GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL

Philmont Phlyer

"An Adventure to Remember"

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Think Spring! Start Hiking!

Itineraries, Itineraries, Itineraries!!

The Crew is formed, the Crew Leader is elected, the personal gear is gathered as is the crew gear. It's time to go outside and test it all out! It's truly not needed to go far to put yourself and your stuff to the rest. There is truly no reason to travel far to exercise for your trip. The hills of Schoellkopf and Chestnut Ridge at enough to help your crew ready for your adventure. It's more important to practice cooking trail food, hanging bear bags, and setting up and tearing down your campsite.

Of course, it's important that we're physically fit, but there's no way to simulate the altitude and the terrain of Philmont. So if you hike the sledding hills of Camp Schoellkopf and Chestnut Ridge, believe me you'll get plenty of exercise. There is a bear cable set up in the trees in front of Meyer Village across from Toulmin Cabin (the Trading Post). Try those areas before you go off really far. The time traveling can be better spent at camp practicing skills and bonding the crew..

By mid-March our Advisor packets will arrive with Itinerary Guides, Guidebooks to Adventure, medical forms, maps and everything else you'll need upon arrival at Philmont. As I mentioned before, we will each be given a code and on a particular day in early April prescibed by Philmont and at a precise time, you'll log in and followdirections. and time certain. At that precise time you will log on to a website, put in your code and begin the selection process. You will pick your itinerary choices from one to five in order of preference. Be on time and be very careful. It's not difficult but a mistake of a few seconds could cost you your 1st choice. You will be notified almost immediately of your winning selection. Good luck and good trekking to all!

Our travel plans are almost complete. It's likely that we'll leave Buffalo Niagara International Airport in two planes very early in the AM on Saturday, July 19th. We'll fly to Denver and board two luxury coaches and travel south to the Air Force Academy. We'll eat lunch under the B-52 and visit the Welcome Center and the Chapel. We'll eat dinner at the Koshare Museum, watch the show and bed down for the night (on the floor). The next morning we'll drive for another two and a half hours to Philmont.

Philmont has just informed me that the policy of one "Wilderness First Aid" trained person in a crew has been changed to two persons in a crew. We will schedule a course in April for those who need it. There are some exemptions which show in Appendix A on page 102 in the Itinerary Guide. We'll talk about it at our next meeting.

The first order of Trail Food went in but if you have second thoughts about training with the actual Philmont Food, I'll put in another order. The food sells pretty fast so I hope we don't have to substitute.

Next Meeting- Monday, March 17th

See ya then!

"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

LAST CHANCE
to
REGISTER!!!
at the

Greater Niagara Frontier Council
UNIVERSITY of SCOUTING
Saturday, March 1st, 2014
Erie County Community College
North Campus
Enter on Wherle Dr. near Young

Registration- 8:00 AM-8:45 AM
Sessions- 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM
for more information: contact
Bob Germony at (716) 863-9349
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or see www.wnyscouting.org
It'll be a great day of learning and fun.
You'll love it!!!

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Paka's Boys' Life Joke of the Month

Eagle Scout Jose: Hey Bobby. I left my watch upstairs.
Star Scout Bobby: Call it, maybe it'll run down.
Eagle Scout Jose: I can't. We have a winding stair case!

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

Spring is in the air. The days are longer and the snow and ice is finally melting away. When March rolls around we start putting away our winter stuff and we think differently.

It's time to plan our warm season Scouting program. there's the Spring Camporees, the Advancement Weekend with our brand new Scouts that are so excited, and of course, Summer Camp. Our own council Camp Schoellkopf is second to none in proximity, program, cost and staff. The camp staff is BSA trained. The camp is BSA and Wyoming County Health Department certified. The camp sites are spacious, private and are being eqiuipped with new cots.

A COPE Course is available for those adventurous Scouts and the "Young Braves" program is the best. It's held in Meyer Village and with help, first time campers qualify for many of the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class requirements.

There are other real real benefits too. Staying close to home saves on fuel costs, time on the road and changing leadership is easy. The Summer School kid has an opportunity to come and enjoy camp as does the working Scout. And the ball player doesn't have to miss his championship game.

Sooo! Sign up now! Reserve your site. Pay your bunk deposit and come to Schoellkopf!

A tip of our Philmont caps to:

All our Webelos Scouts moving up to one day be Philmont hikers.

Philmont Phun Phacts

1) How many Itineraries are available to hike?
2) What is a Trail Camp?
3) When is the first day of Spring?

1) 36 Itineraries 2) No progam is availaable
3) Thursday, March 20that 12:57 EST

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