



NOVEMBER 2020 South Mountain District Newsletter

South Mountain District

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, BSA



NEWSLETTER... PENULTIMATE EDITION...

It seems *as though the end is near*. But every end means a new beginning. We will all be very busy the next month or two. But in the meantime, I hope that you will take the time to send me a fond memory of something that happened while we were South Mountain District. It doesn't have to be a district event, but it can be. I've given you an example on page 4.

The time to make plans is now. Although in a few months the South Mountain District Newsletter will be no more, I will continue in Northampton District with a new newsletter. If you want to help in Northampton District or Lehigh District, please contact your district leadership.

If you have a South Mountain memory you'd like to share, please submit it with or without a photo to Bernie Suess at newsletter@minsi-southmountain.com. Submissions need to be made by November 14, 2020. Please include contact information, if you'd like your name included. Please don't include full names of any youth; first name and last initial, just initials, or mention "Scout 1" and "Scout 2," etc.

This is your last chance to be in the South Mountain District newsletter. Don't miss it.

2020 DATES

Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:00pm	1st Wednesday [2]
District Committee 7:00pm	1st Monday [3]
Eagle Board & Project Review 7:00pm	3rd Tuesday [2]
District Commissioners 7:00pm	3rd Wednesday [3]
Scouting for Food	November 7 and 14
Wood Badge Reunion Dinner	canceled
Popcorn distribution	November 20-21 [TBA]
District Recharter Day	December 5, 2020 [TBA]

**indicates tentative date*

Please note: 2021 dates will be on calendars for the new districts.

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

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



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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 the district at bios@minsi-southmountain.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: 2020 SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 7 - Scouting for Food, doorhanger dropoff

NOVEMBER 14 - Scouting for Food, food pickup

DECEMBER 5 - District rechartering for Lehigh and Northampton Districts

JANUARY 2 - OA Witauchsoman Lodge Family Banquet, Stroudsmoor Country Inn

SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE AGENDAS

Start time is 7:00 PM

online, unless otherwise noted

DATE	OVERALL PROGRAM	CUB SCOUTS (Program Leaders and Committee)	SCOUTS, BSA (youth and adults)	Disabilities & Differences JOINT SESSION
November 4			Astronomy	
December 2		TBD	Get to know the district leaders	

Around the District

***South Mountain District Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
Upper Saucon Township Community Park
October 3, 2020***



South Mountain Memories

This is the penultimate issue. For the last issue of the South Mountain newsletter, I'd like people to send in their memories of things we've done in the district. Whether they're unique, typical, or just fond memories, please share them with us for the final issue (see the front for information). I've included an example:

I recall in 2004 that we had a patrol in the Klondike that was made up of some of our older Scouts. They decided among themselves that they wanted to win the Klondike. They decided that they would be high spirited and would move quickly from event to event, singing as they entered and left. They worked hard to be the best patrol they could and they did well. But the thing that sent them to the top was their spirit. They knew as the day wound down that they had done well, but weren't aware of the final scores yet. Still, they wanted to stage a photo to celebrate their day and they asked me to photograph it. They decided they wanted to re-stage the raising of the flag over Iwo Jima, but with their patrol flag. They chose a spot at Camp Minsi's waterfront area and proceeded to practice their pose.

When they were happy with it, they asked me to capture the moment. All these years later I remember their joy at their teamwork and their accomplishment. And they did win, too. *-Bernie Suess, Troop 362*



Scouting FOR FOOD

Fill a bag ... feed the hungry!

Saturday, November 14th

Help the Scouts fight hunger in our area.

Neighborhood food drive supports local food banks.



SFF Recommended Safety Guidelines

The need for food in our community is at an all time high, but we want to ensure the safety of all of our Scouts during the Scouting for Food Drive. Please share these guidelines with your units and families.

