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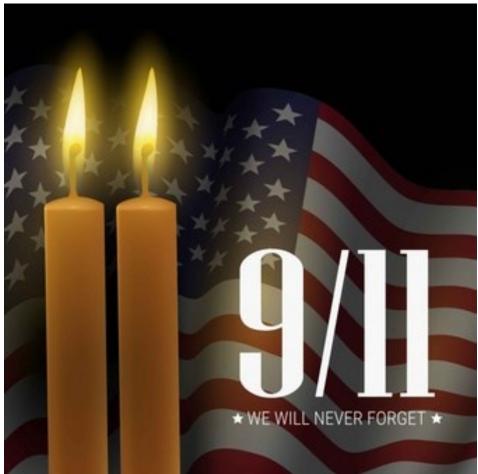
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On September 11, 2001, almost 3,000 people lost their lives during the attacks at the Twin Towers, Pentagon and aboard United Airlines Flight 93. At 8:46 a.m. ET, American Airlines Flight 11 hit the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. At 9:03 a.m. ET, United Airlines Flight 175 hit the south tower of the World Trade Center. At 9:37 a.m. ET, American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon Building in Washington. And at 10:03 a.m. ET, United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Around the country, people paused to remember those who lost their lives on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, vowing to "never forget." On the upcoming 20th anniversary of the September 11th tragedy, remember and reflect.

"Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11."

MESSAGE FROM YOUR.....



As August comes to an end and our kids begin an exciting and uncertain school year, it's time for me to take stock of this Summer in the Virginia Headwaters Council.

First, I'd like to thank Gary Kellenberger for his cheerful service as our Monticello District Executive. Gary is leaving the professional ranks of Scouting and embarking on a new career path. We wish him the best of luck. I'm sure that he'll prosper.

Second, Dr. Jay Fox, our tireless VP of Camping, just offered a thorough review of this Summer's good season at Camp Shenandoah. We have much work to do, but we all need to commend Jay, Scott Lancey, and our

splendid Camp Shenandoah Key Three—Josh, Daniel, and Hunter. They performed superb work in guiding us and leading us to a successful camp experience for over 1100 youth.

Third, thanks to our COVID Response Committee (which included most of the aforementioned team), which has been recognized as one of the best in the USA.

Fourth, looking forward from the Camp Shenandoah report, it is even more clear that we need to evolve our camp facilities, program, and its staffing to better meet the future. Our priorities are clear:

- Improve Critical Safety Facilities To meet youth and BSA needs, we need to (a) replace our medical care facility and (b) evolve toward durable single-person shower and bathroom facilities.
- Improve Cub Support We'll add programming and infrastructure to create a more inviting and fulfilling Cub and Webelos experience.
- Improve Staff Experience We need to improve training, materials, compensation (including garb and wards), and support for our renowned staff.
- Improve Campsite Experience We're exploring use of safer single-person tenting, more in-campsite cooking, and (in keeping with our rustic, nature-connected character) limited "backcountry features" at our campsites.
- Improve Year-Round Repairs As we pivot to year-round programming, accommodate for better off-season summer camp preparation.

Finally, thanks to everyone who helped prepare Camp Shenandoah on the quick this last Spring, so that our good staff could make this such a great youth experience under such trying conditions.

Pete Fenlon, Council President



If you build it, they will come.

That is one of those ear worms that won't go away. It applies to Scouting more than ever before. Our future membership is with the Cubs. Most of your Troops are filled with youth who started in Cubs and crossed over. When a Scout crosses over it is likely they have been in Scouting for half of their life and as far back as they can remember. They are more likely to stay in the Program and either age out, get their Eagle, or both. Nice facts, but how can we use this information?

