

# Scouting America!

## Minsi Trails Council

# TRAIL NOTES

June 2024 Edition

Sign up to Stay in Touch!

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

[Register Here!](#)

## SAFETY MOMENT

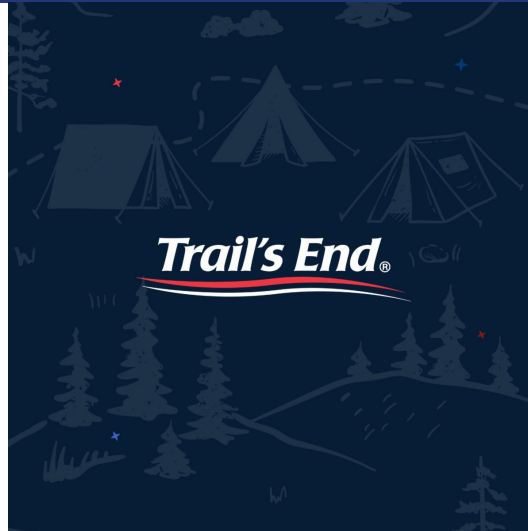


CAMPFIRE SAFETY

The weather has started to change and our Scouts are hitting the trails. One of the favorite things about Scouting is Campfires! It is a time for silly skits and repeat-after-me songs! While we love to gather around and enjoy the warm glow of a fire here are some tips to be mindful of and safe.

[Campfire Safety](#)

## 2024 FALL POPCORN SALE



We are thrilled to share with you the incredible news that we have partnered with Trail's End for our 2024 Popcorn Season! This year, we are bringing you a range of exciting and innovative features to help our Leaders and Scouts sell more popcorn than ever before. With over 3,000 Store Front Hours set up exclusively for you, an upgraded Sales App, and easy sales tracking, our platform is designed to make your experience seamless and enjoyable.

Register your unit today by clicking the link below and join us on this exciting journey towards success!

[Register Today! Click Here!](#)

[2024 Popcorn Kernel Guide](#)

## UNIT & MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS



# The Unit Renewal Process is changing

As you may be aware of already, the Unit Renewal Process is changing. Units now have the option to select Unit Pay or Individual Member Pay for registration renewal. Click the button below for more information on how to make that designation and for more information regarding the changes for the Unit Renewal Process.

[Unit Renewal  
Process](#)

## SUMMER HARVEST FOOD DRIVE



Check out information regarding a Summer Food Drive that is being coordinated by our very own Council Commissioner Tamie & a wonderful group of Volunteers throughout the month of July!

[Summer Harvest Food  
Drive](#)

## UPDATES ON CUB SCOUT & SCOUTSBSA PROGRAM

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

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

[Updates in the Cub Scout Program](#)

[Cub Scout Program Update FAQs](#)

[2024 ScoutsBSA Advancement Update](#)

## SCOUT NIGHT AT THE IRONPIGS

# YOUR HOMETOWN TEAM

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 21**

7:05PM

VS



**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 9**

7:05PM

VS



# 2024 SCOUT NIGHT

SIGN-UP IS BY SCOUT UNIT ONLY FOR GROUPS OF 20+.  
NO INDIVIDUAL TICKET ORDERS PLEASE.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 2023 IRONPIGS SCOUT SLEEPOVER PATCH
- TROOPS CAN SEND IN A TROOP PHOTO TO BE SHOWN ON THE VIDEO BOARD BEFORE THE GAME
- PREGAME PARADE ON THE FIELD
- IRONPIGS GAME
- POST-GAME FIREWORKS!
- OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT ON THE FIELD
- MOVIE SHOWN ON THE VIDEOBOARD
- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN THE MORNING
- 2024 IRONPIGS SCOUT SLEEPOVER PATCH

Scout uniforms or activity uniforms are permitted. Be sure to sign up early.  
If camping, please use free-standing tents only; no cots and no tent pegs allowed.

**PINEWOOD DERBY RACING  
IN THE TD BANK PLAZA!**



## TICKET OPTIONS:

<u>Sleepover</u>	\$19	Field Level Ticket, + \$2 Ballpark Credit
	\$16	GA Ticket, + \$2 Ballpark Credit
<u>Game-Only</u>	\$12	Field Level Ticket + \$2 Ballpark Credit
	\$9	GA Ticket, + \$2 Ballpark Credit

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GROUP SALES  
AT [INFO@IRONPIGSBASEBALL.COM](mailto:INFO@IRONPIGSBASEBALL.COM)  
OR TEXT 833-495-0033

 **610-841-7447 ext. 2**

**2025 PHILMONT TREK OPENING**



Troop 40 Northampton has openings for 4 more male Scouts for their Philmont Trek. The entire trip is expected to be July 15-24, 2025. This includes 2 days spent touring New Mexico prior to Philmont (needed to acclimate to the elevation). This tour will include the Sandria Tram, Atomic Museum, Indian Cliff Dwellings, and whitewater rafting on the Rio Grande. The cost for the 2025 trip is expected to be \$3000 per participant and includes all activities, meals, and airfare. This is an estimate and may change primarily due to cost differences between now and when booking flights.

Scouts must be under 21 and over 14 (or 13 years old and completed the 8th grade) by July 2025, and have completed First Class Rank. Strict height and weight requirements are necessary to attend, found at:

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks/trekrequirements/healthmedicalrequirements/> As part of check-in all crew members will meet with Philmont physicians. Participants not meeting the requirements will not be permitted on the trail.

If interested, please contact Chad Weiner at [chadbweiner@gmail.com](mailto:chadbweiner@gmail.com) and Brian Dungan at [briandungantroop40@gmail.com](mailto:briandungantroop40@gmail.com).

**2024 MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL NYLT**



# NYLT

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth with leadership skills and experience that they can use in their home troops, crews, and in life situations demanding leadership of self and others. The NYLT course centers on the concepts of what a leader must BE, must KNOW, and what a leader must DO. The key elements are taught with a clear focus on how to lead. NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment.

[For More Information: Click Here!](#)

[To Register Your Scout: Click Here!](#)

**MINSI TRAILS SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP MINSI**

# GUARDIANS OF SCOUTING

A SUPERHERO SCOUTING ADVENTURE



Camp Minsi 2024



## CUB SCOUT CAMP PROVISIONAL WEEK



Exciting news from Camp Minsi! We are thrilled to introduce the Cub Scout Provisional Family Camp happening from June 30th to July 5th. If your Cub Scout Pack won't be joining us for the regular Cub Scout Camp at Camp Minsi, don't worry! You and your Scout can still experience all the fantastic activities we have to offer. Join us for a full week of fun from June 30th to July 5th, or opt for a Mini-Week from June 30th to July 3rd. For more



information and to secure your spot, head over to our website and register today. Get ready for an unforgettable adventure with your Cub Scout at Camp Minsi!

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

*Explore your future. Explore your world.*

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

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

[For More Information Click Here!](#)

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

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

#### **Cub Scout Resident Camp**

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

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

#### **Scouts, BSA and Webelos Pioneer Camp**

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

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

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

Week 6 July 28- August 3 **Open for Registration**

[Register now for Summer Camp! Click Here](#)

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## 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](http://www.campminsi.org)



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

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

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

Our staff is not just a group of counselors having fun, but rather a family of 60 individuals

dedicated to providing an outstanding experience to each and every one of our campers. Each of our counselors and support staff members receives extensive training in their roles in camp, as well as specific knowledge in customer service, emergency procedures, and youth protection. We look for only the best staff members that possess the following qualifications:

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

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

## ANNUAL GIFT PLANNING



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.](#)

## TRINITY SOLAR

# 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:

## MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL HISTORICAL TRAILS



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

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

## MTC 2024 DAY CAMPS



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

Lehigh Mystical Journey Day Camp August 2nd-4th

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

## 2026 NATIONAL JAMBOREE



The next National Jamboree will take place from July 22-31, 2026 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The theme for the 2026 National Jamboree is "Elevate." This theme is focused on preparing Scouts for a life of purpose and impact as they participate in the once-in-a-lifetime experience of the Jamboree.

Registration for the Jamboree will open in the Fall of 2024 and we expect the cost to be similar to that of our most recent trip in 2023 and will include the Jamboree registration, bus transportation, t-shirts, patches, duffel bag and day pack. You can expect that the total cost for this trip to be in the \$1800-\$2100 range. We also expect that Jamboree camperships will be available.

We are hoping to send multiple units from Minsi Trails Council to the Jamboree in 2026! Please use this form to let us know your interest - both scouts and adult leaders that wish to participate. We are not looking for a deposit and submitting this form does not obligate you in any way. By registering now you will be the first to know as we hear more about this great scouting opportunity!!

[Interested in Attending? Click Here!](#)

[Looking for more information? Click Here](#)

**NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT RECRUITING ROUND-UP**

# Recruiting Round Up

## Grow your unit!

Come out for the inaugural recruiting round up! Let's learn from each other! Get together with other leaders, share ideas and get the support you need.



Get recruiting material

Share ideas and resources

Coordinate efforts & cobranding

CUB SCOUT RANK CHANGES



SCOUT ME IN™

June 12, 2024  
5:30-7:00pm  
Louise Moore  
Park

### CHECK OUT YOUR DISTRICT PAGES!

Carbon-Luzerne  
District

Lehigh  
District

Monroe  
District

Northampton

District

Warren  
District

## INCIDENT REPORTING



# INCIDENT REPORTING

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

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

[BSA National Incident Reporting Website](#)

[Incident Reporting Requirements](#)

[Incident Reporting Infographic](#)



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