

# PHILMONT AMBASSADOR UPDATE

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SERVING BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD

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## Summer Volunteer Opportunities Abound



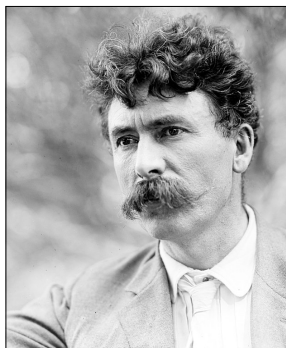
Checking in Crews as they arrive at the Welcome Center is one of the important roles that Volunteers fill to help Philmont run smoothly all summer. (*Philmont Photo*)

### *Julie Seton Keeping Grandfather's Legacy Alive Through Institute*

Ernest Thompson Seton, the first Chief Scout of the BSA from 1910 to 1915, was an award-winning wildlife illustrator and naturalist who was also a spell-binding storyteller and lecturer, a best-selling author of animal stories, an expert in native American sign language, and an early supporter of the political, cultural, and spiritual rights of First Peoples. The National Scouting Museum at Philmont is the repository of his library which is an extensive collection of books and artifacts about nature, the Southwest and native culture.

Keeping the spirit of Seton alive is the mission of the Ernest Thompson Seton Institute, says Julie Seton, his granddaughter. It does this by collecting and publish-

ing oral histories of those influenced by him, presenting his legacy to audiences, preserving Seton genealogical documents and letters, working with organizations with outdoor educational programs, and hosting a book club for reading his works.



Ernest Thompson Seton

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"Welcome to Philmont!" are the first words crews hear when they arrive at Camping Headquarters. They are usually spoken by a Welcome Center Volunteer who provides valuable assistance to Scouts as they get orientated to the hustle and bustle of Base Camp.

Tasks like maintaining tent assignment charts, communicating with Registration personnel, and keeping common areas clean are important when there are hundreds of arrivals and departures each day. Visiting with crews as they arrive and wishing them a safe journey home all are part of the Philmont experience provided by volunteers.

Activities can be a high-pace, and at times it be a stressful environment when dealing with so much happening every day. Welcome Center volunteers must be 18 years of age and able to prioritize tasks.

On the quieter side, the National Scouting Museum has positions for volunteer docents throughout the summer. The primary function of a docent is to offer personal assistance to visitors while they are in the museum's exhibit galleries, library, and public areas. Exhibit subjects include everything from BSA and OA history to Native American culture, western expansion, fire ecology and even artwork. Docents do not need "know it all", but a basic understanding of BSA history is valuable. On the job training is readily available.

Docents should have good knowledge of the Scouting program including BSA aims and methods, rank advancement and the importance of the "Outdoor Classroom". Experience as a Scout leader is greatly beneficial. Knowledge of 20th century American history is useful along with good public communication skills and cheerful disposition. K-

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**JULIE A. SETON, PhD.,** is the youngest granddaughter of Ernest Thompson Seton (1860-1946), a co-founder of the Boy Scouts of America and charter member for several wildlife conservation organizations. His original program for building character in youth, called Woodcraft, is still used today and is part of the foundation of BSA. Julie Seton republished her grandfather's autobiography in 2015 and continues to research how his work has influenced Scouting and how humans perceive animals.

Dr. Seton is an advocate for youth development programs emphasizing the need for outdoor activities as well as learning about the natural sciences, history, and communication. She gives talks and workshops across the US and has spoken to groups about her grandfather in the Czech Republic, Argentina, Canada, and Poland. She serves as a Merit Badge Counselor and University of Scouting Instructor for the BSA. She also serves as the Secretary-Treasurer for the Ernest Thompson Seton Institute.

She holds a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Professional Communication from New Mexico State University. Professionally, she owns Indelible Enterprises, LLC, a consulting company offering expertise in human communication, emergency management planning, operational analysis, business development, and strategic planning. She is based in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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## Preserving Seton's Conservation Legacy

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Seton's philosophy may have been the inspiration for Waite Phillips' well-known generosity: "The only things we keep permanently are the things we give away." Tucked away in Phillip's own collection of [Epigrams](#) is this one by Seton: "Because I have known the torment of thirst, I would dig a well where others would drink. Man's duty here is to develop first an all-round four-square manhood, then to consecrate that manhood to the service of his people."

These properties are donated and dedicated to the Boy Scouts of America for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity and freedom - principles used to build this great country by the American pioneer - so that these future citizens may, through thoughtful adult guidance and by the inspiration of nature, visualize and form a code of living to diligently maintain these high ideals and our proper destiny.

**Waite Phillips, December 31, 1941**

When you have found a worthwhile trail, you are thereby ordained a guide. When you have won a kingdom, you must share it with others or lose it."

Julie Seton will be on the faculty of the Museum Workshop from June 18 to 24 at the Philmont Training Center. Workshop attendees will go through a series of ten preservation and display courses. The weeklong program will immerse Scouting museum professionals and volunteers in best practices for museum operations and artifact preservation. Participants in the workshop will also be doing hands-on preservation and restoration activities for the Seton library collection. Last summer, the workshop participants succeeded in putting on archival book covers on the Seton library's 1,500 volumes.

