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## 2008 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign



Minsi Trails Council  
Executive Board Member  
Steve Thompson has been

selected to serve as the  
2008 Family Friends of  
Scouting Chairman.

At our recent goal  
setting conference,  
each district chair-  
man and key district  
leaders submitted indi-  
vidual district family  
campaign goals that total  
over \$236,000. This cam-  
paign is one of the largest  
single campaigns in the  
council. Funds generated

will help the council and  
your district continue pro-  
viding quality programs.  
Each year, the council  
invests over \$100 for each  
youth member to provide  
the Scouting program to  
nearly 32,000 young men  
and women in our territory.  
Here are some examples of  
how your Friends of  
Scouting gifts benefit our  
programs:

- 3 council owned and operated camps that serve over 5,000 youth each year
- Council calendars, The Minsi, camp guidebooks, and program planning packets
- Camporees, Resident Camp, Cub Fun Days, JAMBO, and other special events
- A comprehensive library of adult and youth training material
- Program supplies such as archery equipment, canoes, tents, craft supplies, etc.
- Recruitment materials such as flyers, posters, and car kits.

• A dedicated staff to assist with training, program, membership, customer service, and camp maintenance.

Several years ago the council initiated the collector patch series to thank family campaign donors. This year, we are proud to offer the "CLEAN" edition for gifts of \$100 or more. Gifts of \$250 will receive a thank you plaque and \$500 gifts will receive a Norman Rockwell print. In addition every donor will receive a magnetic emblem.

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## Silver Beaver Dinner and Annual Business Meeting

The Minsi Trails Council will be having their Annual Business meeting and Silver Beaver Dinner on January 25, 2008. Gathering and registration will begin at 6:00pm. It is at East Hills Moravian Church at 1830 Butztown Road in Bethlehem. The dinner costs \$23. We will be honoring the following Silver Beaver Recipients, Lawrence John Feller; Judy Issermoyer; Leo Lashock; Alan Charles Lippincott; Linda Raye Mehl; Kathryn Stephanoff; and Steven Thompson. If you have any questions, need directions or to register, please contact Amy Frantz at 610-465-8558.



## Scout Executive Corner

Dear Scouters,

For the past five summers, I've had the opportunity to spend a week at Camp Minsi with my son as he participated in Boy Scout summer camp. These weeks have taught him a great deal, and have provided me with some of my best memories.

However, we are currently facing a serious challenge at Camp Minsi, and how we respond to this challenge in the upcoming months will determine whether we can continue to operate Camp Minsi in the future.

In 2002, the State of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) reclassified the dam at Camp Minsi as a B2 High-Hazard Dam. Since then, the camp experienced three "100 year rain events", resulting in the dam overtopping all three times. One of these overtoppings resulted in a breach in the dam, which has since been repaired.

As a result, the PA DEP has informed us that we are required to rebuild the dam to meet higher standards. The estimated cost of these repairs is \$3,000,000. Needless to say, the council does not have the funds to enact the repairs. This is

where your help is needed. Our council's legislative leaders have been involved for several years in helping us locate federal, state and private funds to help cover the cost of these repairs.

Senators Arlen Spector and Robert Casey and Rep. Charlie Dent have been working on the federal front, and State Senators Robert Mellow, Robert Musto, Pat Browne and Lisa Boscola have been working with all of our State Representatives, including Rep. Mario Scavello, Rep. Mike Carroll, Rep. Doug Reichley and Rep. Jennifer Mann, to secure state funding.

Our goal is to secure a state grant, and to match this grant with either federal funds, private contributions, or funds from the sale of a "conservation easement" on the Camp Minsi property. A conservation easement would insure that the property could not be sold to a developer, and the proceeds from the sale could be used to help pay for the repairs, with the balance placed in the council's endowment fund to help maintain the dam and the rest of the camp for future generations of Scouts.

Here's where you come in. In February, 2008, we will be launching a "Save Camp Minsi" Scout letter-writing campaign geared at asking our legislative leaders and Gov. Rendell to help provide funding to repair the

dam. We will be holding special informational meetings about this letter-writing campaign at each district's February Roundtable meeting.

Our goal is to send 10,000 letters from Scouts and parents to Gov. Rendell and each of our legislative leaders, asking for their help in saving our camp. Sample letters and a roster of these leaders will be distributed at the February Roundtables, along with a fact sheet about this challenge.

Summer camp is an essential method of Scouting, and aquatic activities like swimming, lifesaving, canoeing, rowing, sailing and fishing are essential to summer camp. Without a lake, we'd be hard pressed to run a summer camp program at Camp Minsi.

Given the tight timetable that the PA DEP has placed on us, we must move quickly to let our leaders know of the challenge we face. I hope you can join us at our February Roundtables to hear how you can help us overcome this challenge.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or suggestions, and thanks for helping us Save Camp Minsi for future generations of Scouts.

Sincerely,

Yours in Scouting,  
Tom Harrington  
Scout Executive & CEO  
(610) 465-8554 or [tharring@minsitrails.com](mailto:tharring@minsitrails.com)

## Commissioners Corner

### Saying Thank You... ...Again and Again

I track the column topics that I have written about over the past 4 years and there is one topic that can be repeated again and again – saying "Thank You".

When was the last time that someone said thank you when you least expected it? How did it make you feel?

If you are anything like me, the time that you put into community activities, the time you spend with your children or grandchildren, the time you spend with your spouse or other family members is seldom thought about. It is time that we give unselfishly. Yet that unselfishness is a core belief that drives most of us in Scouting. "Do a Good Turn Daily" and "Helping Other People At All Times" are not just phrases but a way of life.

I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who had made my Scouting experience a rewarding one. I have had the fortune to work with fine people over the four years that I have served as your Council Commissioner – a professional staff that is superior, board and unit volunteers who have astounded me with the seemingly limitless amount of time that they give to the program, training personnel who are

dedicated to the making sure that our future leaders have all the leadership tools they need, and, yes, even the youth who from time to time come to my home to complete merit badges. My exposure to and relationship with each of these groups and others is what keeps me participating in Minsi Trails Council.

I especially want to say thank you to a group of District Commissioners who have served and are now stepping down. Lou Smolinsky – Anthracite, Steve Mehl – Trexler, Ron Batterick – North Valley, and Tim Lambert – Forks of the Delaware have all served their districts well and have helped see that their units were equally well served by their respective commissioner staffs. Gentlemen, kudos for a job well done. I will miss you but look forward to working with your successors.

I hope each of you who have read this column have made a concerted effort to thank those who have done something for you. Bring a smile to the face of someone who is not expecting it and find out how rewarding a simple act really is.

Glenn B. Higbie  
Council Commissioner

# Training Courses – 2008

National BSA studies show that trained leaders have more fun, are more confident, and retain boys in Scouting longer. Sign up now for a training course for your position - it will be a great investment for you, your son, and your Scouts! To register for a course, log onto our web site: [www.minsitrails.com](http://www.minsitrails.com) and click on Training. If you have any questions call Priscilla at the Council Service Center 610-465-8578. Please be sure to check our web site for additional trainings which may be scheduled before the next issue of the Minsi comes out.

## NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS

**APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF COURSE: 1 1/2 HRS**

This is an introductory session that highlights the values, aims, history, funding, and methods of Scouting. Videos, discussions and hands-on reinforcement are presented.

Sat. Jan. 5, 2008	9:30 AM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S 8th St. Tatamy	Forks
Thurs. Jan. 10, 2008	7:30 PM	Trexler Roundtable – Mack Truck Headquarters, 421 Mack Blvd. Allentown	Trexler
Sat. Jan. 12, 2008	9:30 AM	Council Service Center, 991 Postal Rd. Allentown	Council
Sat. Jan. 26, 2008	8:30 AM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown	Trexler
Sat. Feb. 2, 2008	9:30 AM	Council Service Center, 991 Postal Rd. Allentown	Council
Wed. Mar. 5, 2008	6:00 PM	South Mountain Roundtable, St. Luke's Hospital Ed. Center, Bethlehem	South Mountain
Sat. Mar. 8, 2008	Various	University of Scouting LCCC, Rt. 309 Schnecksville	Council
Wed. Apr. 23, 2008	6:45 PM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy	Forks
Sat. June 14, 2008	8:00 AM	Grace Moravian Church, Center Valley	South Mountain
Sat. Sept. 27, 2008	9:30 AM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy	Forks
Wed. Oct. 1, 2008	6:45 PM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy	Forks
Sat. Oct. 4, 2008	8:30 AM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown	Trexler
Tues. Oct. 14, 2008	7:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2700 Jacksonville Rd. Bethlehem	South Mountain
Sat. Oct. 25, 2008	9:30 AM	St. James Lutheran Church, 1213 Route 22, Phillipsburg, NJ	Forks
Sat. Dec. 6, 2008	8:00 AM	First United Church of Christ, 501 Northampton St. Hellertown	South Mountain
Sat. Dec. 6, 2008	9:30 AM	St. James Lutheran Church, 1213 Route 22, Phillipsburg, NJ	Forks

## CUB SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

**APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF COURSE: 3 HRS**

This training provides the specialized knowledge a new leader needs to assume a leadership role. Tiger Leaders, Wolf /Bear Den Leaders, Webelos Leaders, Cubmasters, Pack Committee Chairmen, and Pack Committee Members should complete this training.

Sat. Jan. 5, 2008	11:00 AM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S 8th St. Tatamy	Forks
Thurs. Jan. 10, 2008	8:30 PM	Trexler Roundtable, Mack Truck Headquarters, 421 Mack Blvd. Allentown	Trexler
Sat. Jan. 12, 2008	11:00 AM	Council Service Center, 991 Postal Rd. Allentown	Council
Sat. Jan. 26, 2008	10:00 AM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown	Trexler
Sat. Feb. 2, 2008	11:00 AM	Council Service Center, 991 Postal Rd. Allentown	Council
Sat. Mar. 8, 2008	Various	University of Scouting LCCC, Rt. 309 Schnecksville	Council
Sat. June 14, 2008	10:00 AM	Grace Moravian Church, Center Valley	South Mountain
Sat. Sept. 27, 2008	11:00 AM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy	Forks
Sat. Oct. 4, 2008	10:00 AM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown	Trexler
Tues. Oct. 21, 2008	7:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2700 Jacksonville Rd. Bethlehem	South Mountain
Sat. Oct. 25, 2008	11:00 AM	St. James Lutheran Church, 1213 Route 22, Phillipsburg, NJ	Forks
Sat. Dec. 6, 2008	10:00 AM	First United Church of Christ, 501 Northampton St. Hellertown	South Mountain
Sat. Dec. 6, 2008	11:00 AM	St. James Lutheran Church, 1213 Route 22, Phillipsburg, NJ	Forks

## SCOUTMASTER & ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING

Tues. Feb. 19, 2008	6:00 – 10:30 PM	Lehigh University – Maginnes Hall, Bethlehem*	South Mountain
Thurs. Feb. 28, 2008	6:00 – 10:30 PM	Lehigh University – Maginnes Hall, Bethlehem*	South Mountain
Sat. Mar. 29, 2008	8:30 AM-5 PM	Troop 66 Scout House, Victory Park, Slatington	North Valley
Tues. Apr. 8, 2008	6:00 – 9:30 PM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown**	Trexler
Wed. Apr. 9, 2008	6:00 – 9:30 PM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown**	Trexler
Tues. Apr. 15, 2008	6:00 – 9:30 PM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown**	Trexler
Fri. Apr. 25, 2008	6:30 – 9:05 PM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy ^	Forks

# Training Courses – 2008 -- Continued

Sat. Apr. 26, 2008	7:45AM-2PM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy ^	Forks
Tues. Sept. 9, 2008	6:00 – 9:30 PM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown**	Trexler
Wed. Sept. 10, 2008	6:00 – 9:30 PM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown**	Trexler
Tues. Sept. 16, 2008	6:00 – 9:30 PM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown**	Trexler
Sat. Sept. 20, 2008	8:00 – 6:00 PM	Bethlehem – site TBA	South Mountain
Fri. Oct. 3, 2008	6:30 – 9:05 PM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy ^	Forks
Sat. Oct. 4, 2008	7:45AM-2PM	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy ^	Forks

\* Must attend all sessions of a course within the same district to complete the course.

