JANUARY 2018 South Mountain District Newsletter

South Mountain District

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA

NEWSLETTER... NEW YEAR!!!

Happy New Day!

Packs, Troops, and Crews—please make a resolution to submit articles and/or photos of your unit's activities or events for the District newsletter to Bernie Suess at newsletter@minsi-southmountain.com. Submit your information by the 22nd of each month.

2018 DATES

Roundtable / OA Chapter **7:00pm**	1st Wednesday [2]
District Committee **7:00pm**	2nd Tuesday [1]
Eagle Board & Project Review 7:00pm	3rd Tuesday [1]
District Commissioners 7:00pm	3rd Wednesday [3]

District Recharter Day	January 6, 2018 [11]
OA Family Banquet	January 6 [13]
Council Recognition Dinner	January 26 [1]
Klondike Derby	February 24 [4]
Trainer's EDGE	February 24* [TBA]
Pinewood Derby	March 3* [11]
University of Scouting	March 10 [9]
Spring Camporee	TBD [TBA]
District Recognition Dinner	April 7 [91]
National Youth Leadership Training	April 20-22 & 27-29 [6]
Trexler SR Beaver Weekend	May 4-6 [5]
Camp Minsi Beaver Weekend	May 18-20 [4]
Spring OA Weekend	June 1-3 [5]
OA - Section NE-5 Conclave	June 8-10 [98]
SM District Planning Conference	June 20 [TBA]
Day Camp	July 9-13 [14]
Wood Badge (weekend 1)	August 24-26 [6]
Fall OA Weekend	September 7-9 [4]
Wood Badge (weekend 2)	September 15-17 [6]
Fall Camporee	September 21-23* [4]
Fall Family Camp	September 28-30 [TBA]
OA OctoberFest Weekend	October 5-7 [5]
Fall Cub Event	October 20-21* [92]
Scouting for Food	November 3 and 10
Wood Badge Reunion Dinner	November 4 [8]
Popcorn sorting	November 16 [TBA]
Popcorn distribution	November 17 [TBA]

date tentative

MEETING LOCATION KEY

[1] East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem
[2] St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network
800-801 Ostrum Street Bethlehem, PA 18018
[3] Minsi Trails Council Office
[4] Camp Minsi
[5] Trexler Scout Reservation
[6] Akelaland
[7] Settler's Camp
[8] Jordan Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Rd, Orefield, PA
[9] Northampton Community College
[10] Just Born, Inc. 1300 Stefko Blvd., Bethlehem
[11] First Baptist Church, Bethlehem
[12] Lower Milford Township
[13] Holiday Inn, Breinigsville, PA 18031
[14] Louise Moore Park

[90] Iron Pigs Stadium
[91] Hellertown American Legion
[92] Sportsmen's Club, Hellertown
[93] Wesley United Methodist Church
[96] George E. Moerkirk Emergency Medical Institute
[98] Resica Falls Scout Reservation
[99] Summit Bechtel Reserve

NOTICE: *If you have a question regarding any date or activity, please contact the respective Chair listed on the District Committee Page.*

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The South Mountain District is a geographical area located in Lehigh and Northampton counties which serves the school districts of Bethlehem Area, Saucon Valley, and Southern Lehigh. Municipalities within the South Mountain District include Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Center Valley, Coopersburg, Fountain Hill, Freemansburg, Hanover Township, Hellertown, Lower Milford, Lower Saucon, Steel City, and Upper Saucon.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT LINKS

South Mountain District Home Page:
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/
South Mountain District Fliers and Brochures Page:
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/fliers.htm
South Mountain District Cub Resources Page:
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/cub_resources.htm
South Mountain District Award Forms:
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Form-DistrictAwardofMerit.pdf
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Form-Fellowship.pdf

These forms are used for Scouter recognition.
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/District_Bio_Form.pdf
Scouter Bio Form. Fill in and email to Cheryl Moreira at cmoreira100@yahoo.com

SMD Announcements
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/announce.htm
Advancement and Recognition Guide
http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/Guide-Advancement.pdf
FORUM Newsletter http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/current_forum.php
FORUM Attachments http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/newsletters/~forum_attach.php

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP: 2018 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 3 - Roundtable
JANUARY 6 - South Mountain District Recharter Day
JANUARY 6 - Order of the Arrow, Witauchsoman Lodge Family Banquet
JANUARY 16 - Eagle Scout service project approval/Boards of Review
JANUARY 26 - Council Recognition Dinner

SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE AGENDAS

Start time is 7:00 PM

DATE	OVERALL PROGRAM	CUB SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS	YOUTH PROGRAM
January 3		Learning Knots to Teach Your Cub Scouts	The Trail to Eagle Seminar	Knot-tying Competion vs. Adults
February 7		A Parent's Guide to Stress-free Camping	Taking A High Adventure Trek	
March 7		COMBINED – Fireside Interview		

Around the District

South Mountain District Roundtable - St. Luke's Hospital Education Center
December 6, 2017

2018 Council RECOGNITION DINNER

& Annual Business Meeting

Friday, January 26, 2018
6:00 p.m. Gathering, 6:45 p.m. Dinner
East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem, PA

You're invited to help honor and recognize Scouting volunteers from throughout Minsi Trails Council. Enjoy great food and good fellowship along with these highlights:

- **Silver Beaver Court of Honor**
- **Awards and Special Recognitions**
- **Council Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers**

Silver Beaver Honorees

Chadd B. Gray
Sten Oswald
Ryan N. Possinger
Richard A. Silvius
Tamie H. Swain
David B. Wandersee
Kelli F. Webb

Directions: From Route 22, take the 191 South Exit (Linden Street). Follow 191 South (about two miles). Make left on Butztown Road. Continue past the 4-way stop. Church is on your right.