Look at the largest Troops around and you will see adults and youth that are still actively connected to a Pack. Their reasons for staying involved with a Pack are mixed, but the outcome is the same. These very young Cubs see a path beyond their Pack and not an end but a beginning. I can think of at least two Scoutmasters who spend a significant amount of time helping to build a Pack. In turn these youth are more likely to come over to that Troop. Is it familiarity, or the friendly helping personality? It kind of doesn't matter when you are sitting at a campfire with only a handful of Scouts. You need critical mass. So, my advice to the wise old Scoutmaster. Show up with some older Scouts and help run a Pinewood Derby. Plan a joint outing. Engage the Cubs. If you build the engage with them, they will come cross over to your Troop. To the Cubmaster who doesn't want to be bothered by the added confusion, the program doesn't end with you but it will start a lifetime of adventure.



Greeting Scouts and Scouters,

After spending the summer helping out at Camp I am more pumped up than ever. Seeing all of our scouts, staff and leaders so excited to be back and having fun in the woods was truly the inspiration I and the rest of us needed. For the first time in a long time all of my weekends are clearly marked with strong scouting activities and I cannot be more pleased and excited.

These awesome events include Wood Badge, Order of the Arrow, Southern Golf Tournament, Clay Shooting event, Valley and Massanutten Golf Tournament, Harvest Auction, Grindstone weekend plus the camping my own boys are doing with Troop 84. It's awesome to be back in full swing. Almost every adult I spent time with this summer asked what can I do to help. My answer was simple, we need each of you to attend one or more of the above events in support and recruit people to come with us and above all and most important, go out and recruit 3 cub scouts by Halloween. I said it's that simple. Now that we are back and hitting our stride we need to build up our base and Scout ON! Please join me and our incredible volunteers as we rebuild and have a great time along the scouting trail.

Jim Battaglia, Council Executive

UPCOMING DISTRICT AND COUNCIL EVENTS



September 11	Southern District	Golf Tournament The Vista Links, Buena Vista
September 17	Monticello District	Breaking Clays for Scouts Shenandale Gun Club, Swoope
September 24-26		
October 16-17	Council Training	Wood Badge S7-763-21, Camp Shenandoah Dave Seal, Course Director
October 8-10	Monticello District	Apple Harvest—Camp Shenandoah
October 15	Massanutten/Valley	Friends of Scouting Golf Tournament Heritage Oaks Golf Course—Harrisonburg
October 22	Council Event	Fall Dinner and Auction– August Expo
November 18	Council Event	Annual Meeting—Location to be deter-

DO YOU KNOW?

With this issue we will start a new monthly article from each District about someone in their scouting family. Do you know ????? You have probably heard the name but maybe have never seen the person or know nothing about them.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know your Executive Board Members? Do you even know any of their names. We are going to start out this month with the Executive Committee. Get ready to meet those individuals who give their time for our VAHC scouting program.



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) July 31—August 6, 2022 Camp Shenandoah—Registration is Open

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils



to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. For many years, junior leader training (JLT) was an important part of the leadership

training continuum of BSA local councils throughout America. In 2003 and 2004, a task force of leadership experts and hundreds of Scouts in pilot courses across the nation reviewed and tested every aspect of the new NYLT syllabus, which incorporates the latest leadership ideas and presents fresh, vital and meaningful training for today's Scouts.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what a leader must KNOW, and what a leader must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

Built on the legacy of past JLT successes, the new NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audiovisual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

For more information contact James Kinder at kinderfam@gmail.com or 618-534-6017

SCOUTING MEMORIES PROJECT

By Ray Ezell, VAHC Historian

This year, the Scouting Memories Project (SMP) finalized the new interactive



www.scoutingmemories.org website. The Scouting Memories hub will provide a repository for council, camp, and lodge histories. Sponsored by the National Scouting Museum, SMP is a partnership with the Order of the Arrow and the BSA Alumni programs to tell the history and stories of the BSA movement since its inception in 1910.

