSI and save the day? Your nation is counting on you. Good luck, scouts!

*This message will self-destruct in 5...4...3... Just kidding. See you at the Camporee!*





# **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](http://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](mailto:VentureCrew77@aol.com)**

First Aid Meet Committee Chairperson: Chris Lubenetski

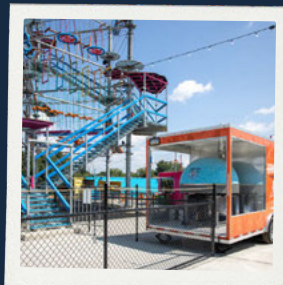


# CAMPING - CLIMBING ADVENTURE

SAVE THE DATE  
MAY 17, 2024 - MAY 18, 2024  
CAMP, CLIMB, AND MORE!



Family Fun



High adventure



Four-stories



Details to come! Save the Date!  
Come out for an entirely new experience!

# **National Youth Leadership Training Two weekend course**

**September 20-22 and 27-29, 2024**

**Camp Minsi**

**Registration is open**



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

**<https://www.minsitrails.org/event/3032250>**

Those who complete the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course may attend the NYLT Academy: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2024/03/07/nylt-leadership-academy-expands-its-locations-for-this-summer/>



## How to earn the BSA Total Solar Eclipse 2024 Emblem

*Aaron on Scouting* has information about Scouting offering a glow-in-the-dark emblem celebrating the April 8, 2024 total eclipse.

The BSA is celebrating the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, by offering a glow-in-the-dark Total Eclipse 2024 Emblem to youth members. To earn the emblem, participants need to complete five simple requirements:

1. Locate a suitable site for viewing the eclipse using sources like NASA's official site.
2. Describe how to safely view the eclipse, emphasizing the importance of specialized eye protection.
3. Discuss observations and feelings during the eclipse with your group.
4. Complete specific tasks based on scout age groups (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA members, Venturers, and Sea Scouts).
5. Ask the unit leader to purchase the BSA Total Solar Eclipse 2024 Emblem, available at the Scout Shop along with a glow-in-the-dark patch set and T-shirt.

This emblem initiative aims to engage scouts in the rare celestial event, making it a fun and educational activity for various scouting gatherings.

For more information, visit: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2024/01/24/how-to-earn-the-bsa-total-solar-eclipse-2024-emblem/>

***There are three Scout-approved way to view the eclipse:*** <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2024/03/27/scout-approved-ways-to-use-eclipse-viewer/>



# Recruiting Round Up

## Growing your unit

Come out for the first annual recruiting round up! Let's learn from each other! Get together with other leaders, share ideas and get the support you need.



**Get recruiting material**

**Share ideas and resources**

**Coordinate efforts & cobranding**

**CUB SCOUT RANK CHANGES**



**SCOUT ME IN™**

June 12, 2024  
5:30-7:00pm  
Louise Moore  
Park



# 2024 BSA National Annual Membership Fees

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL NEW  
AND EXISTING  
MEMBERS

**\$85**/YR

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.



**\$50**/YR



For all Exploring youth and adults.

**\$65**/YR



All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).



\$30/YR

Scoutreach participants in kindergarten through age 20.



\$25/YR



This fee is for  
Merit Badge Counselors **who are not  
already registered volunteers.**

Merit badge counselors who are not also registered in a unit position  
are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities/events.

Additional fees might be charged by local councils and units.

## UNIT RENEWAL FEE

\$100/YR

For all new and  
existing units.

## SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE



\$15/YR





- Unique Philmont Family Adventure for Scouts with disabilities and their family.
- Hiking, Shooting Sports, COPE/Climbing, Horsemanship.
- Customized experience to meet the Scout's abilities.
- Support from trained volunteers and staff.

## Zia Family Experience

*Philmont Training Center*

June 23-29, 2024

The Zia Experience is a customized, highly supported, personalized experience for your special needs Scout, you, and your family!



BOOK NOW

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/ptc-conferences/>

## Boy Scouts of America.

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### A Scout is Courteous

He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old, people, and the weak and helpless. *He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.*

# Upcoming training opportunities

*To be a better leader!*

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## **BALOO: Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation 2024**

This course is open to all registered Adult Leaders. There is a required prerequisite online training session available at: [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) My...

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## **Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor Course - Registration Now Open**

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA LEAVE NO TRACE LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR COURSE (Formally Leave No Trace Trainer...

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## **Leave No Trace Skills Course For Youth**

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA LEAVE NO TRACE SKILLS COURSE NEW! - This is the Course...

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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**

Minsi Trails Council Spring 2024 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) This course is open to all registered Adult...

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## **2024 University of Scouting**

MORE DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED...

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## **NRA Range Safety Officer Training**

NRA RSO (Range Safety Officer) Date - Saturday May 4th 2024 Location- Camp Minsi - (Rangers Shop) 8am to...

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## **2024 Commissioner Conference - Camp Minsi**

Tentative date for the 2024 Commissioner Conference - topics will include: New Cub Program Online Leader Registration Charter Renewal - brainstorm...

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## **2024 NYLT-National Youth Leadership Training**

National Youth Leadership Training will be held September 20-22, 27-29, 2024 at Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, Pa A training designed for youth in...

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## **2024 NYLT Second weekend**

National Youth Leadership Training weekend two. Please go to <https://www.minsitrails.org/event/3032250> to register This is...

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Learn how Scouts can participate in the National Day of Prayer on May 2: <https://blog.scouting-magazine.org/2024/02/28/heres-how-you-can-participate-in-the-national-day-of-prayer/>

Looking for an interesting outing? Try an overnight outing on the *Battleship New Jersey*. Although overnight outings are not available this spring due to dry dock work, they are taking reservations for future overnights once the ship returns and re-opens. <https://www.battleshipnewjersey.org/visit/overnights/>



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