## BOY SCOUT – INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

Thurs. Apr. 3, 2008	6-10 PM	Bethlehem – site TBA	South Mountain
Tues. Apr. 8, 2008	6-10 PM	Bethlehem – site TBA	South Mountain
Sat. Apr. 12, 2008	9 AM – 5 PM	So. Mountain Park, Mountain Dr. So. Bethlehem	South Mountain

Must attend all three sessions to complete course.

Fri.-Sun. Apr. 25-27, 2008	6:30 PM Fri. – Noon Sun	Camp Trexler, Hawkeye Campsites	North Valley
		Mandatory pre-meeting Wed. April 9th @ LCCC at 6 PM	
Sat.-Sun. Sept. 20-21, 2008	8 AM Sat. – 6 PM Sun.	Camp Serranova	Trexler
		Mandatory Pre-meeting Tues. Sept. 16th @ St. Mark's UCC at 6PM	
Fri.-Sun. Oct. 24-26	6:00 PM Fri. – Noon Sun.	Camp Trexler, Hawkeye Campsites	Forks
		Mandatory Pre-meeting Sat. Oct. 4 @ Hope Lutheran Church @ 2:15 PM	

## TROOP COMMITTEE CHALLENGE

This training is for all Troop committee chairmen and Troop committee members.

Sat. Mar. 8, 2008	Various	University of Scouting LCCC, Rt. 309 Schnecksville	Council
Wed. Apr. 16, 2008	6– 9:30 PM	St. Mark's UCC, 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown	Trexler
Sat. Apr. 26, 2008	7:45AM-12:30	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy	Forks
Sat. Oct. 4, 2008	7:45AM-12:30	Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S. 8th St. Tatamy	Forks
Wed. Nov. 5, 2008	7:30 PM-10:00	St. Luke's Hospital, Priscilla Payne Hurd Ed. Bldg., Bethlehem	South Mountain

## VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

This training is for all Venturing crew advisors, associate advisors, crew committee members, crew committee chairmen, and crew charter organization personnel.

Sat Jan 5, 2008	9AM – 3 PM	St. Timothy's Lutheran Ch., 140 S. Ott St. Allentown	Trexler
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## WEBELOS LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING/BALOO

Sat. May 10, 2008	8 AM – 7:30 PM	Camp Serranova	Trexler
Sat. May 10, 2008	8 AM – 8:00 PM	Jacobsburg State Park	Forks
Sat. Sept. 20, 2008	8 AM – 8:00 PM	Camp Serranova	South Mountain

# University of Scouting: Knots of Skills

The University of Scouting is just around the corner. Once again, it will be held at LCCC on Saturday, March 8th, 2008. Doors open at 7:30am and the opening ceremony will take place at 8am. The cost will be \$14 with the option of purchasing a boxed lunch for an additional \$6.50. There will be a variety of classes offered. Specialty classes offered will include CPR, Chaplain/Chaplain Aide, and Den Chief training. CPR will have an extra \$5 cost given to the instructor of that class the day of the event. You will be certified through the American Heart Association. One of the popular classes for this event is Dutch Oven cooking. This will take the place of your lunch and runs for 2 periods. There is an extra cost of \$6, which should be added to your total when you sign up for this event. If you have taken this course in the past, we ask that you please choose another class. This will allow people who have never taken this class before an exciting experience. Registration will be on-line by Monday, January 7th to start choosing your classes. For any questions, feel free to contact Marci Weaver at smilely9@ptd.net or Drew Edinger at edinger@verizon.net.

# Wood Badge for the 21st Century

**SEPTEMBER 5-7, 08 & SEPTEMBER 27-29, 08**

Trexler Scout Reservation - Akelaland

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world.

A Scouter participating in Wood Badge has the opportunity to:

- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize contemporary leadership concepts and discover how they are relevant to the Scouting movement.
- Apply the skills learned as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize their commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience that provides Scouting with renewed leadership.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be a peak experience of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands.

## THE WOOD BADGE EXPERIENCE:

There are two parts to Wood Badge in the Boy Scouts of America, the practical part and the application period. Both must be completed to receive the Wood Badge - two wooden beads to be worn around the neck on a leather thong.

The practical part is a two-weekend experience to demonstrate as practically as possible the aims and methods of Scouting. The course is a multifaceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best Scouting traditions and the latest in team development theory.

In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning along side many other Scouters, and along the way will have a great deal of fun.

The application part of Wood Badge is a period of up to 18-month during which the participants

practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership principles presented during the course. This is accomplished by the use of the Wood Badge "ticket", which represents the participant's commitment to complete a set of personal goals related to their Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which the participant is involved.

Throughout the period of application, each participant is assigned a counselor who serves as a resource, an evaluator and a Scouting friend. When the counselor and the participant determine that the new skills are understood and can be applied to their Scouting position, a recommendation is made for the Wood Badge to be awarded.

## WHO CAN ATTEND WOOD BADGE?

Wood Badge for the 21st century is for all leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. It has been developed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The course content and leadership principles introduced

apply to Scouters of all leadership positions and will provide a common foundation of leadership skills to be used throughout all program areas.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

Each Scouter invited to participate in Wood Badge training must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and have completed the basic training courses for their Scouting position. They must successfully complete a BSA class 3 physical.

## MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL NEXT WOOD BADGE COURSE

Open to Scouters from All Councils  
NE-IV-207

## COURSE LIMIT:

48 participants. A standby list will be created on a first-fully paid first-served basis.

Location: Akelaland  
Trexler Scout Reservation  
(Both Weekends) Jonas, PA  
(just off Rt. 534)

## COURSE DATES:

1st Weekend - September 5-7, 2008  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
2nd Weekend - September 27-29, 2008

Saturday, Sunday, Monday  
(Weekends start at 7:30 AM and end

late afternoon on the last day.)

Weekend Course consists of: Two weekends in camp. Two Patrol Meetings between weekends.

Cost: \$220.00

All participants registered in the Minsi Trails Council will receive a \$70.00 scholarship from the Wood Badge Fund making their cost only \$150.00. Monies for the Wood Badge Fund are raised at the Minsi Trails Council's annual Wood Badge Reunion.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATION:

Wood Badge is a class 3 Scouting event and requires a medical examination within one year of the course start date. Use BSA Medical Form # 34412A.

## COURSE DIRECTOR:

Jon Slaton  
6 McEntee Road  
Milford, NJ 08848  
908-995-4663(h)  
bsanut@verizon.net  
(Subject line - Wood Badge)

## WOOD BADGE REGISTRATION FORM

Mail To: MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA, Box 20624, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0624 -- ATTN: Brian Dungan, Staff Advisor

Payment schedule will be enclosed in the invitation letter. Enclosed is my deposit of \$50.00 to hold my reservation. (Non-refundable after July 1, 2008.) I meet the criteria for Wood Badge and would like an invitation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting Position \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed basic training \_\_\_\_ (Year \_\_\_\_ )

# 2008 National Youth Leadership Training

Minsi Trails Council to run National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course.

What's new this year? The Minsi Trails Council will be sponsoring a two Troop course in 2008 to provide additional opportunities for the Scoutmasters to train your youth leaders. The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course supports Scoutmasters in their primary responsibility of training youth leaders. The Minsi Trails Council will offer the two weekend course in April, 2008.

Built on the legacy of past youth leader training courses, NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, events, games, and adventures, NYLT participants will work and play together as they put into action the best that Scouting has to offer.

The course is set up to represent a month in the life of a Scout Troop. Patrols experience the stages of team development. Scouts discover that leadership requires vision, goals, and planning. Participants are provided a "toolbox" of leadership skills.

The National Youth

Leadership Training is an outdoor experience for boy leaders in support of the Scoutmaster's responsibility for the training of Troop youth leaders. It is conducted by the council leadership training committee using an outline approved by the Boy Scout Division of the Boy Scouts of America.

The two-weekend course will occur Friday, April 18 to Sunday, April 20 and Friday, April 25 to Sunday April 27 at Akelaland. Space is limited to 96 Scouts. Scouts must be 14 years old by September 1, 2008 and be a Star Scout. The Cost is \$165 per Scout. (\$185 per Scout if full payment is not received by April 4, 2008) A \$75 deposit is due with the registration form. The remainder of fee is due by April 4, 2008. Information and registration fliers have been mailed to each Scoutmaster and Committee Chairs.

Charlie O'Connell of Pocono District and Chuck Ricketts of North Valley District have been selected to serve as the Scoutmasters for the two Troops. A Youth staff and other adults have been selected and have been meeting to prepare for this great course.

Check out the information and registration form on the Council webpage: and at [www.minsi-nylt.com/index.htm](http://www.minsi-nylt.com/index.htm) and at [www.minsitrails.com](http://www.minsitrails.com). If you have any questions please contact Wayne Gross, NYLT Coordinator, by email at [wegseg@msn.com](mailto:wegseg@msn.com)

# 2008 Anniversary Week

Celebrating the BSA's 98th Birthday can be many things: activities, people, public relations, etc. Cub Scout Packs celebrate with special Blue and Gold Dinners, Boy Scout Troops hold special Courts of Honor, Districts conduct special activities.

Once a year we celebrate our anniversary. For 2007, our Anniversary Week begins with Scout Sunday on February 3rd and concludes with Scout Sabbath on February 9. It is an excellent opportunity to appear before chartered partners, service clubs and other community groups to tell the Scouting story and to build understanding and support.

