



Philmont Training Center 2019 Conference Attendee Guidebook

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Dear Scouter,

Welcome to the Philmont Training Center, the National Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America!

We are thrilled to have you and your family partake in our exciting conference courses led by an outstanding faculty for the 2019 season. While you are in a conference, your family members will enjoy a variety of activities and programs led by Philmont staff.

In this guidebook, we've tried to cover every detail and answer every question that may arise before your departure. There have been changes from previous years, so 'be prepared' by carefully reading this guidebook and sharing it with your family. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to give us a call at 575-376-2281, or send us an email at Philmont.TrainingCenter@scouting.org.

Our staff and faculty are working hard to plan an exciting and fun-filled week for you and your family. The beauty, history, and unique charm of New Mexico and Philmont await you.

See you soon!

The Philmont Training Center Staff

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About Philmont

Philmont Scout Ranch spans across 140,171 acres of challenging Scouting adventure among the mountains and mesas of northeastern New Mexico. Most of that land is part of two gifts from Oklahoma oilman, Waite Phillips, who donated it "for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity, and freedom—principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer."

Philmont's mountain terrain ranges in elevation from 6,621 feet at headquarters to 12,441 feet atop Baldy Mountain. Our abundant wildlife population includes deer, elk, mountain lion, bear, bobcat, buffalo (American bison), and antelope.

Rich in history, Philmont was a part of the Beaubien-Miranda Land Grant awarded by Mexico in 1841. The Santa Fe Trail passed along Philmont's eastern boundary. Both Kit Carson and mountain man Lucien Maxwell built homes at Rayado, located on the current southeast corner of the ranch. Philmont Scout Ranch and the surrounding area have a rich heritage of Spanish, Native American, and Anglo cultures.

Since Waite Phillips's first property gift in 1938, over 1,000,000 Scouts and their leaders have participated in the challenge of the backpacking program offered at Philmont Scout Ranch. Staffed camps offer a variety of activities including horseback riding, burro packing, mountain biking, gold panning, rock climbing, forestry, riflery, archaeology, and much, much more—with an emphasis on environmental awareness.

Mr. Phillips held a deep respect for the American cowboy. As part of the gift, he asked that Philmont always remain a working cattle ranch. Philmont maintains cattle, pack burros, buffalo, and riding horses.

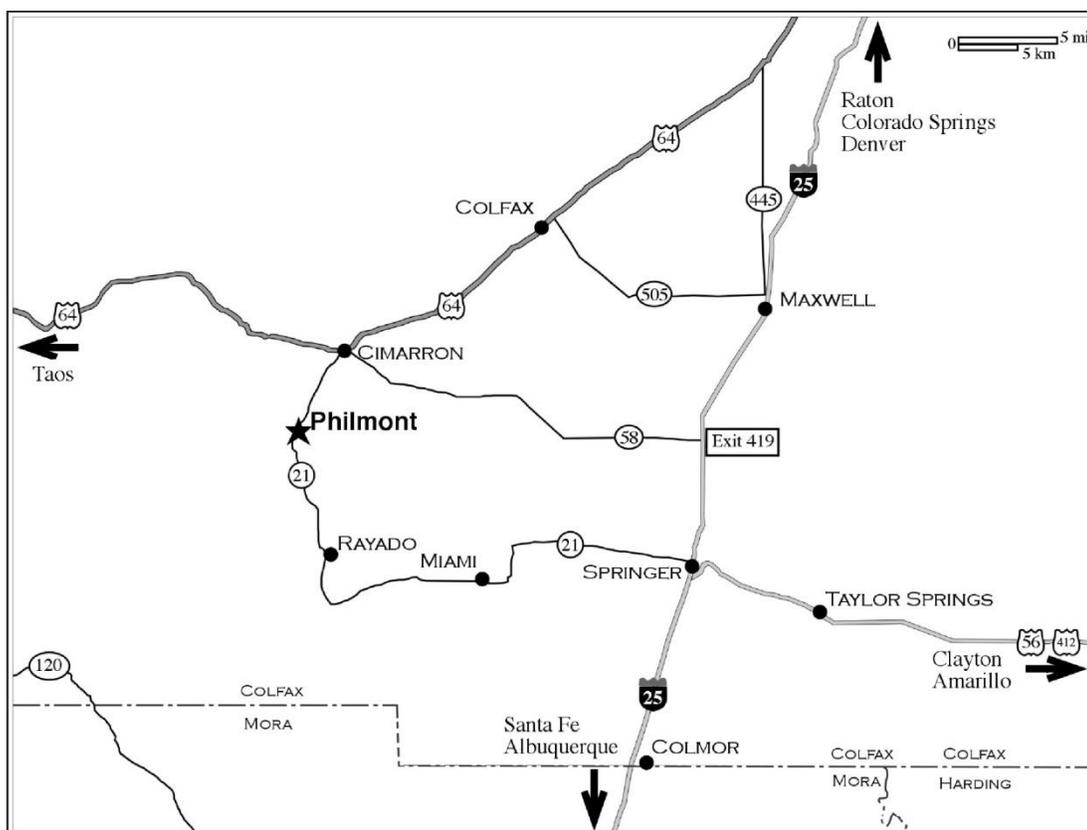
Serving as the **National Training Center for the Boy Scouts of America** since 1950, the Philmont Training Center offers a variety of week-long conferences for volunteers and professionals each summer. While a Scout leader is in conference, programs are planned for all members of the family – infant through adult. For the first time in 2018, a family-based adventure experience was hosted by the Philmont Training Center, Philmont Family Adventure.

Your Trip to Philmont

When to Arrive

Check-in for Philmont Conference weeks is from **2:00 - 4:00pm** on Sunday.