Special for early reservation: pay only $30/person by December 31, 2017.
After January 2, 2018 fee is $40/person. All registrations due by January 12, 2018

Please make checks payable to "Minsi Trails Council"

Name: (please list additional names on back)_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State:_____ Zip:_____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending:_____ @ _____ = $_____ (Total Enclosed)

Please Return to: Minsi Trails Council, BSA
PO Box 20624, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0624
www.minsitrails.org

Phone: (610) 264-8551
Fax: (610) 465-4500

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL

South Mountain District Committee - Advancement Committee

A series of articles highlighting the jobs and positions of the South Mountain District

With this month's Boy Scout Roundtable topic being *Trail to Eagle*, it seemed appropriate to look at the district Advancement Committee. Although it might seem obvious to some why advancement is so important, it can be a little counter-intuitive. It might seem like you need to worry about the "work" of Scouting to be sure that scouts advance, and to some extent that might be true for adult leaders. But if the program is being done correctly, advancement happens and the scouts should be having fun doing it.

That would make it appear that the Advancement Committee has a simple job, but it's more complicated than it appears at first glance. The committee and the District Advancement Chair "is responsible for promoting advancement in all phases of the Scouting Program, ensuring the accuracy of records, and coaching unit leaders in how to best implement the advancement program." That means, in addition to maintaining records, they need to monitor and analyze advancement statistics for all phases of scouting. To do that the committee must track and be sure that accurate records are being kept by all units in the district and that every unit is submitting advancement records on at least a quarterly basis, though this usually takes place monthly. Packs and troops with little or no advancement are identified and contacted by the committee, to try to correct issues before they become larger problems.

By promoting and providing opportunities at district events, and through assistance by the district commissioner staff, the Advancement Committee gives units and scouts additional chances to aid in their advancement.

Additionally, the committee provides training to help units effectively use the advancement program. The Trail to Eagle seminar is one example, and is typically well-attended by Scouts, parents, and leaders.

The monthly Eagle Scout Boards of Review as well as review and approval of all district Eagle Scout service projects are more responsibilities of the Advancement Committee (held at East Hills Moravian Church the third Tuesday of each month). Scouts interested in having Eagle service project proposals reviewed and those wishing to schedule and Eagle Board should contact the Eagle Coordinator, listed on the last page of this newsletter.

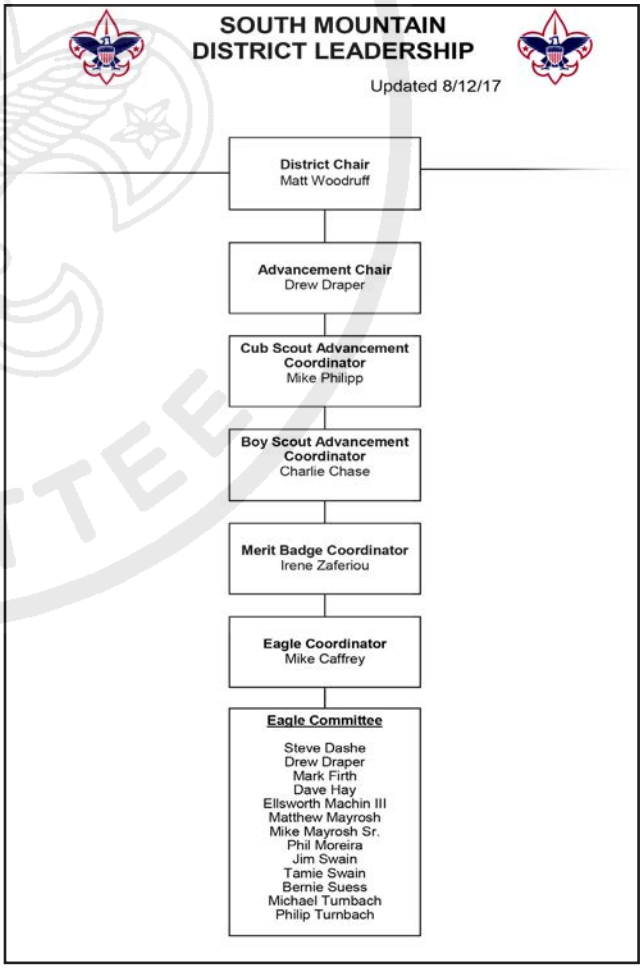
Besides these responsibilities, the Advancement Committee is also responsible for approving merit badge counselors and maintaining a list of all current

merit badge counselors within the district. The list is updated several times a month and is the only list which should be used (although the lists from all districts within the council may be used, out of district counselors may not be as convenient due to location).

Finally, the committee recommends unit and district Scouters for special recognition such as Silver Beaver and heroism awards and works with the district dinner chair to choose district award winners from those duly nominated, including the Fellowship Award and the District Award of Merit.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts each have district Advancement Coordinators, whose jobs are to help the Advancement Chair in their respective programs. The Eagle Coordinator runs those meetings concerning Eagle Advancement, outlined above. And the Merit Badge Coordinator recruits and checks merit badge applicants to be sure they are qualified and that they meet minimum training requirements (all current Youth Protection training and background checks).