## THE GOAL IS VISIBILITY

A unit's plans for the Scouting Anniversary Week celebration should include involvement of the community, adults, and youth. The principal goal is to achieve visibility. Four specific objectives have been established:

1. To increase Scouting's visibility in the community.
2. To build pride in the Scouting movement.
3. To give youth members the opportunity to renew their dedi-

cation to the ideals of the Scouting program.

4. To strengthen relationships with community organizations.

## UNIT ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- Host a unit open house Blue and Gold Banquet
  - Special Court of Honor
  - Have a campout/day activity in a city park
  - Provide a program for a local service club
  - Recognize youth and volunteer accomplishments
  - Have a unit good turn day (individual good turns) Make a window display at a local business
  - Host a literacy event
  - Conduct a Drug Awareness Rally
  - Do a major unit good turn project
  - Participate in Scout Sunday/Sabbath services
  - Have a Pack/Troop reunion of past members
- Promote your unit in the media

## SCOUT SUNDAY/SCOUT SABBATH


"A Scout is Reverent" and takes an oath to his God.

The Scout Sunday or Sabbath observance may be as simple as the Scouts attending a religious service of their choice in uniform or, with approval reli-

gious officials, can include some of the following activities:

- Scouts parade in during the processional as directed by the religious official. If allowed, the unit's flags may be placed in the appropriate place either before the service or at the end of the processional.
- A brief welcome and introduction may be made by the minister or by an appropriate participant.
- At an appropriate time during the service, a few words about Scouting and the other organizations may be made by the minister, an adult or Scout. Include some words about the Scouts "Duty to God".
- If any of the Scouts are to receive a religious award, it may be presented at an appropriate time.
- At the end of the service, the Scouts may parade out during the recessional or afterwards.
- Schedule this in advance with the appropriate minister, priest or rabbi. Discuss what you would like to do and obtain his approval.
- Any observance no matter how simple would qualify the Scout to be eligible to obtain the Scout Sunday observance patch available at the Scout Trading Post.

There are a variety of materials to support Scout Sunday efforts. Please refer to [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) for more information.



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# NOAA Seeks Applicants for the Ernest F. Hollings NOAA Seeks Applicants for the Ernest F. Hollings

**UP TO \$29,050 AVAILABLE PER STUDENT FOR STUDIES AND INTERNSHIPS**

November 13, 2007

NOAA is accepting applications for a scholarship program in honor of retired South Carolina Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, who promoted oceanic and atmospheric research throughout his career. This is the fourth year this scholarship is being made available to students interested in pursuing degrees in ocean and atmospheric sciences and education.

In 2008, the NOAA Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship Program will provide approximately 100 college undergraduates up to \$29,050 each for their academic studies related to NOAA science, research, technology, policy, management, and education activities. The program also offers a multi-disciplinary summer internship providing students the opportunity to work with NOAA scientists. Applications will be accepted through February 8, 2008.

Scholarship students will be eligible for up to \$8,000 of academic assistance per year for full-time study during their junior and senior years; a paid 10-week, full-time internship position during the summer at a NOAA facility (\$650 per week); a housing subsidy for scholars who do not reside at home during the summer internship; and travel expenses to attend and participate in a mandatory orientation and conference.

Applications for the Hollings Scholarship Program are available online. Requests for applications may also be made via e-mail at [StudentScholarshipPrograms@noaa.gov](mailto:StudentScholarshipPrograms@noaa.gov), by telephone 301-713-9437 x150, or in writing to:

NOAA Hollings Scholarship Program  
1315 East-West Highway ,  
Room 10703

Silver Spring MD 20910

The Hollings Scholarship Program is key component of NOAA's efforts to promote environmental literacy and ensure a future, world-class workforce to assist the agency in fulfilling its mission. Hollings scholars will be selected from applicants majoring in a broad range of disciplines including biological, physical, and social sciences; mathematics; engineering; computer and information sciences; and teacher education.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, is celebrating 200 years of science and service to the nation. From the establishment of the Survey of the Coast in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson to the formation of the Weather

Bureau and the Commission of Fish and Fisheries in the 1870s, much of America's scientific heritage is rooted in NOAA.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 70 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

[http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2007/20071113\\_scholarships.html](http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2007/20071113_scholarships.html)

Please add to any websites that you know access to.

Charles J. Holmes  
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## Allentown Trade-O-Ree Hosted By Witauchsoman Lodge #44 & Heritage Collection

**SATURDAY - APRIL 5, 2008**

**OPEN 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**SCOUTING MEMORABILIA -  
BUY / SELL / TRADE / BROWSE**

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

Witauchsoman Lodge #44 & Heritage Collection Committee of Minsi Trails Council are hosting the 9th annual Allentown Trade-O-Ree on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. It will be held at the Jordan Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Rd., Orefield, PA 18069 (near Allentown, PA).

Scouting Memorabilia will be available to Buy / Sell / Trade / Browse. A patch trading area will be available for youth.

Witauchsoman Lodge #44 will be selling their patches and OA merchandise. There will also be a display by the Heritage Collection Committee.

Admission is \$2.00 per person. Youth Scouts in uniform will be admitted free. Food and Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tables are available for \$15.00 each. Table set-up will begin at 8:00 A.M. View the Trade-O-Ree flyer at [www.witauchsoman.org](http://www.witauchsoman.org) or pick up a flyer at the Minsi

Trails Council office. See flyer for instructions on how to reserve tables.

### **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 1/4 mile.

- From I-78 West, take Exit 53 to Rt. 309 North and proceed 3.3 miles. Turn left onto Snowdrift Rd. and proceed 1/4 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 1/4 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 1/4 mile.

For more information, contact: Mike Best or Scott Best at 610-767-6079 or [best@ptd.net](mailto:best@ptd.net)

# Internet Recharting

As I hope you know by now, Internet Rechartering is an easy and efficient way to recharter your unit.

Internet Rechartering is a web-based method for your unit to renew its charter from any on-line location. ALL units are encouraged to participate in Internet Rechartering. If you are uncomfortable doing this someone from your district will be able to help you. If you are not able to complete your charter on the internet – please advise your District Executive and he/she will provide the appropriate paperwork for you to use.

**How it works:** Your unit should have received an envelop at an earlier roundtable which included your unit's specific access code along with instructions of how to complete the rechartering process. Your unit needs to select an adult (renewal processor) to oversee the project who has have access to a computer and a quality printer - computer knowledge will also be very helpful!

Your unit's renewal processor uses the access code to log onto the Internet Rechartering website found at [www.minsitrails.com](http://www.minsitrails.com) homepage. From there you will start the process by following the instruction and downloading data directly from the ScoutNET system or data from unit-management software, such as Pack or Troop Master. Please be aware that some units had prob-

lems using this software - they recommended units use ScoutNET data. At any time, the renewal processor can suspend the process and return later to the last completed screen without losing any of the previously entered data.

The system lets you enter new members, renew current members and update information for any registrant. When completed, the new unit roster is submitted to ScoutNET and a Unit Charter Renewal Report Package is printed. You must acquire the signatures on the application from the head of the sponsoring organization and the unit leader. You must also submit an application for all youth and adults who were not on the original charter when it was downloaded from ScoutNET.

Your final printed charter and fees must be physically returned to Minsi Trails Council through the recharter day that has been set up in your District. This year all districts will have a renewal day that will feature personnel from your district to answer your questions about camping, advancement, training, activities, etc. as they work to help you have a better program for your members. Please contact your district commissioner or district executive for questions regarding your district's recharter day or the entire re-registration process.

The registration staff of Minsi Trails Council is also ready to help you have

# 2007 POPCORN SALE RESULTS

The results are in and the Minsi Trails Council has achieved the goal of having Sales for the first time in the history of the council. In total over \$100,000 more popcorn was sold this

year over last, and each district saw an increase. Specifically, \$1,085,000 worth of popcorn was sold by 293 units. This amount translates to over \$400,000 earned by units which will be used in support of local

Scouting programs. Additionally, Scout salesmen earned \$39,000 in prizes to recognize of all of their hard work. Following is a list of the amount of popcorn sold by each district:

DISTRICT	DISTRICT TOTALS	2006 VS 2007	% INCREASE
Anthracite	\$33,024	+\$1,503	4.85%
Forks	\$297,844	+\$35,890	13.70%
North Valley	\$254,695	+\$4,489	1.79%
Pocono	\$128,364	+\$11,378	9.73%
South Mountain	\$190,436	+\$43,862	29.92%
Trexler	\$171,165	+\$1,763	1.04%
ScoutReach	\$8,986	+\$4,160	86.20%
<b>Council Total</b>	<b>\$1,084,014</b>	<b>+\$104,208</b>	<b>10.62%</b>

Pictured below are a few of Pack 431's Sales Force.

Once again this year Trexler District's Pack 431, sponsored by Bethany United Methodist Church, was the council's top seller with \$28,884 sold. This is the 7th year in row that Pack 431 has lead the council and their fourth straight year with over \$20,000 in sales. This year, eight of their cubs sold over \$1,000 and their top seller, Collin Ellis sold \$2,300. Overall, Pack 431 averaged over \$500 per Scout.



Pictured (L-R) Front Row: Joshua Adams, Collin Ellis, Alex Comfort, Sam Workman (L-R) Back Row: Benjamin Bezems, Nicholas Germain, Ryan Thivierge, Tayler McAllister

success in this new process. Contact Registrar Charles Chase at 610/465-8569 or [cchase@minsitrails.com](mailto:cchase@minsitrails.com) and Assistant Registrar Priscilla Nagy at 610/465-8578 or [prnagy@minsitrails.com](mailto:prnagy@minsitrails.com).

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## Witauchsoman #44

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• Thank you to all members who have paid both their dues for 2007 and 2008. If you did not receive the recent mailing and would like to pay your dues (past or current), information is posted at our website.

• The winter banquet is upon us. It's a great time for fellowship, food, and recognition of achievements. In addition to the Vigil Recognition, Founders' Award, Outstanding Arrowman Awards, and the various chapter recognitions, there will be two new awards this year. First, is the Purple Arrow Award. This award is presented to a non OA member in recognition of service to our camp properties and the Order of the Arrow. Second, is a new OA Service Award that is earned by meeting minimum service hour requirements at our the council camp properties.

• Chapters are ready to begin the annual process for conducting unit elections. Scoutmasters should plan ahead and have alternate dates available in January, February, and March for the election teams to visit their units. And, as always, please check your candidates' information carefully to make sure all requirements are met.

• Those OA members who still wish to apply for the Leadership in Service Award should forward their paperwork and appropriate payment to the Lodge Adviser ASAP.

• ArrowCorps5 is a special program where Arrowmen will complete service work in 5 national forests over a 5-week period this coming summer. Additional information can be found at the national OA website- [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)- If you are interested in attending, please contact Ryan Hay. Ryan's contact information can be found at our website under the ArrowCorps5 link.



