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Your Answer to Everything



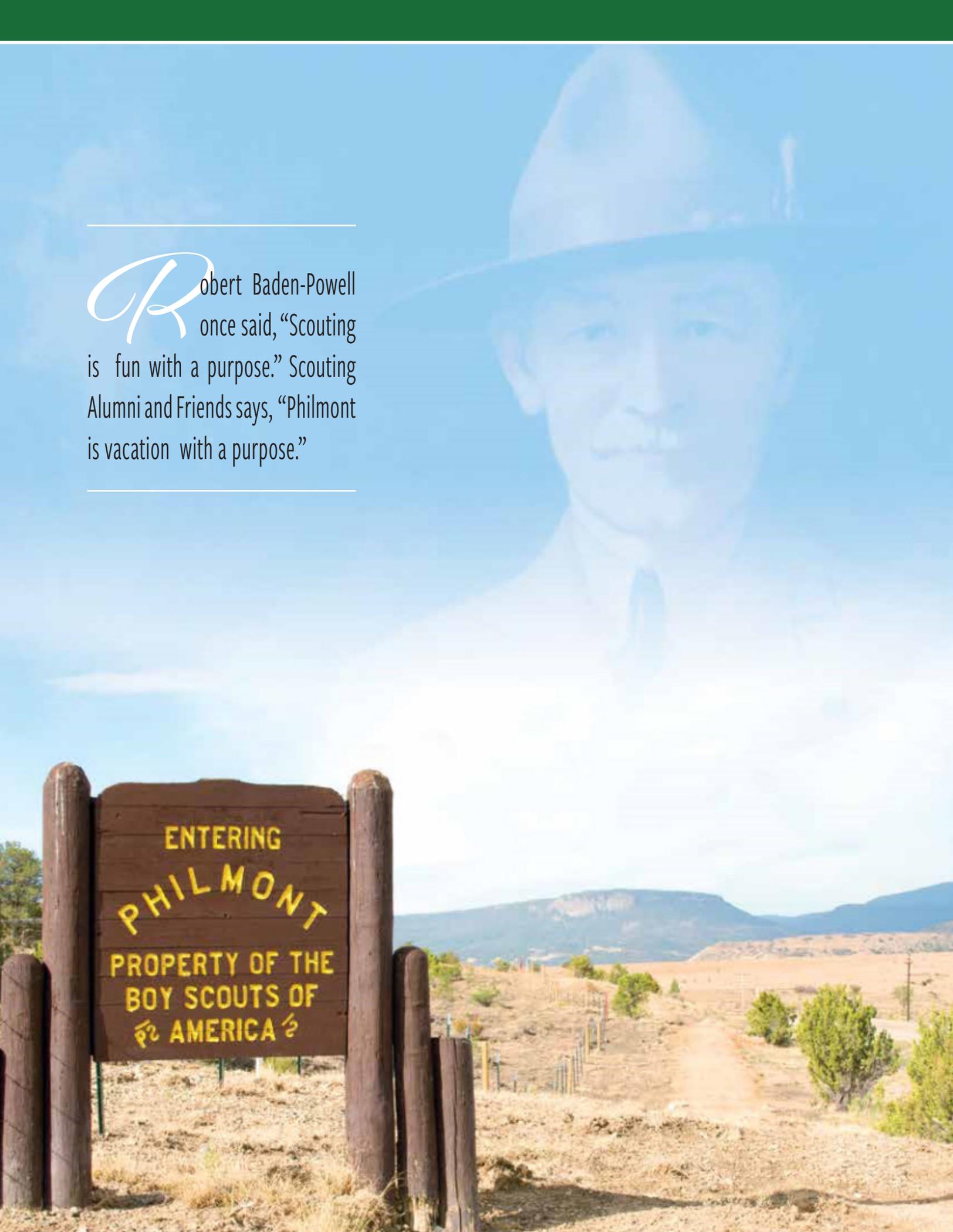
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*R*obert Baden-Powell once said, "Scouting is fun with a purpose." Scouting Alumni and Friends says, "Philmont is vacation with a purpose."