1. Prior to organizing your unit Scouting for Food drive:
 - a. Leaders, be in contact with your Charter Partner as unit activity restrictions may be in place.
 - b. As always, participation in Scouting activities is up to the discretion of parents and guardians.
 - c. Please contact your food pantry location to ensure they will receive unsorted food donations as it is not recommended to have a group gathering to sort.
2. Determine if your unit wants to do a traditional door to door collection or try a safer method like a drive through collection event or a donation drop off box at a community facility. The doorknob hangers will have a black space for you to put labels or hand write your plans to share with the community.
3. Wear a mask, practice safe social distancing, and carry hand sanitizer. Do NOT touch your face or facemasks before properly washing your hands or using hand sanitizer.
4. For both the doorknob hanger drop offs and the food pick up, please participate as Family/household units only in a vehicle.
5. Doorknobs are considered a high-risk point of contact. Please only touch the paper of the doorknob hanger when placing and avoid touching the doorknob itself.
6. Adult supervision is strongly recommended through every step.



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HEALTH AND SAFETY



BSA SAFETY MOMENT USING A SAFETY MOMENT IN SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY

What do nuclear power plants, construction sites, aircraft carriers, and many hospitals have in common with Scouting? All constantly look for ways to eliminate hazards that could be life altering or fatal. One tool used by many safety-conscious groups is the safety moment or safety briefing that starts each meeting or activity with a pause to discuss a hazard or risk that can be prevented. The safety moment focuses the attention of the group on safety and how to achieve it. That's the “why” of the safety moment. Let's address the who, what, when, where, and how next.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who can deliver a safety moment? Anyone who is willing to be prepared and to step up. Ideally, each Scout or Scouter (with some preparation) could step up and make a difference within his or her unit or group.

When and **where** should a safety briefing be delivered? At the beginning of a meeting or just before an activity—especially one that has some risk such as shooting, climbing, or aquatic activities.

What makes a great safety moment? Almost anything that focuses or educates the audience on a safety topic. The BSA publishes several [safety moments](#), and new topics are being developed on a regular basis. Other topics can include the use of [checklists](#) or safety tools such as [PAUSE](#) or focus on something such as hydration, safe driving, or simply the location of fire extinguishers or evacuation routes. The *Guide to Safe Scouting*, the [Scouting Safely website](#), and the Health and Safety newsletters are also great sources of ideas. If you have information that's accurate, don't shy away from discussing injuries or other incidents that occurred during a recent outing as long as the focus is on learning and prevention. Make it simple and easy to understand, and help the learners know how to apply the message.

How should the message be delivered? All messages should be delivered using facts and simple language and should be appropriate to the audience. Using a handout, slides, or a demonstration will help assure that those who hear the message understand it and know how to apply it. The message should be delivered in just a few minutes. Don't belabor the point or make it difficult.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Guide to Safe Scouting—www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx

Safety Moments—www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Safety_Moments.aspx

Scouting PAUSE—www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-046.pdf

Checklists—www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/GSS/gssax.aspx

Health and Safety newsletters—www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety.aspx

Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Scouting: Recommendations for Unit and Council Event Leaders

Introduction

Communicable diseases, both acute and chronic, exist everywhere. An awareness of the medical approach to these problems will help Scouting leaders plan and conduct safer events.

Common Ways Communicable Diseases Are Spread

Communicable diseases are infections that can spread from one person to another by direct contact, by contact with blood or bodily fluids (e.g., saliva, feces), airborne droplets from coughing or sneezing, or a “vector” like a mosquito or a tick.

Examples of Common Communicable Diseases

There are many communicable diseases. The table below has examples of these and shows that some diseases may be spread in multiple ways.

Direct Contact	Airborne Droplets (Respiratory Spread)	Fecal/Oral	Blood, Mucous Membrane Contact	Vector Spread (Mosquito, Tick)
Influenza	Influenza	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Lyme disease
Common cold	Common cold	Norovirus	Hepatitis C	Rocky Mountain spotted fever
Hepatitis B	Whooping cough (pertussis)	Giardia	HIV	Ehrlichiosis
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	Diphtheria	Pinworms	Zika virus	Zika virus
Chicken pox	Tuberculosis	Salmonella		West Nile virus
Lice	Measles	Polio		
Cold sore	Mumps	Food poisoning		
Ringworm				
Strep throat	Strep throat			
Impetigo				

Not all infectious illnesses are communicable. An ear infection is one such example.