## Cub Scout Discovers Magic and Turns Pro

Ryne Gade joined Cub Scouts in 2002 and he already enjoyed camping and the great outdoors. He took the Tiger motto to heart, "Search, Discover and Share". When Ryne attended his first Pack meeting (Pack 11 in Palmer Twp) the theme of the month was Cub Scout magic. The Pack had invited a magician to perform for the scouts. The very next day, we went to the scout store and he bought his first magic kit. Ryne was fascinated and soon

discovered he had a knack for magic. Even at young age, he quickly mastered magic tricks and moved onto bigger and better things. He amazed his friends, family, and teachers with his magical skills.

In March 2005, friends of his mother's bought Ryne a rabbit, right after him return from Hospital where he had a brain tumor removed. Using the rabbit (Chester) he came up with idea of his own magic show. Ryne first performed at the Nursing home were his mom works and then moved on to other performances; Talent shows, Cub Scout pack meetings, a Blue and Gold, and several kids' birthday parties. On January 2006, Ryne became the youngest member of International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Pocono Mountain Magic Club. He even performed on TV, Blue Ridge Channel 13, for the Red Cross Telethon hosted at ESU this past April. For the second year in row, Ryne attended in Magician Convention in Kutztown on November 10th, where he meet magician from all over the State.

So if you want a young magician to come to your next Scout function just call 610-559-9938 and ask for Ryne, or email him at [rynemagician@yahoo.com](mailto:rynemagician@yahoo.com)

## We filled many Bags for our Neighbors! Scouting for Food Drive Results 2008

"Scouting for Food" is scouting's community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live.

This year the Minsi Trail Council conducted its' Food Drive with great success.

Over 200,000 pounds of food was collected by over 2200 scouts and dedicated adults.

I would also like to take this time to thank all the organizations and people that made this a successful event: the Scouting for Food District Chairs- Sandi Dale, Walter Bortree, Rich Peters, Stan Smith, Dennis Turick, Dick Seip, George Broadhead, Kathy Craine, Scouting for Food Council Chair, Jack Fekula, Scott Davies, Charlie/Jane Chase, Kiwanis, WFMZ Channel 69, Chevy 21,

Shoptite, the Food Banks, all News Publications, and finally to all the scouts and dedicated volunteers

Thanks

Terry Cavenas

Scouting for Food  
Staff Advisor 2007



# JAMBO 2008

## *JamboNews*

Edition 2 – December 15, 2007

*Sign up online today!*

Excitement is building for JAMBO 2008 ... catch it! This premier Scouting event is already shaping up to surpass the great time that everyone had at JAMBO 2006. So sign up today and join the 7,000+ other Scouts who are expected May 16–18, 2008 at Kutztown University. Make plans NOW (click below to sign up)!

<http://www.minsitrails.com/events/registration>

**WHEN:** Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,  
May 16 - 18, 2008

**WHERE:** The beautiful campus of Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA

**WHAT:** JAMBO 2008, the premier Scouting event in east central Pennsylvania

### **SCHEDULE:**

**Friday, May 16** – Check In and setup for Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing camping begins at 5:00 p.m. A special evening show and movie is planned as well as Scoutmaster and Cubmaster information meetings.

**Saturday, May 17** – Opening Ceremonies begin at 8:45 a.m. Program areas will be open all day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with lunch scheduled from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. Dinner is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a special evening program starting at 7:00 p.m. Fireworks will follow the evening program along with special Venturing activities.

**Sunday, May 18** – Church Services and Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by designated area and campsite cleanup.

### **CAMPING:**

JAMBO 2008 camping will be divided into three sub-camps: Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturers. All camping reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so register your unit early. On-site camping services provided include fire, medical, water and garbage.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

WOW is the best way to describe the very special events being planned for JAMBO 2008! Friday night entertainment will include a large screen movie for Cub Scout-aged youth and families. For Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters, an outstanding show is planned featuring a

ventriloquist/comedienne. Both the movie and the live performances are appropriate for Scouting audiences.

In addition, a number of great acts are being considered for the Saturday night showcase, and we are sure you won't be disappointed! As a bonus ... Saturday night will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display. Other Special Events planned include:

- Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
- Human Bowling
- Medieval Joust
- Extreme Air (rock climbing and mini-bungee)
- Challenge Obstacle Course
- Dunk Tanks (dunk your favorite Scout leader)
- Climbing Wall
- Hot Air Balloon Display
- Planetarium Shows
- Various Community Organization Displays
- Special Events sponsored by Camelback Ski Area and Northstar Adventures

### **BOY SCOUT PROGRAM:**

Exciting Boy Scout programs are planned for JAMBO! Saturday will be packed with fun activities for Scouts of all ages. Enjoy activities as diverse as Dutch Oven cooking, hiking and backpacking, auto engines and more. Participate in geocaching, patrol competitions, rock climbing, pioneering, archery, target paintball shooting, science experiments, sports, ultimate Frisbee, fly fishing, video game competitions, and much more. You may even talk to a Scout from another country at the Ham Radio operation station. If you have suggestions and/or would like to help out, contact Ed Bechtel at [bec1218@ptd.net](mailto:bec1218@ptd.net) or Brian Dungan at [bdungan@minsitrails.com](mailto:bdungan@minsitrails.com).

**Camp Attention: Buglers Sound Off!** Any Boy Scout who is a bugler should be sure to participate in the Silver Bugler Competition sponsored by Nazareth Music. The winner will receive a silver bugle. Be prepared to play all of the bugle calls from the Bugling Merit Badge book. More info will be coming in future JamboNews editions.

## FEES AND PAYMENTS:

Fees for JAMBO 2008 were kept low, but still provide a terrific program ... and include an early sign-up option to keep your costs even lower! Registration is available online right now, so sign up early and you'll get free JAMBO patches with your early registration:

<http://www.minsitrails.com/vents/registration>

Early Fee (Paid by April 1, 2008)

Youth \$22

Adult \$7

Late Fee (Paid after April 1, 2008)

Youth \$27

Adult \$12

Day-pass only - Early Fee (Paid by April 1, 2008)

Youth \$17

Adult \$5

Day-pass only - Late Fee (Paid after April 1, 2008)

Youth \$22

Adult \$7

Remember, early fee registrations receive their JAMBO 2008 Patches free. Late registrations will need to purchase their patches JAMBO weekend while supplies last.

## CUB SCOUT PROGRAM:

Cubs Scouts at JAMBO 2008 will have fun ... fun ... and more fun! With terrific activities including Cub-mobile races and shooting sports like archery and sling shot, Cubs of all ages will have a great time. They'll be able to see a model train display, learn about repairing bicycles, setting up tents, try their hand at fly casting, and sitting in a kayak. In addition, Cub Scouts will also have the opportunity to earn several belt loops at JAMBO 2008 including: Astronomy, Map and Compass, as well as Flag Football which will feature players from the Lehigh Valley Outlawz professional arena football team.

## VENTURING PROGRAM:

Lots of great activities are planned just for Venturers at JAMBO 2008! Be Prepared to get going at JAMBO starting with a Friday Night Cracker Barrel just for Venturing and continuing all day Saturday with tons of events!

Venturers should be prepared to cook a meal with a special, secret ingredient in our first ever CAST IRON CHEF COMPETITION. Also, be ready to take your Scout skills to the extreme! The activities will run far into the night with the JAMBO Big Show and a Venturing Social on Saturday night followed by a Movie Marathon. If you have any suggestions or would like to help out, contact Jason Capone, Venturing Program Chair, at [jacapone@gmail.com](mailto:jacapone@gmail.com) or Steve Mehl, Venturing Camping Chair, at [mehlsav@msn.com](mailto:mehlsav@msn.com)

## VENTURING JAMBO EVENTS BEING CONSIDERED ARE:

- Cast Iron Chef
- Saturday Dance Party
- Archery and Twilight Archery
- Midnight Game Show
- Paintball Rifle Range
- Trebuchet/Catapults
- Sports
- First Aid / EMT Demo
- Frisbee and Twilight Frisbee
- Beat the World Record
- Adventure Race / Iron Man
- Tomahawks
- Extreme Orienteering
- Late Night Movie Marathon
- GPS/Geocache
- Late Night DDR
- Ham Radio
- Late Night Guitar Hero
- Friday Cracker Barrel
- Late Night Karaoke Revolution

## JAMBO APPAREL:

JAMBO 2008 will feature a great selection of clothing for all ages and sizes. Among the great choices will be t-shirts, polo shirts, hoodies and hats. All items will feature the exclusive color JAMBO 2008 logo and be of high quality. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to purchase the items and sizes they want, we will be

using a pre-event order system. Through a special JAMBO 2008 Apparel Order Form, units can place and pay for clothing orders prior to JAMBO.

Benefits of placing orders prior to JAMBO include lower prices, no waiting in trading post lines (all pre-event orders will be ready and waiting for you at JAMBO), and the desired type and size of shirt will be available. Items offered in the pre-order will be for sale at the JAMBO Trading Post, but quantities and sizes will be limited. A detailed Apparel Order Form will be sent to unit leaders in the near future ... so be on the lookout and get ready to catch JAMBO Fever 2008!

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:

JAMBO is an exciting weekend of fun and adventure for more than 7,000 Scouts. As you might imagine, an event of this magnitude takes months to prepare and a small army of volunteers to make it happen. At Jambo 2006, literally hundreds of volunteers from Scout units as well as the community-at-large helped to ensure a quality program for our young people. We are hoping for that same level of support again in 2008.

We are asking that each unit participating in JAMBO 2008 provide one or two volunteers who would be willing to work ONE four-hour shift during JAMBO weekend. Help is needed in a variety of areas, from assisting in program areas to helping with physical arrangements or working in an information booth. More information will be included with the unit registration materials or by contacting Jim Gillick at 610-264-8551 or [jgillick@minsitrails.com](mailto:jgillick@minsitrails.com).

Won't you please consider helping us provide the best possible experience for all our young people?

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

JAMBO 2008 updates will be provided via additional bulletins that will be sent to all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venture Crew Advisors, Committee Chairmen, and all Webelos, Bear, Wolf and Tiger Leaders.

You can also contact the Minsi Trails Council at 610-264-8551 or visit us on the web at [www.minsitrails.com](http://www.minsitrails.com)

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# Get excited for JAMBO 2008!

# Camping

## C.O.P.E. Weekends

Learn Teamwork, Problem Solving, Decision Making, Trust, Leadership, Communications, and Self Esteem skills while participating in this series of activities ranging from initiative games to high ropes courses. Our C.O.P.E Course is located at Trexler Scout Reservation. A variety of weekend sessions are available and open to Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews. Please call the Council Service Center @ 610-264-8551 if you are interested in registering for a C.O.P.E. weekend.

## Camp Promotion

Attention all Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops! If you would like to schedule a camp promotion presentation about 2008 summer camping for your unit please call Rick Christ @ 610-465-8561 or email to rchrist@minsitrails.com. We will be assembling a team of presenters in the September and October timeframe and would be happy to have them visit your unit.