As should be apparent, the District Advancement Committee has many responsibilities and is busy throughout the year. South Mountain has been fortunate that many adult volunteers have stepped up to serve the youth in our district. But the Advancement Committee is always looking for more volunteers to make the load easier. One of the best ways to understand advancement in Scouting is to join the committee as a member. The South Mountain Advancement Chair is Drew Draper (email: acdraper31@rcn.com; phone: 610-866-7875).



HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE RECRUITER PATCH?

Here's a special patch that Scouts at all levels can earn – and it's guaranteed to bring more fun to Scouting, because it brings more friends to Scouting!

Recruit a Scout, Earn the Patch!

No one is a better recruiter for Scouting than a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturer who is enjoying the fun and educational activities that Scouting has to offer. Scouts can earn the Recruiter Patch shown here by completing the following steps:

1. Invite a friend to join your Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, or Venturing Crew. They can attend a meeting or activity.
2. When they want to join, have them complete and turn in a BSA youth application and pay the appropriate registration fees.
3. Fill out the Recruiter Patch Application form below and attach it to the completed application.
4. Forward the completed BSA application and payment, along with the form below to your District Executive or to the Council Service Center.

Scouts can earn this patch for each new member who is recruited. The recruiter patch is considered a temporary patch and may be worn on the right pocket of the uniform.

Patches will be delivered to your unit leader from your District Executive.

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Recruiter Patch Application Form

YOU CAN EARN AS MANY PATCHES AS YOU HAVE FRIENDS!

My Friend Who Joined Is:

Name: ____

Address: ____

Phone Number: ______________________________________

My Name is: __________________________ (Scout who earned the patch) from

Cub Scout Pack #______ or Boy Scout Troop #______ or Venturing Crew # ______

Call for Nominations *and Save the Date*

Do you know someone who is doing a great job in Scouting this year? Someone who went above and beyond as a volunteer? Please take a moment to nominate someone for one of these special awards:

- **Star Award** - This is the "Scouter of the Year" from each Unit. Each Pack, Troop and Crew can say thank you to someone special for outstanding service in their Unit. This recipient is chosen only by your Unit leadership.
- **South Mountain District Fellowship Award** - The nominee must be a registered Scouter and must have demonstrated strong and effective leadership or outstanding service in Scouting in a Unit, the District or the Council.
- **District Award of Merit** - This is the highest award that a District may present to a registered volunteer. It is for noteworthy and exceptional service to Scouting and the community.
- **Training Awards** - These recognize Scouters for tenure, training, and performance in their leadership roles.

All nomination forms can be found linked here at SMD Dinner - Awards.

These awards will be presented at the South Mountain District's Annual Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition Dinner on Saturday, April 7, 2018, which is held to celebrate all adult volunteers in our District for all the wonderful work you do.

The Star Award nominations are due at Re-charter Day on January 6, 2018. The District Fellowship Award and District Award of Merit nominations are due on January 31, 2018. These latter two awards can only be bestowed once for any individual, so the lists of previous recipients are included on the webpage link above. Training Awards can be submitted at any time. Please either bring nomination forms to Re-charter day or email/mail to Arby Beisel at Russell.Beisel@scouting.org or P.O. Box 20624, Lehigh Valley PA 18002-0624.

It is recommended that each Unit pay for their Star recipient's registration fee for the Dinner, along with the recipient's spouse, as a way to honor the recipient for his or her service. It is also recommended that each Unit pay for their top leaders to attend the Dinner, if they choose to attend, as a way to say thank you for all they do. We are continuing to offer the opportunity for a Unit to reserve a table of 8.

Nomination Form
South Mountain District
STAR AWARD

General Information/Requirements:
This is the "Scouter of the Year" from each Unit in the SMD. This award allows each Pack, Troop and Crew to give formal recognition to an adult in their Unit for outstanding service. The selection should be based on excellence in direct leadership of youth, or on strong support within the successful functioning of the Pack, Troop or Crew. One Star Award per Unit can be given each year. It is preferred that the recipient be a registered Scouter, but is not necessary. This award can be given more than once, however, please consider all who contribute to your Unit.

To the South Mountain District Dinner Committee:
On behalf of Pack #_____ Troop #_____ Crew # _____, our Star Award selection for calendar year 2017 is:

Name (as you would like it to appear on the award certificate):

_____

Phone:_____ Email address:_____

Position in Scouting is: _____

Reason for Selection is: _____

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It is preferable but not required for the Star Award recipient to attend the District Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition Dinner on **April 7, 2018** to receive his or her award, presented by the District Committee. It is recommended that each Unit pay for their recipient's registration fee for the Dinner, along with the recipient's spouse, as a way to honor the recipient for his or her service. It is also recommended that each Unit pay for their top leaders to attend the Dinner, if they choose to attend, as a way to say thank you for all they do. Units can reserve a full table of 8. Dinner registration forms will be emailed in January with all the details. Registration forms and fees are due on March 30, 2018.

Unit leader name: _____

Unit leader signature: _____

Unit Leader phone and email address: _____

Note: This form is due on or before Re-charter Day for the South Mountain District**, January 6, 2018**. Either bring this with you to Re-charter or mail to Arby Beisel at PO Box 20624, Lehigh Valley PA, 18002-0624 or email to Russell.Beisel@scouting.org before January 6, 2018.