If you have a participant in a **National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience** or **Philmont Leadership Challenge**, they must check in at **8:00am** on Sunday. Your NAYLE or PLC packet has more detailed information. The Mountain Trek program will have an orientation meeting at **3pm**.



By Automobile

Driving across country to Philmont is a great experience. Depending on your available time, sightseeing opportunities abound between your home and Philmont and in the area around Cimarron. Refer to the map for highway information.

Please note that New Mexico has a mandatory seatbelt law and speed limits are strictly enforced. The speed limit in Cimarron is 35mph and the Philmont Training Center is 15mph. Please drive carefully. Parking is available near tenting and roofed housing areas; however, these spaces are limited, and you may be asked to park in long-term parking. There is no electricity available for charging electric vehicles.

From Denver or Colorado Springs:

Go south on Interstate 25 to Raton, New Mexico (17 miles south of the Colorado border). Four miles south of Raton take Exit 446 onto Highway 64 and drive about 40 miles to Cimarron.

From Albuquerque:

Go north on Interstate 25 about 200 miles to Springer, New Mexico. Three miles north of Springer, take Exit 419 onto Highway 58 and drive about 20 miles to Cimarron.

From Taos:

Stay on Highway 64 toward Angel Fire (east of Taos). You travel through Taos Canyon, Eagle Nest, and Cimarron Canyon, to reach Cimarron.

When you reach Cimarron, turn south on State Highway 21 and drive approximately 4 miles to Philmont Scout Ranch. As you enter Philmont, you will see several buildings before you reach your destination; these buildings are other parts of Philmont Base Camp, such as the Administration Building. Look for the brown Philmont Training Center sign near mile-marker 4 and turn left (east) onto Orchard Circle. The Villa Philmonte, the Mediterranean-style home of the Phillips family, is located on the grounds of the Philmont Training Center and will serve as a guide to those arriving by car.

By Plane

The nearest major air terminals are Colorado Springs (190 miles north) and Albuquerque (220 miles south). Other terminals are: Denver (270 miles north), and Amarillo (220 miles east). Raton has a municipal airport for private aircraft.

Shuttle service is available from Denver, Colorado Springs, and Albuquerque airports. Shuttle reservations must be coordinated with Philmont using the appropriate Shuttle Application. These shuttles do not run every day, so please check the backside of the Shuttle Sheet for available dates. 2019 shuttle information is available [here](#).

By Bus

Currently, there are scheduled buses each day during the summer from Denver, Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, and Raton. The Raton bus stop is across the street from the Amtrak station. Contact Greyhound at 575-445-9071 or 800-231-2222 or visit www.greyhound.com for more information. Shuttle service is available from the Raton Train Station. Shuttle reservations must be coordinated with Philmont using the appropriate Shuttle Application for the specific location where you will arrival. These shuttles do not run every day, so please be sure to check the backside of the Shuttle Sheet for available dates. The 2019 shuttle information is available [here](#).

By Train

AMTRAK is scheduled to arrive in Raton twice daily. The late morning train arrives from the east and the late afternoon train arrives from the west. Contact AMTRAK at 800-872-7245 or visit <http://www.amtrak.com>.

Shuttle service is available from the Raton Train Station. Shuttle reservations must be coordinated with Philmont using the appropriate Shuttle Application for the specific location where you will arrival. These shuttles do not run every day, so please be sure to check the backside of the Shuttle Sheet for available dates. The 2019 shuttle information is available [here](#).

Recreation Vehicles

Parking is available at the Philmont Training Center for RV's, campers, and trailers, but hookups are not available, and no cooking is allowed within RV's that are in the parking area. Participants with RV's will be assigned tents and are expected to reside in these tents throughout the week. There are two RV campgrounds in Cimarron if you wish to stay in your RV.

About Cimarron

Cimarron is a small village with a population of about 900. There are a few small hotels and restaurants. There is also a Family Dollar and one gas station in town. For more information about Cimarron accommodations, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 575-376-2417 or 888-376-2417 or visit their website at www.cimarronnm.com.

Your Week at Philmont

Here is a brief overview of what will your week look like during a Philmont Training Center Conference. We will do our best to ensure that you and your family have an educational and adventure filled stay.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Sunrise Chapel	Family Photos on the Villa Lawn	Sunrise Chapel		
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Family Program Meet Orientation Session for All Adults Group and Course Photos Conferences Begins	Family Program and Conferences Meet	Family Program and Conferences Meet	Family Program and Conferences Meet	Family Program and Conferences Meet	Mtn. Trek Returns Tent City Offices open for Second-Half Week and Full Week Check-Out
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Check-In Mtn. Trek Meeting	Family Program and Conferences Meet	Family Program and Conferences Meet	Family Free Time	Family Program and Conferences Meet	Family Program and Conferences Meet All Conference Gathering	
Dinner	Dinner	Buffalo BBQ Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Chapel Opening Program	Craft Center Night and Ice Cream Social	Western Night: Dancing, Branding, and Games	Craft Center Night and Movie Night	Craft Center Night and Cobbler Night	Closing Campfire at PTC	
	Night Orienteering		Rayado Candlelight Tour			

Conference Schedule:

Conferences meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:20am to 11:20am and 1:20pm to 4:20pm. Conferences do not meet Wednesday afternoon. Please note that Professional Development conferences might have a slightly different schedule and may meet in the evenings.

Sunday

Check-in takes place between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. When you turn onto the street named Orchard Circle (see page 4 “Your Trip to Philmont”) you’ll find the Welcome Wagon, where a member of Philmont’s staff will greet you and guide you to your assigned Tent City (either East or South Tent City). The Tent City staff will then check you in, give you your Welcome Packet, and direct you to your lodging. After unloading, please turn in medical forms at the PTC Med Re-check station, location will be detailed upon arrival.