## Summer Camp 2008

Be sure to reserve your campsite at one of our summer camps! Campsites are filling up quickly, please contact Jane Chase @ 610-465-8568 or jchase@minsitrails.com to reserve a spot. Don't miss out!

## Summer Camp Leadership in Place

**AKELALAND** – Once again James "Foof" Feuerstein will be returning as Camp Director as well as Ryan Hinton returning as the Program Director. Ryan and Foof have been together for several years and run an exciting summer camp. Both directors are Eagle Scouts and school teachers during the non summer months.

**CAMP MINSI** – Greg Larson (Troop 318/SM) has been selected as the new Camp Director. Greg is an Eagle Scout and has been on staff in several positions over the past three years, most recently as USA Director and Archery Director. Greg is finishing college and hoping to become a school teacher.

Josh Walker has also been named to Program Director for Camp Minsi this summer. Much like Greg, Josh worked on staff at Minsi for several years and is an Eagle Scout from Stroudsburg. Josh's most recent position at camp was the TTA Director in 2007.

**SETTLERS CAMP** – Jim "Big Daddy" Korcienski will be returning to Settlers Camp again this summer. Jim

has given leadership to Settlers Camp for over ten years in major leadership roles. Jim is an Eagle Scout from the Philadelphia area and teaches school in the Bethlehem School District.

DJ Scott will serve as the Program Director for Settlers Camp this summer. DJ was the ECON Director for the past few summers and very active with the Order of the Arrow. DJ is currently a student at Lock Haven University and an Eagle Scout from the Orefield area with Troop 150.

## Camp Projects

The Akelaland swimming pool and shower house is currently going through the permitting process. Several permits from the state level to the county level and even township level are needed before construction can begin. Groundbreaking is expected to begin early March. We are anticipating having the pool and shower house ready for the start of the 2008 summer camping season. The pool and shower house will be located in Middlecreek Field (Field across from the Akelaland parking lot where the Trexler Scout Reservation sign is located) ninety feet behind the Trexler Scout Reservation sign. As part of this project we plan to install a new well, septic system and upgrade the electrical grid.

Just like the Akelaland pool our new Nature Center at Trexler Scout Reservation is also going through the permitting process. Construction is expected to begin upon approval of final permits. Ground breaking is expected to begin in early March. The nature lodge will be located off the left side of the paved road at Trexler Scout Reservation, just before the left hand turn off for the waterfront road. This 60x40 nature center will serve as the main instruction area for all Settlers ECON and nature programs during the summer camping seasons and also available for groups to use during the off season. The nature center rendering is shown below.

## Philmont 2008

Don't miss out on an opportunity of a lifetime! The council sponsored Philmont trip for 2008 still has a few openings for the 2008 expedition. The crews leave in the middle of July and return at the end of July. In addition to the Philmont hiking the crews plan to do some sight seeing around the New Mexico, Idaho and Colorado area prior to the trip. Please contact Jane Chase @ 610-465-8568 or jchase@minsitrails.com for additional information or to register.

## Summer Camp Themes Selected

Akelaland - Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest

Settlers Camp - The Good Old West



Eager scouts are invited to attend the 3rd Annual Lehigh Valley Hunting & Fishing Extravaganza. On June 20, 21, & 22nd, expert outdoorsman and marksman will be teaching scouts and youth a "hands-on" approach to their trade. Boy scouts are FREE to attend. Learn and try-out archery, fishing, muzzle loading, sporting clays, and more. Parents are welcome to enjoy the outdoor activities as well as check out the many outdoor vendors, flea markets, and competitions. For more information, check out [www.LVHFE.com](http://www.LVHFE.com)



"Past Council President and Distinguished Eagle Scout Walt Williams, and his wife Joan Williams, were recently recognized for their generous contribution to the Council's Capital Campaign, which helped rebuild the Camp Minsi waterfront area."

## Philmont 2009

The Minsi Trails Council is currently accepting applications for those Scouts and Leaders that would like to attend Philmont in 2009. The Council sponsored trip is scheduled for July 14-21 and normally a few days are spend prior to the arrival at Philmont touring attractions in the Colorado and New Mexico area. Historically Council sponsored trips cost around \$1500 - \$1700 depending upon travel and touring prices. If you would like to attend please contact Jane Chase @ 610-465-8568 or [jchase@minsitrails.com](mailto:jchase@minsitrails.com) or Rick Christ @ 610-465-8561 or [rchrist@minsitrails.com](mailto:rchrist@minsitrails.com)

## Making Venturing Great in 2008

In order to help make Venturing great in the Minsi Trails Council we need to add adult leadership to each district committee. Each district should have an Assistant District Commissioner for venturing; a Venturing Training Chair and a Venturing membership chair. If you are interested in getting involved with Venturing on the District level, please contact your district executive or Anthony Hillman at [ash5lu@yahoo.com](mailto:ash5lu@yahoo.com)

### A VENTURING EMAIL LIST

If you would like your email address on the Minsi Trails Council mailing list to receive updates on Venturing activities, trainings and other news please email your name, Crew number, district and email address to Amy Frantz at [afrantz@minsitrails.com](mailto:afrantz@minsitrails.com).

## New Requirements for Boy Scout Ranks!



The National Youth Protection Committee recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008. These changes will help us advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements, and keep youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection. The changes listed below will be represented in the 2008 Boy Scout Requirements book and the revised ninth printing of the 11th edition of the Boy Scout handbook.

### Tenderfoot Rank requirement #9 Revision

Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.

### Second Class Rank requirement #8b Revision

Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection.

### First Class Rank requirement #12 Revision

Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one.



Lynette Kingsley, leader of Troop 393, accepts an award as the top popcorn seller amongst all the Scoutreach Units.

## 2007 SUMMER CAMP BOY SCOUT TROOP CAMPING

**Pocono Troops**  
District Boy Scout Camping Totals 68%

Troop #	%
18	111.00%
75	71.00%
80	56.00%
83	87.00%
84	71.00%
85	103.00%
86	73.00%
87	44.00%
88	0.00%
89	50.00%
91	90.00%
94	67.00%
97	0.00%
98	53.00%
99	66.00%
100	74.00%
101	25.00%
102	79.00%
103	71.00%
105	53.00%
188	92.00%
287	94.00%
300	62.00%
555	64.00%

**Forks of the Delaware Troops**  
District Boy Scout Camping Total 77%

Troop #	%
1	0.00%
6	33.00%
13	0.00%
14	67.00%
16	0.00%
20	0.00%
24	92.00%
25	52.00%
29	95.00%
31	63.00%
33	65.00%
36	36.00%
37	90.00%
38	62.00%
41	57.00%
43	111.00%
44	79.00%
48	46.00%
50	117.00%
51	75.00%
54	93.00%
56	70.00%
63	79.00%
74	119.00%
76	92.00%
78	71.00%
87	65.00%
102	67.00%
316	75.00%

**South Mountain Troops**  
District Boy Scout Camping Total 69%

Troop #	%
191	78.00%
300	93.00%
301	73.00%
302	65.00%
306	74.00%
311	71.00%
314	0.00%
317	55.00%
318	118.00%
319	59.00%
334	70.00%
335	93.00%
339	46.00%
340	58.00%
347	67.00%
349	20.00%
352	50.00%
359	57.00%
362	63.00%
364	73.00%
383	67.00%

**ABOVE CHARTS SHOW THE PERCENT OF BOY SCOUTS REGISTERED ON  
6/30/07 WHO ATTENDED A WEEK OF A COUNCIL OPERATED SUMMER CAMP  
OR A NATIONAL BSA HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP IN 2007.**

**2007 SUMMER CAMP BOY SCOUT TROOP CAMPING cont...**

**Trexler District Troops  
District Boy Scout Camping Total 60%**

Troop #	%
5	25.00%
9	70.00%
11	31.00%
14	75.00%
22	53.00%
25	62.00%
28	75.00%
31	85.00%
50	73.00%
58	60.00%
70	68.00%
71	50.00%
74	63.00%
80	44.00%
86	83.00%
97	86.00%
101	83.00%
107	47.00%
131	33.00%
140	42.00%
146	68.00%
431	90.00%
439	80.00%

**North Valley Troops  
District Boy Scout Camping Total 66%**

Troop #	%
8	84.00%
12	65.00%
15	93.00%
20	41.00%
29	76.00%
32	75.00%
33	67.00%
35	73.00%
40	0.00%
41	33.00%
42	0.00%
43	75.00%
50	100.00%
51	89.00%
53	75.00%
54	0.00%
55	100.00%
57	94.00%
58	80.00%
59	75.00%
60	129.00%
62	80.00%
65	45.00%
66	71.00%
72	68.00%
79	58.00%
82	79.00%
89	65.00%
93	89.00%
94	53.00%
99	0.00%
110	75.00%

144	83.00%
145	0.00%
150	62.00%
187	53.00%
209	64.00%
242	64.00%
252	0.00%
261	47.00%
353	0.00%
390	0.00%
441	70.00%
560	0.00%
636	0.00%
1600	64.00%

**Anthracite Troops  
District Boy Scout Camping Total 46%**

Troop #	%
17	0.00%
21	36.00%
22	42.00%
24	0.00%
25	88.00%
63	33.00%
65	0.00%
207	71.00%
232	47.00%
473	41.00%
643	48.00%
650	0.00%
790	61.00%

**Scoutreach Troops  
District Boy Scout Camping Total 26%**

Troop #	%
44TX	91.00%
55TX	0.00%
83TX	0.00%
102TX	50.00%
112FD	42.00%
113FD	31.00%
153TX	0.00%
376SM	0.00%
377SM	0.00%
393SM	0.00%
896SM	0.00%
899SM	69.00%
421TX	0.00%
404TX	0.00%

**ABOVE CHARTS SHOW THE PERCENT OF BOY SCOUTS REGISTERED ON 6/30/07 WHO ATTENDED A WEEK OF A COUNCIL OPERATED SUMMER CAMP OR A NATIONAL BSA HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP IN 2007.**

## 2007 SUMMER CAMP CUB SCOUT PACK CAMPING

**Pocono Packs**  
District Cub Scout Total 51%

Pack #	%
75	57.00%
80	55.00%
82	46.00%
83	44.00%
84	112.00%
85	61.00%
86	45.00%
87	31.00%
88	0.00%
89	2.00%
90	62.00%
91	28.00%
92	39.00%
96	35.00%
98	64.00%
99	117.00%
100	34.00%
101	51.00%
102	59.00%
103	33.00%
105	0.00%
108	6.00%
287	0.00%
300	33.00%
1129	0.00%