Oral histories and historical essays for the Virginia Headwaters Council and its predecessor councils are being added to the SMP hub to capture local stories for the BSA archives by Ray Ezell, VAHC Historian. As the Scouting Memories Project progresses, there will be more opportunities to build our council, camp, and lodge pages to showcase the places and people important to our local story of Scouting.

I would like to invite anyone that wants to contribute to telling their local scouting story, to reach out to me at rayezell_2000@yahoo.com to learn more.

Read more of the history of Scouting in Central Virginia at, https://historyofscoutingva.wordpress.com/



COUNCIL—DO YOU KNOW?

Pete Fenion our Council President.
Pete has served our Council and
Venturing units for many years and
in numerous position.
Pete was born in Japan to an Air
Force family, living in Germany and

Force family, living in Germany and the US before settling in Charlottesville. He is a graduate of UVA and received his Juris Doctor from the College of William and Mary.

He is a role-playing game cartographer, game designer,

game developer, graphics designer and publisher. His works include stories, art and games (electronic and non) in the genres of science fiction, mystery, fantasy and historical fiction.

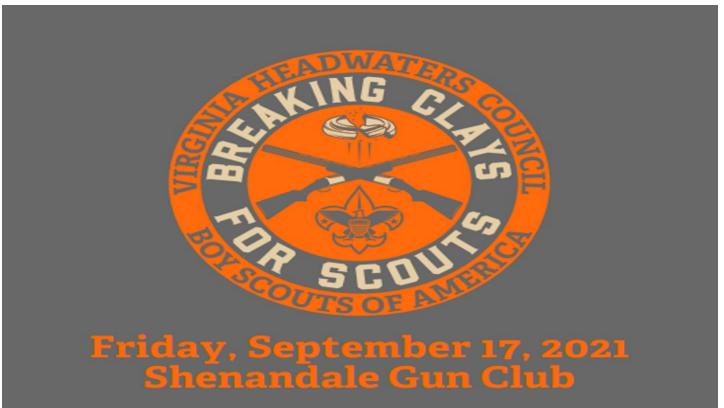
In 2007, Fenlon was appointed CEO of Mayfair Games, the worldwide English-language publisher of The Settlers of Catan. In 2016, he became CEO of Catan Studio, Inc., an independent studio with the Asmodee Group.



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NRA BASIC RIFLE AND BASIC SHOTGUN COURSES

OCTOBER 2-3, 2021 • CAMP SHENANDOAH



Trappers Needed!

Are you tried of all those zoom meetings and sitting in front of your computer? I am certainly tried of that and have increasingly tried to get outside with fresh air.

We have a great opportunity where you can get outside, get lunch (no charge), have some adult beverages (no charge), and meet many people who are not necessarily Scouters and not particularly involved in our movement but support us. This opportunity is the annual **Breaking Clays for Scouts**.

We need people to be trappers. You ask, what is a trapper at a clay shot? A trapper is the person who releases the clays for the shooters. If you can operate a TV remote and/or your cell phone, you are qualified. Even though you are qualified, we will provide on the job training.

This is a great opportunity to thank many people for supporting Scouts and having a great time yourself.

Please let me know if you will be a trapper or know someone who will be willing to have this fun. Call me, e-mail me, or tell me you will do this!

Thanks, Kent Schlussel

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2021 Eagle Scout Project of the Year: He built an exhibit to honor heroes of D-Day

A simple question spoke volumes.

"Raise your hand if you know what D-Day is," the teacher said one day in Christopher Adam's eighth grade honors history class.

Christopher's hand went up. He looked around, and only two other hands were raised. Just three members of the class of 25 knew that D-Day — June 6, 1944 — is the day the Allies invaded Western Europe in World War II.

"It was sad to see that students my age didn't know about the sacrifices of the Greatest Generation," Christopher says. "With my Eagle project on the horizon, I thought it would be good to memorialize them and be able to educate people my age about what they did for us."

In 2019, Christopher did precisely that. For his Eagle Scout service project, he organized a team that designed and constructed a permanent D-Day exhibit at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, Pa., the U.S. Army's primary historical research facility.