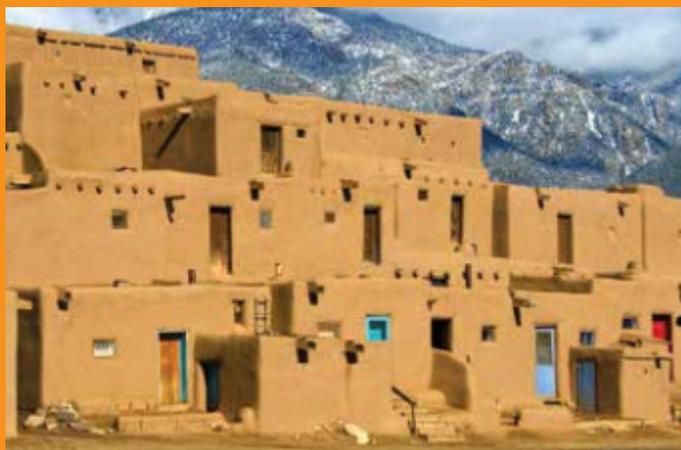
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PHILMONT
PROPERTY OF THE
BOY SCOUTS OF
AMERICA



VISIT “THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT” AND DISCOVER HOW PERFECTLY NEW MEXICO’S NICKNAME SUITS THIS SPECTACULAR STATE.

Whether you’re taking a side trip to Taos, checking out the footprint of a real *Tyrannosaurus rex*, or making yourself at home where buffalo actually roam, attending the 2018 “Scouting Alumni and Friends: Your Answer to Everything” seminar will create memories that will last a lifetime for you and your family.

Now in its seventh year, this seminar provides a unique opportunity for Scouters and their families to learn and play. Discover how to build an active Scouting alumni group in your council, and take advantage of favorite Philmont activities the whole family will enjoy.



Philmont offers a complete program for every member of the family—from young children to spouses. Carefully designed age- and ability-specific programs, under the leadership of trained, experienced staff, are available for everyone to enjoy:

- » Nursery—Infant to 2 years
- » Small Fry—Ages 3–5
- » Cowgirls—Girls, ages 6–7
- » Cowpokes—Boys, ages 6–7
- » Ropers—Girls, ages 8–10
- » Deputies—Boys, ages 8–9
- » Sidewinders—Boys, 10 years old
- » Mustangs—Girls, ages 11–13
- » Trailblazers—Boys, ages 11–13
- » Broncos—Coed, ages 14–20
- » Mountain Trek—Coed, ages 14–21
- » Silverados—Adults not attending conference

WELCOME TO PHILMONT

Philmont Scout Ranch is the BSA's largest national high-adventure base. It covers 137,000 acres—about 214 square miles—of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico.

Philmont operates 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps situated among picturesque mountains with natural terrain and elevations from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

History

History of the Philmont area was first recorded by Native Americans who chipped petroglyphs into canyon walls. Those who later left their marks on Philmont include Spanish conquistadors who explored the Southwest long before the first colonists arrived on the Atlantic coast; rugged mountain men such as Kit Carson who blazed trails across the uncharted land; early settlers such as Lucien Maxwell who built ranches along the Santa Fe Trail; and legions of unnamed loggers and cowboys who tamed the wilds.

Beauty

Philmont Scout Ranch is rich in natural beauty. Visitors marvel at the soaring Tooth of Time, sunrises that unfurl over Mount Waite Phillips, the blue waters of sparkling Cimarroncito Reservoir, the panoramic sweep of plains from Urraca Mesa, and sunlight filtering through the aspens along the rippling Rayado.

Program

Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure in backpacking, with hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Philmont programs feature the best of the Old West—horseback riding, burro packing, panning for gold, enjoying chuck wagon dinners—plus the exciting challenges of today, including rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and rifle shooting. This juxtaposition of old and new creates an unrivaled recipe for fast-moving fun in the outdoors.