Julie will also be presenting a mini-session on the Ernest Thompson Seton Institute during the week that all are invited to attend. This is the same week as the June Ambassador I and II seminars, so Ambassadors will have a opportunity to personally meet Julie and learn more about the legacy of Seton and his effect on Scouting, Woodcraft, and conservation worldwide. You can find more about Ernest Thompson Seton at the [Institute website](#) or its [Facebook page](#).

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# Philmont Offers Solutions

**By Danny Tucker,**  
**PTC Director**

There has been a lot on people's minds: COVID, bankruptcy, economy, etc. People are looking for something normal in the mist of change. Did you know that Philmont may have an answer to what people are looking for?

Philmont is a destination to Fun, Adventure, and Fellowship. Whether its treks, conferences, cavalcades, or just a family vacation from reality, we offer solutions to life challenges. Spending a little time in the open air, amongst the beautiful Sangre de Cristo mountains - alone or with a few



friends and family - may be what people need right now. We have the perfect environment for them to play, seek adventure, or get wild. Maybe a person needs to relax, learn, and create some new friendships. Regardless of the desire, Philmont has the inspiration to create unforgettable memories and help folks just get away from it all.

Now more than ever, Scouts and Scouters need to get outdoors and there is no better place than the Backcountry or Philmont Training Center. I invite every Ambassador to share the experiences of Philmont. We are more than a "place" for doing a trek or attending conference; we are about using subject matter experts to improve skills, create confidence, grit, and build camaraderie. We are about patriotism, leadership, character development, and physical fitness. All solutions to a weary world.

Let's give everyone a chance to get back to normal and experience an adventure of a lifetime. Thank you, Ambassadors, for being on our team and giving everyone in your local council a chance to attend Philmont this summer. **P2**

## Welcome New Ambassadors

John Lesko - National Capitol Area Council  
Richard Billman - Simon Kenton Council

## PTC Notes

- The Updated PTC Schedule is attached to the end of this newsletter for your convenience.
- The Zia Experience for Scouts with special needs and disabilities has been moved to the week of June 25 to July 1.
- There is no hard deadline for signing up for a Conference. However, Scouters signing up late should make sure that the faculty is aware they are coming to ensure that there are adequate materials and handouts available.
- The BSA Medical Record Parts A and B are required for guests at PTC Conferences and family programs. However, Parts A, B and C are required for PTC guests hiking the Tooth of Time, staying overnight in the backcountry, Sneak Peak, NAYLE, Philmont Leadership Challenge and the new Ambassador III Seminar.

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## Who's Who at Philmont

### Danny Tucker Brings Wealth of BSA Experience to PTC

**Duties at Philmont:** Serving as the Director of the Philmont Training Center is a dream come true. I have always loved hospitality and today I run a BSA resort. My duties include managing the operations of the Training Center campus. My small team works hard to create opportunities for guests to enjoy the ranch and everything it has to offer. Conferences, Family Adventure Camp, and Leadership Development programs, along with rental groups keeps us busy all year round. In addition, I work closely with volunteers on the PTC Task Force and Ambassador team to ensure that PTC stays effective.

**Number of years at Philmont:** In May, it will be 2 years.

**Prior experience at Philmont:** I have attended 8 training conferences and served on faculty for 2.

**Prior Scouting positions outside Philmont:** I have had the pleasure of working for the Boy Scouts of America for 33 years includ-

ing serving as Scout Executive. My career has taken me to Arizona, Hawaii, California, and now New Mexico. I have held a variety of volunteer positions as my children went through the program.

**Most memorable experience at Philmont:** With my short tenure, all my memories center around the "First." First day on the job and the welcoming atmosphere; the first staff training; teaching about customer service; the first opening program, I was so nervous hoping we wouldn't bomb; the first faculty meeting and wondering if they would they accept me; the first summer season with our team, faculty, conference guests and family programs. I am so happy to be part of the legacy of the ranch.

**Most humorous experience at Philmont:** This last summer our team created a new evening program called Cosmic Campfire. There wasn't much to the vision, only that we needed a new evening program. So, when I watched the first show, I was amazed to see the creativity and teamwork

that went into making the program. I laughed so hard at the costumes, props, and the acting. It was so much fun. They staff did a great job and the audience loved it too.

**What do you like most about working at Philmont:** Philmont is such a magical place. Anyone who has come here knows that! I love the land, the people, and the story. I can think of no where else in the BSA or even our country that has such diverse program offerings and rich history as does Philmont. Everyday I learn something new about my HOMe. And I love being part of the team that delivers wilderness and learning adventures for everyone to enjoy.

**What is your favorite off-duty activity:** There is so much to explore in New Mexico and Philmont. Rarely is there a lack of things to see and do. But my favorite is spending time with family and especially with my 8-month-old granddaughter. I see being a Philmont staffer in her future! **P2**

***Focus On The Backcountry*****Reaching For The Top At Pueblano****Elevation: 8060 ft****Campsites 12****Water: Potable spigot**

Railroads need 3,250 wooden rail road ties for each mile of track. The Continental Tie and Lumber Company based in Cimarron helped fill that need as the railroads expanded westward during the early part of the 1900s.