The exhibit, called "Liberation Pointe," includes full-scale replica bronze statues of two soldiers landing on the beaches of Normandy. The statues are enclosed in a pentagon of marble — with each side representing a different D-Day beach and displaying what took place there, including eyewitness accounts from three veterans.

The exhibit was completed in 2019 during the 75th anniversary year of the D-Day invasion. Christopher and his team worked for 18 months, and the project involved nearly \$200,000 in donated labor and materials.

For his remarkable efforts to memorialize this part of history valuable experience I got from and educate others, Christopher Thomas Adam, a member of working with them," he says. "At Troop 88 of Mechanicsburg, Pa., received the 2021 Glenn A. the ages of 95, 97, even 99 years and Melinda W. Adams Service Project of the Year Award. old, these men are still giving

(Why 2021 when the project was completed in 2019? Adams Award eligibility is determined by when a young person completes their Eagle Scout board of review, not when they completed their project. For the 2021 award, eligible Eagle Scouts had to have passed their Eagle board of review between Jan. 1, 2020, and Feb. 8, 2021.)



Heroes, never forgotten

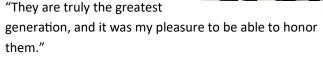
Each passing year, our country's memories of World War II continue to fade — a reality evidenced by that show-of-hands test from Christopher's history class.

When Christopher began telling the members of his community — elected officials, business owners and other citizens — about his project, he told them how he wanted to help combat those fading memories.

"Many older people realize that my generation is starting to forget about the sacrifice of these great men and women who fought in World War II," he says. "When the community understood that the goal of my project was to honor the sacrifices of these vets, they saw my passion and wanted to be part of the project."

To deepen his own connection to the events, Christopher interviewed World War II veterans. He says these heroes "taught me everything I could ever learn about selflessness." He listened as they shared jaw-dropping stories of survival — staying alive after their ships were bombed or they were sent to prisoner-of-war camps.

"I cannot put a price on the valuable experience I got from working with them," he says. "At the ages of 95, 97, even 99 years old, these men are still giving back, still happy to tell stories, answer questions, do whatever they can to help the country. These World War II vets, like all veterans, have taught me the true spirit of being an American.



Firm Bound In Brotherhood

A message from Shenandoah Lodge 258, Order of the Arrow...

August is always a big month for Shenandoah Lodge. We welcomed 39 new Ordeal members to our Order. We saw 7 seal their membership in Brotherhood. We also saw 7 Arrowmen receive the Vigil Honor. And if that wasn't enough, we also held Lodge Officer elections, ending one term and beginning another.

A heartfelt thank you to Ben Chisholm for his term as Lodge Chief. He carried quite a load for the entire Lodge during his term, filling numerous roles, and being an ultimate servant leader. Thank you!

And congratulations to Donathan Linebrink as our newly elected Lodge Chief for our next "lodge year." His fellow officers are:

Ben Annan, Vice-Chief for Program; Connor Wolfe, Vice-Chief for Inductions; Elliot Potter, Vice-Chief for Outreach; and Ethan Jones, Secretary/Treasurer.

You can learn a little more about these Arrowmen on the Lodge website at https://shenandoahlodge.org/leadership/

The Lodge is looking forward to an exciting and busy year ahead. The year will include 2 Conclaves (to include one hosted by Shenandoah Lodge next April) and a National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in July 2022 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Finally, at the recent National Council of Chiefs at Philmont the theme of the week was change..."Our world is changing and so must we." Lodge Key 3 from all over the country were challenged to put a great deal of thought and effort into what they can do to focus on evolving our amazing Order and supporting our youth as they lead it. As such, Shenandoah Lodge will seek to intentionally review and improve the what, how, and why we do things.