Fellowship

Philmont Training Center allows Scouters and their families to camp together. While at PTC, you have the unique opportunity to meet and share experiences with others from all across the United States and beyond.



ACTIVITIES

Hiking

Several easy day hikes are available for your enjoyment during free time, allowing you to sample the best of the backcountry. The picturesque Urraca Trail is especially popular with families, and many of the other trails are explored throughout the week by the various age groups.

Wildlife Watching

A wide variety of wildlife is on view at Philmont. Almost every evening, deer graze in the area, and the buffalo pasture is located near the training center. Elk and antelope roam the grounds, and of course rabbits and "mini bears" (also known as squirrels and chipmunks!) are plentiful.

Evening Activities

Every evening, fun activities are scheduled for you and your family, including opening and closing programs, family handicraft evenings, cracker barrels, family movie night, and the New Mexico story campfire at Camping Headquarters. Remember to pack your western wear and cowboy hat for the Buffalo Barbecue and Western Night games and dance!

Handicrafts

The Philmont Craft Lodge offers instruction in and materials for ceramics, wearable art, leathercraft, stamp art, and southwestern crafts of all kinds.

Fishing

Angling to do some angling? The lower Rayado River, the Cimmaron River, Philmont Reservoir, and Webster Lake await. Bring your own tackle, and obtain your fishing license and Philmont fishing permit before heading out. The Philmont staff can help you prepare for an unforgettable outing.

Tours and Trips

If you don't want to hike on your half-day off, or if you want to see more of the ranch and the surrounding Cimarron area, pick up a flier in the Philmont Training Center office, and set out on a self-guided tour. Cimarron is a quaint community rich in historical interest. Spend time browsing the shops, exploring museums such as the Kit Carson Museum at Rayado, and photographing the natural beauty including the famous Tooth of Time rock formation.

This remarkable area of the Southwest has many points of historic interest. The knowledgeable Philmont staff will welcome your questions and will be happy to assist you and your family in discovering all the adventure that awaits.

Philmont Museums

Philmont benefactor Waite Phillips' summer home, the Villa Philmonte, is open each day for tours. Children are welcome when accompanied by parents or group leaders. Most groups schedule a Villa tour. Tours can be organized for conference members.

The Philmont Museum focuses on the events of Philmont's colorful past. The Seton Library houses the personal library, collections, and artwork of Ernest Thompson Seton, first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America and famous naturalist, author, and artist. The museum, library, and adjacent gift shop are open every day. To schedule a tour during your visit, contact the program staff.

The Kit Carson Museum at Rayado in Philmont's southeast quadrant is 7 miles south of the Training Center. It's a living history museum that houses exhibits and artifacts about life on the Santa Fe Trail and the lives of mountain man Kit Carson and land baron Lucien Maxwell. The museum staff is on hand each day to guide visitors through the display areas and the blacksmith shop.



Sight Seeing

On your way to Philmont, you and your family may consider exploring the outlying areas where amazing vistas serve as the backdrop to a wide range of historical venues. Following are just a few sites of interest:

St. James Hotel

Located on the Santa Fe Trail and minutes from Philmont, this hotel played host to many famous guests from the annals of Western folklore. A few of these notable names include Jesse James, Buffalo Bill Cody, Wyatt Earp, and Annie Oakley.

Taos

Seated on the high desert mesa at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Taos is rich with art and steeped in history. Taos Pueblo is the only operating Native American community that is also a World Heritage site and a national historic landmark. The Taos area is also home to legendary skiing and a colorful, historic array of surrounding communities.

