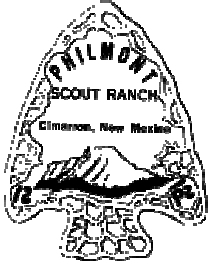


RAYADO TREK – 2017 / 2018



Some individuals just naturally look for something exciting and out of the ordinary. For them, the enjoyment of the wilderness has special appeal. They aspire to stand on the mountain tops, scanning the peaks and valleys.

Are **YOU** looking for adventure? Then Rayado is for you. On your Rayado Trek you will backpack with Scouts / Venturers from all over the country, and along with them, you will learn to thrive on the unexpected and unexplored. Every day will hold new challenges and opportunities.

You will stand on high summits, climb rock faces, hike in the rain, and take the most challenging trails. You will accomplish more than you thought possible. Two Philmont Rangers will help you achieve your dream for adventure.

Philmont Scout Ranch is comprised of 140,711 acres (219 square miles) of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rockies. Philmont has over 350 miles of trails throughout the ranch. Philmont ranges from 6,500 feet to 12,441 feet in elevation above sea level. Because of the remote setting and elevation, participants need to be prepared both physically and mentally to handle the challenges of the trek. Philmont experiences a wide variety of weather situations. Participants should be prepared for 100 degree days, 40 degree nights, as well as days of rain and even snow. All this adds to the Philmont experience.

Each summer, two sessions are offered. The first session is June 20 thru July 10 with July 10 being your departure day; the second session is July 18 thru August 7 with August 7 being your departure day.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Provide a mental, physical and spiritual challenge that encourages personal growth
- ❖ Develop a better understanding and sense of stewardship for the natural environment
- ❖ Improve leadership skills
- ❖ Learn advanced outdoor skills including:
 - Wilderness Backpacking
 - Navigation Techniques
 - Expedition Behavior & Group Dynamics
 - Advanced Cooking
 - Wilderness Stewardship to include Leave No Trace Principles and Techniques
 - Wilderness First Aid & Backcountry Emergency Procedures
- ❖ Foster friendship and teamwork amongst a diverse crew

REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout or Venturer)
- ❖ Be 15 years of age by program start date, but not yet 21 by its conclusion
- ❖ Be in excellent physical condition, able to hike 10 or more miles with a 40-50 lb. backpack. (Philmont height and weight guidelines will be strictly enforced.)
- ❖ Previous Philmont experience is not mandatory, but is **strongly recommended**
- ❖ **Letter of recommendation from an adult Scouter detailing your backcountry experience and your character must accompany this application**
- ❖ Rayado Treks are not coed.
- ❖ A complete physical examination is required. (Annual BSA Health and Medical Record will be sent to those who are accepted.)
- ❖ Past Rayado participants will be considered as alternates.

PROGRAM FEE/SCHOLARSHIPS

The fee of \$745 for 2017 or \$780 for 2018 for 20 days includes crew gear, staff leadership and 60 meals. Apply early for best consideration, however, there is not a set deadline. **Applications will continue to be accepted until all spaces are filled.** Philmont will notify you of your acceptance by email. If accepted, a packet of materials will be sent in March to assist you in preparing for your Philmont experience. Those applicants not accepted as participants in the program will have their deposit returned. Participants canceling acceptance will be eligible for a refund if notification is received at Philmont by May 1. No shows are not eligible for a refund. **Scholarship aid is available on a limited basis. The deadline of February 1 applies only to scholarship application.** See enclosed scholarship application.

TRAVEL

Shuttles are available from the Albuquerque, New Mexico and Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado Airports to Philmont. The shuttles depart the airport at 1:00 to 3:00 pm, depending on the location, on the day **before** your scheduled start date, arriving at Philmont at 6:30 to 7:00 pm (approx). The return shuttles leave from 6:00 to 7:30 am on your departure date, arriving at the Airports at 9:45 am to 12:00 noon, depending on location. You may also consider the bus or train arrival at Raton, New Mexico (45 miles from Philmont). A roundtrip shuttle is available from Raton. If you do not arrive by shuttle, plan to arrive at Philmont between 8:00 - 11:00 am on your scheduled start date. The Shuttle information/registration forms will be included in your March packet. **Note:** Shuttle times may change so please check shuttle registration forms upon receiving them or call Philmont for updated information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information about the Rayado Trek Program such as shuttle arrangements, physical Requirements (BSA Annual Health and Medical Record), equipment needs and hiking questions, contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 575-376-2281 or email camping@philmontscoutranch.org. Another source of information to assist you in preparing for your adventure can be found at <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org>.

During our program season, contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 575-376-2281, seven days a week, and ask for the Ranger Department or Camping Registration. During this time, Philmont Logistics will also be able to assist with transportation concerns or problems.

RAYADO PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of the Rayado experience and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. As a Rayado participant, I understand this and support the reasonable demands of conduct expected of me.

