



TRAIL NOTES

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL

February 2024 Edition

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Northampton County



THANK YOU TO NORTHAMPTON COUNTY & THEIR GENEROUS GRANT:

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

GRANT IS OPEN TO ALL PROGRAMS!

THE FIRST 95 YOUTH TO REGISTER IS AT A **"FIRST COME FIRST SERVE"**

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

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

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MELISSA MOHR (610) 465-8565 EMAIL: MELISSA.MOHR@SCOUTING.ORG

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





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Cub Scout Requirement Changes 2024

The changes to the Cub Scout rank requirements are officially here! Over the next 8 months the updates will be released. During each month a different portion of the changes will be presented. The timeline for these updates is pictured below with the GO LIVE date of JUNE 1, 2024. Note that the council cub scout advancement team will present the new requirements at University of Scouting. If you have any questions, please contact your district cub scout advancement chair or the council Cub Scout advancement chair. We are excited for the new requirements and look forward to June 2024!!

2024-2025
Cub Scout Badges of Rank
Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure.
Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures.
The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

 LION Kindergarten	 TIGER 1 st Grade	 WOLF 2 nd Grade	 BEAR 3 rd Grade	 WEBELOS 4 th Grade	 ARROW OF LIGHT 5 th Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership
 MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors	 TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors	 PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors	 BEAR HABITAT Outdoors	 WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors	 OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors
 FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness	 TIGER BITES Personal Fitness	 RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness	 BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness	 STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness	 PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness
 KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship	 TEAM TIGER Citizenship	 COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship	 PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship	 MY COMMUNITY Citizenship	 CITIZENSHIP Citizenship
 LION ROAR Personal Safety	 TIGER ROAR Personal Safety	 SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety	 STANDING TALL Personal Safety	 MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid	 FIRST AID Safety/First Aid
 LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	 FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	 MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	 DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence
 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures

11/9/23



CUB SCOUT PROGRAM UPDATES ROLLOUT

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Cub Chat Live! 11-10-23 General Announcement	Cub Chat Live! 12-1-23 Rank Advancements and Bobcat	Cub Chat Live! 1-12-24 New and Improved Adventures	Cub Chat Live! 2-2-24 Webelos and Arrow of Light	Cub Chat Live! 3-1-24 Handbooks and Leader Resources	Cub Chat Live! 4-5-24 Den and Pack Meetings	Cub Chat Live! 5-10-24 Top 10 Most Common Questions	Cub Chat Live! 6-7-24 Safety Integration
Council Programs Resources for councils and districts to plan for programs for the summer of 2024	Presenters Trained December 18 Team of experts trained and available to present to local councils and districts. Commissioners Resources for Commissioners	Prime Time Episodes of Cub Chat Live! January 16 th @ 7 p.m. Central January 23 rd @ 7 p.m. Central January 30 th @ 7 p.m. Central	Scouts BSA Resources for Scouts BSA Leaders	Scout Shops Spring of 2024 New Cub Scout Handbooks New Cub Scout Adventures Loops and Pins	Training Position Specific Training Updated Updated Cub Scout Roundtable Videos	On-line Tools Scoutbook Updated Online Reports Updated	June 1 New Program Takes Effect



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**SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND
7:05PM**



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GATHERING!**



**YOUR TICKET TO THE PHANTOMS GAME
WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- PRE GAME RECEPTION AT 5PM
- ARENA TOUR
- POST GAME SHOT ON GOAL FOR A CHANCE TO WIN TICKETS TO A FUTURE PHANTOMS GAME!
- AN AWESOME NIGHT OUT!

TICKETS:

\$ 35

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TO THIS FUN
NIGHT YOU CAN CONTACT
CHRISTIAN AVERILL AT
Christian.Averill@scouting.org OR
610-465-8573

**ALL TICKET ORDERS MUST BE PLACED
BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH!**



SAVE THE DATE

“Cruise the Gap” Camporee

May 3-5, 2024 | Northampton District | Wind Gap Park

Wind Gap Borough, is joining the Northampton District of Minsi Trails Council to host the Cruise the Gap Camporee. The weekend will offer cub adventures and merit badges connected to the “Cruise the Gap” theme. Cub leaders will have the opportunity to complete Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training (Baloo).