Fort Union National Monument

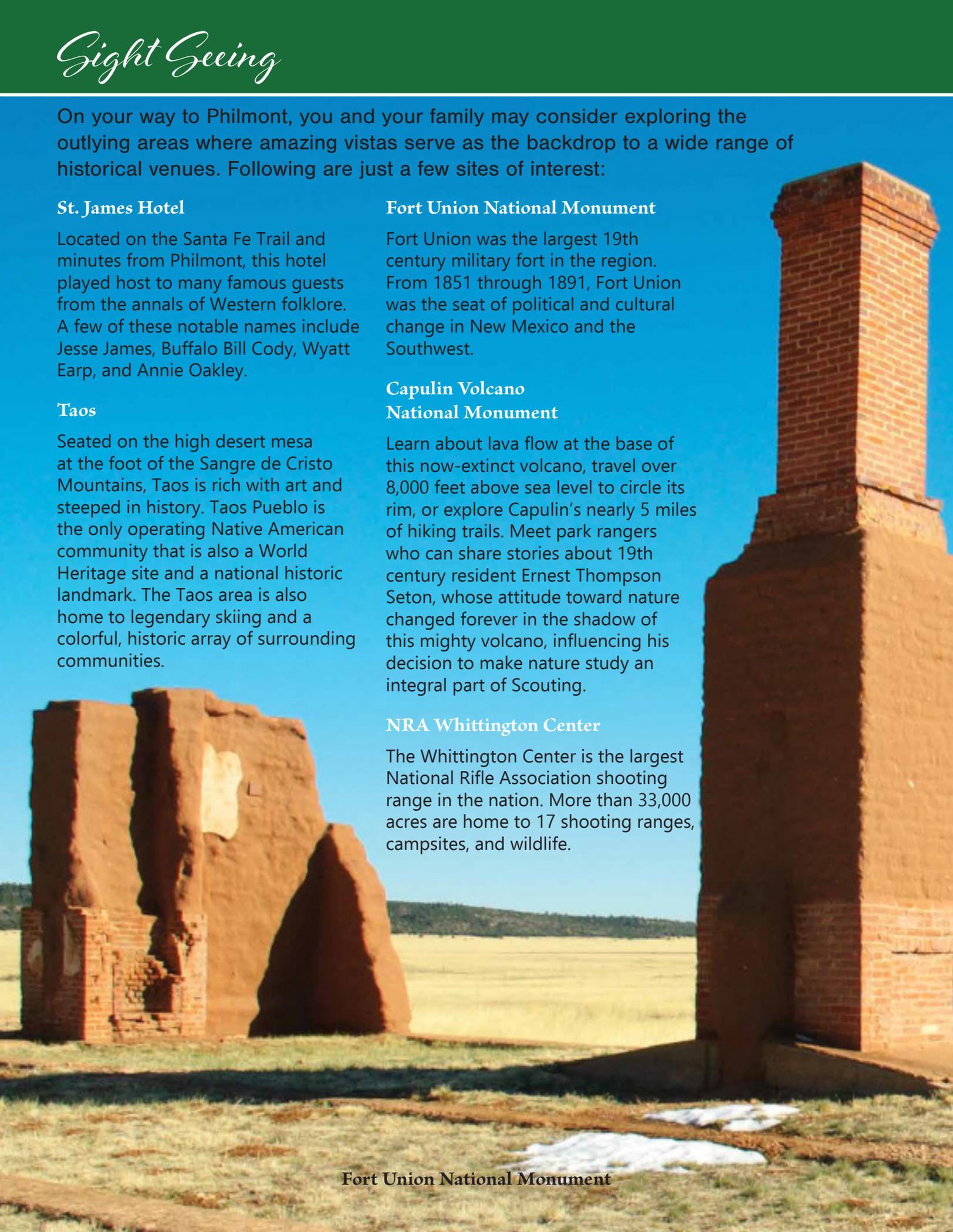
Fort Union was the largest 19th century military fort in the region. From 1851 through 1891, Fort Union was the seat of political and cultural change in New Mexico and the Southwest.

Capulin Volcano National Monument

Learn about lava flow at the base of this now-extinct volcano, travel over 8,000 feet above sea level to circle its rim, or explore Capulin's nearly 5 miles of hiking trails. Meet park rangers who can share stories about 19th century resident Ernest Thompson Seton, whose attitude toward nature changed forever in the shadow of this mighty volcano, influencing his decision to make nature study an integral part of Scouting.

