



ATTENTION!!!!

TO OUR 2009 CAMP LEADERS & OTHERS.....

You are cordially invited to join us on Monday, **March 16, 2009** to find out about Minsi Trails Council's "**Summer Camp 2009.**" This informational meeting has several purposes, one of which is to meet your Camp Director, and find out a little of what to expect at camp this summer. In addition to our breakout sessions, we hope to provide a forum where leaders can share thoughts about last year's camping experience as well as provide input for the upcoming camping season. If you have not been to camp, come and see what it is all about.

Please plan on joining us for this unique opportunity. The meeting will be held at Northeast Middle School Auditorium, 1170 Fernwood St., Bethlehem, PA 18018 (see reverse side of letter). **A gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.** Unit leaders are asked to please R.S.V.P. to Jane Chase (610-465-8568) or email jchase@minsitrails.com at the Council Service Center with your unit number and the number of people expected to be in attendance.

Thank you for your interest in experiencing summer camp opportunities with the Minsi Trails Council, and we hope to see you on March 16th.

Sincerely

Todd Heyn

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Director of Support Services

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**DIRECTIONS TO NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1170 Fernwood Street,
Bethlehem, PA 18018.....**

FOR PEOPLE USING ROUTE 22.....

Exit Route 22 at Route 191 and head south toward Bethlehem. Starting with the light at Sears, McDonald, etc. you will go 3.4 miles to the 9th stop light. Go through the 9th stop light and take left on E. Locust Street. This is directly across from the entrance of Liberty High School. At the 4th stop sign on E. Locust you will turn left on Fernwood. Go just past the school entrance and to the driveway for the auditorium/gymnasium. Park in that lot and come inside.

FOR PEOPLE USING ROUTE 33

Exit Route 33 at the William Penn exit. If you are coming from the south, make a left on William Penn. If you are coming from the north, make a right on William Penn. Go 3.2 miles to 6th stop light and turn left on Stefko Blvd. There is probably no street sign on Stefko but there is a Commerce Bank on the corner. Go 1.4 miles to the 5th light and turn right on Pembroke Rd. Fernwood Street is the third street on the right. There is no street sign there either but you will see the school on the right. Go down Fernwood to the signs for the auditorium/gymnasium.

For people from other directions (Allentown, Emmaus, Macungie, etc.)if you do not have mapquest, please call me. We can figure it out then.

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**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TREXLER SCOUT RESERVATION - SETTLERS CAMP**

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February 23, 2009

Dear Scouter's,

I would like to thank you for choosing Settlers Camp for your 2009 summer camp. In the past we have always published our merit badge information within our Leader's guide, but in recent years this has become a problem with the many changes that occur to requirements from the National Council. In an effort to make sure each Scout completes the requirements we can't cover or do at camp, we are sending you this letter with a list of meritbadges, their prerequisites, and a copy of the 2009 merit badge schedule. The reason why we are doing the supplementary mailing is to ensure that our staff has looked over the requirements and made any changes to what must be done for each merit badge prior to your Scouts coming to camp.

In addition, to the mailing please check out our new and updated website that has all the up to the minute information your troop will need to come to camp. You can visit us at www.trexlercamp.org. There you may also email our area directors directly with all your questions regarding a particular merit badge or about the program area.

I also would like to remind you that the Trexler Invitational Weekend is quickly coming upon us. You can still register by completing the application in your Leader's Guide and dropping it in the mail today. Hurry, sites are already filling up and it's a great time and opportunity for your troop to get your camp ready for the 2009 season.

If you have any questions about the merit badge information or the Trexler Invitational Weekend please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

James J Korcienski

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2009 Settlers Camp Merit Badge Pre-reqs

SCOUTCRAFT

Backpacking 6b,9,10,11
Camping 4,7,8d,9
Cooking 4a,5a,6,7,8
Fishing 9
Hiking 5,6,7
Pioneering 2a,7

(Scouts should have already earned the First Class Rank before beginning this Merit Badge)

Wilderness Survival 5
Orienteering 7,8,9,10

AQUATICS

Canoeing n/a
Lifesaving 1
Rowing n/a
Swimming 3 (Letter from Scoutmaster required)
BSA Life Guard:

HANDWRITTEN copy of all the Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense points with their definitions.

All aquatics merit badges require a swimmer status on the first day of classes.

ECOLOGY

Animal Science n/a
Astronomy 7b
Bird Study 5,6
Environmental Science 1,3e
Fish & Wildlife Management n/a
Forestry 5,7
Geology 4
Insect Study 7
Mammal Study 3
Nature n/a
Pulp & Paper n/a
Reptile & Amphibian Study 8
Soil & Water Conservation n/a
Weather 8

SENTR

Chemistry n/a
Engineering n/a
Nuclear Science n/a
Space Exploration* 2,5,7 (does require purchasing rocket kit)

SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery* 1c
Rifle Shooting* 1d,1f
Shotgun Shooting* 1d,1f

ATHLETICS

Athletics 3
Personal Fitness 1,7,8

(Scoutmaster note is acceptable for dentist visit)

Sports 4

COPE

Min. Age 14 yrs
Cost - \$40.00
(Parental Permission Form Required)

HANDICRAFT

Basketry* n/a
Leatherwork* n/a
Woodworking 1b,4,5,6
Plumbing* n/a
Woodcarving* 2
Painting n/a

****AREA 7**

Citizenship in the World 7
Communications 5,7a,8

(Must Be Typed and Scouts should Be Prepared to give Speeches and Do Presentations as listed in the Merit Badge Requirements)

Emergency Preparedness 1,2b,2c,6b,6c,8,9

(Must have First Aid MB BEFORE starting)

Citizenship in the Nation 2, 3, 8

First Aid 1, 2b, 7

(Scouts Should have already earned the First Class Rank before beginning this Merit Badge)

American Heritage 3c,4,5

THIS OLD CAMP

Automotive Maintenance n/a
Electricity 2,8,9A Bring all with you to camp
Electronics n/a
Home Repairs n/a
Landscape Architecture 2b,3,6

ADULT LEADER TRAINING

None

*Some equipment cost

**For all 'Area 7' Pre Req's there must be documentation of any visits, take a year of foreign language, et cetera in the form of a signed, typed letter that will be handed in at the first meeting of the class.

***Any reqs. done at home and brought to camp should be typed.

****This list and our merit badge availability is subject to change upon the hiring of our directorial staff.