At 3:00pm Philmont Rangers will lead the Mountain Trek orientation meeting. Mountain Trek youth - please have your gear prepared and brought with you to meet your Philmont Rangers.



You and your family are encouraged to attend an interfaith worship service at the PTC Chapel, located just behind the Welcome Wagon, at 4:30pm. Daily worship services also begin every evening at 7:00pm at Camping Headquarters (CHQ) in the Catholic, Jewish, LDS, and Protestant chapels.

The evening flag ceremony will follow chapel and dinner will begin at 5:30pm. Occasionally, we will have two Dining Hall shifts to accommodate participant attendance. Please refer to your nametag for your assigned shift. At 7:30pm, head to the Program Bowl for the Opening Program, conducted by the PTC Staff.

Monday:

Your first full day at Philmont will be an exciting one! After breakfast, your children will meet their Program Counselors on the greensward (the grassy area southeast of the Villa Philmonte) at 8:20am. All adults then gather in the Assembly Hall for a quick orientation meeting. After the meeting, Silverados will take their group photo and learn about their activities and conference participants take their course photo and then will head to their conference rooms. Pick up your children at 11:20am and enjoy lunch in the Dining Hall. The afternoon program and conferences run from 1:20pm to 4:20pm. Monday evening activities include Family Craft Center Night, an Ice Cream Social, and Night Orienteering (bring a flashlight). Be sure to refer to the weekly schedule you receive at check-in for a complete list of activities scheduled for your week.

Tuesday:

After taking your children to their Program Counselors on the greensward in the morning, head back to your conference room for another great day of learning and discussion. Silverados participate in their chosen activities. When the daytime is done, Tuesday evening features our Western Night. Gather on the greensward (or Assembly Hall, in case of weather) for a buffalo barbeque and an evening of western games, branding, and western dancing.



Wednesday:

On Wednesday morning, you can sign up to have a family photo taken on the Villa Lawn. After conferences and family programs meet Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon is family free time. It's a great opportunity to enjoy Philmont and the surrounding area. You'll find sign-up sheets at the main Bulletin Board behind the PTC Office for multiple Philmont activities to fit anyone's interest – from hikes, horse rides, to tours. Wednesday night offers a free showing of a family movie in the Assembly Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to participate in a Philmont Horse Ride, **all riders must have at least a 26" inseam and weigh less than 200lbs.** You will also need to wear long pants. A safety helmet will be provided. Mustangs, Broncos and Silverados will be offered a trail ride during the week as part of their programs and will also need to wear long pants and meet the above criteria.

Thursday:

Thursday is a return to conferences and group activities. Most of the family groups will have activities away from PTC, such as all-day hikes, and eat their lunch on the trail (with the exceptions of Small Fry and the Bandits). Program groups with older participants (Sidewinders & Mustangs) will spend Thursday night out in Philmont’s backcountry. The Sidewinders can spend the night at Rayado with a parent. Transportation is available for the Sidewinders overnighiter, departing after dinner on Thursday and returning before breakfast on Friday morning (please refer to the Overnighiter what to bring list on page 18). Thursday night offers Family Craft Center Night, so you can finish up all those projects started earlier in the week and cobbler and patch trading in the Tent Cities.

Friday:

Friday is the last day for conferences and family program. Conference graduations take place in and around the greensward area in the afternoon. At 3:30pm an All-Conference Gathering will take place for conferences to meet and highlight all the courses that took part this week.

Following flags and dinner, make sure to head over to the Program Bowl at 7:30pm. All family program groups perform in skits on Friday evening during the Closing Program. Join us as we sing the *Philmont Hymn* and begin saying goodbye to newfound friends and to Philmont.



Saturday:

Saturday is time to pack up, say adios to your Philmont friends, and head home. Breakfast will be available at normal times; this will be your last meal provided by Philmont. Mountain Trek participants will return to PTC shortly after breakfast. We ask that you please move out of your housing by 9am. If you could please sweep out your tent, close the windows, and double check that you have all your items. Travel safely and see you next time!



Meals and Housing

Meals

Meals are served in either one or two different shifts in Dining Hall 2 at the Training Center. Your assigned shift will be determined prior to arrival. Your cooperation in observing these assignments is appreciated; doing so avoids long lines and ensures table space for all guests.

At mealtime, early-arrivals line up outside the Dining Hall and are led by the staff in reciting the Philmont Grace. Meals are varied, and there is always a salad/fruit bar, cereal with milk, and peanut butter and jelly for sandwiches. Refrigeration is available in the Tent City offices for infant formula or medications.

If you or a member of your family has special dietary requirements, please let Philmont know in advance either through the registration process or by emailing Philmont.TrainingCenter@scouting.org. Philmont's isolated location limits the availability of many specialized or kosher food items and these items may need to be brought from home. **Philmont's food service staff will make every effort to meet your needs but may not be able to accommodate persons following strict diets for religious or medical reasons.**

Tent Housing

Living in tents may be a new experience for you. Most participants find the leisurely life of tent dwelling to be comfortable and enjoyable in Philmont's climate. Each Tent City has shower houses, restrooms, a playground, a Tent City office, and a lounge area. Your Tent City staff will be nearby to help you in any way possible.

Your 10' x 12' canvas wall tent is on a wood or concrete platform and contains two metal-spring twin beds with mattresses, chairs, a metal locker, an electric outlet, and a light.

Irons, ironing boards, fans, clothing hangers, extra blankets, and other services are available for your use at no charge in the Tent City office. Games, evening activities, Cobbler Nights, patch trading sessions, and other activities will be organized by the Tent City staff or your fellow Tent City residents.