Cub Adventure Program

Tiger - My Tiger Jungle; Tigers in the Wild; Rolling Tigers

Wolf - Call of the Wild; Paws on the Path; Finding Your Way

Bear - Bear Necessities; Fur, Feathers, and Ferns; Baloo the Builder

Webelos/AOL - Cast Iron Chef; Webelos Walkabout; Build It; Into the Woods; Outdoor Adventurer; Scouting Adventurer

Cub Scout Leaders - Baloo Training

Scout Program

Tenderfoot - Camping & Outdoor Ethics; Tools; Hiking

Second Class - Camping & Outdoor Ethics; Navigation; Nature

First Class - Camping & Outdoor Ethics; Navigation; Tools; Nature

Merit Badges - Cycling, Orienteering

Registration

Online registration will open December 1, 2023 through the Minsi Trails website. Units who register before March 1, 2024 will be guaranteed a patch for their participants and a full registration refund if they check-in to the Camporee. Registration is \$5 per participant.

There are many more exciting activities being planned
for this weekend of scouting adventure.

Save the date and prepare to sign-up when
registration opens on December 1, 2023.



LEHIGH DISTRICT EAGLE SCOUT SEMINAR

Thursday
29 February 2024
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Lehigh District will hold its annual Eagle Scout Seminar on 29 February 2024. Because this is a school night, we will start promptly at 7:00 PM, in order to complete the program by 9:00 PM. The purpose of this seminar is for all Scouts, who are of Star or Life Rank, to learn the necessary steps to complete the requirements to become an Eagle Scout. This is the place to bring your questions and learn the proper steps to attain the Eagle rank. Please be prepared to take notes. Please print and bring along the entire Eagle Scout Project booklet.

This seminar is not only for the Scouts who are striving to earn the coveted Eagle Badge, but also for all **Scout Leaders, Committee Members, and Parents**. It is extremely important for everyone involved with a scout climbing the Eagle Trail to be working together. It is therefore important for everyone to be aware of the necessary steps the Scout must follow to complete the requirements, as required by the National Council Office. It is strongly suggested that **each unit send at least one representative to this meeting**, along with the Scouts who will become eligible for Eagle in the next year. Each year there are numerous changes made to the Eagle procedure, and for this reason it is recommended that only Star and Life Scouts attend this Seminar. Again, each scout that attends, must bring a complete copy of the February 2023 Eagle project packet (**2023a version**) to follow along. This can be downloaded from the National website:

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/EagleProjectWorkbook2023a.pdf>

There will be time after the meeting if you wish to discuss the process further. A representative from the council office will be in attendance.

The location for the seminar this year will be:

**Jordan UCC Church
1837 Church Road
Allentown, PA 18104**

Use <https://goo.gl/maps/bcB56nJGfGRSS4cj9>

Directions to the church:

From the intersection of Route 309 and Walbert Avenue in South Whitehall, travel north/east on Walbert Avenue. Take the 1st left onto Church Road – this feels like it is part of the signalized intersection, it is that close to Route 309. Take the next right into the church parking lot. The Social Hall is located straight ahead at the end of the parking lot.

TOP SECRET

Operation Shadow Recon
A Ministry of Intelligence and National Security Initiative (MINSI) Camporee

Greetings, recruits!

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

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

Key Details:

1. [REDACTED] **INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE**
2. [REDACTED] **INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE**
3. [REDACTED] **INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE**

Event Details:

Date: April 26-28, 2024

Location: Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, PA

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming District Events:

- November 2, 2023 — District First Aid Meet, Ag Hall Allentown Fairgrounds
- February 16-18, 2024 — Arctic Adventure, Camp Minsi
- April 26-28, 2024 — Spring Camporee, Camp Minsi
- October 18-20, 2024 — 2024 Fall Camporee, Camp Minsi
- November 2, 2024 — District First Aid Meet, Ag Hall Allentown Fairgrounds
- February 21-23, 2025 — 2025 Arctic Adventure, Camp Minsi
- April 25-27, 2025 — 2025 Spring Camporee, Camp Minsi
- November 6, 2025 — District First Aid Meet, Ag Hall Allentown Fairgrounds
- October 17-19, 2025, Fall Camporee, Camp Minsi





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.

During the week participants will have opportunities to work towards earning a variety of BSA skill awards and advancements – including merit badges, STEM Nova awards, and more! Participants attending individually (or with a buddy) will join a fully-staffed provisional patrol for the week, living and learning alongside youth with shared interests.

More information can be found at <http://www.campminsi.org/stem>

New Campership Announcement

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

General Trexler Campership FAQ

Q. What do we need to do in order to get the General Trexler Campership?

A. Sign up for Camp Minsi! That's it. The Minsi Trails Council will handle the rest.

Q. Is the General Trexler Campership available to Cub Scouts attending Camp Minsi?

A. Yes, the General Trexler Campership is available to all Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts of the Minsi Trails Council who are attending Camp Minsi.