NOMINATION FORM
SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
FELLOWSHIP AWARD

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The District Fellowship Award is presented annually by the South Mountain District to encourage participation at a level of service beyond that of the Unit, or long term service in a Unit.
- The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature for the District, or long term dedication and service of an outstanding nature for a Unit.

REQUIREMENTS:

- A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth.
- Consideration should be given to the nominee's position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectation of duty.
- A nominee's attitude and cooperation with the District/Unit is to be taken into consideration.
- The nominee should exhibit an attitude of fellowship and helpfulness to all Scouters in the District/Unit.

TO THE DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP AWARD COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration:

Name :_____

Address: _____

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Currently registered in Scouting as:_____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

_____ **Star Award**
_____ **Den Leader Training Award**
_____ **Wood Badge**
_____ **Silver Beaver**
_____ **Other - please specify**

_____ **Scouter's Training Award (specify type)**
_____ **Scouter's Key (specify type)**
_____ **Scouter's Religious Award**
_____ **Order of the Arrow(Ordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil)**

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

*** * *** Furnish as much information as possible. List positions held, tenure, units and examples of service to the District/Unit. Please use other side of sheet if more space is needed!* * *

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Date of Nomination **Name of person making nomination**

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Position In Scouting

NOTE: NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL - PLEASE DO NOT ADVISE NOMINEE OF YOUR ACTION IN THEIR BEHALF! **12/13/17**

ADULT LEADER TRAINING AWARDS

There are adult leader awards for all phases of Scouting (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Varsity Scouting, also for District, Council, and Commissioner positions).

For Cub Scouting, you can earn the "Den Leader Training Award", the "Scouter's Training Award" for Cub Scouting, or the "Cubmaster's Key," depending on your specific position.

In Boy Scouting, you can earn the "Scouter's Training Award for Boy Scouting," or the "Scoutmaster's Key," depending on your specific position.

How do you earn these?
You have to complete the requirements in three areas: Tenure, Training, and Performance.

Tenure – you need to complete between one and three years in your position (depending on award).

Training – you need to be trained for your position, and you need to attend a University of Scouting or four roundtables in each year used to complete the tenure.

Performance – Do four specific items related to your unit (e.g. achieve a Journey to Excellence rating, conduct planning sessions, provide leadership for events, participate in a supplemental / advanced training event, etc.) [For the Den Leader Training Award, you need to complete five of ten items.]

If your unit has a great program, the Performance items should happen naturally.

Download the form from: http://www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx. The training award applications are listed after other various training opportunities, near the bottom.

Complete the form and have it authorized by your unit. Forward the form to your District Executive or to your District Training Chair (the info is on the last page of the District Newsletter). If you have any questions, contact your District Training Chair.

Tom Stalsitz, South Mountain District Training Chair
smtraining@hotmail.com

Remember, your adult leaders would like to earn awards just as the Scouts do!

2018
South Mountain District
Pinewood Derby Rules

"The purpose of the Pinewood Derby is to help the Cub Scout build a team relationship with their parent or helper, experience the sense of accomplishment and the excitement of competition, learn Win/Lose good sportsmanship, and to have fun."
Source: usscouts.org

Minsi Trail Councils is honored to have you participate in their Annual South Mountain District Pinewood Derby Race. The Pinewood Derby has been a part of the Cub Scout Program since 1953.

General Rules

- The first rule of the South Mountain District (**SMD**[1]) Pinewood Derby (**PWD**[2]) Race is to HAVE FUN.
- Cars must have been built during the Current School Year Pinewood Derby Racing Season from an Official BSA Pinewood Derby Car Kit (**The Kit**[3]) #17006 Copyright© 2012 (or after 2012).
- Please be aware of your surroundings while attending the **SMD PWD**. We depend on these facilities and businesses for our continued success. Any facility and/or business where we are a guest deserves our every courtesy. We are ALL guests and must adhere to any established rules.
- All persons attending are expected to follow the Scout Law, Oath, and Leave No Trace Principals at all times. Leaders and Cub Scouts are encouraged to remind one another and their guests.
- Adult partner(s) supervision, guidance, and assistance is encouraged and allowed, however, the Cub Scout should substantially, within their own abilities, build the majority of their OWN car. Finished, prebuilt, kit, and internet cars are not allowed. Professionally modified, hobby shop, or pre-modified purchased or non-purchased parts including; wheels, axles, and bodies, even if they claim to be, or are labeled "Official BSA" are not allowed. It is expected that all car construction and modification will be done by the Cub Scout with assistance as needed from their adult partner(s), starting with the stock materials from the Official Pinewood Derby Racing Car Kit #17006 Copyright© 2012 (or after 2012).
- Cub Scout must be currently registered with **SMD** Minsi Trail Council by February 28, 2018 to participate in **SMD PWD**.
- The car must remain untouched after completing its Pack **PWD** Race. NO modifications are permitted except for the addition of dry lubricant to the attached wheels and axles.
- The Cub Scout and an adult partner must be present during the **SMD PWD** race.
- Do your best and don't worry if it's not good enough. Some of the most unlikely cars have won!

