



TRAIL NOTES

MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL

May 2024 Edition

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SAFETY MOMENT

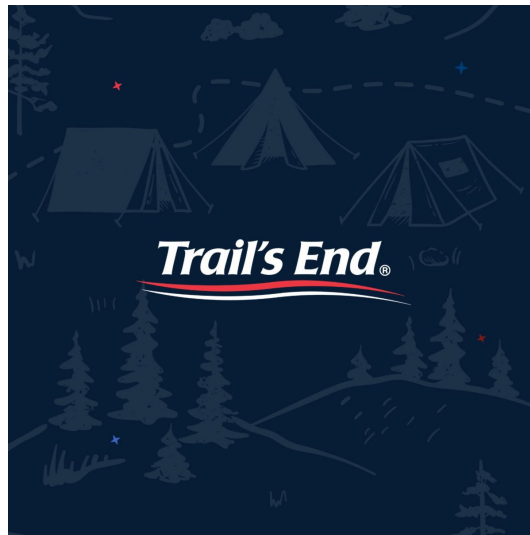
SAFETY MOMENT



Guide to Safe Scouting

Few youth organizations encompass the breadth, volume, and diversity of physical activity common to Scouting. The **Guide to Safe Scouting (GTSS)** is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures, gleaned from a variety of sources and designed to make the program safer.

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](#)

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](#)

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
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 and Brian Dungan at briandungan troop40@gmail.com .

SCOUT DAY AT KNOEBELS



Our friends at Knoebels Amusement Resort are offering 15 Scout Days throughout the month of May! Check out the details in the link below and enjoy a fun filled day at Knoebels!

[For More Information and to Sign Up: Click Here!](#)

2024 MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL NYLT



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!



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!](#)

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](#)



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.

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



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



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. Happy hiking!

MTC 2024 DAY CAMPS

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP



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

Lehigh Mystical Journey Day Camp August 2nd-
4th

CHECK OUT YOUR DISTRICT PAGES!

Carbon-Luzerne
District

Lehigh
District

Monroe
District

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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