NOVEMBER 2026 Northampton District Newsbrief

Northampton District

SCOUTING AMERICA, MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL

BRIEFLY… NEW OR RENEW!!

Whether *you're new to Scouting or renewing*, there's a lot of information and people to help you! Northampton District will be having Renewal Nights (*see below*) to help you with paperwork and to answer questions you may have. And inside this newsbrief there are many opportunities for events, both outings and training that will benefit adults and Scouts. Read on…

Northampton District Unit Renewal Nights

On Wednesday November 11 and Friday November 20, volunteers will be available for all units to bring their paperwork to the Council Service Center between 7:00 and 8:30 pm to renew units for the 2027 Scouting Season. This is an opportunity to also meet with your District Chair and District Executive and to ask important questions. The Scout Shop will remain open after hours for unit payments.

DaVinci Science Center Merit Badge Days

In partnership with Minsi Trails Council, the Da Vinci Center is presenting the following exciting merit badge opportunities: **November 14, 2026:** Artificial Intelligence Merit Badge; **December 5, 2026:** Oceanography Merit Badge; and **February 20, 2027:** Composite Materials Merit Badge. For more information, visit **https://scoutingevent.com/502-DaVinciMBdays** .

Northampton District Roundtable

Making Ornaments for the Holiday Season - Pot Luck. On December 9, please join us at this fun event. We will be making ornaments for the holiday season and sharing conversation on summer camp preparations. Please bring something yummy to share with the group. All leaders and parents are welcome.

Crayola Scout Night Out

Visit Scout Night Out at Crayola Experience Easton on November 13 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm! This exclusive event is designed just for Scouts and is packed with creativity, hands-on fun, and badge-earning opportunities.
https://scoutingevent.com/502-Crayolascoutnight

Scouting 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:
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/

Unit Flyer and Marketing Resources:
https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/resources/recruitment-marketing/scouts-bsa-marketing-tools/

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

NOVEMBER 11 - District Renewal Night at Council Office, 7:00 pm
NOVEMBER 14 - Scouting for Food, food pickup
NOVEMBER 14 - DaVinci Science Center Merit Badge Day (Artificial Intelligence Merit Badge)
NOVEMBER 14 - Scout Shop Holiday Event at Council Office, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
NOVEMBER 20 - District Renewal Night at Council Office, 7:00 pm
NOVEMBER 21 - Lehigh Valley Phantoms Scout Night, 7:00 pm, PPL Center
DECEMBER 2 - Northampton District Committee Meeting
DECEMBER 5 - DaVinci Science Center Merit Badge Day (Oceanography Merit Badge)
DECEMBER 9 - Northampton District Roundtable at Council Office, 7:00 pm
DECEMBER 12 - University of Scouting/Merit Badge College, NCC, Pocono Campus

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

Cubfest 2026 - Pocono Speedway
October 24, 2026
















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October 24, 2026























Cubfest 2026 - Pocono Speedway
October 24, 2026







Northampton District Roundtable - Minsi Trails Council Office
October 14, 2026









NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIR

Hello Northampton District Scouters,

We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our veterans. November 11 is Veterans Day, a time to pause and remember that many of the freedoms and opportunities we hold dear have been protected by the men and women who served our country.

Veterans Day is different from Memorial Day. While Memorial Day honors those who gave their lives in service to our nation, Veterans Day gives us the opportunity to recognize and thank all who served, especially those who are still here with us today.

Both of my parents served in the United States Army, and I have many other family members who served in our Armed Forces. I am incredibly grateful for their service and for the service of every veteran.

Even if you do not have a veteran in your family or personally know someone who served, please remember that their service was for all of us. They served so that we could enjoy freedoms and opportunities that can be easy to take for granted.

And sacrifice does not always mean giving one's life. Some sacrifices are visible, while many others are carried quietly long after a veteran's service has ended. Veterans have given their time, endured separation from their families, faced hardships, and made sacrifices that those of us who have not served may never fully understand.

They have given their blood, sweat, and tears so that the rest of us can pursue our best lives.

So this Veterans Day, and throughout the month, ***please take a moment to thank a veteran***. If you see someone or know someone who served, let them know that their service mattered and that you are grateful.

Their sacrifices have helped make our lives better each and every day.

To all of our veterans, especially those reading this message: thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and everything you have given to our country.