Basic Car Specifications

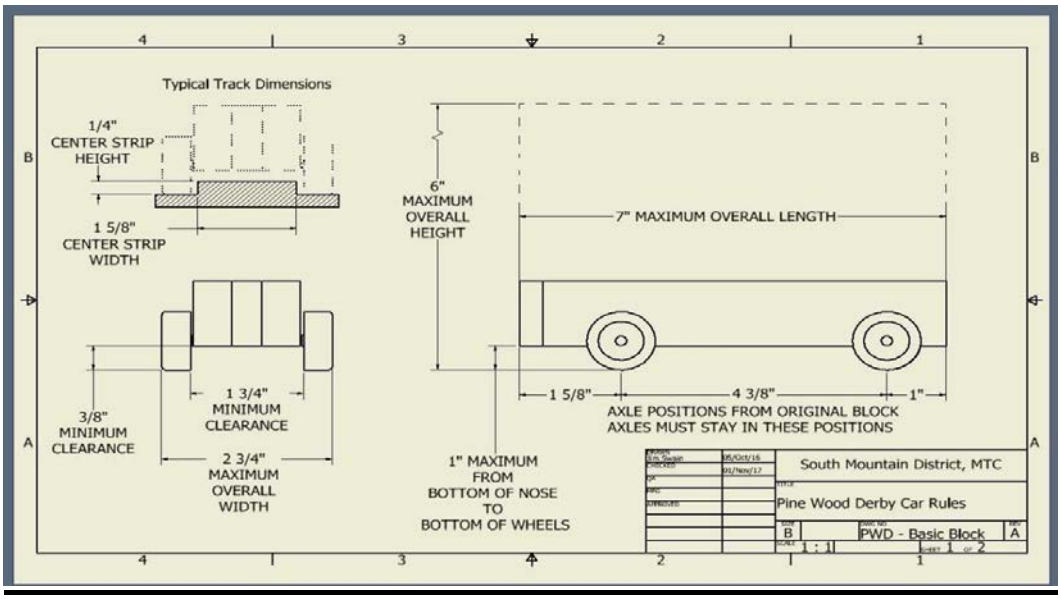
- **Dimensions and Weight (reference diagrams page 2):**
  - Height (overall) not to exceed 6 inches (finishing gate clearance).
  - Length (overall) shall not exceed 7 inches.
  - Width (overall) including wheels and axles, must not exceed 2¾ inches.
  - Width (between wheels) not less than 1 ¾ inches.
  - Axles are positioned 1 inch from one end and 1 5/8 inches from the other end of the Pinewood block.

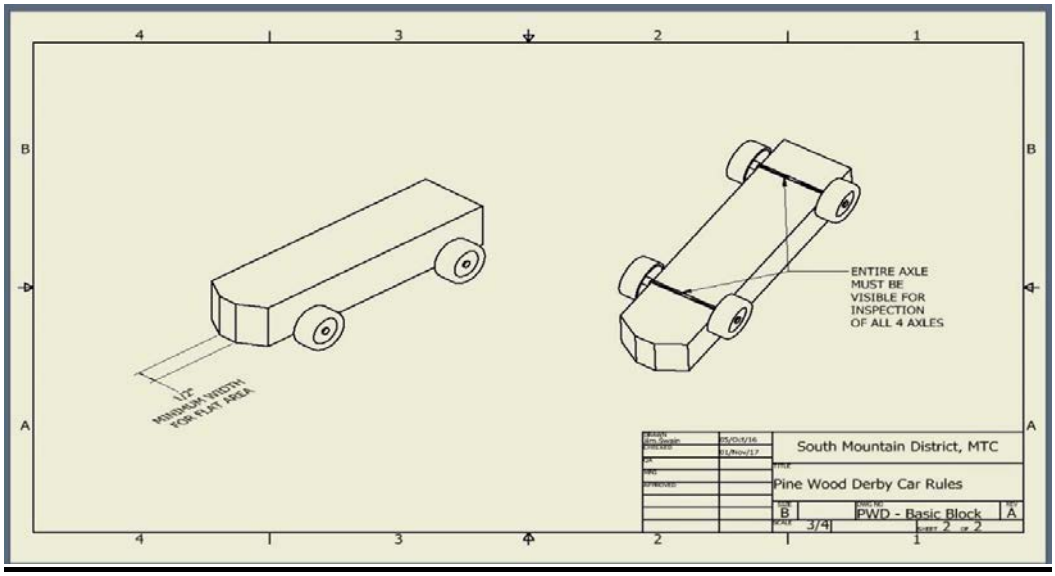
[1] **SMD** – South Mountain District
[2] **PWD** – Pine Wood Derby
[3] **The Kit** – Refers to the Pinewood Derby Block, Wheels & Axles that come in the box acquired from your Pack Pinewood Derby Chair or **SMD** Council Store.

Basic Car Specifications (cont.)

❖ **Dimensions and weight (cont.):**

- Weight shall not exceed 5 ounces measured on a scale accurate to 1/100th of an ounce. Overweight cars must be reduced to running weight or below before they can be entered. The official **SMD PWD** race scale is final.
- Cars must clear the center rail of the track, which is 1 5/8 inches wide by ¼ inch tall along the entire length of the car. Minimum clearance between the bottom of the car and the bottom of the wheels shall be 3/8 of an inch to avoid contact with the tracks center guide strip. In other words, no thick material on the bottom of the car, especially near edges.