**Forks of the Delaware Packs**  
District Cub Scout Total 65%

Pack #	%
3	40.00%
6	43.00%
11	41.00%
13	89.00%
14	45.00%
20	0.00%
21	110.00%
24	86.00%
25	47.00%
29	119.00%
31	44.00%
34	56.00%
36	105.00%
39	44.00%
41	37.00%
44	95.00%
50	73.00%
51	7.00%
54	80.00%
56	91.00%
61	96.00%
65	63.00%
76	29.00%
78	64.00%
87	70.00%
88	64.00%
102	50.00%
316	126.00%
503	25.00%

**South Mountain Packs**  
District Cub Scout Total 39%

Pack #	%
199	80.00%
302	59.00%
306	8.00%
311	0.00%
317	42.00%
319	21.00%
329	32.00%
333	47.00%
334	71.00%
335	3.00%
339	0.00%
343	8.00%
346	17.00%
347	37.00%
349	79.00%
352	60.00%
359	24.00%
360	127.00%
362	6.00%
364	4.00%
368	63.00%
383	71.00%
1742	44.00%

**Trexler Packs**  
District Cub Scout Total 61%

Pack #	%
2	0.00%
3	8.00%
5	88.00%
7	0.00%
20	0.00%
22	109.00%
25	0.00%
29	32.00%
31	137.00%
50	35.00%
58	25.00%
70	105.00%
71	128.00%
74	70.00%
77	79.00%
80	5.00%
86	95.00%
97	50.00%
101	0.00%
114	43.00%
120	83.00%
131	42.00%
140	70.00%
146	80.00%
431	48.00%
439	28.00%

**North Valley Packs**  
District Cub Scout Total 41%

Pack #	%
8	63.00%
12	65.00%
26	35.00%
29	57.00%
32	45.00%
33	44.00%
35	159.00%
39	0.00%
41	13.00%
43	100.00%
51	30.00%
53	50.00%
55	59.00%
57	58.00%
59	44.00%
60	100.00%
61	32.00%
62	15.00%
66	11.00%
69	0.00%
72	88.00%
79	48.00%
82	3.00%
94	29.00%
99	43.00%
110	64.00%
138	4.00%
144	55.00%
145	25.00%
150	11.00%
187	0.00%
201	0.00%
209	73.00%
242	30.00%
567	38.00%
588	49.00%
1600	44.00%

**Anthracite Packs**  
District Cub Scout Total 28%

Pack #	%
7	39.00%
17	0.00%
18	40.00%
21	11.00%
23	14.00%
25	64.00%
63	66.00%
68	7.00%
207	23.00%
607	18.00%
643	48.00%
650	13.00%
790	55.00%

**Scoutreach Packs**  
District Cub Scout Total 34%

Pack #	%
55TX	21.00%
83TX	0.00%
90TX	24.00%
91TX	0.00%
93TX	7.00%
94TX	32.00%
95/TX	29.00%
99/TX	84.00%
102TX	0.00%
112FD	0.00%
115FD	0.00%
204FD	0.00%
205FD	0.00%
327SM	70.00%
389SM	34.00%
390/SM	39.00%
391SM	3.00%
394SM	59.00%
395SM	69.00%
397SM	66.00%
411TX	0.00%
444/TX	9.00%
466TX	0.00%

# New Eagles

## POCONO

Jordan H. McMahon, Effort, Troop 99  
Daniel Christopher Murphy, E. Stroudsburg, Troop 87  
Jon Michael Galante, Stroudsburg, Troop 98  
Raymond John Hofmeister, Bushkill, Troop 87  
Michael S. Vashlishan, Tobyhanna, Troop 91  
Carlos William Rodas, E. Stroudsburg, Troop 83  
Kyle Brady Wilson, Stroudsburg, Troop 84  
Kevin Patrick Diver, Stroudsburg, Troop 85

## FORKS OF DELAWARE

Robert Adam Richards, Mt. Bethel, Troop 102  
Tyler Michael Randolph, Easton, Troop 31  
Eric Allen Conner, Phillipsburg, Troop 56  
Paul John McFadden, Easton, Troop 25  
Jonathan Shafer Kohl, Easton, Troop 29  
James Stephen DeLabar, Bangor, Troop 102  
Nathaniel Lee Manis, Nazareth, Troop 76  
Christopher Ernest Catino, Pen Argyl, Troop 48  
Bryan Robert Vincenzi, Bethlehem, Troop 78  
Matthew Jere Vincenzi, Bethlehem, Troop 78

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN

Anthony Joseph Dad Saraceno, Bethlehem, Troop 347  
Eric Michael Sterner, Bethlehem, Troop 317  
Robert Lawrence Webb, II, Bethlehem, Troop 317  
Connor Hannan Walton, Bethlehem, Troop 335  
John Robert Glagola, 3rd, Bethlehem, Troop 317  
William Alexander Mayer, Quakertown, Troop 317  
Andrew Frantz, Bethlehem, Troop 340  
Tyler Germanoski, Hellertown, Troop 319  
Alexander Gregory Pypiuk, Bethlehem, Troop 362  
Kevin Matthew Lindsay, Bethlehem, Troop 318

## TREXLER

Nicholas A. Wexler, Macungie, Troop 58  
Scott Matthew Emrich, Wescosville, Troop 131  
Kekoaponolani Matthew Iobst, Allentown, Troop 431

## NORTH VALLEY

Garrett Jeffrey Sperlbaum, New Tripoli, Troop 261  
James David Pachucki, Kutztown, Troop 261  
Jay Carlton Gillikin, Schnecksville, Troop 57  
Adam Rex Ruggles, Schnecksville, Troop 110  
Patrick Allan Stephens, Orefield, Troop 8  
Mitchell Bernard Caffyn, New Tripoli, Troop 150  
Sean Knowles, Allentown, Troop 29  
Timothy David Williams, Catasauqua, Troop 94  
Timothy J. Quandt, Walnutport, Troop 242  
Zackary Wade Edgett, Allentown, Troop 60  
Michael Harold Millward, New Tripoli, Troop 261  
Andrew J. Heffelfinger, Danielsville, Troop 15  
Ted Michael Grewe, Fogelsville, Troop 72

# Eagle Information on website

The Eagle Candidate information on the Minsi Trails Council web site has been up dated and includes everything that was in the packets that were distributed through the Scout Shop.

To get the packet of information [www.minsitrails.com](http://www.minsitrails.com) – “programs” and then “advancement web site information”

When you click to get the project workbook it will take you to the “Trail To Eagle” site – on the left side of this page is “Eagle Scout Project How To Manual”. You decide how you wish to work with it.

For the Eagle application – use the one on the Minsi Trails site as it is the ONLY application available that you can save your work on. Applications must be printed in color and back to back or they will not be accepted for processing.

On the same page is a new section “Eagle Scout guidelines for elected officials/distinguished guests participation in ceremonies”

Please share this information with those that are setting up the Eagle ceremonies for your Scouts. If you do this your chances of having special guests will increase. When the invitation is sent let them know they will be at the beginning of the program, etc.

## Internet Advancement

Your unit should be using this valuable tool even if you are using Pack or Troopmaster. All of your membership information can be secured without calling the office. Troops can print out profiles for the Scouts working on Eagle ranks, etc.

Inter-net advancement is available for all units in the Minsi Trails Council.

If you didn't attend the training session in your District – contact your executive for the information that will help you get started.

This information is also on the web site. The unit password is only available from your District Executive.

If you have problems using the program contact Registrar Chas. Chase at [cchase@minstrails.com](mailto:cchase@minstrails.com)

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# Anthracite District

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS:

Scouting for Food  
Community Service Project

We collected over 10,000  
pounds of food

Over 175 youth

And over 70 adults participated in this event

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

We have had a successful year in Friends of Scouting.

The Anthracite District surpassed their goal for 2007.

I would like to extend a BIG THANK\_YOU to all the great volunteers-

Now it is time to get ready for 2008 Family FOS

I will be asking Packs and Troops for a team of volunteers to a Court of Honor or a Blue and Gold Banquet to do a short presentation on Family FOS-

This is a very important fund drive!

91% of the money raised is spent on the scouts

Congratulations to Leo Lashock this year's Silver Beaver Recipient from Anthracite District

Dinner will be January 26th

## SPECIAL DISTRICT EVENTS

- District Pinewood Derby Sleepover- Feb 1-2nd

Freeland YMCA- Contact Pam Kelly at 427-2559 or Nancy Kopcynskie at 788-1000

- Klondike Derby- President's Day Weekend- Feb

Contact Joe Gallagher 788-1721 ecos@ptd.net

## UPCOMING EVENTS

District Dinner-April 11th- Contact Mark Gronski- 578-7046

A Big Thank You to Mark Gronski-Paul Gronski-T232- Nancy Kopcynskie-Greg Kopcynskie- and Madeline Kowalski

For distribution of Popcorn

# Scoutreach

## A Generous Act

For his 11th birthday, Josh Soares did not ask for presents. Instead, the Webelo Scout from Pack 352 asked for cash. What was different in this case was that the

cash was not for him. Josh decided to give all the money collected at his birthday party to the Scoutreach program to help boys to go to camp. Josh collected \$500 in which he presented to the Minsi Trails Council in November. For this act of generosity, Josh is truly a model Scout.



Scout Executive Tom Harrington accepts a donation from Josh Soares.

## Popcorn

As many of you know, one of the long term goals of a Scoutreach unit is to become financially self sufficient. This year, the program took another step towards to that goal by having an outstanding popcorn sale. Eleven units sold upwards of \$8,000. This is close to double the amount sold last year. Congratulations and thank you to all those who partook in the sale.

## Roundtable Reminder

January's roundtable meeting will be held on Thursday the 31st. Dinner is at 6PM, followed by the meeting at 6:30 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to share information and ideas. For the year 2008, we are asking all leaders to attend at least 4-5 of the 9 meetings. See you on the 31st!

## Whitney Young Award

Many outstanding leaders have played a part in the success of the Scoutreach program. One of those is Pete Mayes. Pete, who is the current principal of Mosser Elementary School in Allentown, was one of the original leaders of the Scoutreach program, being the Scoutmaster of the Troop at the Bethlehem Salvation Army. Presently, he is a pivotal part of Pack 466's success. This month, Pete will be receiving the Whitney Young Award (given to those who show outstanding leadership to the Scoutreach program) at the council recognition dinner.

Congratulations Pete!

# Pinewood Derby

There is a change for this year's pinewood derby. Over the years, this event has continued to grow. Due to the large crowd, this year's pinewood derby will be held at Northeast Middle School in Bethlehem. The race will be held on Saturday March 29th. Cars are available to Scoutreach leaders. Call Jimmy or Matt to get yours.

## Success Story

Here is a great story about one of our scouts doing an incredible kind act. Haniel is a 4th grader and Pack 99 Webelo at Cleveland Elementary School in Allentown. In his class there is a student who is very bright, kind and would make a great friend. Unfortunately, this student had one thing going against him to the point that all the students would not sit next to him, held their noses, and made unkind remarks. They basically shunned this student. Last week at lunch, as usual, no one wanted to sit by this student. Haniel went up to him and said, "Let's have lunch together." That made that student's day--what a smile on his face. A true act of kindness. In the meantime, the student is learning how to take responsibility for getting his clothes clean.

