



RANCH HANDS – 2021

The Ranch Hands program is an opportunity for young men/women to earn an eight (8) day Cavalcade trek at Philmont by participating in an eight (8) day work session. You will work with the Horse Department staff taking care of Philmont's 250 head of horses and 80 head of burros. You will be hauling hay and feed, saddling horses, helping keep the horses shod, and assisting on Philmont trail rides. The work can be strenuous and requires top physical and mental conditioning. All necessary equipment will be provided by Philmont, and all participants will be covered by camper's insurance.

After your eight-day work session, The Ranch Hands crew will gather together and embark on an eight day Cavalcade under the leadership of a Horseman and Wrangler. You will ride the trails through some of the most beautiful country in America. Each night you will be in a different Philmont camp where the program may be Rock Climbing, Archaeology, Mountain Man Rendezvous, or Homesteading. The final afternoon of your Cavalcade features a horseback gymkhana in the arena at Ponil Camp.

REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- ☐ Be at least 16 years old by the date your program begins, but not yet 21 by its conclusion.
- ☐ Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 65 lbs.
- ☐ As with all Philmont Horse Programs, there is a **weight limit of 200 pounds or less.**
- ☐ Be able to work and live under the leadership of one of Philmont's Horsemen at one of the Horse Camps or at Headquarters.
- ☐ A complete physical examination is required. (An Annual BSA Health and Medical Record can be downloaded from the website.)

NOTE: In order to comply with New Mexico work law, **no exceptions can be made to these requirements.**

PROGRAM FEE

The fee for this sixteen-day experience is \$350 for 2021. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with this application. The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance into the program. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Philmont as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant. 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 by May 1. No-shows are not eligible for a refund.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete this application. Be sure it has all the necessary signatures – yours, your parent/guardian and your unit leader and attach a letter of recommendation. ***Mail your completed application to: Philmont Scout Ranch, BSA, Attn: Ranch Hands, 17 Deer Run Rd., Cimarron, NM 87714 not later than January 7.*** Philmont will notify you in February. If accepted, a packet of materials will be emailed to you in March to help you prepare for your Philmont work/trek experience.

TRAVEL

Shuttles are available from the Albuquerque, New Mexico and Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado Airports to Philmont. The shuttles leaves 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. Participants depart the morning of the seventeenth day (July 23).

2021 RANCH HANDS APPLICATION

July 7 - 23

(Please circle year above & print clearly)

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
(first) (middle) (last)

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME # _____ CELL# _____ PARENTS # _____

DATE OF BIRTH* _____ (*Must be 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion)

CURRENT INFORMATION: Gender _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Height _____ Weight _____
male / female inches 200 lbs. max limit

MEMBERSHIP # _____

SCOUTING EXPERIENCE:

(Circle One)

Tenure _____ Now registered in: Troop Team Venture Crew Unit # _____

Council Name _____

Leadership Positions Held _____ Rank _____

Previous Philmont Experience _____ Year(s) _____

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

HORSE EXPERIENCE *: Check all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Own a horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship Merit Badge
<input type="checkbox"/> Worked at Council Camp Horse Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Experience with other Livestock
<input type="checkbox"/> Worked at Local Stable	<input type="checkbox"/> # of years horse-riding experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Lived/Grew-up on farm or ranch	*Horse experience preferred, but not necessary.

RANCH HANDS CODE OF CONDUCT

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

AS A RANCH HANDS PARTICIPANT, I WILL:

- Live the Scout Oath and Law or Venturing Code and Oath
- Observe, respect, and strive to live the Philmont Wilderness Pledge.
- Observe the rules of the Ranch Department and my Supervisor.
- Wear my full official BSA uniform or work clothes as required. Unofficial decorations are not part of the official uniform.
- Be personally responsible for damage and loss of property.
- Understand that theft, vandalism, or deliberate destruction of property, either other participants' or Philmont's 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 below, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the code of conduct for Ranch Hands, as listed on this application, have read and understand all the information about the Ranch Hands Program.

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL:

My son/daughter has our complete permission to participate in a Philmont Ranch Hands experience. I understand that this work is physically demanding and involves a degree of risk to participants as might be expected from hard work, riding and/or handling horses. 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 Ranch Hands Program.

Unit Leader Signature _____ Date _____

FEE SCHEDULE:

The total fee is \$350 for 2021. A \$50 deposit fee must accompany this application. The remaining balance of \$300 will be due upon receipt of confirmation.

NOTE: Deposit fee, all required signatures of approval and one letter of recommendation must accompany application.

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

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