Donathan Linebrink and Ben Chisholm



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District Director: Josh Calderon

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With summer camp behind us and the youth of the district spending their days in classrooms, it's time for the district to shift focus. We're seeing Join Scouting Nights all over the district and we're excited about the efforts being made. We have some big plans moving forward for recruiting this year and we can't wait to see how they turn out.

We want to thank everyone who responded to the district survey. We had a good turnout for it and if you'd like to add your thoughts to it, there is still time. We had some valuable insights to take with us. One thing we are going to be adjusting as a result of some of the feedback is that we are moving our Roundtable night. Roundtable will now be on the first Wednesday of the month, which for September is the 1st. You should have already received an email from Matt Phillippi about this. If you did not, please reach out to him to make sure your email is on his contact list.

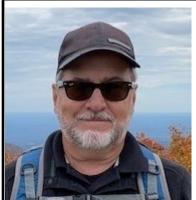
A reminder that we will not be holding a district camporee this fall, and instead we are looking forward to Apple Harvest and hope your unit joins us there.

Time is flying by and we are preparing to honor our volunteers as well as our 2020 and 2021 Eagle Scouts at our 2022 District Recognition Dinner. We're in the very early stages of the planning for this, but we need nominations for adult awards to start coming in. We've had some exceptional examples of Scouters over the past two years, so we look forward to honoring them. Please email any nominations to Josh Calderon so that they can be passed on.

Lastly, thanks to Aaron Green, Scoutmaster with Troop 42, for the awesome pictures from their week at camp.







MASSANUTTEN - DO YOU KNOW?

Jim Kaeli has been a part of the district for a while as a Scouter with Troop 40, where his son earned Eagle more years ago than Jim may like to admit to, to the role he most recently stepped down from as District Chair. He has agreed to

continue on serving as the Nominations Chair for the district while he continues to enjoy his retirement as he adjuncts at Blue Ridge Community College and plays gigs on his keyboard."





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District Executive



MONTICELLO - DO YOU KNOW?

Come meet the man, the myth and the legendary **Dave Seal**. If you have not met Dave yet you have probably seen his artistic talent. Nearly every thing designed for the Virginia Headwaters

Council and the Order of the Arrow has been done by Dave. He has given our Council and other Scout Council's a presence and the ability to create artwork that connects people. We are indebted to his impeccable talent and proud to share his creations.

Personally, Dave has been married for 22 years to his amazing wife Melissa. Together they have three children: Son Tyler, who is an Eagle Scout and a sophomore at Longwood University, Daughter Abby, is a junior and has been on the varsity basketball team since 9th grade and daughter Charlotte who just started kindergarten and her main objective is to keep Dave young. Dave and his family live in Fluvanna County.

Professionally Dave is an Art Director and Graphic Designer at Blue Ridge Graphics in Charlottesville, VA. Many of his designs have been used throughout the University of Virginia. He has been with the company for 26 years.

Dave has been with Scouts since he registered his son in Cub Scouts. He has been Committee Chair for Pack 138 for 10 years and is the current Committee Chair for Troops 154 and 1154. Dave also holds a position on the district level as Vice Chair for Monticello District and VP of Marketing and Communications for the Council Executive Board. In the Order of the Arrow Dave is a Vigil member. Most recently Dave has been busy as this year's Wood Badge course Director.

Register for Wood Badge: www..vahcbsa.org/woodbadge



OCTOBER 8-10, 2021 Camp Shenandoah

Online registration and t-shirt sales are now open, but will close on Sat, 25 September go to:

https://www.vahcbsa.org/appleharvest

Come for all the exciting activities during the day such as the:

5K WALK/RUN/RUCK,

ORDER OF THE ARROW EVENTS,

PATROL EVENT COMPETITION,

SATURDAY PRINCESS BRIDE MOVIE

CUB SCOUT ACTIVITES

Please contact us if you have any questions at: sjacappleharvest@gmail.com or frwatra@gmail.com

We hope to see you soon!