Q. Does Cub Scout Mini-Week get the General Trexler Campership?

A. Yes, instead of \$380, Cub Scout Mini-Week would cost \$305. Must be a Minsi Trails Council Scout.

Q. How do I know if the Scouts in my unit will receive the General Trexler Campership?

A. After your Pack, Troop or Crew signs up for Camp Minsi, the Minsi Trails Council will put in a code for your unit. On your next invoice from Doubleknot you should see that the discount has been applied.

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. Sign up at www.campminsi.org

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 **Registration is Closed**

Week 4 July 14-20 **Registration is Closed**

Week 5 July 21-27 **Open for Registration**

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

2024 Minsi Trails Council Campership Information

While the pinnacle of any Scouting experience is attending Summer Camp, the leadership of the Minsi Trails Council realizes the cost of providing this experience can be a lot for some families to pay. Funds are available to assist those families who request help so that the Scout may have camping experience. These funds are made possible by individuals and organizations who understand the lifelong impact Summer Camp has on youth. This assistance is provided in the form of a "Campership" through the application and review process.

All applications are due by April 1, 2024 in the Minsi Trails Council office. All applications and FAQ are available on www.minsitrails.org/camperships

Camperships Available

Minsi Trails Council Campership - Approximately \$15,000 will be available in 2024. This campership is available to any Minsi Trails Council Scout going to Camp Minsi Cub Scout or Scouts, BSA Summer Camp or a Minsi Trails Council Cub Scout Day Camp.

Ed Hughes Foundation Camp Scholarship Fund - Over \$15,000 available in 2024 The Ed Hughes Foundation Camp Scholarship Fund was established to assist in making the council's vision a reality by providing financial assistance to BSA registered youth of the old Anthracite District footprint to attend camp. Scouts in these zip codes 18201, 18202, 18211, 18216, 18219, 18221, 18222, 18223, 18224, 18225, 18227, 18230, 18231, 18234, 18237, 18239, 18241, 18242, 18243, 18246, 18247, 18248, 18249, 18251, 18254, 18255, 18256, 18661, and 18985 are qualified to apply.

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church Camp Scholarship - \$1,500 is available in 2024. The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church Camp Scholarship Fund was established to assist in making the council's vision a reality by providing financial assistance to BSA registered youth of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church to attend camp. Applicants must be a member of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church 4102 S. Main St, Whitehall, PA and a BSA registered youth within Minsi Trails Council. There is \$1500 available in 2024 for this campership.



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



The Minsi Trails council, Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members.

(Effective September 1, 2023) Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings.

There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant. *Limited exception below for Cub Scout overnight Programs. **There is no longer a 72 hour rule exemption***

**Youth Protection and Adult Leadership
Information**

**Youth Protection & Barriers to Abuse
FAQs**



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



MTC Marksmanship Madness, target shooting competition for Cub Scouts and Scouts, BSA.

March 23, 2024 at Camp Minsi

Cub Scouts - BB, Archery and Sling Shot - Earn the Shooting Sports Badge - Limited to the first 50 Cub Scouts.

Scouts, BSA - Archery, Shotgun and Rifle Competition. This is a competition for experienced shooters. You must use the camp's equipment. Do not bring your own. This is not a merit badge class - limited to 80 shooters max.

COST

\$10.00 per Cub Scout Age Youth (age 5-10)

\$10.00 per Scouts BSA Age Youth (age 10-17)

Register at <http://www.minsitrails.org/event/mtc-marksmanship-madness-competition/3005022>



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!



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of students and recent grads think NCC is the perfect place to start college.

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Learn about this and other scholarship opportunities at www.northampton.edu/tuition-and-aid/scholarships or by calling our Scholarship Office at 610-861-5594.

NORTHAMPTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Scholarship Information

Minsi Trails Council
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.](#)

Support Local Scouting

Support local Scouting by visiting Minsitrails.org/give and making a contribution

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THE BENEFITS OF DONATING TO SCOUTS



BUILDING CHARACTER

Scouting allows youth to build more confidence, responsibility and a broader set of friends. Donations allow entry fees to remain low.



HEALTHY LIVING

Scouting's outdoor programs such as hiking, swimming, and other physical wellness programs can be offered to mainly due to donations.



MENTORING

The many volunteers would not be able to help these Scouts without the valuable resources, some of which are funded through donations.



