



GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL

Philmont Phlyer

“An Adventure to Remember”



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Contingent Conducts Shake-down Weekend

Wilderness First Aid & CPR

As we all know, the Greater Niagara Frontier Council Philmont Twenty-14 contingent is preparing to go out west to our ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.

We check our personal equipment list and pack and repack our backpacks. Everything is rolled tight, rubber banded, placed in a zip lok bag and rubberbanded again. A place for everything and everything in it's place is the word of the day.

We exercise and hike to “get in shape” for the long hikes on our treks (that we chose). We gather our high adventure crew equipment and practice setting up and breaking down our high adventure camp. We cook high adventure trail meals on our high adventure stoves. Practice makes perfect and we are becoming quite good at this!

While good, serviceable equipment and a good attitude is important for a successful adventure, taking care of ourselves from now until we leave is imperative. Many a trip has been interrupted due to a fall or a broken bone this close to departure.

A good knowledge of first aid and CPR is not just nice to know. While Philmont and the Boy Scouts of America boast of a good record in managing risk, we are also readily aware of the unexpected. As we train our Crew Leaders and Adult Advisors, one of our words of the day is “No Surprises”. We therefore, try to bring up and talk about every scenario we've encountered over these many years we've hiked those trails. Philmont is in a lot of ways like Disney World. It's the showcase of the Boy Scouts of America and it's a lot of fun- if you obey the rules. A rider would never think of standing up while on Space Mountain, no more than thinking about flaunting a rule at Philmont. When were told

not to hike at night, for example, there are reasons. Trails are steep, rocky and hard to hike on at night. Everyone has a flashlight except the one that goes out or gets dropped. Then what? Who shines their light on someone else and hikes in the dark themselves? How do we help someone with a sprained ankle in the dark? How do we “Hurry Hike” in the dark to get help?

Philmont now requires one camper trained in CPR and one camper trained in Wilderness first Aid. Next year there will be two campers required to take the training.

Nineteen members of our contingent plus a few other who are attending the National Seabase or Bechtel National High Adventure Base in West Virginia were on hand for this year's instruction.

The CPR Course consisted of four hours of lectures combined with practical exercises and a test to qualify as successfully passing the course. The Wilderness First Aid Course was sixteen hours long, consisting of two four hour lectures and an eight hour outdoor practical session that was held at Camp Schoellkopf on a Saturday during April. There was some lecture but there were also realistic sceneries where there were victims to treat. Oh yeah and the test at the end.

Stephen Stouter, Paul Lucas both experts in urgent care and their, all volunteer staff, schooled everyone on the importance of fast but proper care for a sick or injured camper. Everyone was well tutored and now have the knowledge needed for anything we might encounter in the back country. Many thanks to Steve, Paul and his staff!

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

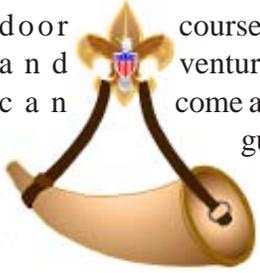


We're Live!! Be sure to visit our web page at www.wnyscouting.org/philmont for meeting schedules, artwork, and lots of hints on itinerary choices, backpacking, boots, stoves and other equipment.

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

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and deliver what you promise!**

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Powderhorn Training is an exciting out-
course that all adult leaders, and Scouts
venturers that are 14 years old or older
come and enjoy. It will be held from Au-
gust 15th to the 18th at Camp Schoe-
llkopf and other locations where the
program takes us.

Its sole purpose is to introduce
units to the many opportunities that they may avail them-
selves safely with training and knowledge where to find
these activities.

There's Scuba diving, kayaking, canoeing, horse-
back riding, low COPE, High COPE, Trail Bike riding
and a myriad of other activities that would interest a Scout
or Venturer.

One of the neat things about the course is that if
you're physically limited, there's still a place for you. You
are only required to listen and take part in the lecture por-
tion of the activities. You can sit out the physical part.

The camaraderie is something to behold. You'll
become a part of a crew for the time you're there and
make new friends that will last a lifetime. All meals and
snacks are provided.

So- go to www.wnyscouting.org and sign up now!
If you have any questions or concerns, call Fred Thornley,
Course Director at (716) 982-2045 or e-mail him at
thornleyo@verizon.net.



Paka's Boys' Life Joke of the Month

1st Class Scout Bernie: Hey Herbie! If a
gardener has a green thumb, who has a black &
blue thumb?

2nd Class Scout Herbie: I dunno, Bernie! If a
gardener has a green thumb, who has a black &
blue thumb?

1st Class Scout Bernie: A Carpenter!:



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



Every year in June, our council holds a Program
Launch to hi-lite all of next year's programs and activities
For many years we held it at the Council Service
Center and brought everyone there. This will be the sec-
ond year it will come to your district. You'll be able to
bring your Committee Meeting to the Program Launch, have
dinner, take part in a fun program. You'll gather materials
including a new calendar for next year and make an evening
of it at a venue close to your unit's home. All of them will
begin about 5:30 PM on June 11th.

Red Jacket District will gather in MacKinnon Shel-
ter at Chestnut Ridge Park.

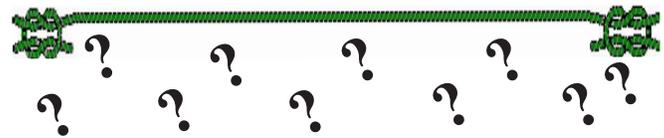
Polaris District will hold their Launch at Tonawanda
High School on Fletcher Street. Onondaga and Buffalo
District will combine and bring all leaders to the Council
Service Center for the festivities.

So plan on making an evening of it. It's a great
place to gather the tools that will help create a successful
Scouting program year for your Cubs or your Scouts. It's
a great place to meet new friends and it's a great place to
trade ideas and concerns from the very people that are
doing exactly what you are!

A tip of our Philmont caps to:



All of our Dads on Father's Day



Philmont Phun Phacts

- 1) When do you put your feet in a Philmont water source?
- 2) Which camp can only be reached on foot with a burro carrying supplies?
- 3) How many campers are in Base Camp every day?

350 leave daily
(2) Black Mountain (3) About 350 Campers arrive and
(1) NEVER, NEVER, NEVER!



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