- Use only the wheelbase set by the precut axle grooves[4] of the Pinewood block. The wheelbase is 4 3/8 inches, center to center. The two rear wheels must be positioned directly across the body from one another. The two front wheels must be positioned directly across the body from one another. No portion of the wheels may extend beyond the front or rear of the car.
- No part of the car may protrude beyond the starting pin. The front edge of the car must not be more than 1 inch above the wheel lane of the track and be at least ½ inch wide at the center of the car.

[4] Axle Groove/Slot – Area on the bottom of the Pinewood block precut for the axle.

Basic Car Specifications (cont.)

❖ **Dimensions and weights (cont.):**

- Any details added must be within Height, Length, Width and Weight limits.
- No part of the car or any attachment to the car may be capable of coming into contact with the track other than the wheels.

❖ **Axles[5] and Axle Grooves:**

- Only the 4 axles from **The Kit**, or the axles that are included with the colored wheels (see wheel section on page 3), are permitted.
- Polishing and lubricating the axle is highly encouraged.
  - **Only powdered graphite is permitted.** – PERIOD
  - **No lubricating oil or liquid lubricant of any kind may be used**. – PERIOD
- Axles must be left otherwise untouched. Prohibited examples;
  - No bending axles.
  - No machined axles.
  - Axles must be used as they were out of **The Kit**. No bending or straightening.
- Removal of the burrs, crimps, and shoulders[6] on the axle is highly encouraged.
- Each axle (the tip at a minimum) must be visible to verify each nail is being used. (In other words: no Pro Axle Guard on the completed car).
- The **CIT**[7] may use magnets to ensure approved axles are being used.
- The axle groove must be visible.
- The axle must be inserted into the axle groove. The axle does not need to be parallel to the track.
- All 4 wheels must be in contact with the track at all times. No raised wheels.
- If you have any bad or missing axles, contact your Pack **PWD** Chair.

❖ **Wheels: (Reference Diagram page 4)**

- Only Official BSA Wheels from **The Kit**, or approved colored wheels can be used. Colored wheels can be purchased at the Minsi Trails Council Scout Store or at www.scoutstuff.org. Approved colored wheel kits are;
  - Black 17553
  - Ragin' Red 17554
  - Screaming' Yellow 17555
  - Blazin' Blue 17556
  - Outrageous Orange 17557

- All lettering and numbering, both inside and outside, must remain complete and be visible. No wheel covers, inside or outside, may be used.
- All sidewall details (including the bumps along the edge between the outside sidewall and the outer tread) must remain visible.

[5] Axle – Refers to the nails provided in The Kit.
[6] Shoulder – Tapered part of the nail that leads to the point.
[7] **CIT** – Car Inspection Team.

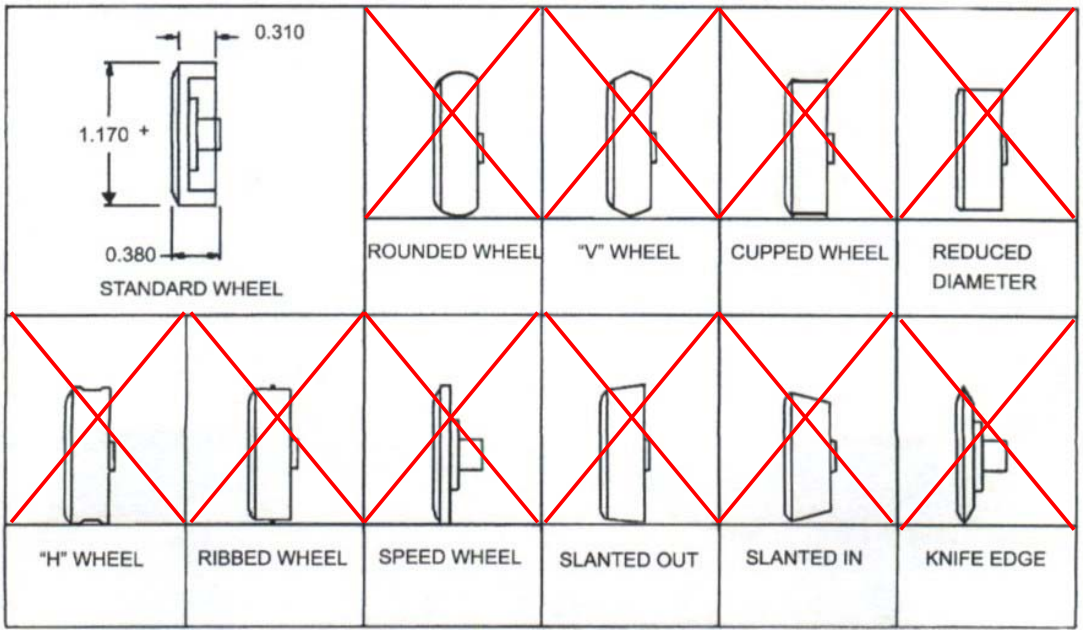
Basic Car Specifications (cont.)

❖ **Wheels (cont.): Reference Diagram below**

- Outer wheel surface must not be reshaped or have the contour changed in any way in an attempt to minimize tread contact or alter aerodynamics.
- Tread surface must be flat and parallel to the wheel bore.
- No alteration, narrowing, lathe cutting, or reshaping of wheels (inside or outside) is allowed!!!!!
- **NO LIGHTENING OF THE WHEEL IS ALLOWED.**
- No material may be removed from the inside wheel surfaces at any point.
- Light sanding of the wheel tread to remove irregularities is allowed. Wheel tread must be flat!
- Minimum outside diameter of wheel must be equal to or greater than 1.170 inches.
- Minimum wheel weight of each wheel is 2.45 grams (0.0864 ounces).
- No material may be added other than limited powdered graphite.
- Wheel bore treatment is allowed including polishing. Wheel bores may not be filled and re-drilled to alter bore diameter or to achieve better fit with the axle.
- **CIT** reserves the right to measure the wheel to verify compliance.
- All 4 wheels must be in contact with the track at all times. No raised wheels.
- If you have any bad or missing wheels, contact your Pack **PWD** Chair.