Ian Fairbairn
Northampton District Chair



MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL
NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT AWARDS
FOR 2026

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.**

Every Unit should have at least a scouter nominated for the Scouting Spirit Award

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 the Boy Scouts of 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 3.

These forms can be found on the Minsi Trails Council > Northampton District > Award Nominations and Training Awards & Recognition website (https://www.minsitrails.org/northampton).

Please submit Nomination forms to one of the Scouters below by December 31

Ian Fairbairn: jugglescoutif@gmail.com and

Drew Draper: acdraper31@gmail.com

Membership News

Unit & Member Renewal: Important Updates for 2026-2027

What are the big changes coming for 2026-2027?

National is transitioning to a common renewal date of February for all units and members. (First common renewal will be February 2028.) Unit renewal and member renewal will become one process again. Members will still have the option to renew themselves if desired. The lapse period will be eliminated for units and members who have a December 2026 anniversary date. If you do not renew by December 31, 2026, you will be dropped and lose access to any tools.

To support the transition during 2026 and 2027 new and renewing units will use the standard charter fee plus pro rata fees through February 2028. The fee to renew units with a December anniversary date will be $119 ($8.50 x 14 months). There are no changes for new and renewing members through 2026. **This change will affect unit renewals for the 2026—2027 renewal period only.** These are significant operational changes designed to reduce complexity and create a more streamlined experience for volunteers, families, and councils alike.

We strongly recommend unit Key 3 begin reviewing their unit rosters and make changes to positions as necessary. Verify that all registered leaders are current with PA Act 15 clearances and Safeguarding Youth Training. The renewal period for December anniversaries opened on November 1.

Please note council has sent Key 3 leaders notification regarding leaders whose clearances have expired. We ask that you reach out to those leaders and have them update their clearances. Check the council website under unit & leader resources/PA clearances for information and websites (https://www.minsitrails.org/pavolunteerclearances).

National has also made changes to the renewal system. Families can renew all scouts/adults in one transaction. The system will accept Google, Apple, and Klarna for payment. You will still have the option to pay at council should you wish to do so.

Directions to renew: https://www.scouting.org/resources/unit-and-membership-renewal/

Northampton District Renewal Nights

Join us for district renewal nights on Wednesday, November 11 or Friday, November 20, from 7 to 8:30 pm at the council office. The Scout Shop will stay open to process payments. Council will accept unit renewals only when all required information and paperwork are complete.

Den Leaders Activity Planning

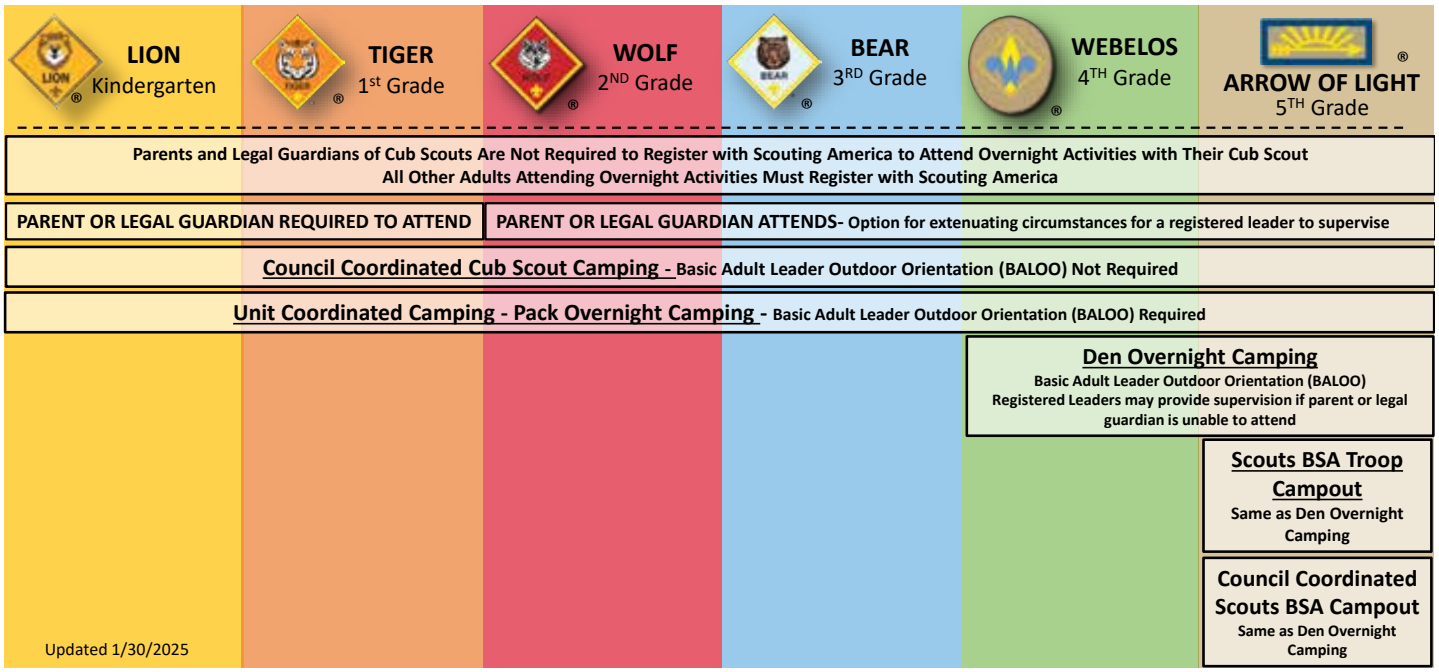
National has put together a deck of cards for each Cub Scout rank to assist Den Leaders in planning their meetings. Information is also available on the Scouting America website Den Leader Resources (https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/leader-resources/den-meeting-resources/).





