



Scouting America!

Minsi Trails Council

TRAIL NOTES



September 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



RANGE ACTIVITY SAFETY TRAINING

All Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships who provide unit-level sponsored/planned range and target activities must have at least one registered unit leader 21+ years of age take the **Range Activity SAFETY online training available on my.scouting.org**. This individual must be present at the range during the range and target activity(s). Participating in this training will help ensure a unit understands Scouting America's range and target activities policies.

Program note (9/3/24): The Range Activities SAFETY Training is in the final steps of production. We expect it to be posted to my.scouting.org in the coming week. Until it is live this training will not be required however all other policy changes as outlined in NCAP Circular 21 and the new Range & Target Activities Manual are fully in effect.

**RESOURCES: NCAP Circular
21**

**RESOURCES: Range & Target Activities
Manual**

UPDATE ON CUB SCOUT CAMPING



SAFETY UPDATE

Important to note, especially for our Cub Scout Packs with Webelos and Arrow of Light Den's there has been a change to the Guide to Safe Scouting. Click the link below for more details and information.

[Guide to Safe Scouting:
Camping](#)

CUB SCOUT FALL FAMILY CAMP

JOIN US!

CUB SCOUT FALL FAMILY CAMP

COME FOR A FUN WEEKEND AT CAMP MINSI WHERE CUB SCOUT PACKS AND FAMILIES CAN ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AND PARTICIPATE IN FUN ACTIVITIES LIKE ARCHERY, SLING SHOT, BB RANGE, HAY RIDES, NATURE, STEM AND MORE!



For More Information or to Register: [CLICK HERE!](#)

UNIT & MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS



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](#)

[September 2024 Update](#)

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](#)

ENGINEERING EXPLORING POST: VICTAULIC

ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE

Exploring™ Program 2024

September 18, 2024 | 6:00 PM

4901 Kesslersville Rd. Easton PA, 18040



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For More Information: [CLICK
HERE!](#)

Register for the September 18th Open House: [CLICK
HERE!](#)

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



While we are sad to see the end of our Summer Camp Season come so quickly, we are excited to share with you the dates of 2025 Summer Camp at Camp Minsi!

June 22nd-28th: Cub Scout Resident Camp

June 29th- July 5th: Cub Scout Resident Camp & STEM Camp

July 6th-12th: Scouts BSA Resident & Webelos Pioneer Camp

July 13th-19th: Scouts BSA Resident & Webelos Pioneer Camp

July 20th-26th: Scouts BSA Resident & Webelos Pioneer Camp

July 27th- August 2nd: Scouts BSA Resident & Webelos Pioneer Camp

We are currently working on the final details for our new registration system, but in the meantime

if you want to sign up your Troop or Pack for 2025 Summer Camp the link will be below for our paper registration.

2025 Camp Dates and Form

MTC SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT



Join us for a great day to support Scouting in the Minsi Trails Council at the MTC Sporting Clays Tournament, held on October 18th at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays. Check the link below for Registration and Sponsorship Opportunities.

**Registration and Sponsorship
Opportunities**

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. Happy hiking!

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE



MONROE MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Saturday, December 14th, 2024

Northampton Community College
Monroe Campus, Tannersville, PA



Embark on an exhilarating journey to test their survival skills in a simulated post-apocalyptic world infested with zombies. Scouts will navigate challenges ranging from building zombie-proof barricades to mastering essential survival techniques like first aid and fire-building. Each activity is designed not only to hone practical skills but also to foster teamwork and quick decision-making under pressure.

[Register Today!](#)

Monroe District

2024 Fall Canoe Camporee

Lehman Township Community Park



When: September 20-22, 2024

Where: Lehman Township Community Park – Bushkill, Pa. 18324

What: 10 Mile Canoe Trip on the Delaware River, Camping for 2 nights

Cost: \$45 (Includes: Camping, Canoeing, Transportation to and from the Delaware River, and Event patch.)

How: Registration through Minsi Trails Council Website minsitrails.org

Limited to: 125 Participants (youth and adult).

Additional event information will be furnished via e-mail upon registration:

numero1scout@gmail.com

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.

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

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

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[Northampton District](#)

[Warren District](#)



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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