As A Rayado Participant, I Will:

- ✓ Live the Scout Oath and Law or Venturer Code and Oath.
- ✓ Observe, respect, and strive to live the Philmont Wilderness Pledge.
- ✓ Observe the rules of the Philmont Ranger Department.
- ✓ Wear my full official BSA uniform or proper clothing, as required. Unofficial decorations are not part of the official uniform.
- ✓ Attend and participate in all functions of the program.
- ✓ Be personally responsible for damage and loss of property.
- ✓ Understand that theft, vandalism, or deliberate destruction of property, of other participants or Philmont is not permitted and will result in dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.
- ✓ Respect all safety procedures and learn to properly use equipment.
- ✓ At all times, be considerate of participants and staff at Philmont Scout Ranch.
- ✓ Understand that fighting with another participant or staff member is prohibited, and will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.
- ✓ Understand the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, tobacco, or illicit drugs at any time during the program will not be permitted and will result in dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant. This standard shall apply to all participants. Compliance with state law regulations will apply at all times.

By signing along with my parent/guardian on the final page of this application, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the code of conduct for the Rayado Trek Program and have read and understand all the information about the Rayado Trek as listed on this application.

2017 / 2018 RAYADO TREK APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
first middle last

HOME ADDRESS _____ PHONE NO. _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ (Be 15 years of age by program start date, but not yet 21 by its conclusion)

CURRENT INFORMATION: Gender _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Height _____ Weight _____
male / female

SCOUTING AND OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE:

Registered with: (circle one) Troop Team Venture Crew Unit # _____ Tenure _____ Rank _____

Council # _____ Council Name _____

Leadership Positions Held _____

Previous Philmont Experience _____ Year(s) _____

Other High Adventure Experience / Backpacking Experience (please be specific) _____

Total no. of backpacking overnights _____ Longest backpacking expedition in: Days _____ Miles _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Honors / Awards Received _____

Camp Staff Experience (When and Where) _____

CPR/First Aid Certifications _____

I PREFER THE FOLLOWING YEAR & SESSION: 2017 _____ 2018 _____
FIRST SESSION: JUNE 20 - JULY 10 _____ SECOND SESSION: JULY 18 - AUGUST 7 _____
(July 10 and August 7 are departure dates only)
Please Note: If less than six participants register for a session by April 1, the session may be cancelled. Participants will be promptly notified and alternative programs suggested.
I request a vegetarian meal plan: Yes _____ No _____ \$50 deposit enclosed _____
I request a special diet meal plan: Yes _____ No _____ (check payable to Philmont Scout Ranch)

Beware of Potential Risks

Philmont offers High Adventure backpacking treks and program activities in relatively inaccessible mountainous terrain. Parents, advisors and youth participants should be alert to the potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Philmont staff members will instruct you regarding safety measures to be followed. Each participant is expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for their health and safety.

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL:

My son/daughter has my complete permission to participate in a Rayado Trek during the session indicated on this application. I understand that the program is physically demanding and involves a degree of risk and a potential for injury. I along with my son/daughter also acknowledge and agree with the Code of Conduct.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

UNIT LEADER APPROVAL:

I attest this applicant is a member in good standing and approve his/her participation in the Rayado program.

Unit Leader Signature _____ Date _____

LOCAL COUNCIL ACTION:

Council # _____ Council Name _____ Region _____ Area _____

We certify that _____ (applicant's name) meets the age and physical requirements for the Rayado Program and is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Signature of Scout Executive or Representative

Date

FEE SCHEDULE:

The fee is \$745 for 2017 or \$780 for 2018. A \$50 deposit must accompany this application. One-half the balance (\$347.50/2017 or \$365/2018) is due in January and the balance is due in March, as per the financial statement you will receive.

NOTE: A deposit fee, all required signatures of approval and a letter of recommendation must accompany your application.

Please make check payable to Philmont Scout Ranch and mail to: **PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
ATTN: RAYADO TREK
17 DEER RUN RD.
CIMARRON NM 87714**

Philmont Contact Information: Phone: 575.376.2281

Email: camping@philmontscoutranch.org

Web Address: www.PhilmontScoutRanch.org

FOR PHILMONT USE ONLY

Recommendation Letter _____ Approved _____ Applicant Notified _____

Packet Mailed _____ Individual Exp. # _____

HIGH ADVENTURE RISK ADVISORY

Philmont Scout Ranch Experience. The Philmont experience is not risk-free. Staff will instruct participants in safety measures. Be prepared to listen to and follow these measures. Accept responsibility for the health and safety of yourself and others. Each participant must be able to carry 25 to 35 percent of their body weight while hiking 5 to 12 miles per day in an isolated mountain wilderness ranging from 6,500 to 12,500 feet in elevation over trails that are steep and rocky. Summer/ autumn climate includes temperatures from 30 to 100 degrees, low humidity (10 to 30 percent), and frequent, sometimes severe, thunderstorms. Winter climatic conditions can range from -20 to 60 degrees. During a Winter Adventure experience, each person will walk, ski, or snowshoe along snow-covered trails pulling loaded toboggans or sleds for up to 3 miles—or even more on a cross-country ski trek.