Symptoms

Common signs and symptoms that may indicate a participant has a potentially infectious and communicable illness are fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, sores with pus on them, pink eye (conjunctivitis), myalgia (muscle soreness), and fatigue.

Prevention: The Key to Successful Control of Infectious Diseases

PRE-CAMP MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE: Scouting occurs in groups and often in remote areas. Neither setting is appropriate for a person with a potentially communicable disease. Use of a pre-camp/pre-event medical questionnaire by all unit leaders is strongly recommended before any participant leaves the unit's home base. An example would be the BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist, No. 680-102. Riding in a car or bus with an individual who has certain infections (for example, norovirus) may be risky. If a participant is immunocompromised or has not received all of the recommended vaccines, it is recommended that they stay away from anyone who is ill.

IMMUNIZATION: The most effective method of preventing many infectious and life-threatening childhood diseases is, unquestionably, immunization. Many states and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend mandatory immunization prior to enrollment in school. Immunization is effective in treating many, though not all, serious infectious diseases. Examples of diseases prevented by immunization are chicken pox, measles, mumps, and influenza. Tetanus immunization is required for all participants. Prescreening is suggested for potential infectious symptoms. Note that there may be additional state or local laws which supersede any Boy Scouts of America requirement. Check beforehand with the camp or event you are planning to attend or with the local Council Health Supervisor.

HAND-WASHING: Careful hand-washing prevents many infections. Hands may be washed with an alcohol-based solution containing at least 60 percent alcohol if the solution stays on the skin for about 20 seconds. If the hands are visibly dirty, soap and clean water should be used for at least 20 seconds until the dirt is gone from the hands and from under the fingernails. When handling or preparing food, hands should be washed frequently. Hands should always be washed after using the restroom—even in a wilderness setting where there is no “restroom.”

COUGHING: When anyone coughs or sneezes, it should be “caught” in the bend of the arm or in a tissue. Always wash your hands after coughing or sneezing into a tissue. It is also essential to disinfect surfaces after someone has coughed or sneezed over them because droplets of infected material may contain viruses or bacteria that remain alive for many minutes or even hours.

DISINFECTION: Disinfection of contaminated areas is a critical part of disease prevention. While there are many commercially available products for disinfecting surfaces, one effective method is to use at least 5.25 percent hypochlorite (bleach-based household cleaner) and water. For most surfaces, 1½ teaspoons of bleach per gallon of water is adequate. However, if a surface is contaminated with blood or feces, use ¼ cup of bleach-based cleaner in a gallon of water to wipe down the surface.

GLOVING: Nonlatex disposable gloves should be used when touching blood, stool, vomit, or bodily secretions from another person. Hand-washing is essential after removing the gloves. Several pairs of these lightweight gloves should be carried in all first-aid kits.

INSECT REPELLENTS: While many repellents are available, those with at least 10 percent and no more than 30 percent DEET are considered the best defense against biting insects by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Apply and reapply these repellents according to the directions on the container. Treating clothing with permethrin may also reduce insect bites.

QUARANTINE: Participants with any of the symptoms found in the Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist should not participate in a Scouting event. A previously asymptomatic participant who develops symptoms during an event should be sent to a health-care worker for evaluation if possible. If a communicable disease is thought to be present and a professional evaluation is not possible, the participant should be isolated from the rest of the group until he or she can be removed from the event and sent home.

INCIDENT REPORTING: If a participant requires medical care beyond Scout-rendered first aid, an incident report must be completed to notify the council. This is extremely important. The incident reporting tool and additional information can be found at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/.