Reid Watts, 2021 Apple Harvest Director





Southern District

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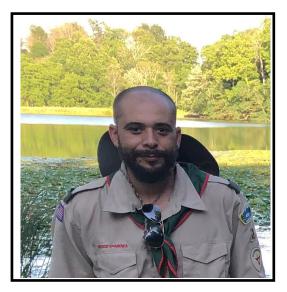
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SOUTHERN—DO YOU KNOW?

Troop 2 welcomes their new Scoutmaster, **Dominique Washington**. He was initiated this summer as their adult leader at Camp Shenandoah. He has also been involved with the Cub Scout program with his son. SM Washington owns and operates a Commercial and Residential Cleaning Company. "I am so thankful for Scouting, the accountability and expectations placed on the youth gives them a head start to achieving and overcoming life issues as we raise tomorrows Leaders".

ROUNDTABLE—September 2, 7:00 PM Sharon Senior Center

DISTRICT COMMITTEE—September 28, 7:00 PM Alleghany County



WE HAVE EXTENDED OUR TEAMS TO 40—THERE ARE AFTERNOON SPOTS OPEN FOR YOUR TEAM OF FOUR.

LUNCH WILL BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 1;30 AND YOU WILL TEE OFF AT 2:30

WE HAVE 8 TEAMS FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION - ROOM FOR 10 MORE. JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SCOUTING GOLF.

Contact Cindy Zollman at cedarspringz@comcast.net or 540-460-4832

See a member of a Southern District, a District Committee Member, or a Council Board Member and purchase a \$5.00 Drop Ball Ticket.

What is a Drop Ball Ticket? 2,000 numbered golf balls with a matching ticket will be dropped and the one going in

the hole or closest to the hole wins \$1,000. You do not have to be present to win. Contact Cindy Zollman at 540-460-4832 for information or to purchase or help sell a book of tickets.

Get your ticket today......Good luck



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ROUNDTABLE LOCATION CHANGE!

The Fishersville UMC is currently restricting access to their facility to outside organizations. We have secured a new location! Roundtable will now be held at St. John's Episcopal Church located at 473 S Wayne Ave, Waynesboro, VA. If you cannot find street parking, you may park at the Waynesboro Public Library which is a short walk away. The time remains the same - 7 pm.

Valley's first female Eagle Scouts had a joint Court of Honor before heading off to college. We wish them the best of luck and can't wait to see how high they soar.

Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet

Steve Ferguson, along with Bob and Joanne Young, will be running the Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI) once again this year. The event will run from 10am - 3pm on Saturday, October 16 at Blue Ridge Community College. As in past years, you can expect short wave radio and internet opportunities to connect with other scouts, as well as other STEM activities. This event is subject to change due to COVID restrictions.

The Nagataman Chapter of the OA bids a fond farewell to Jim Echols, who has served as Chapter Advisor for many years. Taking his place will be Liz Harman. The monthly chapter meetings will also be held at St. John's Episcopal Church starting with our September meeting.

Adult Awards!

Submit your award forms so we can recognize all your hard work! Please have them turned in by September 30.

VALLEY—DO YOU KNOW?



A familiar face to
Valley District and
around the Council is
James Kinder. If you
have taken Wood
Badge and received
your beads, you likely
have received a prayer
satchel from James.
James also presents
these satchels to new
Eagle Scouts at their
Court of Honor.

James is a very active volunteer. He is a unit

commissioner, has served on numerous Wood Badge courses, was a quartermaster for the Heart of Virginia Council's recent NYLT course, and serves as course director for our NYLT course. James also arranges a free pre-summer camp medical physical for Scouts and Scouters. He is always ready with a cheer or a song. Currently you find him promoting PhilBreak, Philmont Scout Ranch's alternative spring break opportunity. Volunteers spend the week assisting the Philmont Conservation staff in timber thinning projects following the Ute Park fire of 2018. If you're interested in NYLT or PhilBreak, James would love to speak with you!

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