

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH – 2011 WEB-BASED REGISTRATION INFORMATION Backpacking Expeditions & Eight-day Cavalcade Expeditions



BACKPACKING EXPEDITIONS - Participants on backpacking expeditions hike through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch, ranging in elevation from 6,600 feet at Headquarters to 12,441 feet at the top of Baldy Mountain. Fascinating backcountry programs and more than 350 miles of challenging trails await those who seek to discover the wonder of Scouting's Paradise as over 880,000 Scouts, Venturers and leaders have since 1939.

The arrival dates for 2011, 12-day Expeditions are June 8 thru August 9. The cost for the 12 day Expedition is \$725 per person. Arrival dates for treks of a shorter duration are August 10 thru 14. The cost for the Short Trek is \$63 per person/per day. The crew size is 7-12 members, including leaders.

Philmont Backpacking Expedition Reservations for the year 2011 will be accepted in two ways: Council contingent reservation and individual unit reservations.

Council Contingent Reservations for the year 2011 will be taken during September 2009. A reservation form will be mailed to each Scout Executive in August. Each council will be asked to freeze their reservation request at or below their 2009 or 2010 level.

Philmont defines a Council Contingent as a "provisional expedition composed of Scouts, Venturers and leaders". Ideally, contingents should provide a "Philmont Experience" to individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend.

Philmont prohibits units from attending two years consecutively in either a 12 day Backpacking Expedition and/or a Cavalcade experience. In selecting participants for a Council Contingent, priority should be given to participants (youth & adults) who have never attended.

Individual Unit Reservations for the year 2011 will take place during October and November 2009 using a web-based registration process. A registration information packet with all the instructions for the registration system will be mailed to all interested units in early October 2009 and will be posted to www.scouting.org/philmont in early October. Units may request this information by contacting Philmont Scout Ranch at 575-376-2281 x 1139 or email camping@philmontscoutranch.org.

1. Online reservation requests for the random selection registration will take place during October and November. Units will be eligible to register during a week assigned to their BSA Region. At the conclusion, a final week of open enrollment will be available. **EACH UNIT IS ASKED TO HAVE ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE PLACE THE ENTRY SOMETIME DURING THE ASSIGNED WEEK OR DURING THE OPEN ENROLLMENT WEEK.**
2. The unit representative may register members of their chartered unit only, but are not limited to one crew (maximum crew size=12 participants), however, please be realistic when estimating attendance to avoid unnecessary expense (forfeited deposit fees) and to permit the maximum number of units to make a reservation.
3. When 2011 reaches capacity, groups will be placed on a waiting list for 2011 in the order reservations are randomly selected.
4. Units with a confirmed 2010 reservation may not place a reservation for the year 2011 - **units may not attend in two consecutive seasons.** Reservations **MAY NOT** be transferred from one unit to another. Philmont maintains a waiting list and will contact the next available group in the event of a cancellation.
5. Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venture Crews who have officially been on the waiting list for the past four consecutive years (2010, 2009, 2008, 2007) will be given priority treatment. These units will place their entry and the reservation system will place them before all other reservation requests are randomly considered.

CAVALCADES - A random drawing will be held late January 2010 for the 2011 Cavalcades. To participate in the drawing, notify Philmont in writing by January 1, 2010 (can be emailed). Upon completion of the drawing, results will be mailed to each interested unit. Selected groups will receive a reservation form that must be approved by their local council and returned with their deposit. A group may not attend in two consecutive seasons on a Cavalcade experience and/or 12 day Backpacking Expedition.

Cavalcades participants will trek on horseback over some of Philmont's most scenic trails. Designed for Chartered Troops or Venturing Crews, Cavalcade participants acquire riding and packing skills long in use in the American West. Philmont offers two eight-day, eight-night Cavalcades on each arrival date. (June 16, 17, 25, 26, July 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25, August 2, 3, 12, 13) The cost for 2011 is \$700 for each participant. The crew size is 10-15 participants, including leaders. There is a **200 pound weight limit for all riders, without exception.**

Age Requirements for Participation - Philmont participants for both Expeditions and Cavalcades for 2011 must be 14 by September 1, 2011. To avoid disappointment, please do not request or expect exceptions! Philmont can make no exceptions to the minimum age requirement for attendance.