Cub Scout Overnight Camping

Cub Scout overnight camping is allowed under specific rules—typically limited to two consecutive nights, with approved sites and trained adult leaders, and only for certain age groups and program types. The following are details for Cub Scouts by rank (available at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/2024-Cub-Scout-Camping-INfo-graph.pdf):



BeAScout Leads

Units, when you receive a lead, you 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.

Pinewood Derby Order Form

Council is again providing the Pinewood Derby Kits for each Cub Scout. Please only fill one out per Pack.

https://247scouting.com/forms/502-pwdcars2026

Patti Davis
Northampton District Membership Chair

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

ON MY.SCOUTING.ORG

6/12/26 UPDATE

Old YPT
(no 90-minute course completed before May 31, 2026)?

→ Full 90-minute SYT course required

90-minute SYT course expired
more than 30 days ago?

→ Full 90-minute SYT course required

90-minute SYT course expired
30 days or less **OR** still active?

→ Refresher course assigned

Renewal emails will direct participants to **"My Training"**, where they can select **"Take Course"** or **"Retake Course"**.

The system will automatically guide them to the correct training based on their status.



IMPORTANT NOTE

Anyone who has completed only the SYT Refresher without ever completing the full 90-minute course will need to complete the full course to earn completion.

Clearing the browser cache may be necessary to ensure the "Retake Course" button routes correctly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUTH SAFETY

SAVE-THE-DATE!!

LEHIGH DISTRICT
2026 FIRST AID MEET

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2026

SCHNECKSVILLE FIRE COMPANY
Pavilion Building
4550 Old Packhouse Road
Schnecksville, PA 18078

VOYAGERS

Patrols will be become time travelers, known as “VOYAGERS” and travel through time using their Omni. The Omni will leap the patrol to various historic events of the United States of America between 1776 and 2026. At these historic events, the patrol must utilize their first aid knowledge to get history back on track as we know it in 2026.

Check-in starts at 6:15 pm Event starts at 7:00pm and ends about 9:00pm

*First Aid Meet is open to ALL Troops, Crews, and Ships
*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!!)
-Must be original design, must have patrol name, unit number
*Each patrol must provide an adult judge
*Webelos/AOL Scouts may serve as victims for the patrol, but may not be a “rescuer”
*Past scenarios and quizzes may be found at **www.BSACrew77.org**

To register and for more information go to **https://scoutingevent.com/502-Lehigh1staidmeet**

Any questions or concerns, please contact Venturing Crew #77 at ***venturecrew77@aol.com***

First Aid Meet Committee Chairperson Chris Lubenetski 610-972-4045 (text is best)

LEHIGH DISTRICT
2026 First Aid Meet

Schnecksville Fire Company
Pavilion Building
4550 Old Packhouse Road
Schnecksville, PA 18078

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2026

Registration 6:15 to 6:55 PM ~ Meet begins *promptly* at 7:00 PM

COST: In council MTC Scouts free, Out of Council Scouts/Leaders $7(includes a patch).
All Webelos, AOL Scouts, Judges, volunteer judges, and staff will receive a patch.

