

RAYADO TREK — Men / Women

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION



As a participant on Philmont's Rayado Program, you can look forward to an exciting experience! The information contained in this packet will help you prepare for your adventure. Please read all of it carefully, it is intended to help you make your adventure the greatest.

PREPARATION

An important part of your Rayado Trek experience will involve strenuous hiking over rugged country. Both you and your equipment must be in top condition.

Important Preparation Tips:

1. Start a daily fitness program today!
2. Your feet and footwear will be especially important to your enjoyment of the program. Commit time to breaking in hiking boots and figuring out the best footwear option for you.
3. Please brush up on backcountry skills. Philmont's YouTube channel has many great, informative videos you can watch: www.youtube.com/user/philmontscoutranch
4. Read the *Guidebook to Adventure-Campers Edition*. While the program will be different, the other information is valuable.
5. Get ready to Expect the Unexpected!

EQUIPMENT AND SPECIAL CLOTHING

Necessary equipment is listed in the *Guidebook to Adventure-Campers Edition* and on Philmont's website: www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks/whattobring/. Remember that this list has been created for standard trek itineraries though the gear needed for Rayado is the same. Use your judgement to pack for your longer trek while taking pack weight into account.

The equipment listed includes **Equipment Provided by Crew**. These items will be provided for you upon your arrival, and your Rayado crew will split up gear accordingly. We do recommend you bring your own sunscreen and bug repellent, as limited amounts will be provided for the entire crew.

Storage space for excess baggage will be limited, keep such items to a minimum.

LEADERSHIP

Your Rayado Crew will be under the leadership of two Philmont Rangers who have had special training for the Rayado program. You will meet them at the Philmont Welcome Center on the starting day of your program. Rayado is designed for individual participants to develop leadership skills and to foster positive group dynamics. **Participants from the same unit or town will be placed in different crews to encourage personal growth.**

EXPEDITION NUMBER

Your expedition number is important. It helps Philmont quickly and easily identify the program and time for which you are registered. Be sure to include it in **ALL** correspondence.

Your crew's expedition number is **620-RM-n** or **720-RM-n** (Rayado Men); **620-RW-n** or **720-RW-n** (Rayado Women).

UNIFORMING

Wear your uniform proudly. It identifies you as a member of the greatest youth organization in the world. The shorts and field shirts have been found to be both comfortable and practical at Philmont. You are expected to be in uniform while in Base Camp.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PLANS

Your *Individual Arrival Plans* information form will be sent with your acceptance package. It must be filled out completely and emailed to philmont.camping@scouting.org at least three weeks before your arrival to Philmont.

ARRIVAL AT PHILMONT

Plan to arrive at Philmont prior to 11:00 AM on the first day of your program – June 20th or July 20th. Please report to the Welcome Center at Camping Headquarters. Rangers will meet you here to take you through the check-in process.

Session	Arrive (8:00 am to 11:00 am)	Depart (Morning)
1	June 20 th	July 10 th
2	July 20 th	August 9 th

If, due to transportation schedules, it is necessary for you to arrive a day early (on June 19th or July 19th), please indicate this on your *Individual Arrival Plans* information form. Do not arrive more than one day early. Tent space at Philmont Camping Headquarters is limited.

DEPARTING PHILMONT

Participants may depart Philmont with their parents following the “Rayado Banquet” the last night of their program, July 9th or August 8th. Typically, participants stay at Philmont this last night and depart the morning of the last day of their program (July 10th or August 9th). If you must depart later than July 10th or August 9th, you must speak with Philmont and pay for additional accommodation; this will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

TRANSPORTATION

You will be responsible for your own transportation to and from Philmont.

Private Vehicle

Private vehicles can be driven directly to Philmont Camping Headquarters, five miles south of Cimarron, New Mexico. Check in at the Welcome Center.

Train

Raton, New Mexico (45 miles northeast of Philmont) is the nearest terminal for AMTRAK. Arrangements should be made in advance for Philmont bus transportation to and from Raton. Forms for registration for the Philmont shuttle bus are available at: www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/planningyourvisit/getting-to-philmont/. The cost is \$50.00 round-trip.

Airplane

Commercial flights serve Denver (270 miles from Philmont), Albuquerque (220 miles from Philmont) and Colorado Springs (200 miles from Philmont). In addition to the airport shuttles, Greyhound busses run from numerous cities to Raton where they may be met by Philmont shuttle busses (\$50.00 round-trip). Round-trip shuttle service is available from Albuquerque International, the Denver International, and the Colorado Springs airports to Philmont. Shuttle Registration forms are available at: www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/planningyourvisit/getting-to-philmont/.

MEDICAL FORM

All participants of Philmont programs must pass a physical examination. Have your physician fill out and sign the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record and **BRING IT WITH YOU**. A copy of your insurance card (front & back) should be attached. If your physical examination must be given at Philmont, you will be charged the prevailing fee. Participants must meet the height/weight limits noted on the medical form.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

Please read Philmont's 2023 COVID-19 Supplemental Risk Advisory, which outlines our current COVID-19 policies. See www.philmontscoutranch.org/covid-19-mitigation/ for more information.

INSURANCE

The Boy Scouts of America provide accident and sickness insurance coverage for Philmont participants from the time they leave home until they return. This policy has an excess insurance provision that will pay eligible expenses not

covered by other collectable insurances. The name and policy number of your family policy should be noted on your medical form. Please attach a photocopy of your insurance card to the Annual Health and Medical Record.

EXTRA CHARGES

One crew photo, taken on your arrival day, is included in your fee. Additional crew photos of your session may be purchased for \$5.00 per print at www.PhilmontPhotoArchive.org/. See the *Guidebook to Adventure-Campers Edition* for advice on spending money.

Transportation fees may be prepaid to reduce the amount of cash you carry, if you wish.

If, due to transportation schedules, participants must stay an extra day in base camp, either before or after their trek, they will be charged for accommodations. Participants under 18 years of age will pay \$75 for supervision, tenting, and meals. Those over 18 will be charged \$6 per meal and \$10 for tenting. Participants arriving by plane or train by shuttle the day before will not be charged extra. **Due to limited tent space, participants are only allowed 1 additional day in base so please plan accordingly.**

QUESTIONS

If you have specific questions about the Rayado Trek, please contact Philmont at 575-376-2281 or email camping@PhilmontScoutRanch.org.