WHEN TO NOTIFY THE COUNCIL HEALTH SUPERVISOR: An outbreak of a communicable disease has occurred when the number of cases is beyond the usual rate of occurrence for that particular disease. Many communicable diseases require notifying the local or state public health department. A unit leader should notify the council health supervisor if

- Multiple cases of an infectious illness occur, leading to an increased risk of others getting the disease
- The infection results in a participant being hospitalized

Requirements for reporting to public health officials vary by state. Contact the Council Health Supervisor and camp director if a suspected or known communicable disease occurs at a Scouting event.

OBSERVATION SUGGESTIONS: When is it safe to return to “play” if a communicable disease is diagnosed or suspected? The following are some general guidelines to reduce the incidence of spreading communicable diseases. If there is any uncertainty about whether a participant is infectious or a disease is communicable, a physician should be consulted.

- Isolation from the rest of the group is recommended until the ill participant can be evaluated or observed long enough to assure that he or she does not need to be sent home.
- A participant with fever (100.4 F or higher) should not participate in group events until he or she is without fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicines (e.g., acetaminophen, ibuprofen, etc.).
- A participant with diarrhea should not participate until the diarrhea has subsided for at least 24 hours.
- A participant with pink eye (conjunctivitis), cough, or sore throat should be evaluated and should not return to the event until symptoms have resolved.

References

- BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist: www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-102_PreEventChklist.pdf
- Boy Scouts of America—Incident Reporting Tool: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/
- *Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys/Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls*—Personal First-Aid Kit, p. 108
- American Academy of Pediatrics, healthychildren.org—Choosing an Insect Repellent for Your Child: www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/Insect-Repellents.aspx
- American Academy of Pediatrics, healthychildren.org—Immunizations: www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/default.aspx
- Mayo Clinic Patient Care & Health Information—Infectious Diseases: www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/infectious-diseases/home/ovc-20168649
- North Carolina Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center—Cleaning and Sanitizing: What’s the difference and how are they done? https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/B/bleach_solution_fact_sheet.pdf
- World Health Organization—Glove Use Information Leaflet: www.who.int/gpsc/5may/Glove_Use_Information_Leaflet.pdf
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—When & How to Wash Your Hands: www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—Coughing & Sneezing: www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/etiquette/coughing_sneezing.html

Online Resources during the Covid-19 Pandemic (*and beyond?*)

Minsi Trails has a lot of online programming to help you and your Scouts and more is on the way. See it at:

<http://www.minsitrails.org/resources/virtual-programming/>

To find the most current information about Minsi Trails Council during the pandemic, go to

<http://www.minsitrails.org/update/72747>

Learn how to run an online meeting (thanks to the Northern New Jersey Council). It's at

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/How_to_Plan_and_Run_a_Virtual_Meeting.pdf

Find out about rank advancement during the pandemic at:

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/COVID_INFO.pdf

Many of you already know that *Bryan on Scouting* is a great resource and he has a good deal of information about doing Scouting online:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/>

Den Leaders Facebook Group Helps with At Home Activities

Cub Scout Den Leaders (and other interested adult pack leaders) can share information on Minsi Trails Council's Den Leaders Facebook Private Group. Do a Facebook search for "Minsi Trails Den Leaders" and it should be first in the results. If you have a Facebook login, you can also find the group by visiting Minsi Trails Council's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/minsitrailsbsa>) and clicking on the Groups link), Take a look. If it's of interest, ask to join. If you are having problems, contact me at webmaster@minsi-southmountain.com

If anyone has links or resources that they would like to share, contact me at newsletter@minsi-southmountain.com

Three part series from Northern New Jersey Council, recorded on YouTube and on their channel.

Part 1 - 'How to Run a Virtual Meeting' - <https://youtu.be/8vkAhD1C1tg>.

Part 2 - 'How to Plan/Run a Virtual DEN' - <https://youtu.be/urQioxD3Afs>.