Tent assignments depend upon attendance numbers and the ages and number of members in your family. Common arrangements include multiple tents with cots and cribs. Capacity can be increased to three per tent with the use of a military cot for families with small children.

Each tent city has nearby handicap accessible shower houses. All Philmont Training Center shower houses have individual locking units, with each room containing a shower, sink, and toilet.



Families staying in tents will need to bring their own sleeping bags (or other bedding), pillows, and towels for their stay.

New for 2019 – Deluxe Tents!

Philmont is excited to introduce our newest tenting option – Deluxe Tents! Deluxe Tents are a tenting upgrade designed to make the outdoors comfortable for the whole family. Each Deluxe Tent will contain high quality linens, bedding, and furniture. Each Deluxe Tent will have one queen bed and two sets of bunk beds, sleeping 5 to 6 people. These tents will be a short walk away to our Showerhouse, where individual locking units contain a shower, sink, and toilet.

Deluxe tents will be available in limited quantities beginning June 23rd.



Philmont will provide sheets and bedding, pillows, and towels for your upgraded stay in the Deluxe Tents. Room cleaning services will not be provided during the duration of your stay.

Family Programs

The Philmont Training Center features a program of fun activities for everyone under the leadership of trained staff members. Evenings are devoted to family activities and free time. Sunday and Wednesday afternoons are also free for family activities, hiking, fishing, or sightseeing. Family programs offered are listed below and described on the following pages.

Family Program Groups meet while conferences are in regular session:

Monday 8:20am - 11:20 & 1:20pm to 4:20

Tuesday 8:20am - 11:20 & 1:20pm to 4:20

Wednesday 8:20am - 11:20

Thursday 8:20am - 11:20 & 1:20pm to 4:20

Friday 8:20am - 11:20 & 1:20pm to 4:20

The family programs are only available during the detailed times. Depending upon the number of participants, family groups may be combined or split. Groups are arranged by age:

Small Fry	Ages 2 months to 4 years
Bandits	5 to 6 years
Ropers	7 years
Deputies	8 to 9 years
Sidewinders	10 years
Mustangs	11 to 13 years
Mountain Trek*	14 to 20 years
Broncos	14 to 20 years
Silverados	Non-conference adults, 21+

*Mountain Trek participants must be 14 years of age or have completed the 8th grade and be at least 13 years old but are not yet 21 prior to participation.

Children must participate in family program or be under the supervision of a parent. **Children may not attend conference sessions with a parent.** Children who are ill will be returned to their parents. **Disruptive behavior is not tolerated.** Children who are disruptive are removed from the program. If the behavior continues, parents will be asked to remove the child from the premises. Family Program activities are subject to change based on weather, or other conditions beyond the Training Center's control.



Family Program Groups

Each Family Program group participates in activities designed with the age and ability of the family member in mind. Canteens or water bottles, rain gear, and a daypack large enough to hold all their gear are needed for each person participating in Family Program activities. Schedules may vary due to group size, weather, or other factors at Philmont. Depending upon the number of participants, family groups may be combined or split to provide more proportionately even groups.

The main objective of the Philmont Training Center Family Program is to provide an age-appropriate Philmont experience. Please understand that while some of our Cub Scout and Scouts BSA programs may be based on advancement requirements, their main intent is to let our Scouts have a fun Philmont experience. The true “arena” for advancement is in the home, the den, the patrol, or the troop and we do not wish to usurp the parent’s, den leader’s, or Scoutmaster’s role.

Small Fry (2 months - 4 years old)

For the youngest scouts, a nursery is in the Small Fry Center and parents may leave their children during Family Program times. Infants may be left for as little as an hour, or as long as a morning or afternoon session. Care is provided by trained Philmont staff according to your instructions.

At the Small Fry Center, the staff provide activities, games, crafts, pony rides, and supervised play during family program times. If riding ponies, all children are required to wear long pants and closed-toed shoes.

Parents of Small Fry children need to send all essential items (bottles, sweaters, diapers etc.) with their children. Be sure to label each item with your name as well as the name of your child.

Bandits (5 - 6-year-old youth)

Bandits participate in nature hikes, pony rides, games, songs and skits, crafts, museum tours, and two half-day hikes.

Ropers (7-year olds)

Ropers will get to partake in hiking, Villa and Museum tours, archery and BB guns, pony rides, games, crafts, and an all-day hike.

Deputies (8 - 9-year-old youth)

Deputies participate in hiking, museum tours, archery and BB guns, pony rides, games, crafts, and an all-day hike.

Sidewinders (10-year olds)

Sidewinders enjoy hiking, archery and BB guns, crafts, sports, rock climbing, Villa and museum tours, and a parent/Sidewinder overnighiter. The overnighiter is for the Sidewinder and a parent only.

Mustangs (11 - 13-year-old youth)

Mustangs enjoy a schedule of activities that varies from week to week. The Mustang program may include day hikes, horse rides, rock climbing, nature-based activities and games, archery, shooting sports, crafts, and an overnighiter in Philmont's backcountry.

Mustangs must have Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record, and bring the equipment listed for overnighiters.





Broncos (14 - 20-year olds)

The Broncos program is for those teenage family members who choose not to participate in a Mountain Trek. Broncos stay at PTC with their family, but enjoy a week of activities including hiking, horse rides, museum tours, ropes course, rock climbing, and shooting sports.

Mountain Trek (14 - 20-year olds)

Mountain Treks are challenging backpacking expeditions that provide an opportunity to experience Philmont's rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Mountain Trek crews hike 20-40 miles into the backcountry where participants stay at several camps that offer a variety of exciting programs. The Mountain Trek Program is for young men and women

who are 14 years of age, or have completed the 8th grade and are at least 13 years old, but are not yet 21 prior to participation.

