GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL

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"An Adventure to Remember"

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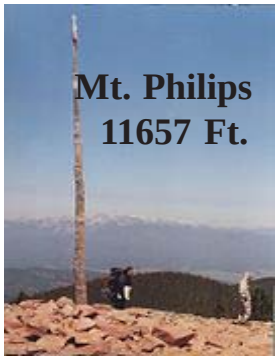
Happy New Year!

It's itinerary Time

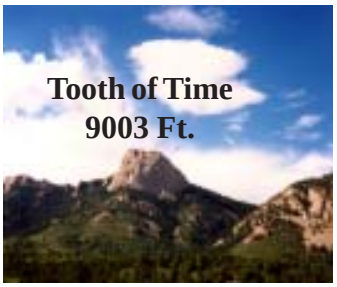
The holidays are over and we're back in sync. Our Crew is formed and our Crew Leader is elected. We have some or most of our personal and crew gear gathered. It's time now to introduce and start planning for the fun part. The itinerary we choose will depend solely on more than 45 programs in which your crew will choose to take part and the peaks you'll want to climb.

The choices between all the programs and 35 itineraries can be a little overwhelming if a system for selecting them is not in place. It's not hard, but looking over your Crew to see first, the physical makeup of the members is key to your success. Then, as you develop, decide what the hiking abilities are.

Then as you read and describe the program choices, ask everyone to vote on them. Any system you derive is a good one, but be organized. You can use the printout we will provide for choosing or you can read the programs and ask everyone to vote by raising their hand. If you need any help in making your itinerarty choices please feel free to call us and we'll help you in any way we can. If the system stays true to the past few years, your trek selection will be done on line. You'll be given explicit instructions as how to go about it. Follow them to the letter. It is a first come, first served system, so a mistake will cost you time and could jepordize your choice selection. You'll be notified of your pass code and will use that to enter the selection process. Before you make your 5 selections, see www.PhilmontScoutRanch.org for any itinerary changes. Once you've submitted your five choices, the answer will come back to you almost immediately.



As your day goes by and you visit the different departments in Base Camp, you and your Crew Leader will go to the Logistics department before you set out on your trek. They review your awarded itinerary choice, give you some hints, sign you up for your horseback ride, your burros, food pick-ups and your conservation project. They will tell you about trail updates and changes and where water supplies have gone dry. They will reiterate the importance of keeping together and being where you're supposed to be when your scheduled to be there. They will tell you again, the dangers of hiking at night and explain the ramifications and consequences if the crew is caught on the trails after dark. The Crew leader will take the signed copy of the Itinerary sheet, put it in plastic and protect it with his "LIFE". Good trekking to all!



We're Live!! Be sure to visit our web page at www.wnyscouting.org/philmont for meeting schedules, artwork, and lots of hints on itinersary choices, backpacking, boots, stoves and other equipment.

Click on our logo at www.wnyscouting.org for more information

"Scouting is more than an activity- it's a way of life!"

Boy Scout leader Specifics Course
Saturday, January 18, 2014
Greater Niagara Frontier Council Service Center
8:00 AM

Youth Protection Training Course

Youth Protection training is a mandatory course that must be taken before an adult application will accepted or rechartered with the boy Scouts of America. It's a available on line at myscouting.org to anyone and is also at the Scout Service Center daily (by appointment only). It gives insight on how to protect our children from those who would harm them and how to protect us from harmful accusations.

Visit our website www.wnyscouting for more details or simply call your District Executive at 891-4073.

SCOUT NIAGARA FRONTIER SHOP

The Scout Shop will be closed on New Year's Day

Hours:
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri- 9 AM- 6 PM
Tues., 9 AM- 7:30 PM
Saturday, 9:30 AM until 3 PM
Closed Sundays

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Unit Charters are Overdue!

For your unit to keep meeting and conducting activities, all Packs, Troops and Crews must be rechartered to be covered by our insurance.

Paka's Boys' Life Joke of the Month

Star Scout Garrett: Hey Jeffrey! What did the closet shelf say to the hat?
Life Scout Jeffrey : I don't know, Garrett. What did the closet shelf say to the hat?
Tiger Cub Garrett: I'll stay here while you go on ahead.

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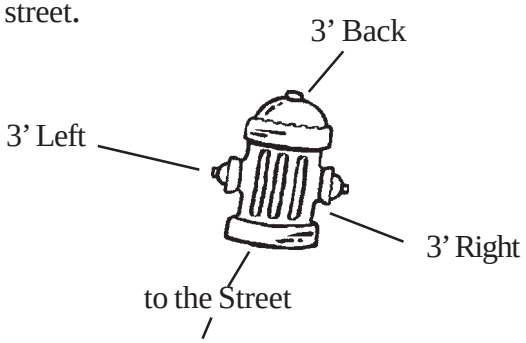
Paul's Piece of Pertinant Information and Commissioner's Comments

It's worth retelling! We've had some snow already and we can expect more. Find a partner! Scouts and adults can team up with a friend, a brother or sister and under the supervision of an adult keep the hydrant closest to their home free from snow.

Remember that you will be providing the community with service, you'll learn about fire prevention and at the same time accept some responsibility in the world around us. Be sure to give the firemen lots of room. Clear the snow from within 3' from all sides and all the way to the street.



A Tip of our Philmont Trail Caps to:

all those units who rechartered on time and increased their membership!

Philmont Phacts

1) How many riders can go horseback riding ?
2) How many different Itineraries are available?
3) On what date & day do we celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday?"

1) 35 2) 35 3) Monday, January 20th

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