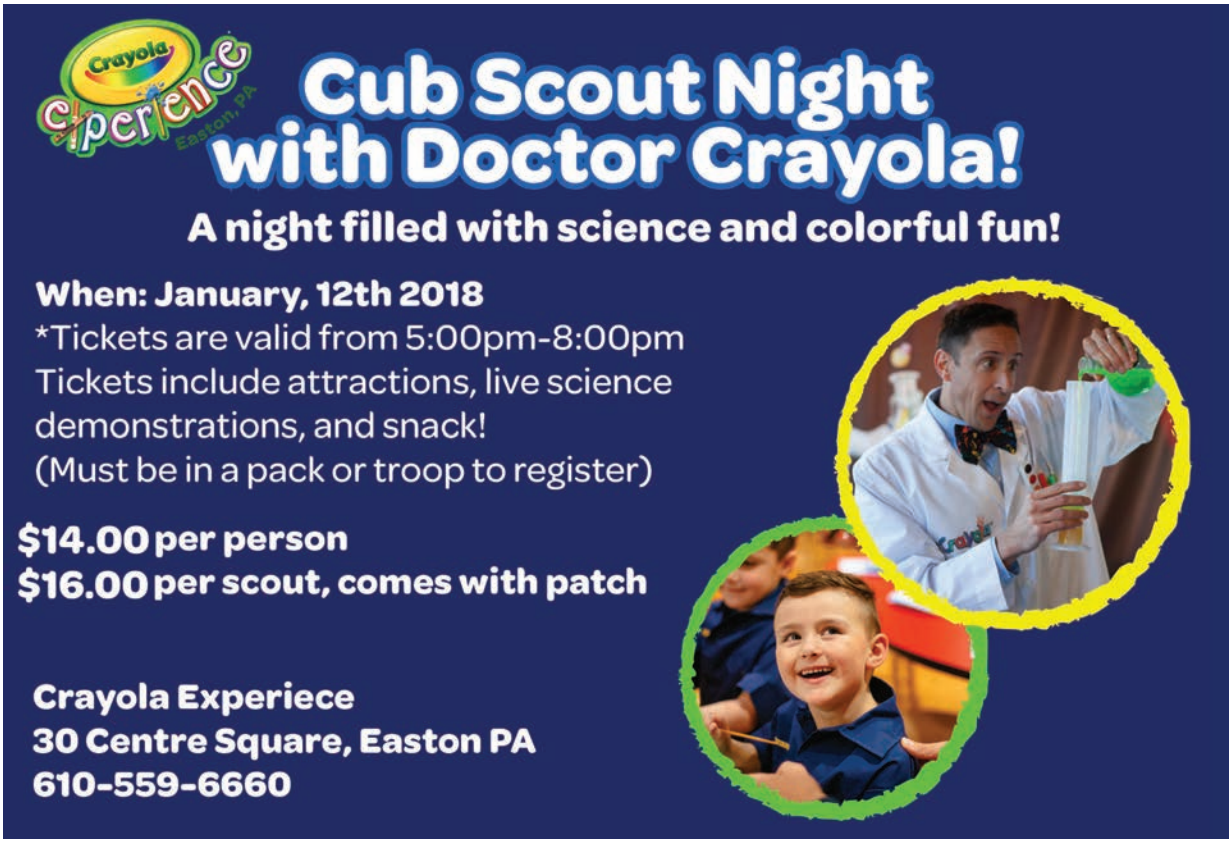
Please note: There are after-market modified wheels available that have been LIGHTENED. This is usually done by turning the wheels on a lathe and removing material from the inside of the wheel. These wheels are NOT allowed and can be EASILY RECOGNIZED at inspection. Cars with third party manufactured or modified wheels will not be permitted to race.

The following diagram offers examples of disqualifying / altered wheel.



❖ **Examples of Prohibited Items which CANNOT be used:**

- Springs or suspension systems of any type.
- Magnets, starting devices, finish line devices, propellants, or propulsion systems.
  - The car must be freewheeling.
- Wet paint or sticky substances.
- Glass or excessively fragile parts.
- Bearings, washers or bushings.
- Solid one-piece rod style axles.
- Axles and wheels attached to any device that mechanically alters rotation or spin.
- Loose objects on car. All weight must be securely fastened or embedded in the car.
- Electronic or lighting devices, if lights are part of the car they must be turned off. Lights must be off due to electronic timer.



Register at:
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Save the Date!

Camp Minsi
February 24th 2018

24th World Scout Jamboree

Registration will open November 1, 2017 for all participants, adults, and staff.

What is the 24th World Scout Jamboree?

The World Scout Jamboree is the largest camping event organized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), gathering as many as 50,000 Scouts and leaders from 169 National Scout Organizations. The 24th World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is co-hosted by Scouts Canada, Association de Scouts de Mexico and the Boy Scouts of America. The last time the United States hosted a WSJ was in 1967 in Idaho.

