GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL

Philmont 2014

"An Adventure to Remember"

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The GNFC Philmont 2014 Contingent is Filling Up Fast

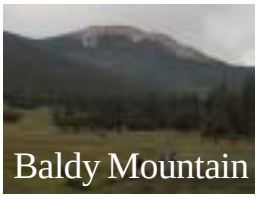
Heeere we go!!!

One of the highlights of our adventures while we're trekking at Philmont is to climb the mountains to their summit. The trails are steep and narrow, the air is thin and the weather doesn't always cooperate.

We're always asked," Why do you have to go to the summit?' The answer can only be, "'cause it's there!"

Tooth of Time

The trail to the Tooth of Time at 9003 ft. is one of the most popular because many times it marks the end of the trek. It begins at Schaeffer's Pass near Schaeffer peak (10,000 ft.) and it is rocky & craggy. A hiker needs to be very careful as not to twist an ankle. The last part of the climb is hand over hand always upward. The boulders are huge and it's important to keep a toe hold in some places. Tradition has it that any hiker who wears a felt bull on his jac-shirt with the tail over the shoulder means that he's been "Over the Tooth". It was one of the great land marks on the Santa Fe Trail. Once the wagons passed the mountain, they headed south to Santa Fe. .


Baldy Mountain

Baldy Mountain rises to 12, 441 ft. It's the third tallest mountain in New Mexico. The hike begins at the old mining town of Baldytown (aka Elizabethtown). Rumor has it that the motherlode is still buried there! It's best climbed early in the morning because bad weather is sure to come in by Noon. There are abandoned and caved in mines all the way up. We never go near them. It's a living museum. There's ruminants of trash everywhere. There are piles of old paint cans, pieces of pipe an old wheel barrow and even a tin Lizzie(a shell of a rusty old car). We don't clean it up because these are the artifacts of a life back in the early 20th century.

Mt. Phillips

There are plenty of other mountains to climb and all have their own story to tell. Mt. Phillips is one of those. Most who hike it travel over the summit with full packs. It's not quite as high as Mt. Baldy but every bit as rugged.

Trail peak is a very popular side hike from Beaubien Camp. This 10, 250 ft. mountain top is the site of a crash of the B-24D Liberator, flight 41-1133 that was on a training mission during World War II. Seven airmen died that day. You can still see pieces of the wreckage.

There are many more mountains to climb and peaks to reach at Philmont. They might not have the notoriety but are no less exciting and beautiful. Any choice you make will be the right one!

It's past time to pay the Philmont and plane deposit and the first payment. Please gather $200.00 form each camper and send it to me ASAP.

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Monday, October 15th, Session 2
Monday, October 22nd, Session 3

All sessions begin promptly at 6:30 PM

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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.

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Sunday, October 6, 2013

Don't forget!

Set your clocks back!

Paka's Boys' Life Joke of the Month

Philmont Hiker Bobby: What's green and goes clomp, clomp, clomp?

Philmont Hiker Mick: I dunno, Bobby! What's green and goes clomp, clomp, clomp?

Philmont Hiker Bobby: A grasshopper breaking in his new hiking boots

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

There are days when we wonder what's happening next weekend in our council. If we don't have a printed council calendar but, if we go to our website at www.wnyscouting and click on the "calendar" at the top of the page, you'll be able to see everything that's going on all year.

It's a great way to set your Troop or Crew calendar. There are Fall, Winter, Spring and summer programs and events for everyone. Just click on one and the information on it will open and you go from there.

Our web page also has our bi weekly E-News column on the front page. Click on any one of the topics and it will bring up the information you need to register and attend.

Our Philmont page on www.wnyscouting.org is about to go live, so stay tuned. There will be lots of information and interesting tidbits there for your information and pleasure. . .

A Tip of our Philmont Trail Caps to:

all of our Scout Leaders who signed on as Crew Advisors and Assistant crew Advisors

Philmont Phacts

1) Where and when was Halloween first celebrated as a holiday?
2) What was the other part of the gift Waite Phillips gave to the Boy Scouts of America?
3) Is "Youth Protection Course mandated for all adults and what is it's duration?

1) in the early 1900's 2)The Philtower building in Tulsa, OK 3) Yes and must be updated every two years

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