The purpose of the First Aid Meet is to test patrol skills and the ability of the patrol to respond as a team to emergency situations. Troops and Venturing Crews are encouraged to participate.

In an effort to have more consistency in judging and more realistic scenarios, please read **ALL** of the following information:

VICTIM INFORMATION	Units are asked to have at least one person per patrol to act as a victim for scenarios. This will allow the Scouts to participate in all scenarios. It is strongly suggested that Webelos/AOL Scouts be utilized as victims to encourage future Scouts. Victims will report to registration for assignment and instructions.
PATROL SIZE	Each patrol is to have at least **4** Scouts, but not more than **8**. Patrols may NOT change Scouts once the event has started.
PATROL NAMES & FLAGS	**Patrol names** must be appropriate to Scouting and can not be changed after registration is completed. **Patrol flags** should be original design and may be made of various materials. The patrol flag shall be on a pole, but the pole shall be no longer than 6 foot in length. The flag must have the patrol name and unit number on it.
UNIFORMS	Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to wear their Field Uniform Shirts (formerly Class A Uniforms).
TRADING POST	***BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!!!*** Venturing Crew #77 will operate a Trading Post where drinks and snacks may be purchased. Other items may be available for purchase, such as past event T-Shirts and patches.
JUDGING	Scenario judging and test questions will be based on skills covered in the First Aid section of the Scout Handbook and the First Aid Merit Badge. Scouts will also be evaluated on their ability to perform as a team in providing correct first aid to an injured person.

1st AID KIT SUPPLIES	Patrols should have all the first aid supplies listed on the EQUIPMENT LIST. Patrol 1st Aid Kits will be inspected during registration for the required items. Patrol 1st Aid Kits will be scored, with up to 100 points being possible. Any questions or concerns may be directed towards Crew #77 at **VentureCrew77@aol.com** prior to the event registration
PROHIBITED ITEMS	Use of any of these items once the 1st Aid Meet begins at 7pm will disqualify your patrol from that scenario, resulting in a score of 0 (zero). ***Cellphones Tablets Reference Books (Scout Books, etc.)*** Stretchers and Commercial Tourniquets are not allowed to be used during the First Aid Meet.
AWARDS	Recognition Awards will be given to the top 3 patrols from Lehigh District with the highest scores. There will be a District Plaque recognizing the yearly winner of each First Aid Meet. There will be an award given to the winner of the patrol flag competition as chosen by the participating Scouts. A Recognition Award will be given to the top patrol from outside of Lehigh District with the highest score.
JUDGES NEEDED	Each Unit must provide at least 1 judge for each patrol for the 1st Aid Meet. If we do not have enough judges, those patrols that did not provide a judge, will not be permitted to participate. Judges should have 1st Aid experience (Merit Badge Counselors; First Aid Instructors) or certification (Standard 1st Aid, Emergency Response; Emergency Medical Responder, EMT, Paramedic; etc.). Please encourage trained individuals to assist with this event. Judges should register with their unit or they may contact the event chairperson.
VOLUNTEERS	Volunteers are needed to: - Act as victims (Leaders/Parents/Webelos/AOL Scouts) - Judge - Assist with tabulating scores Please either register with your unit or let us know if you can help at **venturecrew77@aol.com.** **ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE AN EVENT PATCH**

REGISTRATION….

Registration must be completed on-line by Tuesday November 10, 2026 by 11:59pm at **https://scoutingevent.com/502-Lehigh1staidmeet**

Chairperson Chris Lubenetski 610-972-4045
VentureCrew77@aol.com
Visit www.BSACrew77.org for sample scenarios and past history

2026 Lehigh District 1st Aid Meet
ITEMS FOR PATROL 1st AID KITS

The below listed item should be in your Patrol First Aid Kit for the 2026 Lehigh District 1st Aid Meet. Each Patrol First Aid Kit will be inspected by judges prior to entry into the 1st Aid Meet. The Patrol First Aid Kit will be scored by the judges, up to 100 points will be awarded. If you have any questions concerning your first aid kit, please contact Venturing Crew #77 at venturecrew77@aol.com.