The WSJ is an educational event bringing together young men and young women from around the world to promote peace, mutual understanding and to develop leadership skills. The Jamboree will feature the hallmarks of past world jamboree programs, such as the Global Development Village, the World Scout Centre, a special sustainability initiative, and the socialization elements that allow participants to make lifelong friends from around the world.

Participation is open to eligible men and women who are registered members in the Boy Scouts of America. World Scout Jamboree units will be organized on a regional (not Council) basis. The theme for the 24th World Scout Jamboree is "Unlock a New World". This reflects the new adventures, cultures and friendships that will be shared by Scouts from around the world. We hope you can join us!

The United States Contingent is limited on the number of people that we can send to a World Scout Jamboree. While we will be able to send more to this jamboree than ever before, we expect there to be tremendous interest and encourage folks to apply as soon as possible.

24th World Scout Jamboree

Dates:

July 22 - August 2, 2019 (USA Participants and Leaders will arrive on July 21, 2019)

Location:

Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve West Virginia, USA

Eligibility:

Birthday between July 22, 2001 and July 21, 2005
Youth participants (boys and girls) must be age 14-17.
Birthday before July 22, 2001 (age 18 and older)
Adult unit leaders (age 18 and older).
International Service Team (IST) age 18 and older.

When to apply: The USA Contingent application system will open on November 1, 2017.

Application Process:

Participants, adult leaders and IST will complete an online application. Applications will be reviewed on both a Council and National level.

Official information and a link to the online application can be found on the USA Contingent website: 24th World Jamboree

Fees:

Total fees, along with a payment schedule will be published on November 1, 2017. Early applicant discount: applicants who submit a $250 deposit between November 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018, and make all payments on time will have a $100 discount applied to their last payment. Payment schedule will be published on November 1, 2017.

updated 2017-18 Roundtable Calendar

Date	Overall Program	Cub Scouts	Boy Scouts	Youth Programs
August 2	Ice Cream Social & Meet the Commissioners	Holding A Successful Round-up & Lion Cubs training	Whitewater Challengers presentation	Geocaching
September 6		***COMBINED*** – Unit Finance training: Budgeting & Protecting Your Funds		
October 4	Scouting for Food Doorhanger Distribution	***COMBINED*** – Connecting Webelos with Troops ***Before*** Crossover		Cyberchip and Bullying Prevention
November 1		What Are Your Pack's Pinewood Derby Rules?	How Does Your Troop Run Elections?	Racing on the District Pinewood Derby Track
December 6		***COMBINED*** – Understanding the On-line Re-chartering Process & Internet Advancement		Fingerprinting merit badge
January 3		Learning Knots to Teach Your Cub Scouts	The Trail to Eagle Seminar	Knot-tying Competion Vs. Adults
February 7		A Parent's Guide to Stress-free Camping	Taking A High Adventure Trek	
March 7		***COMBINED*** – Fireside Interview		
April 4		Simple Outdoor Cooking	Backpack Cooking	
May 2		How Does Your Pack Plan Den Meetings?	What Is An ILST and Why Hold One?	
June 6	Closing Picnic	***COMBINED*** – How to Find Volunteers		Orienteering merit badge introduction

***** Units who attend specific Roundtable sessions and provide necessary information will be fast-tracked through certain Re-charter Day stations *****

Upcoming training dates

Training is good!

MAR 10 **2018 University of Scouting**
COURSE DESCRIPTION: TBA PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS: You have 10 days to submit payment. Make...

MAR 17 **Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training (NV)**
Course Location - Troop 66 Scout House, Victory Park, Slatington, PA 18080 This course will provide Scoutmasters and Assistant...

APR 13 **NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course**
For: Current BSA registered adults. Youth 15 years of age and older and who have completed either Rifle Merit Badge or NRA Rifle...

APR 20 **National Youth Leadership Training 2018 - 2 Weekends**
What are the Dates? The two-weekend course will occur: Weekend 1 - Friday, April 20 to Sunday, April 22, 2018 Weekend 2 -...

APR 27 **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (NV)**
Trexler Scout Reservation,Hawkeye Pavillion, Lodge & Campsites, 288 Camp Trexler Rd. Kunkletown, PA 18058 There is a mandatory...

APR 28 **NRA Rifle Basic Shooting Course**
For: Current BSA registered adults and youth 15 years of age and older. Where: Camp Minsi - Ad Pad Name: NRA Basic Rifle...

MAY 5 **Venturing Leader Training (NV)**
Course Location - Minsi Trails Council Service Center, 991 Postal Road, Allentown, Pa 18109 This course will provide an introduction to...

South Mountain District

Nominating Committee Slate for 2018

	Matthew	Marr	Woodruff		District Chair
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	Edward	Carl	Cool		District Member-at-Large
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	Anthony	Joseph	Garguilo		District Member-at-Large
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	Rodney	Herman	Long		District Member-at-Large
	Ellsworth	C	Machin	III	District Member-at-Large
	Donald	W	Miles		District Member-at-Large
Rev	Dale	Robin	Miller		District Member-at-Large
	Cheryl	Stockman	Moreira		District Member-at-Large
	Philip	Gregory	Moreira		District Member-at-Large
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	Donna	Lee	Rex-Frantz		District Member-at-Large
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	John	Christopher	Van Camp		District Member-at-Large
Rev	Barry	Glen	Webb		District Member-at-Large
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