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Philmont Phlyer

"An Adventure to Remember"

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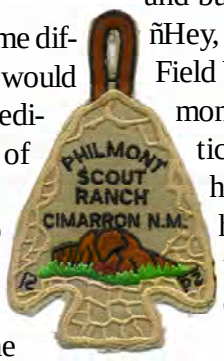
CountDown to Adventure

Some 10 months ago we began embarking on an adventure of a lifetime that would mix the philosophies of the Boy Scouts of America, the mystique of the old west and the grandeur of the Rocky mountains we call the ñPhilmont Back Country

We warned that this would be a journey of some difficulty. We suggested that this could be the hardest you would undertake in your life. And we did say it would take dedication, a lot of training and attention to details, but one of the most rewarding.



Youôve been given the tools to make this trip not one of mistakes, miscalculation and aggravation but one of fun, satisfaction and pride.

Your Crew Leader has been elected. He is the Scout in your Crew that will lead you. Heôs the Scout in your Crew you can count on, that you can blame when everything goes wrong (ha ha).

You Adult Crew Leaders are the guys and girl for the most part who are over 40! Youôve given up time for extra meetings and extra weekends. During this past year you helped your Crew grow and organize and get used to eating food dust with hot water added. You all gave up two weeks to go on vacation with people that not in your family.

Please remind them that when they have a quiet moment, they might thank the parents & leaders who did this for them. You parents who are taking this adventure on with your sons. You have an opportunity seldom experienced by a parent and your boy. There will be millions and millions of moments that will be seen, felt, heard, smelled and tasted. Some of these moments will become the memories you will share for the rest of your lives.

You will find yourselves recalling this trip at the strangest times. Something at the family dinner table will trigger a comment, then a discussion. You belong to a very prestigious ñMe tooò club. When you see a Philmont belt and buckle on a Bus Boy in a restaurant, youôll ask, ñHey, when did you go to Philmont?ò While a Scout Field Uniform would not be worn in school, that Philmont belt is very much acceptable and very much noticed by anyone whose been there. That Arrowhead that is worn on your Scout shirt, is a badge of honor noticed by everyone and once again brings forward the memories of the great time you had on this trip.

The doôs and donôtôs are many but if thought out logically, they all are about common sense. The most important aspects of this trip is safety of our crew. Some of you have had a lot of experience hiking. But can you get along with 10 wet, cold tired cranky campers? Think about it!

Our last Advisor/ Crew Leader meeting is on for Monday. It will take place at the Council Service Center and begin promptly at 7 PM. Be sure to attend. And please be prompt. The airline tickets, flight itinerary, GNFC Itinerary Locater and other paperwork will be available and distributed. Weôll discuss Rules on the Road and other last minute details of our trip.

See all yôall there!

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

Weôre Live!! Be sure to visit our web page at www.wnyscouting.org/philmont for meeting schedules, artwork, and lots of hints on backpacking, boots, stoves and other equipment, videos and lots of interesting stuff.

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

Every boy deserves ***TRAINED*** *leaders*

All Direct contact leaders are mandated to be fully trained by the time their unit recharters in the Fall of 2014!

Youth Protection Sessions are available

by: appointment at the Scout Service Center.
on line at www.wnyscouting.org
at Boy Scout Summer Camp
at Cub Scout Resident Camp
at Cub Scout/ Webelos Day Camp

Some Leader Specific training will be offered at our long term camps this summer.

Stay tuned to our web site www.wnyscouting.org for resumption of training sessions in the Fall.

See our Information Wall at our Scout Service Center for up and coming events.

Read Boys Life; you'll enjoy it!

Happy Birthday

America

Paka's Boys' Life Joke of the Month

1st Class Scout Henri: Hey Phillipe! I'm studying to become a barber?
Life Scout, Phillipe: Wow, Henri. That's cool! How long will it take?
1st Class Scout Henri: I dunno, but I'm learning all the short cuts now!

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

Our Friends on our Cub Scout Day Camp Staff have asked me to print their "Needs List" in this month's column. We're asking you , the readers of our "Philmont Phlyer" Newsletter to be made aware of some of their needs. They will be grateful for any contributions you, our Scout family can make. Simply call Army at 480-5567 and we can make arrangements to pick them up.

1 8 lb. Sledge Hammer
4 12'X12' Tarps w/ Poles
1 pkg. Of Plain Labels
10 Broom Handles/ Dowels
50 Tuna Cans
4 pcs. 2"x 6"x 8' Spruce
1 Old Oaken Bucket
Paper Goods
3 Full Moon Hub Caps
2 6" PVC Plugs
3 pcs. 6"X 8' PVC Pipe
2 6" PVC Caps
2 6" PC Couplings/Threaded on One End
6 Cans Sterno
4 Bags of Charcoal Briquets
3 Banquet Tables
2 Easy- Up Tarps
Horse Tack

A tip of our Philmont caps to:

Happy 239th Birthday to Our United States of America

Philmont Phun Phacts

1) How many saloons are at Philmont?
2) Can you really keep all the gold you find at French Henry?
3) What will we do at the Cimarron Art Gallery??

1) There are 2 and they serve root beer.
2) Yes, every nano ounze you find.
3) We'll eat a huge banana split

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