CAMPING RETREATS

Donations allow camping costs to be low and even allow no-cost camping trips to those who may not normally be able to afford it.



SERVING OTHERS

Boy Scouts prides its focus on helping the community. By giving to Boy Scouts, in turn you're giving to the community!



LIFELONG LEARNING

Donations provide structured settings where young people can learn new skills that will help them succeed.

TRINITY SOLAR

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:

Save-the-Date!



Lehigh District's
ARCTIC ADVENTURE

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2024

Camp Minsi

This year's theme will be:
"Surviving the Secret Invasion".

The new and improved Arctic Adventure includes the addition of an advanced Scout and Scouter Program with more information to be announced! This event was previously known as Snowbound or Klondike Derby.

SCOUTERS: We are looking for volunteers to supervise and to help at event stations-remember your help will make this a fantastic experience for the Scouts. The stations are easy to run. **To supervise or to help at a station, please email us! Your help is greatly appreciated.**

Please mark the dates on your Troop or Crew's calendar for this event. More information and an Arctic Adventure Leaders' Guide will be provided with more information.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 18, 2023 – Double Knot Registration Opens for all units
- February 9, 2024 – Double Knot Registration Closes

Arctic Adventure 2024 Committee
(Chris Lubenetski, Rick Bishop, and Matt Woodruff)
Email: lehighdistrictklondike@minsitrails.org

Advancement Updates 2024

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

Rank Requirements:

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

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

Eagle Palms:

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

Merit badge with significant changes to content are:

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

Merit badges with minor changes

include:

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

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

"*" indicates Eagle required merit badge

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

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The Boy Scouts of America are committed to creating safe environments for Scouts and leaders. Child abuse is an uncomfortable topic but an important one for us to cover to ensure the safety and well-being of our Scouts and leaders. The Boy Scouts of America has partnered with subject-matter experts from the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Foundation to present the Personal Safety Awareness Series. The primary goal of the Personal Safety Awareness videos is to educate youth about what to do if they experience abusive behavior, educate them about safe and unsafe situations, and encourage them to go to a parent or another trusted adult for help when needed.

Before reviewing these videos, Scouts should complete the exercises in the "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide" pamphlet with their parent or guardian. This pamphlet can be found in the front of the Scout Handbook.

These Personal Safety Awareness videos replace the Cyber Chip requirement for the Scout and Star ranks. Scouts are encouraged to inform their Parent or Guardian and unit leader before viewing the videos. For the Scout rank, Scouts must view *Digital Safety, Bullying, Abuse, and Youth Protection Policies*. For the Star rank, Scouts must view those four videos again, plus *Persistence for Pictures, Grooming and Sexual Abuse, Sexual Abuse in the Family, and Friends Should Never Look the Other Way*.



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Cub Scout Range Training

(Range Master)

Date - Saturday Feb 10th 2024

Location- Camp Minsi

9am-12

This course is at approx. 2-hours long and includes instruction at the range. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; BB gun parts and operation; shooting fundamentals; range rules; and continued opportunities for skill development. The archery portion will cover Range rules and layout. Safe operation of the bow, equipment, and shooting basics. Students will receive a Training course pocket certificate no.33767 which must be renewed every (2) two years.

If you are planning on helping out at one our Upcoming Marksmanship Madness event in March or District day camps this summer please consider taking this class, we will need help to conduct shooting sports events at these events.

There is no cost for this training

Class size will be limited based on the current state social distancing guidelines. The program will be indoors and outdoors (weather permitting), this training will be conducted by members of the MTC Shooting Sports Committee, NRA rifle instructors and USAA archery instructors.

Be Prepared

Please sign up through the doubleknot system.

<http://www.minsitrails.org/event/cub-scout-range-training-range-master/3033784>

Questions please contact Chuck Yeoman, MTC Shooting Sports Committee

Cell 484-627-4830 or cyeoman380@gmail.com



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!



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.

Many of our senior camp staff leaders have extensive experience in camp and have the following to say about their time on camp staff:

"I worked on staff for four summers before going away to college. When I moved into my dorm, most of the people I was living with had never done their own laundry, lived away from home, or had a real job. Working on staff really put me ahead of the rest of the students."

"Spent a summer working at Aquatics – more fun than working at a fast food

joint."

"My time on staff helped me decide to become a school teacher."

"I've been in Scouting for a long time and have made a lot of great memories. When I get together with my friends, the stories we tell all seem to revolve around our time on camp staff."

"I was never a Scout, but I had a great time working at Camp Minsi while in college."

"I met my wife working on camp staff."

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