Part 3 - "Activities and Parent Involvement" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgNeZStXwIM>

For recruiting and membership help, visit Minsi Trails' Membership and Marketing Hub at <https://www.minsitrails.org/resources/membership-marketing-hub/>

Video from the recent council-wide roundtable on recruiting youth and adults will soon be available on the Membership and Marketing Hub.



Restart Scouting Checklist

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. This checklist outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities.

If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols, do not restart in-person activities.

S = Supervision

- Understand local and state guidance on preventing COVID-19 exposure.
- Engage your chartered organization and local council on necessary adjustments.
- Conduct the “before you gather” protocols.

A = Assessment

- Identify participants who fall under the CDC’s group of higher-risk individuals. Notify all participants about the risks of participating since COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated.
- Verify that the planned activity, gathering or group sizes are not prohibited by local or state orders.

F = Fitness and Skill

- Review Annual Health and Medical Records and consider using a [pre-event screening](#) for all participants.

E = Equipment and Environment

- Verify that handwashing, hygiene and cleaning supplies are available and used properly.
- Monitor social distancing, interactions and sharing of equipment and food among participants.
- Monitor participants for changing health conditions.
- Use the “as you gather” protocols.

SAFE ≠ Risk-Free

As the response to the pandemic shifts to a state-focused, phased approach, the Boy Scouts of America advises local councils to consult with their local and state health departments, as well as local chartered partners, to implement appropriate protocols to help keep our members, volunteers and employees safe.

Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when in-person activities resume.

People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can spread the virus. Some people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into program activities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to resuming in-person Scouting activities.

Every member, volunteer and family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending in-person activities.

We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

For updates, please monitor <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus>

Before you gather:

- Consult** your council and chartered organization to understand community standards and protocols in place.
- Communicate** to all parents and youth that the Boy Scouts of America recommends that no one in the higher-risk category take part in person. Continue to engage virtually.
- Communicate** that anyone who feels sick must [stay home](#). If you become sick or develop symptoms, isolate yourself then go home and seek care.
- Educate and train** all participants on appropriate social distancing, [cleaning and disinfecting](#), [hand hygiene](#) and [respiratory \(cough or sneeze\) etiquette](#) before meeting for the first time. Periodically reinforce the behaviors as needed.
- Before attending**, upon arrival and at least daily for longer events, all participants [should be screened](#) for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 - **Cough**
 - **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
 - **Chills**
 - **Repeated shaking with chills**
 - **Muscle pain**
 - **Headache**
 - **Sore throat**
 - **Loss of taste or smell**
 - **Diarrhea**
 - **Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit**
 - **Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19**
- As appropriate**, participants should have [face coverings](#) available to wear when gathering or when in public areas or venues. Several coverings per person may be needed.
- Communicate** that those who take part in person should avoid contact with higher-risk individuals for 14 days after the event.

As you gather:

- Minimize group sizes.** Small groups of participants who stay together all day every day, remain [6 feet apart](#) and do not share objects are at the lowest risk. Think of a den or patrol that does not mix or gather with other dens or patrols, with supervision that stays with the small group. *Scouting's [Barriers to Abuse](#) always apply.*
- Stay local** to your geographic area and groups for unit activities. If you must travel, limit mixing with others along the way.
- Minimize mixing** with parents or siblings unless they are part of the unit activity. For example, the same parent picks up and drops off youth, and stays in the car. No guests or visitors who have not been through the pre-gathering protocols and screening should take part.
- Have hand sanitizer**, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available for use at meetings, activities and campouts.
- Minimize the use** of common areas and shared tools. If unavoidable, they should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Develop dining protocols** (including but not limited to):
 - No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers.
 - Use of disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates.
 - Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use.
- Develop tenting protocols** for the group:
 - Minimize use of fans or devices that stir the air.
 - Campers should sleep head-to-toe in bunks or cots spaced as far apart as possible.
 - Individual tents, hammocks and bivys may be considered.
- During program activities:**
 - Equipment that must be shared should be disinfected before and after each use.
 - Where possible, assign activity-related protective equipment for the duration of an event to a single individual (life jacket, gloves, harness).
 - Effective handwashing before and after each program area use.
- In case of an injury or illness**, promptly report the incident, including COVID-19 exposures. Utilize [Incident Reporting Resources](#), including COVID-19 instructions.