MINIMUM ITEMS

-1 Empty plastic water bottle

-2 Simulated cold packs (can be a used one, should not be cold; may use a clear bag with a note card stating “ICE PACK”)

-1 Sheet or blanket (to place on floor)

-1 Sheet or blanket (for patient use)

-2 Roller bandages (gauze roll or Coban)

-5 Triangular Bandages, Neckerchiefs, or strips of cloth

-1 Roll of adhesive tape

-1 Elastic Bandage (ACE Bandage) or Coban

-5 Gauze Pads (3”x3” or 4”x4”; can use Gauze Sponges)

-1 Simulated Triple Antibiotic Ointment (tube or container must be marked with “TAO” if simulating package)

-1 Bar of Soap or liquid soap (can be simulated)

-1 Pair of Scissors

-Pencil, pen, and paper

-2 Rigid Splints (should be about 30-36” long (a lower leg splint); can be made out of cardboard (double-thick), rolled newspaper; wood; or commercially made)

-1 Dowel (wood, plastic, metal, about 1/4” thick and about 6-8” long)

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED: *Commercial tourniquet, stretchers*

Northampton County District October 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



10/26/26 Troop 3 Brayden D.





Eagle Scout Update

Fellow scouters,

At the end of last week National came out with a new 2026 Eagle Project Workbook. Once you click on the link on the Minsi website and review the new paperwork (https://www.minsitrails.org/trail-eagle-process), you will see that they are saying that if your Scouts are working on getting a project approved now and if their project was approved already by me, they can finish with the 2023 version. The other side of that is if your Scout has not started yet, the Scout should use the 2026 version. It would be good for the leaders to review the new paperwork, as the 2026 version has some changes. Any questions, let us know. More info to follow. This information was sent to the troop advancement chairs.

Thanks to all,

Jim Daley

EXPLORE ENGINEERING

with engineers from AIR PRODUCTS

The Engineering Explorers Post offers students the opportunity to explore engineering and STEM through hands-on activities, project challenges, and interaction with practicing engineers from Air Products.

Who: School students ages 14-18 interested in STEM

What: Scouting America Engineering Explorer Post # 3141

When: Third Tuesday of the month beginning
October 20, 2026, through April 20, 2027, from 6:00-8:00 PM

Where: Upper Macungie Lifestyle Center, 340 Grange Road, Allentown, PA 18106

Cost: $50 (includes dinner and all materials)

Scouting America

EXPLORING™ DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

Please note: If you've participated before, some activities may be reused.

REGISTER FOR POST 3141 HERE
or visit https://tinyurl.com/2nju4y6t

Scouting America

Merit Badge Days

In partnership with Minsi Trails Council, Da Vinci Science Center is presenting the following exciting merit badge opportunities!



October 17, 2026: Digital Technology Merit Badge

Learn about digital technology—past, present and future! We'll look at intellectual property, the 1's and 0's of how digital technology works, and use coding to create programs that are useful...and fun!

Scouts will complete Requirements 3, 4 , 5, 6(a) (c) and (f), 7, 8 (a) and (c), and 9 (a).

November 14, 2026: Artificial Intelligence Merit Badge

Artificial Intelligence is everywhere these days...but without understanding what it can and can't do, we use it at our peril. We'll give you the tools to understand and use AI smartly. We'll examine automation, ethics, deepfakes, and how to harness AI for good.

Scouts will complete Requirements 1-6.





December 5, 2026: Oceanography Merit Badge

From waves to wildlife, the ocean is full of wonders (and mysteries)! We will be learning about the geology of the seafloor, how landforms affect wave patterns, and about careers in oceanography and underwater exploration.

Scouts will complete Requirements 1-6, 7e, 8c and 9. Scouts will also get time in the oceanography-focused Finding Titanic special exhibition!

February 20, 2027: Composite Materials Merit Badge

Composite materials are a key ingredient in making many of the things we use regularly stronger and more effective. We'll look at the properties of these materials; how to use them safely; careers in composites and materials science, and even make a couple of composite products to take home.

Scouts will complete Requirements 1(b), 2(b), 3(b), 4(a) or (b), 5, and 6(a).



All sessions will run from 9AM-4PM and include the following:

- *A Scouting America registered Merit Badge Counselor (please arrive with Scoutmaster approved Blue Card)*
- *All necessary materials*
- *Lunch*
- *A Da Vinci Science Center commemorative patch*
- *Admission to the museum the day of the event*

33% DISCOUNT

Use code **MINSIFD**

Museum Admission Included

davincisciencecenter.org/scouts

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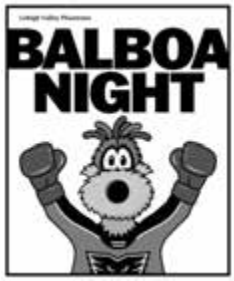
815 W. Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101



SCOUT NIGHT AT THE PHANTOMS!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST 7:05PM



ALL TROOPS/PACKS IN ATTENDANCE CAN PARTICIPATE IN OUR ANNUAL ON ICE SCOUT PARADE!