All Mountain Trek participants must complete and return the Mountain Trek Information Form, which can be found [here](#). Participants are organized into male, female, or co-ed crews and are placed under the supervision of two of Philmont's highly qualified Rangers.

On Sunday afternoon, Mountain Trek participants check in at the Philmont Training Center and meet at **3:00pm** on the greensward prepared to leave for the trek. After a short orientation meeting with the Philmont Rangers, the participants divide into crews based on their age and ability and prepare for departure into the backcountry. Participants will return Saturday morning around 9:00am.

Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record are required. Philmont provides crew gear, but participants need the personal gear listed on the Mountain Trek equipment list, listed on the Mountain Trek [Guidebook](#).

Please note: The Mountain Trek program is not offered during Fall Conference.

Silverados (Non-conference adults, 21+)

Silverados are provided with a wide range of planned activities. The Silverados have their own meeting after the all-adult meeting on Monday morning. During this meeting, they will hear details about the activities scheduled, and get to sign up for activities they are interested in. Some of these activities are led by the Philmont staff and others are self-guided. Silverados can change activities throughout the week.

Some Silverado programs will require additional fees if they are provided off Philmont property or by local experts (including White Water Rafting, Candle Making in Cimarron, Jeep Tours in Red River, etc.) Silverados car-pool in **personal vehicles** to any activity that takes place away from the Training Center property.

Other Silverado activities include: Shooting Sports, Villa and Museum tours, High Ropes course, fishing, crafts, and outdoor cooking. An extensive day-hiking program is also available for Silverados. Hikes range from an easy 1.2-mile nature walk to a more challenging all-day hike of 8 miles into the backcountry. Anyone interested in participating in the extensive hiking programs must meet the [Philmont Height and Weight Chart restrictions](#).

What Should We Bring?

Living at Philmont for a week will be an outdoor adventure for the whole family! In choosing clothing and equipment, please keep in mind Philmont's elevation (6,600 ft.). Traditional summer weather consists of warm days (70°s to high 80°s), cool nights (30°s to low 50°s), and rainy afternoons.

The following is a basic equipment list for **each** member of your family:

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| - Pillow | - Sleeping bag*, and/or sheets, blankets |
| - Towel and washcloth | - Walking/hiking shoes or boots* |
| - Daypack*/School backpack | - Warm sleeping garments |
| - Camera* | - Scout uniforms (for Scouting members) * |
| - Flashlight* | - Clothing for warm days and cool evenings |
| - Sunscreen* | - Hat or cap* |
| - Insect repellent* | - Sweater* |
| - Rain jacket or poncho* | - Two or three, one-quart plastic water bottles*
or canteens (except Nursery/Small Fry) |
| - Jacket* | - Health Forms |
| - Extra batteries* for cameras
and flashlights* | |

Overnighter List

Sidewinders and Mustangs need the following equipment for the Sidewinders/Parent campout or the Mustangs overnight campout in Philmont's backcountry (in addition to the list above):

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| - Backpack* or duffel bag for overnight gear | |
| - Warm jacket* | - Heavy wool socks*, for hiking |
| - Sleeping bag* | - Flashlight* |
| - Long pants* (blue-jeans) | - Hiking boots (Mustangs, broken-in) * |

*These items can be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Philmont does NOT provide bed linens, blankets, or towels, but your Tent City Manager can provide an emergency blanket if the temperature suddenly drops.
- A fan and some additional clothes hangers may be useful.
- If you have an infant or toddler, consider packing a portable stroller. Walking distances can be a problem for small children.
- Tuesday is our Western Dance, so don't forget your western duds! We will also be branding with our Philmont brands for souvenirs.
- Mustangs, Broncos, and Silverados should bring a pair of long pants and a long-sleeved shirt to wear on activities such as horse rides and the COPE course.
- Even though we are a Scout camp, we do not recommend leaving items of value unattended in tents or roofed housing. Secure storage is available for small items at the Training Center Registration Office. Proper identification should be placed on all clothing and equipment.



- Mountain Trek participants need an extensive amount of gear for their trek. A detailed equipment list is included in the Mountain Trek [Guidebook](#).

Uniforms

Philmont is the National Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America. As a representative of your council, district, or unit, we encourage you to wear a complete BSA uniform to flag ceremonies and meals.

In addition, youth who are involved in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Girl Scouts are also encouraged to wear their Scout uniforms during these times.

Pets

Pets, other than those required for assistance (such as seeing-eye dogs), are not allowed at Philmont. The Raton Animal Hospital (575-445-2691) can board pets at a standard daily rate. You must place your pet in a boarding kennel before your arrival at the Training Center.

The Tooth of Time Traders

Scouting materials, personal items, gifts, and Philmont souvenirs are available for purchase at the Tooth of Time Traders, located at Camping Headquarters. The store is also an excellent resource for any of your hiking or outdoor needs. The Tooth of Time Traders does accept credit cards. Additionally, there is an ATM located at the Tooth of Time Traders, and in Cimarron at the International Bank. Check out their e-commerce store at www.ToothOfTimeTraders.com.

Health and Safety

Philmont provides a full medical staff at the Infirmary, located in the north section of the Camping Headquarters area. The Infirmary has doctors, nurses, and medics on duty around the clock for emergencies. PTC also has a medical officer on duty. Should you or your family need assistance, contact the Training Center medical officer. If necessary, he or she can facilitate a visit to the Infirmary.

Keep in mind that PTC is at 6,600 feet elevation. Individuals coming from lower altitudes may experience some discomfort at first. Humidity is low, so visitors should drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration (10-14 glasses a day). Persons who are overweight, out of shape, or who 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.

