



TRAIL NOTES

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL

April 2024 Edition

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If you're on this email it means you are signed up for our Newsletter. Please forward this to others in your Scouting Unit so we can help keep people informed. Thank you

[Register Here!](#)

SAFETY MOMENT

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Medication Use in Scouting

As more youth use prescribed medications, leaders must have tools to help them use prescriptions safely. It's crucial to remember that using prescriptions correctly is the responsibility of the individual or their parent/guardian.

[Medication Use in Scouting
Guidance](#)

First Aid Kits

As we gear up for summer adventures, let's reinforce our commitment to the "Be Prepared" motto. Scouts and leaders should ensure they have a readily available and well-stocked first-aid kit, whether simple or advanced. Sharing this safety moment below in the weeks ahead is a perfect opportunity to review and support the importance of First Aid Kits.

**Additional First Aid Kit
Resources**

Food Allergy Guidance

With one in 13 children having a food allergy, it's crucial for Scouts and Leaders to stay vigilant. Every 3 minutes, a reaction sends someone to the ER. Recognize common allergens like peanuts and tree nuts, be aware that reactions can happen anytime, and know the difference between allergies and intolerances.

**BSA Food Allergy
Guidance**

2024 UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

JOIN US!

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

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

Save the Date:
April 20th, 2024

At Northampton
Community College
Monroe Campus

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Go to minsitrails.org



Register Today! Click Here!

UPDATES ON CUB SCOUT & SCOUTSBSA PROGRAM

As part of continuous improvements, updates for ScoutsBSA rank and merit badge requirements will take effect January 1, 2024.

Updates to the Cub Scout Programs will take effect June 1st, 2024. Check out the links below for more information and tune in to the Boy Scouts of America Cub Chat Live each month for new details.

Updates in the Cub Scout Program

Cub Scout Program Update FAQs

2024 ScoutsBSA Advancement Update

ALLENTOWN TRADE-O-REE

Allentown Trade-O-Ree

Saturday April 6



Youth \$0
Adults \$2

www.AllentownTOR.org

Click Here for More Information on the Trade-O-Ree

COUNCIL PINWOOD DERBY

Attention District Top 10 Racers!

This years Council Pinewood Derby will be sponsored
by the Witauchsoman Lodge #44

May 11th, 2024 @ 10:00AM
Kelly Jeep Dealership
501 State Ave
Emmaus, PA 18049



[For more Information & to Register Click Here](#)

NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING



This course is at least 8-hours long and includes classroom, learning how inspect and understand the layout of the ranges. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; firearm parts and operation; cartridge components; rifle malfunctions; pistol malfunctions; shooting fundamentals; range rules; cleaning; and continued opportunities for skill development. Students will receive the (RSO) Range Safety Officer study guide, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, take a NRA RSO Student Examination, and receive a course completion certificate, through and online registration after the course. (additional Certification Fee)

[For more information and to register, CLICK HERE!](#)

MINSI TRAILS SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP MINSI

GUARDIANS OF SCOUTING

A SUPERHERO SCOUTING ADVENTURE



Camp Minsi 2024



**MINSI TRAILS
S.T.E.M. CAMP**

Explore your future. Explore your world.

June 30 - July 3, 2024 at Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, PA

Minsi Trails Council is proud to continue STEM Camp, an exciting summer camp experience for Scouts hosted at Camp Minsi. This special 4-day camp provides in-depth and hands-on experiences to help participants explore careers, scientific fields, and technology – all while having fun in a great camp environment.

[For More Information Click Here!](#)

Sign up your Pack, Crew or Troop for Camp Minsi Today!

Weeks at Camp Minsi are filling up fast. If your Pack or Troop has not signed up for Camp Minsi yet, please do so as soon as possible as some weeks are close to capacity and two are filled.

Cub Scout Resident Camp

Week 1 June 23-28 **Registration is Closed**

Week 2 June 30-July 5 **Limited space available**

Scouts, BSA and Webelos Pioneer Camp

Week 3 July 7-13 **Scouts, BSA Closed**

Week 4 July 14-20 **Scouts, BSA Closed**

Week 5 July 21-27 **Limited space available**

Week 6 July 28- August 3 **Open for Registration** Also Venturing/Sea Scout Week

**Register now for Summer Camp! Click
Here**



Webelos Pioneer Camp

Camp Minsi Webelos Pioneer Program is open for campers going into 4th or 5th grades. Pioneer Camp will happen during Cub Scout Weeks 1 and 2, plus it will run coinciding with our Scouts' BSA Program during Weeks 3 through 6. Adult leadership is not required, as our staff will provide the leadership, but you are welcome to join us. Encourage your Troop to come the same week as your Webelos Dens. You can camp with your Troop or stay with the camp staff. Space will be limited to 30 participants a week so sign up today! www.campminsi.org