NRA Whittington Center

The Whittington Center is the largest National Rifle Association shooting range in the nation. More than 33,000 acres are home to 17 shooting ranges, campsites, and wildlife.

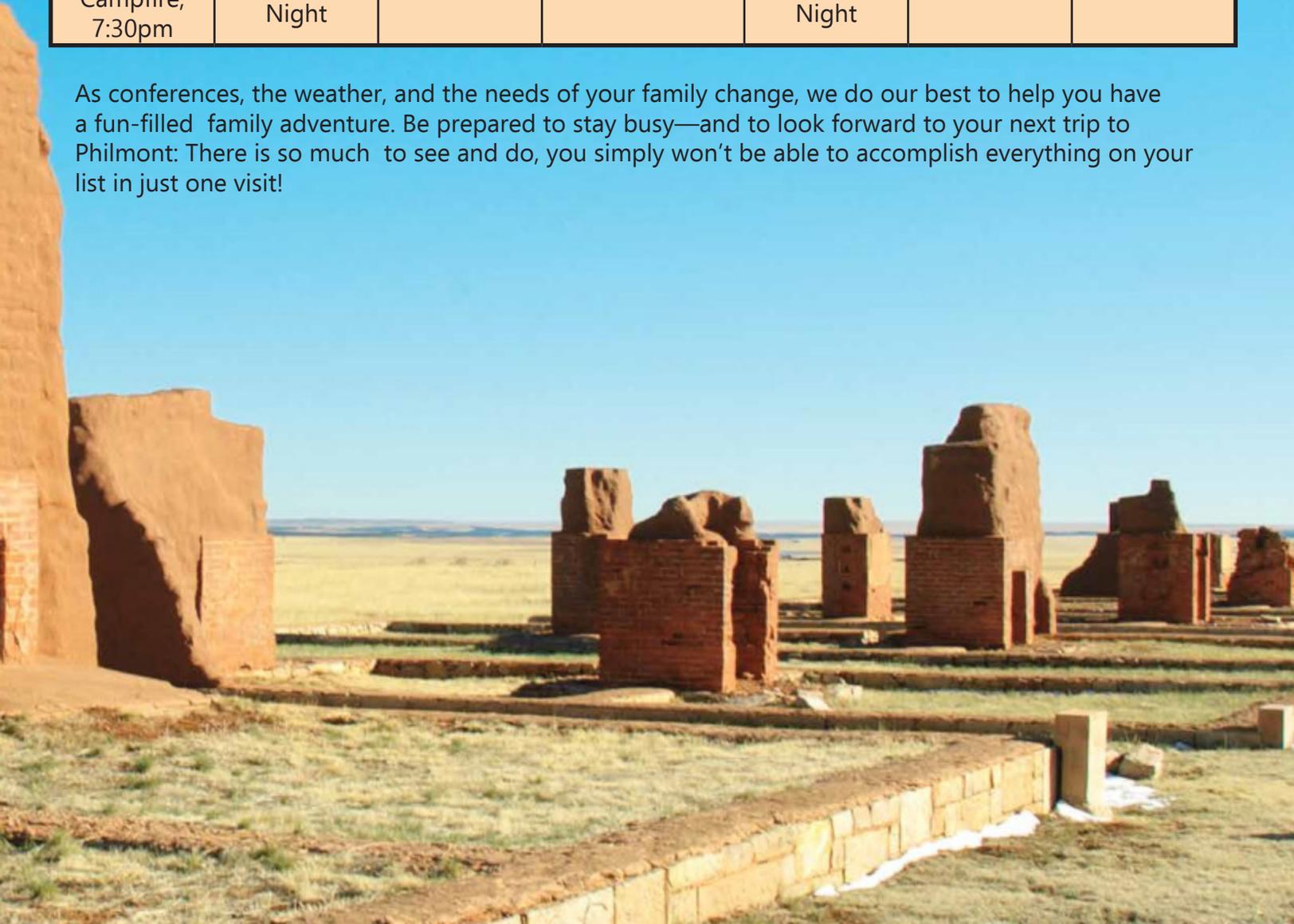


Your Family's Week at the Philmont Training Center

During the seminar, family members of all ages, infant through adult, can enjoy any number of age-appropriate programs including hikes, tours, handicrafts, games, campfires, and outdoor activities. Family program groups meet while conferences are in regular session.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Arrive for check-in 2p. - 4pm	Family program and conferences	Family program and conferences	Horse rides and tours	Family program and conferences	Graduation, 3:30pm	
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Chapel services, 7pm	Craft Center Night	Western Night	Movie Night	Craft Center Night	Closing program, 7pm	
Opening Campfire, 7:30pm	Ice Cream Night			Cobbler Night		

As conferences, the weather, and the needs of your family change, we do our best to help you have a fun-filled family adventure. Be prepared to stay busy—and to look forward to your next trip to Philmont: There is so much to see and do, you simply won't be able to accomplish everything on your list in just one visit!



Here's an overview of a typical Philmont week filled with fun and fellowship:

Sunday

Sunday between 2 P.M. and 4 P.M. is check-in. As you leave the village of Cimarron on Hwy. 21, you soon enter Philmont property. Look for Philmont's herd of buffalo (bison) in the pasture on the right. If the buffalo aren't there, you can still enjoy the view of some of Philmont's mountains.

Continue along the highway until you pass the homes of Philmont's year-round employees and the Ranch Administration area. Then, watch for the sign that says "Philmont Training Center" and turn left. Catch a glimpse of the Villa Philmonte on your right as you head up Orchard Circle. At the Welcome Wagon, a member of Philmont's staff greets you and guides you to your assigned tent city. The Tent City staff can direct you then to the place where you meet the faculty, check into your conference, and turn in your medical forms.

