

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position:	Activities Opening Campfire Specialist
Department:	Activities & Shows
Salary Level:	II (Specialists/Foremen)
Default Housing:	<i>Tent-CHQ (Final housing assignments may differ based on availability)</i>
Reports To:	Activities Manager
Desired Availability:	May 20 – August 22

Philmont Standards

- Must be at least 18 years of age by start of employment (21+ requirement, if applicable, will be noted below)
- Must become a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America at the start of employment and subscribe to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Declaration of Religious Principles
- Must provide a complete and current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record to the Infirmary upon arrival including review of risk advisory and immunization requirements
- Must maintain a clean, well-groomed appearance and be willing to purchase required uniform parts to meet Philmont's uniform policy
- Must participate in designated staff training
- Must adhere to the policies and programs set forth by Philmont Scout Ranch management

Position Overview

The Opening Campfire Specialist helps give leadership to the Activities Department, which provides activities and facilities for staff and two campfires for all participants who come through Philmont. Philmont prides itself on top-quality programs and campfire shows, and the Opening and Closing campfires serve as great bookends to an amazing wilderness experience. Opening Campfire orients participants to the rich history of this land and how it ties into the trek they will embark upon and anoints the leaders of the crew. Specifically, the Opening Campfire Specialist is responsible for planning the Opening campfire program, training the Activities Staff in its performance, and facilitating the campfire every night when on duty.

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

- Learn and train all facets of the Activities responsibilities relating to Opening and Closing campfires, the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center (SSSAC), the Fitness Center, audio/visual equipment, staff housing, and staff recreational features.
- Train the Activities Staff in the script, roles, and music of the Opening campfire program. The staff should be trained so that they can rotate jobs as scheduled.
- Assist in conducting inspiring and meaningful Opening and Closing campfires.
- Maintain the props, costumes, and equipment used in the Opening campfire program.
- Assist in maintaining a high level of staff morale at Camping Headquarters and the Training Center by coordinating a base calendar of staff activities and carrying out each event successfully.

- Become familiar with tent assignments and housing maps for Male Tent City, Female Tent City, and backcountry Homebound and Trailbound tents, and participate in check-in and check-out processes related to housing.
- Assist in developing and implementing a daily cleaning schedule rotation for the SSSAC, Fitness Center, Hardesty Casa Central, and CHQ shower house buildings.
- Help the Activities Manager train, coach, supervise, mentor, and evaluate all Activities Department staff members. Utilize their talents and abilities and help them achieve their full potential and grow over the course of the summer.
- Review the Opening and Closing campfire scripts at the beginning of the summer and help develop a training schedule so that staff present high-energy, enthusiastic, and meaningful interpretations of characters in campfire programs.
- Assist in planning and implementing various Philmont staff activities, special functions, and events such as open-mic nights, sports tournaments, movie nights, etc.
- Report tent issues to Tent Repair in a timely manner, help conduct tent inspections twice over the course of the summer and provide housing support and cleaning supplies for staff members living in tents.
- Assist in maintaining good appearance and operating condition of SSSAC, Hardesty Casa Central, and Fitness Center facilities by cleaning daily.
- Assist in maintaining customer satisfaction of shower house facilities through a cleaning rotation in which all homebound, trailbound, male staff, and female staff shower houses get cleaned daily by Activities Staff.
- Cordially receive and assist any person who comes to the Activities office.
- Ensure all audio and visual equipment is taken care of and in good working condition.
- Report maintenance needs to the appropriate personnel for the SSSAC, Fitness Center, and Opening and Closing Campfire Bowls.
- Help maintain the work/days off schedule for the Activities Department.
- Assist in keeping track of material needs and submit Material Request Forms to the Associate Director of Program–Base Camp in a timely manner.
- Provide exceptional customer service to staff and participants alike.
- Complete other duties as assigned by direct supervisor or ranch management as required

Desired Qualifications & Experience

- Proficient in musical performance, theater performance, and/or production
- Excellent event planning and execution skills
- Ability to safely prepare and handle food while serving others following New Mexico food handling regulations
- Ability to function well in a fast-paced, dynamic, and sometimes stressful environment
- Previous experience cleaning public areas in an institutional setting preferred

Physical Requirements & Work Environment

- Vocally project through spoken word and/or singing
- Interpret and express feelings through speech, gesture, and body movement
- Work long-hours exposed to an outdoor theater/campfire environment
- Work around fumes, fire/smoke, dust, rain, and airborne particles
- Work in a loud or very loud environment
- Work with toxic or caustic chemicals

- Move and/or lift objects up to 50 pounds
- Multi-task on various simultaneous projects

Additional Information

Due to the diversity of responsibilities in the Activities Department, day to day work schedules often vary. Preference for positions will be given to those with the ability to play a musical instrument which fits into a western/folk setting.

It should be noted by applicants that Philmont Scout Ranch and the surrounding area are located in a rural ranching community within the high desert of the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Climate, culture, and the availability of resources may vary significantly than other communities. Amenities applicants are used to may not be available on the ranch or the surrounding area.

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