Join 2024 Camp Minsi Camp Staff
CREATE A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES AND EARN A SALARY

Working on camp staff opens to each staff member a whole new world of adventure and opportunities. In addition to spending a summer in the great outdoors, staff members will:

- Learn how to lead others and to apply leadership skills.
- Be part of an effective team and cooperate with others to get things done.
- Acquire experiential education (learning by doing) and new skills while working with young people ages 6-17.
- Make lots of friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

Our staff is not just a group of counselors having fun, but rather a family of 60 individuals dedicated to providing an outstanding experience to each and every one of our campers. Each of our counselors and support staff members receives extensive training in their roles in camp, as well as specific knowledge in customer service, emergency procedures, and youth protection. We look for only the best staff members that possess the following qualifications:

- Be at least 15 years old.
- A positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- A desire to make a lasting impact on the life of a Scout.
- A willingness to live by the Scout Oath & Law.

**Join Camp Staff! Sign up
today!**



Camp Minsi Beaver Weekend & OA Callout Ceremony

106 Camp Minsi Rd, Pocono Summit, PA 18346

with Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser & Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

May 17-19, 2024

www.minsitrails.org/beaverweekend



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

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

BEAVER WEEKEND Questions? – campminsi@minsitrails.org
FUNDRIASER Questions? – foodservice@witauchsoman.org



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

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Saturday, May 18



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

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Saturday, May 18



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

What to bring to Beaver Weekend:

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



Save the date!

Special programs offered for Sea Scouts & Venturers July 28th to August 3rd.
Ships & Crews who would like to participate in our programs oriented towards Scouts BSA programs are welcome any week including in our Afternoon Adventure programs!



ANNUAL GIFT PLANNING



As you know, Scouting is so much more than camping. It prepares kids for life. Because of you, boys and girls throughout our nation are learning skills that can be critical during times of uncertainty including first aid, healthcare, fire and EMS, and law enforcement. Thank you for all you do to make it possible for kids to learn these lifesaving skills through Scouting. Is Scouting in your estate plans? Would you like to receive some additional information about supporting the future of Scouting through an estate gift? [Email us.](#)

TRINITY SOLAR

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is proud to share that,
through their partnership with the

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

they have helped raise **\$20,700**
AND COUNTING!

LET'S RAISE MORE MONEY

Renewable Energy

Not only will the families and scouts understand how important it is to switch to renewable energy but they will be supporting our scouts and saving money on their utility bills.

Learn More & Raise \$100

For every homeowner that sits with Trinity to learn about solar for their home, our unit will receive \$50 and council receives \$50.

Install Solar & Raise \$1000

Have solar installed through this partnership & your unit receives \$500, & council receives \$500



For more Information Call
or text Russ Sardella
732-232-0658:

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL HISTORICAL TRAILS



The Minsi Trails Council activities committee is pleased to announce the refresh of the MTC Historic Trails program. First launched in 1969, and updated in the 1990's, these 10 hikes offer an excellent opportunity for Scouts to learn about our region's history. Each hike offers a glimpse into the past of how the area started - from pre-colonial rural areas to urban centers of industry, and transportation networks to entertainment sites. Each hiking booklet has been updated to include new photographs and updated routes to ensure safe hiking conditions. You will find they now also include additional online resources of some of the sites you'll visit. You may access these new hiking pamphlets at <https://www.minsitrails.org/historictrails>. Both online and print friendly versions are available. The hiking booklets may also be reached from the main website under the "council" section.

For each hike completed, Scouts can earn a rocker, and after completing 5 hikes they are eligible to wear the medal. The patches and medal are both available today at the Minsi Trails Council Scout Shop. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the committee at historictrails@minsitrails.org. Happy hiking!

MTC 2024 DAY CAMPS

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP



Northampton & Warren Wild West Day Camp July 26th-28th

Lehigh Mystical Journey Day Camp August 2nd-4th

Monroe & Carbon-Luzerne Guardians of Scouting Day Camp August 16th-18th

CHECK OUT YOUR DISTRICT PAGES!

Carbon-Luzerne
District

Lehigh
District

Monroe
District

Northampton
District

Warren
District

MARCH 2024 SAFETY MOMENT: INCIDENT REPORTING



Timely and complete incident reporting provides the BSA with an opportunity for analysis of incidents that occur and promotes continuous improvement of our programs. The sooner a clear, concise and complete incident report is made, the sooner an appropriate response to the incident can occur.

It's essential to include all the information you can in your incident report, including providing a detailed incident description, filling out all the forms in their entirety and providing additional attachments — such as photos of the incident, the unit's participating roster, release and waiver forms, witness statements, etc. — when required.

[BSA National Incident Reporting Website](#)

[Incident Reporting Requirements](#)

[Incident Reporting Infographic](#)



Thank you to our Sponsors and their continued support of Scouting and the
Minsi Trails Council!



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