Evelyn Costelloe-Pack 99

Anthracite District  
2 Month Calendar:

### JANUARY

January 3rd - Roundtable- FOS solicitation  
January 10th- District Committee- Annual Meeting-  
Jan- Schedule Family FOS Presentations  
Jan 26th- Silver Beaver Dinner

### FEBRUARY

February 1-2nd- District Sleepover-Derby  
February 7th- Roundtable-  
February 14th- District Committee-  
February President's Weekend- Klondike Derby

# Forks of the Delaware District

**There's Gold To Be Discovered!**

## YUKON GOLDRUSH & CHILI COOKOFF 2008

We're calling all Forks of the Delaware Scouts to be part of the fun

**DATE:** Saturday, January 26, 2008 (rain, snow or shine - "Blizzard Date" = Feb 2)

**TIME:** 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM (set up can start as early as 10am)

**COST:** \$6.00. Registration info below.

**LOCATION:** Sts. Philip and James School, 137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg, NJ.

**DIRECTIONS:** From PA, take Rt. 22 eastbound across bridge into Phillipsburg, NJ. Follow Route 22 approximately 1 mile to Roseberry Street. Go straight through intersection, and bear right (just after Wendy's Hamburger) to go north onto Roseberry Street. School Entrance is 1/4 mile on right (next to

Warren Hospital).

All Scouts can attend!

**CUBS** - Try a game and earn a "gold nugget"! Do really well and earn more gold! You can cash in your gold nuggets at the "Trading Post" for snacks and hot drinks. No losers - everyone wins at this event!

**TROOPS & CREWS** - We are hosting the 3rd Annual outdoor "Leave no Trace" Chili Cookoff! Bring your own supplies & stoves. There will be "Golden Skillet" Awards for the best chili in the district, as well as "East" & "West" of Delaware Best Chili. This is a great way to work on cooking advancements and meet prospective Webelos!

**ALL UNITS:** Each Pack is asked to bring at least one activity. Troops/Crews are also encouraged to bring

an activity. All activities should be designed for FUN for the Cubs. You can use activities right out of your Cub Scout Handbooks or be creative and design your own! If the activity satisfies a Cub Scout requirement, please make a sign to indicate what achievement it applies towards. Past events have included ring toss, golf putt, bean bag toss, knot tying and much more.

\* This event is held **OUT-DOORS**, rain, snow or shine. It is usually **VERY** cold! Blizzards or Ice Storms may require rescheduling to Feb 2. Organizers will call all registered units by 8am on Jan 26 if safety becomes an issue.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration and payment for your Unit are due by **Monday Jan 7, 2008.**



### Special Recognition

Sunday, Oct 14, 2007, Jay Verkade received the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award at the Presbyterian Church, in Belvidere NJ. He was one of 34 candidates receiving this recognition of public service with a lapel pin and certificate.

The Legion of Honor is given in remembrance of four army chaplains, Reverend Fox, Rabbi Goode, Reverend Poling, and Father Washington, who perished aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester refusing their turns in the life boats and giving their life jackets to those in need, on the evening of February 2, 1943. Shortly after the Chapel's dedication in 1951 by President Harry S. Truman, the founders established the Legion of Honor Program to publicly recognize persons who have rendered selfless service to humanity without regard to race, religion, or creed. "This award symbolizes for all Americans and for all time the unity of this Nation, founded upon the Fatherhood of One God."

For more information about the Chapel's mission and scholarship program, contact your local Marine Corps League or visit the Chapel's web site: [www.fourchap-lains.org](http://www.fourchap-lains.org)

UNIT Number: \_\_\_\_\_. Number of Scouts Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fee

Troop/Crew/Pack (circle one). (Includes Patch for all Registered attendees)

(Account # 900030)

**SEND TO:** Minsi Trails Council Service Center  
PO Box 20624  
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0624  
ATTN: Forks of Delaware Yukon Gold Rush



Games/Events your Unit will bring: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT CONTACT:

TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* QUESTIONS: Call Chairperson Bill Lamberti (908) 213-1044(h) (908) 730-2144(w).

# Pushmobile Derby

In October we held the 2nd annual Pushmobile Derby. The day was fantastic. The boys had a great time racing and learning what being a team player is all about. A special thank you to Andy Bill and Troop 78 for organizing this event.



Pack 11 Bear Den.



Pack 50 winning team.

The 2008 Klondike Derby will be held on February 8th – 10th at Akeland at Settler’s Camp in Jonas, Pa. It is being sponsored by Troop 36 out of Roseto. The theme this year is “The Great Alaskan Race”. The units which will be attending should be sure to practice their knot tying skills, first aid, and fire building. It is sure to be a great event so let’s have a great turnout!

# Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday is on February 3, 2008. Please encourage your youth to worship as a unit. This is a great time to recognize the Scouts who have earned their religious emblems of their faith. It is also a good time to thank the charter organizations that are religious institutions for their support of Scouting.

Save the Date: Saturday, March 1, 2008- Webelos Klondike Derby. More information will be coming soon.



Popcorn Distribution at Harvel Plastics. Nelson Hill and Ernie Tarof loading Pack 25’s order.

## Forks District 3 Month Calendar:

### JANUARY

- 3 – Commissioner’s Meeting/District Committee Meeting
- 5 – OA Banquet
- 5 – Cub Scout Leader Training
- 10 – Roundtable
- 12 - RE-CHARTER DAY 8:30 – 12:00 noon
- 26 – Yukon Gold Rush & chili cook-off

### FEBRUARY

- 3 - Observe Scout Sunday
- 7- Commissioner’s Meeting/District Meeting
- 8 – 10 - Klondike Derby
- 14 – Roundtable

### MARCH

- 1 – Webelos Klondike Derby
- 6 - Commissioner’s Meeting/District Meeting
- 13 - Roundtable
- 29 - District Pinewood Derby

# North Valley

## Snowbound 2008

January 11-13, 2008 at  
Trexler Scout Reservation

Preparations are underway for the annual North valley Snowbound Event. The event format will be similar to years past and we are looking for volunteers to help run stations. Last year's event was a tremendous success and we hope to build on that experience this year.

This year we will also be presenting awards for most creative station so be prepared to have some fun.

More information and a Snowbound Guide can be downloaded at [www.orgsites.com/pa/northvalley](http://www.orgsites.com/pa/northvalley).

I don't think we can promise you snow this year, but, we will promise a great time for all who participate!

Snowbound 2008 Co-Chairs Bill Folk 610-391-0153 [william.folk@verizon.net](mailto:william.folk@verizon.net) and Ray Campbell 610-366-8581 [walter.r.campbell@verizon.net](mailto:walter.r.campbell@verizon.net)

## Friends of Scouting

Thank you to all of the Packs and Troops that participated in the 2007 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. Our success was due to the participation of nearly every unit in the North Valley District. Many thanks also go out to all of the presenters and coordinators who did a fine job. But now it is that time

to start planning for the 2008 Friends of Scouting Campaign. We are asking that units let us know of your FOS presentation date by January 15th. Without everybody's participation the District and Council will not have the funds to run the successful programs and opportunities they provide for your unit. If you have any questions please call Brian Dungan at 610-465-8573

## Rechartering Day

North Valley's Rechartering Day will be on January 19th at Hope Lutheran Church in Cherryville from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. In the month of January the top leader will get a call to make an assigned time for your unit to bring in the paperwork. Even if you did the rechartering through the internet you still need to bring the signed paperwork that you print out for approval on January 19th. If you have any questions please call Lisa Kirschner at 610-465-8556 or Brian Dungan 610-465-8573.

## Webelos Winter Event 2008

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

Bicentennial Park (west side) - East Allen Township  
The Webelos Winter Event is designed to promote teamwork and Scout Spirit while providing Webelos with the outdoor Scouting experience. Webelos visit stations that are run by Boy Scouts, many of which require previous knowledge

of knots and others teach new skills.

Registration packet will be mailed in December to all Webelos Leaders & Cubmasters or it can be downloaded at [www.orgsites.com/pa/northvalley](http://www.orgsites.com/pa/northvalley).

### QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact:

David Klembara  
(610) 914-0490  
[daveklem@dishmail.net](mailto:daveklem@dishmail.net)

Lisa Kirschner  
(610) 465-8556  
[lkirschner@minsitrails.com](mailto:lkirschner@minsitrails.com)

## Webfoot Day

The 2008 North Valley District Webfoot Day will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the William Allen High School. This year's event will include Cub Scout Swimming/ Webelos Aquanaut Activity Pin Sessions.

Cub Scout Notes: Cubs must register with their unit (as a Pack or Den). Each unit must provide two Adult Leaders prepared to work with their boys in the water.

This is not a swimming lesson? Cubs must have some swimming skills.

Cub Scout Sessions: Three sessions will be held. Please mark first, second, and third choice on the registration form along with the Unit Contact and phone number. The Contact Person will be notified as to when your unit is to report. More information can be downloaded at [www.orgsites.com/pa/northvalley](http://www.orgsites.com/pa/northvalley)

## Chairman's Corner

Dear Leaders,

I hope each of you is having a wonderful holiday season filled with friends, family and scouting. The winter holidays are a great time to engage your scouts in service projects to help families in need with food drives, winter coat collections and even holiday gifts. Nursing homes and hospitals are always eager to welcome smiling scouts who provide holiday cheer by singing carols, playing music or just visiting with the patients. The coming of the New Year is also a time to give thanks for the many gifts we received over the last 12 months. For our boys, the gift of their adult leaders time, for adult leaders the gift of spending time with the best kids in the valley and for all of us in the North Valley District the gift of our friends from the Minsi Trails Council Office, Scout Shop employees and the great Staffs at Akelaland, Settlers and Minsi for the support and service they give all year long.

As 2007 comes to an end we send a big thank you to Ron Batarick who has stepped down from his position as North Valley District Commissioner. Ron served our boy's as a unit leader for many years before accepting his current position. A wood badge trained leader Ron could always be counted on to lead his troop, run a District event or help a unit stay on track. Ron and his wife JoEllen are not saying goodbye to scouting and you can count on seeing them around the campfire.

As we enter 2008 we welcome Mark Held who has been appointed North Valley District Commissioner beginning January 1st. Mark began his scouting career as a member of Troop 29 in Cetronia. In 1994 he became an Assistant Den Leader in Pack 29. Mark crossed the bridge to boy scouting with his youngest son in 1999 and became an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 29. A Wood Badge Trained Leader, he was instrumental in developing a strong boy led scout program. In 2005 Mark accepted a position as a North Valley District Unit Commissioner and served as Co-Chairman of the 2006 North Valley Snowbound. Mark and his wife Linda are the proud parents of son's Andrew and Nicholas both Eagle Scouts.