The Training Center dining halls and classrooms are wheelchair accessible, as are several tent platforms. Please notify the Philmont Training Center in advance during the registration process or email us at Philmont.TrainingCenter@scouting.org if you require a wheelchair-accessible tent platform. Due to limited resources, you must provide your own wheelchair. Unfortunately, wheelchair transportation is not available.

Health Forms

To provide a safe experience at Philmont Scout Ranch, all participants are required to fill out and bring a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record with an attached photocopy of your insurance card:

Parts A, B, and C are needed for participants in **Mustangs, Mountain Trek, National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, and Philmont Leadership Challenge**

Parts A and B are needed for participants in **PTC Conferences and all other Family Program.**
The BSA Annual Health & Medical Record is available on the Philmont Scout Ranch website.

Please do not send or mail your health forms in advance of your arrival.

As part of the check-in process, all forms will be reviewed by the on-duty Health Officer and will be kept on file at the Philmont Training Center Medical Office until the end of the week, when they will be returned.

Bring any necessary medication (such as asthma inhalers, Epi Pens, or other needs) as these items may not be locally available.

Philmont Weight Limits for Backcountry Participation

Each backcountry participant at Philmont must not exceed the maximum acceptable limit in the weight-for-height chart shown on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Those who fall within the limits are more likely to have an enjoyable experience and avoid incurring health risks. The Philmont staff will use their best professional judgment in determining participation in a Philmont backcountry experience for individuals who exceed the maximum acceptable weight for height. Any exception to the weight limit requires approval from Philmont in advance.

Under no circumstance will any individual over 295 lbs. be allowed to participate in backcountry programs, regardless of height or age. This limit is necessary due to limitations of rescue equipment and for the safety of Philmont personnel. The maximum weight for any participant going on horse rides is 200 pounds.

Other Details

Expenses

Your fees cover all lodging, adventure activities, and meals during the length of your stay. Optional activities, such as Craft Center projects, are available at a nominal additional cost. Philmont's trading post, the [Tooth of Time Traders](#), stock items to meet your Scouting and personal needs.

Mail

While at Philmont, your mailing address is:

Your Name
Conference and Week Attending
Philmont Training Center
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714

Outgoing mail is picked up around 10:00am from the mailbox outside the PTC Registration Office, Monday through Saturday. Incoming mail is delivered to your family via Philmont Staff. Postcards can be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders and stamps are for sale at the PTC Registration Office. Parcels should be shipped via U.S. Mail, Federal Express, or UPS. Other services do not deliver to Philmont. **Do not rely on "next day" service, please make sure to allow at least one week for deliveries.**

Firearms, Alcoholic Beverages, and Smoking

Philmont does not permit the possession of personal firearms while on the property. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is also not permitted on Philmont property. As a facility of the Boy Scouts of America, all buildings and tents at Philmont are smoke-free. However, there are designated smoking areas available.

Laundry

A large coin-operated laundry with washers and dryers is located near your Tent City and is open 24 hours. Laundry detergent and dryer sheets are available in the laundromat in a dispensing machine, along with a change machine. Detergent and dryer sheets are also available at the Tooth of Time Traders. Change is available at the laundry or the PTC Registration office.

Telephones

Public telephones reside in each Tent City office and on the back porch of the Training Center Office, overlooking the Greensward. Incoming messages to the Training Center Office (575-376-2281) are delivered to your Tent City staff as soon as possible. After 7pm, only emergency messages will be delivered. Fax services are available on a limited basis.

Lost and Found

There are several locations for lost and found items. The first place to check is PTC front desk, then the Quartermaster office in the PTC Main Building.

Family Photos

A Philmont staffer will take family photos on the Villa Lawn Wednesday morning, from 7:00am-8:00am. This free picture will be emailed to you.

The Bulletin Board

Please make frequent stops to the bulletin board next to the PTC Main Office to check the Conference Week schedule and details on upcoming programs.

Buffalo and other Wildlife

Philmont's buffalo pasture is located west of Highway 21 as you drive north toward Cimarron. The herd is maintained in three pastures and you may see them if you drive two miles west of the Administration complex. Photos are welcome, but please **do not** cross fences and pull fully off the road when stopping. Buffalo are wild animals and unpredictable.

Philmont is inhabited by a wide variety of wild animals, including deer, turkey, skunks, raccoons, and black bears. During your stay at the Training Center, there are many opportunities to see wildlife; however, please keep your distance and respect their habitat. In addition, please refrain from leaving scented items (food, toiletries, etc.) out in the open. PTC tents contain storage lockers for smellable items.

Religious Services

Chaplains from Catholic, LDS, Jewish, and Protestant faiths conduct nightly services at Camping Headquarters at 7:00pm and are available to care for the spiritual needs of individuals and families upon request. An interfaith service is held at PTC Chapel on Sunday at 4:30pm. Additionally, an interfaith sunrise service is held at PTC Chapel on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6am.

Duty to God Program

A special Duty to God program and patch is available for individuals or family groups. The Chaplains assist in providing information about this religious opportunity. The program features materials to support daily devotionals and meditations. Duty to God booklets can be picked up on the information wall in the PTC office.

Philmont Recognitions

Many ask about the Philmont patch. There are several patches available, depending on what activities you participate in at Philmont. The familiar Arrowhead Award is awarded to those who complete a full backcountry trek or Mountain Trek and satisfy other requirements.

Other unique Philmont patches can be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders. Upon completion of their course, Philmont Training Center conference members will receive a special PTC Conference patch. PTC Family Program patch will also be given out for all family program groups.