Risk Advisory. Philmont has an excellent health and safety record and strives to minimize risks to participants by emphasizing appropriate safety precautions. Because most participants are prepared, are conscious of risks, and take safety precautions, they do not experience injuries. If you decide to attend Philmont, you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions, work as a team with your crew, and take responsibility for your own health and safety.

Philmont staff members are trained in first aid, CPR, and accident prevention. They can assist the adult advisor in recognizing, reacting to, and responding to accidents, injuries, and illnesses. **Each crew is required to have at least two members trained in wilderness first aid and CPR.** Response times can be affected by location, terrain, weather, or other emergencies and could be delayed for hours or even days in a wilderness setting.

All Philmont participants should understand potential health risks inherent at or above 6,700 feet in elevation in a dry Southwest environment. High elevation; a physically demanding high- adventure program in remote mountainous areas; camping while being exposed to occasional severe weather conditions such as lightning, hail, flash floods, and heat; and other potential problems, including injuries from tripping and falling, falls from horses, heat exhaustion, and motor vehicle accidents, can worsen underlying medical conditions. Native wild animals such as bears, rattlesnakes, and mountain lions usually present little danger if proper precautions are taken.

Please call Philmont at 575-376-2281 if you have any questions. All participants and guests should review all materials and websites related to the experiences they are planning to have at Philmont Scout Ranch.

PHILMONT WEIGHT LIMITS FOR BACKPACKING AND HIKING

Weight limit guidelines are used because overweight individuals are at a greater risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, altitude illness, sleep problems, and injury. These guidelines are for all Scouting high-adventure activities. Each participant's weight must be less than the maximum acceptable limit in the weight chart. Participants 21 years and older who exceed the maximum acceptable weight limit for their height at the Philmont medical recheck WILL NOT be permitted to backpack or hike at Philmont. They will be sent home.

For participants under 21 years of age who exceed the maximum acceptable weight for height, the Philmont staff will use their judgment to determine if the youth can participate. Philmont will consider up to 20 pounds over the maximum acceptable; however, exceptions are not made automatically and discussion with Philmont in advance is required for any exception. Philmont's telephone number is 575-376-2281. Due to rescue equipment restrictions and evacuation efforts from remote sites, under no circumstances will any individual weighing more than 295 pounds be permitted to participate in backcountry programs.

Philmont Approval. Staff and/or staff physicians reserve the right to deny the participation of any individual on the basis of a physical examination and/or medical history. Each participant is subject to a medical recheck at Philmont.

Height/Weight Restrictions. If you exceed the maximum weight for height as explained in the following chart and your planned high-adventure activity will take you more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle/accessible roadway, you may not be allowed to participate.

Maximum Weight for Height:

Height(inches)	Max Weight	Height(inches)	Max Weight	Height(inches)	Max Weight	Height(inches)	Max Weight
60	166	65	195	70	226	75	260
61	172	66	201	71	233	76	267
62	178	67	207	72	239	77	274
63	183	68	214	73	246	78	281
64	189	69	220	74	252	79 & over	295

This table is based on the revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Health & Human Services.

A water-displacement test to determine percent body fat will also be accepted in lieu of the height-weight guidelines. Women will need to have a body fat of 20% or less and men will need to have a body fat of 15% or less to be qualified to participate. No other form of test to determine percent body fat (DEXA scan, skin fold, etc.) will be accepted by Philmont.

INDIVIDUAL TREKS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

A limited amount of financial assistance is available for Individual Trek participants. To apply, please complete this application and return it to Philmont. All information will remain confidential.

NAME First Middle I. Last BIRTHDATE AGE

ADDRESS PHONE

CITY, STATE, ZIP

EMAIL ADDRESS

COUNCIL NAME UNIT #

* How long have you been a member of the Boy Scouts of America?

* Leadership position(s):

* Local council camp experience (where & when):

* Philmont experience:

* Other high adventure experience:

* Honors/awards (school, etc.):

* Attach an essay that will help the scholarship committee understand your hopes and expectations if accepted as a participant. Please address the following topics directly: 1) What previous experiences have you had that will help you meet the challenges of this program? 2) What do you hope to learn or accomplish through this experience? 3) How will this experience help you in future service to Scouting; in pursuing other educational, career, or life interests? 4) What will be your greatest contribution as a participant of this trek?

Parent/Guardian Information:

Father Employer/Occupation

Mother Employer/Occupation

State circumstances that require you to apply for financial assistance: (attach additional page if needed)

Blank lines for state circumstances.

Amount of fee to be paid by:

Participant \$

Family \$

Unit or Chartered Partners \$

Total Available \$

Financial Assistance Requested \$

Signatures required:

Participant

Parent/Guardian

Unit Leader

Date

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED