# GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL

# *The Philmont Phlyer*

## *The Newsletter for Happy Hikers*

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# An Adventure to Remember

**The Greater Niagara Frontier Council promises a two week experience of a lifetime! It will combine the philosophies of the Boy Scouts of America, hiking in the Rocky Mountains we call Philmont back country, and the mystique of the Old West. We'll enjoy the adventure, while creating memories that will last for the rest of our lives.**

**Our trip includes:**

**Round trip airfare from Buffalo Niagara International Airport**
**A luxury coach to and from Philmont**
**A two week camping experience of a lifetime**
**Dinner at the Flying "W" Ranch (tentative)**
**All meals and transfers**

**Tours include (there could be some variations):**

**Air Force Academy Welcome Center and the Chapel.**
**Lunch under the B-52.**
**A night as guests of Troop 232, Crew 2236 and the Koshare Dancers.**
**Kit Carson's home in Rayado.**
**The Old Grist Mill.**
**A huge banana split at the Cimarron Art Gallery.**
**And much, much more!**

From ancient times of western history up to the present, this land in the northeast corner of New Mexico has many stories to tell. The 214 square miles and 137,493 acres that make up the Philmont Scout Ranch belongs to the Boy Scouts of America. Philmont and all the surrounding towns sit in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains. This land was inhabited by the Jicarilla Apache, Spanish Conquistadors, Mountain Men, Miners, Loggers, Cowboys, and the great land Barons. The rock formations, majestic mountains and panoramic views are today shared by the descendants of these people. It provides an experience for our young men and women of America that will be unequalled in their young lives. Deer, elk, coyotes, antelope, mountain lions, buffalo, beaver, wild turkeys, bear, snakes, skunks, and other critters too numerous to mention also trek with us with an ever watchful eye to see that we leave this land better than we found it.

The names of people, places and things in this area of New Mexico relate to the history and its inhabitants. Only a visit here will give you a better understanding of this grand place and grant you the ability to share it's history, it's beauty and the magic of this piece of God's country we call Philmont.

## Advisors Meeting Schedule

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| Mon., 9/16/13 | Mon., 10/21/13 | Mon., 11/18/13 | Mon., 12/16/13 |
| Mon., 1/13/14 | Mon., 2/10/14 | Mon., 3/17/14 | Mon., 4/14/14 |
| Mon., 5/19/14 | Mon., 6/16/14 | Mon., 7/7/14 | Shake down Weekend- Fri., 5/2-4/14 |

Leave for Philmont Sat., 7/19/14 Return from Philmont Sat., 8/2/14

Philmont 2014 Assessment Meeting - Monday, Sept. 15, 2014

All meeting will be held at the Council Service Center. All meetings will be confirmed by -mail.

**For more information: call us at the Scout Service Center @ 891-4073**

Access the "Philmont Phlyer" on our website at www.wnyscouting.org

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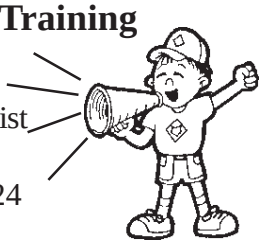
### Scoutmaster and Ass't. Scoutmaster Position Specific Basics Training



**Date 9/14/13**

Place: Ebenezer Church of Christ
630 Main St.
West Seneca, NY 14224

Time: 8 AM-4 PM

for more info: e-mail Ron Krawczyk
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**Youth Protection Training** is available on line at myscouting.org and at the Scout Service Center daily (by appointment only).

It is a mandatory course that must be taken before an adult application will be accepted. It gives insight on how to protect our children from those who would harm them and how to protect us from harmful accusations. **Simply call your District Training Chair (see website for more information).**

**Attention- All New and Seasoned Boy Scout Troop Leaders-** Our "Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills" Course will be offered on Friday and Saturday, October 4th & 5th. A pre- camp meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 24th at our Council Service Center (see website for details). It is mandatory for all registrants. It introduces everyone, outlines the program, sets Patrols and works out many of the details important to the success of the Patrol at the session. IOLST is a fun-filled program with "hands-on" skills training in the outdoors, designed to help adult leaders learn, master and instruct basic camp skills required for a Scout's Tenderfoot to First Class rank.

**Our kids are in school-**
**Watch for their buses!**

**Paka's Boys' Life Joke of the Month**

**1st Class Scout Brian:** Hey Zachary! What do Bob the Builder and Kermit the Frog have in common?

**Star Scout Zachary :** I dunno, Brian. What do Bob the Builder and Kermit the Frog have in common?

**1st Class Scout Brian:** Their middle name!

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## Paul's Piece and Commissioner's Comments

Wattsa Roundtable?

A "Roundtable" is an adult leaders meeting conducted within each District's boundaries. It's held to introduce us to each other, to hear and give Scouting news, about up and coming activities, share and discuss successes and problems and to just hang out and drink coffee! Most are conducted on the 2nd or third Wednesday of the month and last about an hour and a half. They're very informative and a lot of laughs.

If one member of your unit staff chose to be your representative, he or she could bring back all the information to your committee, thereby keeping you informed with current information about activities in your District and in our Council.

For more information on your District Roundtable, contact your District Commissioner on www.wnyscouting.org

### A Tip of our Philmont Hiking Hats to:

All of the Troops and Crews who have made reservations for in our Philmont 2014 Adventure to Remember!!!!

### Philmont Phacts

1) When was the first School started in the United States?
2) Where and when was Labor Day first celebrated?
3) How Big is Philmont?

1) Boston in 1653
2) New York in 1882
3) 214 Square Miles, 237,000 acres

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