Philmont Staff and Faculty

Philmont has a permanent staff of 86 employees plus more than 1,100 summer seasonal staff members. Almost 100 staff members are assigned to the Philmont Training Center. There are a host of services available to you provided by the staff members in PTC Administration, Transportation, Family Program, Conference Support, Housing, Maintenance, Food Service, the Infirmary, and Museums.

Over 300 professional and volunteer Scouters serve as faculty members for the Training Center's conferences each summer. The various divisions and committees of the National Council choose the faculty from top volunteers throughout the Boy Scouts of America.



Spare Time

While your conference schedule is busy, you'll have a fair amount of spare time at Philmont and there are many exciting activities and places to see. In addition to visiting the Villa and the other museums, a visit to Camping Headquarters allows a glimpse into Philmont's trekking operation.

Hiking

There are several approved day hikes you can take during your free time. All are fairly easy and give you a small taste of the backcountry. Be sure to come by the Training Center Office for a PTC Hiker's Guide and please sign out at the PTC Bulletin board before hiking.

Hikers need to bring a water bottle, daypack, rain gear, and a warm jacket or sweater. Sunglasses, sunscreen, a hat, and a first aid kit are also recommended. Only those who meet Philmont's height and weight requirements, are approved by the PTC Medical Staff, and are in good physical condition should attempt to hike Philmont's trails.

Philmont, for health and safety reasons, does **not** allow hikes in any backcountry areas other than the programs available as referenced by the schedule. This does include **the Tooth of Time**. Please observe this policy during your stay at PTC.

Craft Center

The Philmont Craft Center offers instruction and materials for ceramics, wearable art (clothing and accessories decoration), leather craft, stamp art, southwest crafts/home décor, and more. Craft Center activities are an additional purchase, based on what craft you'd like to make. Cash, check, and credit cards are accepted.

Fishing

All fishermen must have a New Mexico fishing license, available for purchase at the Tooth of Time Traders or [online](#) at New Mexico's Game and Fish website and a Philmont Fishing parking permit from the Training Center office. The lower Rayado River is a recommended fishing area. Please bring your own tackle.

Philmont Museums

National Scouting Museum

Newly opened in 2018, experience the National Scouting Museum! This on your own activity is a great opportunity to learn about the 100-plus-year history of the Scouting movement with collections of some of Scouting's greatest treasures. This collection not only documents Scouting's unique influence on American culture, but also tells the story of a movement that has positively affected the lives of more than 110 million young people.

Villa Philmonte Tour

Philmont benefactor Waite Phillips' summer home, the Villa Philmonte, is open each day for tours. Philmont Family Adventure will have specific tours assigned to this program. There are 24 slots per tour available.

Chase Ranch Tour

The Chase Ranch, founded in 1869, was successfully owned and operated by the Chase family for over 143 years. The historic adobe ranch house offers a glimpse of ranch life starting around the time of the Colfax County land grant war, through the territorial and statehood periods into modern times. This ranch and the Chase family were instrumental in transforming western ranching into what it is today! During the summer months, staff offer guided tours of the main house, grounds, orchards and tack room.

Kit Carson Rayado Tour

The Kit Carson Museum at Rayado in Philmont's southeast corner (seven miles south of the Training Center) is a living history museum that houses exhibits and artifacts pertaining to life on the Santa Fe Trail and the lives of mountain men Kit Carson and Lucien Maxwell. The interpretive museum staff will show families through the display areas and blacksmith shop.

Philmont Country

Philmont Scout Ranch spans 140,171 acres of mountainous territory in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) mountain range—a section of the Rocky Mountains located in northeast New Mexico. Elevations at Philmont range from 6,500' to 12,441' and the land varies from heavily forested mountains to semi-arid plains.

Philmont History

Once inhabited by Jicarilla Apache and Moache Ute Indians, Philmont was the site of one of the first pioneer settlements in northeastern New Mexico. The present ranch is part of the original Beaubien and Miranda Land Grant, which was granted to Carlos Beaubien and Guadalupe Miranda by the Mexican government in 1841. Beaubien's son-in-law, mountain man Lucien Maxwell, led the first settlers to the grant in 1848. With help of his friend, Kit Carson, Maxwell's settlement on the Rayado River prospered, despite frequent Indian raids and harsh wilderness conditions.



Carlos Beaubien

Maxwell moved his ranch north to the Cimarron River in 1857, the site of the present-day Cimarron. It became a famous stop on the Santa Fe Trail, bringing American trade goods into New Mexico. Ten years after Maxwell moved to the Cimarron, gold was discovered on his ranch near Baldy Mountain. For years afterward, the mountains and streams of Maxwell's Ranch swarmed with prospectors and miners.

In 1870, Maxwell sold his ranch to an English land company known as the Maxwell Land Grant and Railroad Company. After several years, the land was again sold to a Dutch-based company who attempted several development schemes, but eventually sold the land in tracts for farms and ranches.

Oklahoma oilman Waite Phillips became interested in developing a ranch out of the old land grant in 1922. He eventually amassed over 300,000 acres of mountains and plains in a ranch he named Philmont (derived from his name and the Spanish word for mountain, "monte").

The Philmont Ranch became a showcase. Immense herds of Hereford cows and Corriedale sheep grazed its pastures. Phillips built a large Spanish Mediterranean summer home for his family at the Headquarters, naming it the Villa Philmonte. He developed horse and hiking trails throughout the scenic backcountry along with elaborate fishing and hunting cabins for his family and friends.

Waite Phillips believed in sharing his wealth with people outside of his family. In this spirit, he offered 35,857 acres of his ranch to the Boy Scouts of America in 1938 to serve as a National wilderness camping area. The reservation was named Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp (after Phillips's name and the BSA slogan, Do a Good Turn Daily). After observing the enthusiastic response of the first Philturn Campers, Phillips augmented his original gift in 1941 with an addition including his best camping land, the Villa Philmonte, and the Headquarters farming and ranching operation. The second gift was made so that many, rather than few, could enjoy his rich and beautiful land. The property, now totaling 127,395 acres, was renamed Philmont Scout Ranch.