The rest of the afternoon is family time. Get moved into your tent and relax, or enjoy Philmont's museums, go to the Trading Post, or head back into Cimarron and see the sights. After dinner, you are encouraged to attend a worship service at Camping Headquarters (services are offered there every night at 7), or a non-denominational service at the PTC Chapel. At 7:30 p.m., Philmont Staff will introduce themselves and lead an entertaining opening campfire for the conference.



Monday

Your first full day at Philmont will be a busy one. After breakfast, your children meet with their Group Leader on the Greensward and all adults gather in the Assembly Hall for a quick orientation meeting. Be sure to wear your Scout uniforms, as pictures are taken of family groups as well as conference groups. After the orientation, spouses meet to learn about the activities, while the conference participants head to their classrooms for the beginning of a great week.

After dinner, the Craft Center will be open for your family to visit and explore, and an Ice Cream Night will be held on the Greensward.



Tuesday

After taking your children (and/or your spouse) to their Group Leaders on the Greensward, head back to your conference room for another great day of learning and discussions. Tuesday evening participants gather for a Buffalo Barbecue and an evening of Western games, branding, and Western dancing. It will be fun for everyone!



Wednesday

Wednesday is family day, and you can enjoy Philmont and the surrounding area! Most of the conferences are planned to give you the afternoon off with your family. Hikes, tours, shooting sports, and horse rides are all available for the whole family. In the evening, it is Movie Night!

Thursday

On Thursday, return to your classrooms as conferences resume! Some of our program groups enjoy activities away from PTC and eat their lunch "on the trail." Thursday night is the second edition of family handicraft night so you can finish all those projects you started earlier in the week, and Cobbler Night will be held at both tent City Offices for a late night dessert.



Friday

Friday is the last day for conferences and family program. All family program groups perform Friday evening at the closing program. Everyone will receive their conference certificates, and children and spouses will receive patches commemorating their time at Philmont.... most folks get a tear in their eye when we sing the Philmont Hymn and realize it's time to leave Philmont in the morning.

Saturday

Saturday is time to pack up, say goodbye to your new Philmont friends, and head home taking your newfound skills and knowledge with you to share.



Seminar Takeaways

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SCOUTING ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SEMINAR WILL ...

- 1.** Review case studies of successful Scouting alumni programs from across the country
- 2.** Share their own experiences and learn from knowledgeable faculty and other seminar participants
- 3.** Gather and utilize tools that will help engage alumni who are not currently connected to the Scouting program
- 4.** Determine ways to better organize their current alumni program to reach the next step
- 5.** Discuss the best and most effective alumni events
- 6.** Understand the importance of Scouting affinity groups and how to increase their number
- 7.** Find ways to motivate younger Scouting alumni into continued participation in Scouting
- 8.** Discover the best volunteer positions for newly engaged Scouting alumni (hint: they don't include Scoutmaster, den leader, or unit commissioner)
- 9.** Learn how to successfully nominate an Eagle Scout for the Distinguished Eagle Scout or Outstanding Eagle Scout Award
- 10.** Find ways to leverage current council events and make them attractive to Scouting alumni
- 11.** Learn the importance of the Alumni Award knot and how to promote it in the council
- 12.** Discover resources that NESAs can provide, such as Eagle Scout scholarships, NESAs Committee service grants, NESAs STEM adventures, and career networking for Eagle Scouts of all ages
- 13.** Discover resources to build and expand a council's NESAs committee, such as the NESAs Legacy Society Committee Grant Program
- 14.** Learn the methods to motivate Scouting alumni to contribute financially to Scouting
- 15.** Create a council-specific Scouting alumni engagement plan for the coming year

Laundry

A large coin-operated laundry with washers and dryers is near your tent city and open 24 hours a day. Soap is available at the Craft Lodge and at the Tooth of Time Traders. Change is available in the PTC Registration Office.

Telephones

AT&T and Verizon cell towers are located near PTC. Public telephones are in each tent city office and on the program office porch. Incoming messages to the Training Center Office (575-376-2281) are delivered to your tent city staff as soon as possible. Only emergency messages are delivered after 10 p.m. Fax service is not available.

Internet

Wi-Fi is available in most areas throughout Philmont Training Center.

Health and Safety

Philmont's full medical staff is stationed at the health lodge in the north section of the camping headquarters area. Doctors, nurses, and medics are on duty around the clock for emergencies. Should you or your family need assistance, go directly to the health lodge, or contact the Training Center office.

Keep in mind that the elevation at PTC is 6,600 feet. People coming from lower altitudes may experience some discomfort at first. Humidity is low, so visitors should drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. Those who are overweight, out of shape, or have health concerns should consult a physician before coming to Philmont. While the conferences and family programs are not strenuous, some walking and physical activity is necessary.

2018 Philmont Training Center Fees

Conference Participant	\$550
Non-Conference adult (age 20 and older)	\$390
Ages 14-20	\$330
Ages 6-13	\$210
Ages 5 and younger	\$105
Mountain trek (ages 14-20)	\$430
NAYLE Participant	\$420

REGISTER TODAY!

Go to:
MyScouting.org>Events Registration
PhilmontTrainingCenter.org
PhilmontScoutRanch.org
ScoutingAlumni.org

575-376-228
TrainingCenter@PhilmontScoutRanch.org

If financial considerations will keep you from attending, a limited number of scholarships are available. See the Philmont Training Center website for more information.



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Why You Should Be At Philmont Training Center This Summer

Alumni are a cornerstone of our future. You'll leave with:

- » A specific year-round council alumni plan
- » Tools and tips
- » Familiarity with resources available from the SAA and NESA offices
- » Experience using online resources
- » Ways to integrate alumni activities into ongoing council activities
- » Best practices including social media and utilizing Eagle Scout search materials

Philmont is a mountaintop experience:

- » Fabulous content and educational experiences
- » "Famous" faculty from across the country
- » Friends—a network of new ideas and activities all over the U.S.
- » Family activities designed for all ages, including spouses!
- » Fun, fun, fun: Make your own or join in the planned program.
- » Fantastic lifetime memories