Yours in Scouting,  
Bob Sperling

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# Pocono District 2 Month Calendar

JANUARY

- 7 District Commissioner/Committee Meeting 7:00PM  
St. Johns Church 9 N 9th Street Stroudsburg
- 10 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
St. Johns Church, 9 N 9th Street Stroudsburg
- 26 Klondike  
Camp Minsi

FEBRUARY

- 2 Pinewood Derby  
Stroud Mall near Penney's; Registration at noon
- 3 Scout Sunday
- 4 District Committee Meeting  
St. John's Church, 9 N 9th Street Stroudsburg
- 14 Roundtable  
St. John's Church, 9 N 9th Street Stroudsburg

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JANUARY

- 2 OA Meeting St Lawrence School Catasauqua
- 7 Commissioner Meeting Hope Lutheran Church Cherryville 7:00PM
- 8 District Committee Meeting – Shepherd of the Hills Church Egypt 7:30PM
- 9 Roundtable – LCCC Schnecksville 7:30 PM
- 11-13 Snowbound – Trexler Scout Reservation
- 19 – Re-Charter Day - Hope Lutheran Church Cherryville
- 26 – Webfoot Day – Allen High Pool
- 31 – Commissioner's Meeting – Hope Lutheran Church Cherryville 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY

- 2 – Webelos Winter Event
- 6 OA Chapter Meeting – St Lawrence School Catasauqua
- 12 District Committee – Shepherd of the Hills Church Egypt 7:30 PM
- 13 – Roundtable – LCCC Schnecksville 7:30PM
- 28 - Commissioner's Meeting – Hope Lutheran Church Cherryville 7:00 PM

## Family Friends of Scouting

If you have not signed up for an FOS presentation, please do so. These presentations have the greatest success when held at Blue and Gold and Red and White Dinners. To submit a date email Denise Maza at [denisemaza@epix.net](mailto:denisemaza@epix.net)

## Ready, Set, Go!

Get your engines ready, or at least your pinewood derby cars. The Pocono District's Pinewood Derby is being held on February 2nd at the Stroud Mall. Registration will begin at 11:30 and the race starts at 1:00pm. Cost is \$3.00 per scout. Trophies will be awarded to the top three cars. If you have any questions or need the rules please contact Dick Seip at [relseip@ptd.net](mailto:relseip@ptd.net)

## Klondike

This year the Pocono District will be joining the Trexler District for the Klondike on Saturday January 26th at Camp Minsi. Patrols will be cooking on the course. We are still looking for volunteers. If you have any questions or want to volunteer or would like to register contact Bill Stickney [bstick3d@ptd.net](mailto:bstick3d@ptd.net) Tent camping will be available for Friday and/or Saturday night.

## Spotlight on the Explorers

Explorer Post 206 is a unit of coed high school students interested in careers in health and medicine. They are sponsored by and meet at the Pocono Medical Center. The post meets twice a month on the first Tuesday of the month for a business meeting and the third Tuesday of the month to tour a new aspect of the Medical Center. This fall the Explorers have visited the Radiology Department, the Laboratory and the Cath Lab. November the Explorers held elections for officers. Currently serving are Stephan Kozak, President; Brittany McWilliams, Vice President and Brenna Goldner, Secretary. If you want to learn more about this organization, please feel free to contact Edgar Weber at [eweber@pmchealthsystem.org](mailto:eweber@pmchealthsystem.org).

**District Recognition and Volunteer Appreciation Night**  
The Pocono District will be having a District Recognition and volunteer appreciation evening on March 13th in lieu of Roundtable (we will have the unit mailboxes with any flyers available). This is instead of a District Dinner. All unit volunteers and

their spouses are welcome. The evening will begin at 7pm and we will have light refreshment and fellowship, as well as giving out the award for the District Award of Merit and other District recognitions. We are now accepting nominations for the District Award of Merit and the Pocono District Unit Leadership Awards. To submit a nomination please contact Steve Sodl at [ssodl@ptd.net](mailto:ssodl@ptd.net). To RSVP for the Recognition and Appreciation night, please contact Bill Brugger at [wbrugger@ptd.net](mailto:wbrugger@ptd.net).

## Popcorn

A special thanks goes out to Steve Savoia, our popcorn chair and Ruth Lapczynski, Bill Brugger, the Order of the Arrow and Pocono Produce for their help on Saturday November 17th at our successful popcorn distribution event!

## Scout Ski Weekend at Shawnee

Shawnee Mountain is having their 18th annual Scout ski weekend. This event will be held on March 8th and 9th. The weekend offers merit badge testing, recreational fun race, and a pin and patch trade. Scout discounts! For more information and to register, contact Shawnee at: (570) 421-7231 x223 or [grpsales@shawneemt.com](mailto:grpsales@shawneemt.com).

# South Mountain

## Fall Cub Event

What a fantastic day – the weather couldn't have been better! Held on October 20th at the Hellertown Sportsmen's Association, the turn out was overwhelming with more than double the number of boys participating this year over last. Cub Scouts had a great time while they had an opportunity to complete lots of requirements. The BB gun and archery ranges really "hit the mark," as did the food from the kitchen – the lines seemed never to end! Thanks to all who helped make the day a great success and to everyone who attended. Anyone interested in helping next year or for other future Cub Scout events, please contact Colleen Marzigliano at 610-691-6380.

## Popcorn Success!

Because of your hard work, a new record was set for sales in our district – a total worth over \$190,000!

Top units – total sales:

1.Pack 317	\$19,099
2.Pack 352	\$13,251
3.Pack 333	\$10,058
4.Pack 319	\$9,613
5.Troop 362	\$9,406
6.Troop 359	\$8,690

Top units – sales increase:

1.Pack 317	\$9,021
2.Pack 352	\$6,005
3.Pack 364	\$4,981
4.Pack 334	\$3,845
5.Troop 359	\$3,748
6.Pack 302	\$3,618

## Re-charter Day

From 9am-12pm on Saturday, January 5th, our district's annual Re-charter Day will be held at East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem. Packets have already been distributed to every unit and although this is mostly an on-line process, the final printed charter and associated fees must be physically returned with all required signatures. If necessary, units can schedule a special appointment to complete this process by contacting Arby Beisel at [rbeisel@minsitrails.com](mailto:rbeisel@minsitrails.com)

## Friends of Scouting

The kick-off of the 2008 campaign is quickly approaching – all units are asked to participate in this fundraising effort to support the quality programs and activities for our Scouts. Please contact our Family FOS Chair, Donna Bonney, at 610-866-4641 or [dbjenjer@aol.com](mailto:dbjenjer@aol.com) to schedule a presentation date.

## Klondike Derby

The 2008 Klondike Derby will be held at Camp Minsi on Saturday, February 9th. Please send your registration form and check to the Council Service Center; cost of registration is \$5.00 per scout with the last day to sign-up your patrol on February 6th. As a reminder, patrols will be no more than 8 scouts and no less than 4 scouts. Troop 191 will be hosting this year's event and is still looking for volunteers to organize and run events – please e-mail Kevin Long at [coldstream@epix.net](mailto:coldstream@epix.net) if you are willing to lend a hand. A full list of events, equipment list, and any further information will be available at Roundtable.

## South Mountain: 2 Month Calendar

### JANUARY

- 5 Re-Charter Day @ East Hills Moravian Church 9am-12pm
- 8 District Committee meeting @ East Hills Moravian Church, 7:30pm
- 9 Roundtable/OA Chapter meeting, St. Luke's Hospital – Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center, Fountain Hill, 7:30pm
- 30 District Commissioners meeting @ Rosemont Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, 7pm

### FEBRUARY

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- 9 Klondike Derby @ Camp Minsi
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On Saturday, 11/3, members of the Senior Webelos Den (The Bison Patrol) of Center Valley's Cub Scout Pack 333 spent 3 hours hiking and picking up trash along a two-mile section of the Lehigh Canal Towpath in Allentown. This activity completed several requirements for the Leave No Trace Award and Outdoorsman Activity Badge. Webelos participating in the cleanup included (L to R): Dominic R., Tomias P., Eric B., Alec M., Nikesh P., Nicholas P., Nick M., Liam J., Ryan F., and Peter M.

# Trexler

## Klondike Derby

Do you want to test what you have learned in through your adventure in scouting and do you want to learn something new? This year's Klondike Derby will test your skills and sharpen the ones you have just acquired. The Theme is "Pirates" so gather your shipmates and set sail towards the Klondike Derby. Each attending unit is asked to provide leadership to help run a station.

### WHEN:

Saturday, January 26th, 2008 (9:00 AM Check in)

### WHERE:

Akelaland at Trexler Scout Reservation (Dinning Hall)

### COST:

\$6.00 per attendee

Please Contact AJ Kotz for more information

Phone # 610-966-2896 or [trexlereagles@verizon.net](mailto:trexlereagles@verizon.net)

## I Said Charter not Chowder

Charter Renewal Day will be held on Saturday February 2nd at Mack Trucks. Hours are (8:00-12:30). If you have any questions please contact the individuals listed below. Your unit's timely rechartering is essential to be a Centennial unit. Without an on time charter you also risk a lapse in your BSA insurance coverage. If have any questions about your charter contact Steve Mehl 610-966-7974 or Joe Heiman 610-465-8582 or your unit commissioner.

### 1ST AID MEET

This year's Trexler 1st Aid meet will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall at the 1st Presbyterian Church off of Cedar Crest. More information will be available at roundtable if you have any questions please contact Bud Kuhns 610-395-3577.

## POP!

Thanks to all popcorn-selling units! Because of all of you, we smashed last year's record. Another thank-you goes to Lyle Litzenberger, the district popcorn kernel. Without his leadership, our victory would not have been as buttery! The Trexle District sold over \$170,000 worth of popcorn, which helps benefit local units and organizations. An extra special thanks goes all of the volunteers that helped sort popcorn Friday and Saturday.

## A SCOUT IS REVERENT

Scout Sunday is February 3rd. Please take the time and remember the 12th point of the Scout law and attend a religious service of your choice.

## FOS

Our 2008 family friends of scouting campaign has been kicked off. We are trying to raise more money then we have in the past so that we can continue to deliver a high quality program to all the units in the Trexler District. If your Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew has not signed up yet please contact the Family Friends of Scouting Chair Brenda Aubert 610-Aubert 610-395-8472 or Joe Heiman 610-465-8582. This year's Collectors patch is "Clean".

## Trexler District: 2 Month Calendar

### JANUARY

- 3- District Committee Meeting
- 5-District Annual Planning Conference
- 10- Roundtable
- 24-Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 26- Klondike Derby

### FEBRUARY

- 2- District Charter Renewal Day
- 7- District Committee Meeting
- 14- Roundtable
- 28-Commissioner Staff Meeting





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