Phillips realized that the cost for maintenance and development of the property could not and should not be derived entirely from camper fees. As an endowment he included in the gift his 23-story Philtower Building in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In 1963, through the generosity of Norton Clapp, vice president of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, another piece of the Maxwell Land Grant was purchased and added to Philmont. This was the Baldy Mountain mining area consisting of 10,098 acres. The gift of Baldy Mountain brought the total acreage to 137,493.

In 2015, The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America acquired the 2,678-acre Cimarroncita Ranch which is located adjacent to Philmont near Ute Park. The property will serve both campers and the Philmont Training Center in the future. Philmont is the largest youth camp in the world now totaling 140,171 acres or approximately 220 square miles.



Waite Phillips

The Philmont Hymn

Sil - ver on the sage, Star - lit skies a-bove,
As - pen cov-ered hills, Coun - try that I love,
Phil-mont here's to thee, Scout - ing par - a - dise,
Out in God's coun-try to - night.
Wind in whis-p'ring pines, Ea - gle soar-ing high,
Pur - ple moun-tains rise, A-gainst an a-zure sky,
Phil-mont here's to thee, Scout-ing par-a-dise,
Out in God's coun - try to - night.

The musical score for 'The Philmont Hymn' is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of eight staves of music. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols 'C' and 'G' are placed above the first and fifth notes of each measure to indicate the harmonic structure. The lyrics are: 'Sil - ver on the sage, Star - lit skies a-bove, As - pen cov-ered hills, Coun - try that I love, Phil-mont here's to thee, Scout - ing par - a - dise, Out in God's coun-try to - night. Wind in whis-p'ring pines, Ea - gle soar-ing high, Pur - ple moun-tains rise, A-gainst an a-zure sky, Phil-mont here's to thee, Scout-ing par-a-dise, Out in God's coun - try to - night.'

The Philmont Grace

For Raiment
For Life
For Opportunity
For Friendship
and Fellowship
We Thank Thee
O Lord

Parent's Authorization Form

This form is to be used if you are bringing a minor/child who is not the participant's child or legal ward.

To: Philmont Scout Ranch

Name of Child _____

Name of Accompanying Adult (s): _____

Whereas the above named minor of whom I have legal custody or guardian, will be traveling with and attending a conference at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, NM with the above named adult (s) during the period between _____ and _____: and

Whereas the guidance during said trip will be given by the above named adult(s):

It is agreed as follows:

1. In the event my child, during the trip, requires medical services including admission to a hospital, the above mentioned adult(s) may seek and provide for such services as my duly authorized representative. In case my child requires hospitalization and I cannot be contacted, the above adult(s) have the right to provide for the admission and care of my child to a hospital, secure proper anesthesia, or order injection or surgery, and to leave him/her there after reasonable efforts have been made to care for his/her welfare, and without any further obligation on the part of the adult(s). During the period of the trip, I can be reached at the telephone number listed below. I assume full financial responsibility for medical expenses. I further assume full responsibility for making any and all arrangements for returning the child to his home from the hospital, thereby relieving the adult(s) of any responsibility in this matter.
2. I realize that, during the trip, good conduct befitting a member of the Boy Scouts of America will be required of my child for the maintenance of good order and safety. Accordingly, I hereby authorize the adult(s) to discipline my child in a reasonable way. I understand that obnoxious acts such as smoking, chewing tobacco, speaking with profanity, consuming intoxicants or drugs, fighting, stealing, and failing to act in good accordance with normally accepted rules of good conduct cannot and will not be tolerated. In the event that my child violates the rules of good conduct and in the opinion of the adult(s) becomes incapable of being corrected by reasonable means and within a reasonable period of time, I authorize the adult(s) to provide for placing my child on a public conveyance, preferably an airline, for immediate return to our home.
3. In the event that the adult(s) shall make any advance disbursements or payments of money on the account of the authority given pursuant to the above items, I agree to pay on demand for all such expenditures. I further agree to hold harmless any of the above adult(s), Philmont Scout Ranch, and the Boy Scouts of America for any damages occurring to my child or myself as the result of the adult(s) acting within the scope of the authority given pursuant to the above items or implicit in the fulfillment of their tasks as my child's guardians during the duration of the trip.

Emergency phone numbers:

Parent / Guardian Address During Trip:

Work _____

Home _____

I hereby agree to the above:

Signed _____ (PRINT NAME) _____

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS DAY

BY: _____ (NOTARY)

DATE _____

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

Cancellation & Refund Policy for the Philmont Training Center

Cancellations must be received in writing 30 days prior to the first day of your course. A \$100 processing fee will be applied. For cancellations received inside of the 30 days, a processing fee of \$150 will be applied.

The refund will be applied to the credit card listed under the registration profile. Or, if payments were only made in the form of a check, the refund will be mailed in the form of a check. Refunds cannot be deferred or transferred to other Philmont-related programs outside of the Philmont Training Center or deferred to the summer conferences of the following year.

No-shows, or registrants who do not submit a written explanation for cancellations, will not be eligible for a refund.

Exceptions to the processing fee are as follows:

- Military service
- Death of main registrant or sub-registrant
- Medical incidents

All cancellations require emailed explanation with a request for a refund, prior to the start of the first day of the registered conference.

Please remit the typed explanation to:

Philmont Scout Ranch

Attn: PTC Course Cancellation
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714

Email to:

Philmont.TrainingCenter@scouting.org