Adult Leadership - A minimum of two adult leaders is required for both Expeditions and Cavalcades. The maximum number of adults per crew is four.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Waite Phillips Scholarships are available from Philmont in two ways, 1) BSA Regions divides their allocations from Philmont between their councils who have Philmont participants and will notify councils of the 2011 allocation in summer of 2010; 2) Philmont will notify 2011 unit reservations in spring 2010 that they can recommend one participant per crew for a scholarship.

SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL TREK EXPERIENCES

RAYADO TREK - Older Scouts and Venturers (not coed crews) who have mastered basic outdoor skills should consider applying for the challenging and selective Rayado Trek program. Rayado participants will experience more of Philmont's backcountry and will have program opportunities not available to Expedition campers. Rayado is unparalleled for developing outdoor leadership, group dynamics, wilderness problem solving and advanced outdoor skills. A Rayado Trek encourages participants to attain a high level of personal growth and self-reliance. Rayado is a twenty (20) day program. Participants depart the morning of the twenty-first (21st) day (July 9 and August 6 are departure dates).

2009 Dates: Sessions #1: June 19 – July 9 #2: July 17 – August 6

Cost: \$675 Length: 20 days and nights

Age: 15 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

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2010 Dates: Sessions #1: June 19 – July 9 #2: July 17 – August 6

Cost: \$700 Length: 20 days and nights

Age: 15 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

TRAIL CREW TREK (New in 2007) – The Trail Crew Trek Program will feature an intense trail building training course while hiking through the Ranch. Participants will learn the newest “best practices” of trail construction and maintenance and will be introduced to the William T. Hornaday Conservation Award. Leadership skills, Leave No Trace techniques, and advanced outdoor skills will also be part of the program. The Trail Crew Trek is a fourteen (14) day program. Participants depart the morning of the fifteenth (15th) day (June 22 and August 10 are departure dates).

2009 Dates: Sessions #1 and #2: June 9 – 23 (one session will be coed)

#3 and #4: July 28- August 11 (both sessions coed)

Cost: \$290 Length: 14 days and nights

Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

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2010 Dates: Sessions #1: June 9 – 23 (session will be coed)

#2: July 28- August 11 (session will be coed)

Cost: \$305 Length: 14 days and nights

Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

ROCS (Roving Outdoor Conservation School) - The Roving Outdoor Conservation School is an exciting program for Scouts and Venturers who have an interest in conservation and natural resource management. As the crew hikes the ranch, the participants will camp in many of the different forest types and participate in activities in some of the following areas: forestry, fire ecology, fisheries management, wildlife management, geology, watershed management and range management. The crew will work on a number of conservation projects on Philmont property and other land that the Ranch has a special use permit for, including the U.S. Forest Service Valle Vidal Unit. ROCS is a twenty-one (21) day program. Participants depart the morning of the twenty-second (22nd) day (July 7, 14, 21, 28, & Aug 4 are departure dates)

2009 Dates: Sessions #1: June 16 - July 7 #2: June 23 - July 14

#3: June 30 - July 21 (Female Session) #4: July 7 - 28 #5: July 14- Aug 4

Cost: \$435 Length: 21 days and nights

Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

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2010 Dates: Sessions #1: June 16 - July 7 #2: June 23 - July 14

#3: June 30 - July 21 (Female Session) #4: July 7 - 28 #5: July 14- Aug 4

Cost: \$455 Length: 21 days and nights

Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL TREK EXPERIENCES – CONT'D

RANCH HANDS - Ranch Hands is a program for Scouts and Venturers who have knowledge of horsemanship and horse care and want to expand their skills and experience. The Ranch Hand crew will spend eight days working in the horse department hauling hay, saddling, daily chores and other horse program tasks. Then they will participate in their own special Cavalcade itinerary trek for eight days. Ranch Hands is a sixteen (16) day program. Participants depart the morning of the seventeenth (17th) day (July 23 is a departure date).

2009 Dates: One Session Only: July 7 - July 23

Cost: \$150 Length: 16 days and nights

Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

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2010 Dates: One Session Only: July 7 – July 23

Cost: \$150 Length: 16 days and nights

Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

ORDER OF THE ARROW TRAIL CREW - The Order of the Arrow is offering an opportunity for Arrowmen to join together in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails at Philmont. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The Trail Crew Trek is a fourteen (14) day program. Participants depart the morning of the fifteenth (15th) day (June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17 are departure dates).

**2009 Dates: Sessions #1: June 8 - 22 #2: June 15 - 29 #3: June 22 - July 6
#4: June 29 - July 13 #5: July 6 – 20 #6: July 13 – 27**

Cost: \$200 Length: 14 days and nights

Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

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**2010 Dates: Sessions #1: June 8 - 22 #2: June 15 - 29 #3: June 22 - July 6
#4: June 29 - July 13 #5: July 6 – 20 #6: July 13 – 27
#7: July 20 – August 3 #8: July 27 – August 10 #9: August 3 - 17**

Cost: \$200 Length: 14 days and nights

Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

For additional information about any of these special individual Philmont Experiences please contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 575-376-2281 or camping@philmontscoutranch.org

SPECIAL PHILMONT FALL AND WINTER PROGRAMS

Autumn Adventure - 2009

The fall is a great time to experience Philmont with the Aspen changing to vibrant gold and crisp fall days, you will enjoy your time at the Ranch. We have several options to accommodate your group.

Council/Group Trek Planning- Is your council or group looking for a way to learn about Philmont before you bring your group for the summer? Your adult group, lead by a seasoned Philmont staff member, will be guided through the base camp operation, cover pre-trek planning and training, and backpack to camps you may be interested in for your summer trek. This is a great planning tool for crews that have not been to Philmont in the past. This is for an all adult crew.

High Adventure Planning- Is your unit looking at planning your own High Adventure Experience? What a better place to learn than at the premier High Adventure Base of the Boy Scouts of America. Under the guidance of a seasoned Philmont Staff member, your crew will hike through the backcountry learning techniques and tips on planning a High Adventure trip for your unit. Topics will include budgeting, food preparation, selecting a destination, and much more.

All Adult crew- Is your district or unit committee looking for a way to build the team? What better place to build a team than hiking through the beautiful mountains at Philmont. Your all adult crew can participate in activities such as Leave-No-Trace, fishing, or simply doing day hikes out of one of our backcountry camps.

Tradition crews- Do your Scouts have some time off during the fall time? With a group from 7-12, accompanied by a trained Philmont staff member, you will have a chance to experience Philmont with a youth/adult crew. The crew can enjoy the beauty of hiking at Philmont in the fall and take part in using a GPS, Leave-No-Trace, and much more. The Philmont adult/youth ratio is required for these groups.

2009 Fee: \$40/person/day which includes trail food and staff guide with each crew.

Reservation Process: Contact camping@philmontscoutranch.org or call 575-376-2281 x 1139 to obtain reservation information.

Kanik- Philmont's Cold Weather Camping Program – 2009/2010

Crews of 6 to 10 participants accompanied by a trained Philmont staff member will learn the basics of winter camping and how to camp safely and comfortably. We will be able to supply you with equipment needed for your backcountry experiences, if snow is available you will be able to spend your night in a quinzee you make. Most trips are done on the weekends, with crews arriving Friday night and departing after lunch on Sunday. However a customized trip can be developed to suit your needs.

We can also add a day of skiing for your crew at Angle Fire Ski Resort. For a small additional fee, your crew will experience the fun and excitement of down hill skiing. However, if you crew is planning on skiing you must participate in the Kanik training. We will be expanding this program to other skiing opportunities as well, please refer to the latest Kanik brochure for more details.

2009/2010 Fee: \$100/person/weekend; \$50 for each additional day. The fee includes meals, snacks, instruction, staff and the use of specialized outdoor equipment

Reservation Process: Contact camping@philmontscoutranch.org or call 575-376-2281 x 1139 to obtain reservation information.

Participation Requirements for Autumn Adventure OR Kanik

Participants must be at least 14 years of age by January 1 or in the eighth grade at the time of participation. Each crew must have at least two **registered** adult advisors. For Scout units, one of the advisors must be at least 21 years of age or older; the second advisor must be at least 18 years of age. For coed Venturing crews, there must be a male and a female advisor, both at least 21 years of age or older. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.