RESERVE YOUR SEATS BY OCTOBER 16TH AND YOUR SCOUTS WILL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL PHANTOMS 2026 SCOUT NIGHT PATCH!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY BY CONTACTING SAMANTHA CARROLL SCARROLL@PHANTOMSHOCKEY.COM

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL HISTORICAL TRAILS

🥾 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!

University of Scouting/Merit Badge College

Registration is Open! We are excited to offer two great programs on the same day.
December 12, 2026

Check in starts promptly at 8:00 am in the Pocono Community Room in Pocono Hall, Northampton Community College, Pocono Campus, Tannersville, Pa

We are offering a variety of merit badges and adult leader informational sessions. This year the focus in on the nitty gritty of Scouting with some fun sprinkled in.

Test your Scouting knowledge in our escape rooms.

All registrants will get a newly designed event patch.

Continental breakfast and a boxed lunch is included in the event registration.

We will have a wide variety of informational booths in the Pocono Community Room.

https://scoutingevent.com/502-UniversityofScouting2026



The Liberty in Action 250th Anniversary Challenge Emblem

As America celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Scouting America is inviting Scouts to explore what citizenship and community mean today. Scouts can take on creative challenges, visit historic places, and team up with friends and family to celebrate the spirit of our country.

Earn your Patch today

For more information visit https://www.scoutshop.org/blog/liberty-in-action-250th-anniversary-challenge.html



Crayola Experience Easton, PA

SCOUT NIGHT OUT

November 13, 5–8PM

An exclusive Scout event filled with creativity, hands-on fun, and badge-earning opportunities!

$19.99 per person
(Gate Price $30.99)

IMAGINE



CREATE



EXPLORE



INCLUDES:

- Unlimited access to 20+ hands-on attractions
- 2 tokens per person (personalize a crayon and choose a Model Magic color)
- 1 Scribble Scrubbie pet
- 1 FREE Scout Leader Ticket per group
- 2 Exclusive Workshops
  Earn badges with Edwin's Garden and Color Lab Challenge

NEW!

SLIME CLASS ADD-ON

Additional $10 per Scout
Chemistry or Science Badge Eligible*
5:30 & 6:30PM in Café Crayola**

Book your unit today!

GroupsEaston@CrayolaExperience.com | (610) 515-8000 (press 1)

*Badges not provided. ** Space is limited, advanced registration required. Pricing subject to sales tax. Valid for new bookings only. Minimum of 10 Scouts required. Restrictions may apply.

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SAFE SCOUTING UNIT AWARD

The Minsi Trails Council Safety Committee is proud to introduce a new award available for your unit called the “Safe Scouting Unit Award.” By committing to a small number of actions throughout 2026, your unit can achieve this award! To see the criteria and earn the Safe Scouting Unit Award visit:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oAiQ_UZ4iUmkxXfPrT9-ToZ5blYZRSZAvx-Te4ro2n3xUMkpCVlBTQUQ5QTVCNkYyQUNFUzlXUVhMTS4u





Cub Scout Safety Ranger

Minsi Trails Council is proud to present a new safety program for Cub Scouts. This program allows our packs to teach and work with youth on a consistent program focusing on safety and cooperation. Cub Scouts work together and watch out for one another.

https://minsitrails.org/cub-scout-safety-ranger-program

The Takhone Corner

Hello, Takhone chapter members.

We will be meeting Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 pm at North Summit Climbing Gym, 481 Bushkill Plaza Ln #9665, Wind Gap, PA 18091. The cost to climb is $22 per person, which includes a harness. Climbing shoes are available to rent for an additional $6 but are not required.

On Thursday, December 10th, we are planning on having our annual holiday party when we will also decide on activities for next year's chapter gatherings. Keep an eye out for an email and app message with more information.

Don't forget the Lodge Family Banquet will be on January 9, 2027 at DeSales University. Registration closes Friday, January 1, 2027 at midnight. For full event details, visit https://witauchsoman.org/banquet. Register at https://scoutingevent.com/502-118813.

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY