



TRAIL NOTES

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL

March 2024 Edition

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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](#)

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](#)



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH
3:05PM**

***KIDS TAKEOVER
WITH
POST- GAME AUTOGRAPH WITH THE
PHANTOMS PLAYERS!**

**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL WILL
RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE
PROCEEDS FROM BOTH 50/50 &
CHUCK-A-PUCK!**



**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL
NIGHT AT THE PHANTOMS!**

TICKETS START AT \$20!

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THE MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL!**

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SAMANTHA CARROLL DIRECTLY AT SCARROLL@PHANTOMSHOCKEY.COM





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**

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



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."

Apply today for a Summer Camp Positions at Camp Minsi.

<https://www.minsitrails.org/summer-camps/summercampstaffapplication/75695>



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!





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.](#)

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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:



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

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

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