When you get home:

- Avoid contact** with higher-risk individuals for 14 days.
- Monitor** for any signs of illness for 14 days, and
- Communicate** with your unit leadership should you develop symptoms.



2020 BSA National Membership Fees

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL
RENEWING
MEMBERS
(RECHARTER)

\$66/YR

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.



\$42/YR



Participants age 10 - 20.

\$42/YR



All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

EFFECTIVE



ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)

New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT RECHARTER FEE

EFFECTIVE



\$75/YR

For all new and rechartering units.

You *know* you can do most training online?

Why not do it now and become a better leader?

<https://my.scouting.org/>



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 CUB SCOUTING	 SCOUTS BSA
 SEA SCOUTS	 COMMISSIONERS



Minsi Trails Council Month of
COMMUNITY Cleanup

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK.COM/MINSITRAILSBSSA TO GET A SPECIAL PATCH!

Help your community by having your unit volunteer to clean up. Post it on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/minsitrailsbsa>

3 THINGS TO KNOW
NOW THAT THE BSA HAS FILED FOR CHAPTER 11

1
Scouting Continues

- Blue & Gold Banquets
- Pinewood Derbies
- Regular Meetings
- Campouts
- Service Projects
- Courts of Honor
- Crossover Ceremonies

2
Scouting is safer now than ever before

~90%
OF PENDING AND ASSERTED ABUSE CLAIMS
are related to abuse from 30+ years ago

EFFECTIVE BARRIERS TO ABUSE

RECOGNIZE RESPOND REPORT
1-844-SCOUTS1

3
You can make a difference

- Explain BSA's youth protection policies to friends and neighbors
- Plan or attend service projects or public events to show your community the value of Scouting
- Proudly share with others - in person and on social media - why Scouting is important

More information at <https://www.bsarestructuring.org/>

Learn about the new rechartering process—click on the image to the right.

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Minsi Trails Council, Inc. - BSA | Resources | Unit Re-Chartering Process

Unit Re-Chartering Process

2020 Fall Re-Chartering info for Units

Membership-Marketing Hub

Important and New Re-charter Information - Please Read!!!

Den Video Series

Scout Book

Cancellation and Refund Policy

PA Act 15 - Clearances

Volunteer/Leader Resources

Scout Resources

Silver Beaver Nomination

Annual Health and Medical Forms

Campships/FAQ

Guide to Safe Scouting

Merit Badge Counselor Application

Merit Badge - Counselors/Lists

Journey to Excellence

Incident Reporting - BSA

Virtual Programming

It is very important that unit leaders understand the new procedures, the timeline, and the options available to them. Please review the below information and plan to join us for a virtual MTC Re-chartering Roundtable on October 22 at 7:00 PM. If you are not available that day, the recording will be posted to this site for your review. Units should especially note that the timeline this year is much earlier than in prior years, so it is critical to undertake the process early! The new re-charter process is designed to be completed by early December for all Council units.

We intend that our new process will result in a good experience for all of our Scouting units. As always, if you have any questions or concerns throughout the new process, please contact your unit commissioner, district leadership or MTC professional staff. Thank you for your attention to this important process.

Details and Key Documents

Key Notes:

- As of October 1, 2020 - Charter Packets have been printed. Included in packets are important documents pertaining to how to re-charter, needed Leader Trainings, and PA Act 15 Clearance expirations.
- Please note: All those adults needing to renew PA Act 15 clearances should turn them into the Unit Committee Chair after October 1, 2020 for the chartering paperwork submission. This will streamline the process to one central point for the charter period. Outside the charter period, PA Act 15 clearances should be submitted to council.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

DISTRICT KEY 3

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