Set in 1914 as a company logging camp, Pueblano immerses Scouts in the ways of the logger. They learn how to use period tools to make hand-hewn railroad ties which are used at Metcalf Station.

To move cut trees around the lumber yard and hoist them onto rail cars, loggers often used a tall tree as a mast or “spar” to which pulleys were attached at the top. The Pueblano program offers scouts the opportunity climb these spar poles.

In the evening, Scouts play “Loggerball”, a game similar to baseball, but played with slightly modified rules and played on a sandlot style field.

Another favorite activity is attending the “Company Meeting” which is campfire style show featuring period songs and stories.

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*Above: Maggie McCulloch catches Becca Goughnour after repelling down a spar pole she climbed at Pueblano. Photograph by Monica Dunn, Philmont Staff*

***Lumber Jills Step Back Into Historic Roles*****By Monica Dunn, Philmont Staff**

When she was growing up, Maggie McCulloch dreamt of becoming one of the ‘Pueblano Boys.’

Her father worked full-time for Philmont Scout Ranch, and she frequently watched campfire shows in the backcountry. Her favorite evening program was at Pueblano where rowdy lumberjacks told stories and sang.

As McCulloch got older, she went on a trek and noticed that there were only lumberjacks at Pueblano; never lumberjills. “I felt kind of sad because I never thought I

would get the chance to work at Pueblano because it just wasn’t a place where girls were at,” McCulloch said.

McCulloch never gave up on her goal to work in the backcountry. When Philmont started to allow women at Pueblano in 2018, she and fellow staffer Becca Goughnour applied. They were the first female Program Counselors at Pueblano. The camp used to be all-male, and it serves as a logging camp where participants can spar pole climb, use crosscut saws and cut wood with

***Lumber Jills*** (Continued on page 8)

*Philmont Photo*



**Ambassador Profile**

# Bob Krehely Has Special Connections to Philmont

Scouts think of many ways to get to Philmont – car, van, bus, train, and plane. Ambassador Bob Krehely thinks pipeline. “Our council has had success with a good pipeline of NAYLE staff and participants which often brings their parents to the ranch for that week,” says Bob. It’s a great concept – getting youth and adults to bring along others and encourage Scouts back home to make the trip year after year.

Bob seems to have his own special pipeline to Philmont. Not only has he been on five treks, but he has been to the Training Center four times, including the Ambassador I and II seminars. “I loved the combination of in-class work with opportunities to visit and to explore areas of PTC and camping headquarters that a lot of visitors do not get to experience. In 2022, our Ambassador II group toured cattle headquarters. That was a special experience - the staff was great. I loved the chance to tour backcountry locations.”

Bob believes that personal encouragement is important to get Scouts to make the journey to New Mexico all the way from his Jersey Shore Council. Bob travelled by bus for his first trek as an Adult Advisor in 1995 and has been on four other treks, the latest in 2011. His 2004 trek was very special. “Both my daughters were on that trek as well as close scouting friends and their children. We were a tight, high performing team, and I did not want the trek to end. We spent our last trail night at Tooth Ridge Camp surrounded by thunderstorms.”

The Jersey Shore Council in central and south New Jersey serves 3,000 youth and 1,500 volunteers. Bob is Venturing Crew 66 Advisor, Northern Lights District Chair, Troop 6 Committee member as well as the new District Training Chair. Bob has been a Philmont Ambassador since 2021 and found, “this is the best volunteer job you will ever have, promoting the greatest place on earth! HoME!”

He teams with the other Ambassadors in his Council, one of whom, Kathleen Ries, will be attending the Ambassador I seminar this coming summer. Bob himself will be on the faculty of the A-II Seminar. Fellow Ambassador Jim McGuire joined him for the Ambassador II Seminar in 2022 while Peg Malley was in the A-I session.



Bob Krehely likes to take his Philmont display to campouts to encourage Scouts and Scouters to make the trip to New Mexico as he has done many times. (Bob Krehely photo.)

Bob does 5 to 6 presentations each year at training sessions, NYLT and Roundtables. He feels that personal interaction is best, but he finds he can informally encourage Philmont attendance at sessions like virtual committee meeting without too many visual aids.

It's pretty straightforward, says Bob. “Philmont has always had a very special place in my heart above all other Scouting places in the country. I want a chance to promote the ranch. My aim is to convey my enthusiasm. Who wouldn't be excited about a place you love to be at?”

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## Ambassador Training Key to Success

A good Scouter knows that there is always more to learn. Baden-Powell noted, “Success in training the boy depends on the Scoutmaster's own personal example.” The best example that Ambassadors can give Scouters on the importance of getting training at PTC is to attend a program regularly themselves.

The Ambassador I Seminar is for new Ambassadors and acquaints you with the history of Philmont and the numerous programs for both Scouts and Scouters. A combination of classroom discussions and tours of facilities, including a backcountry camp, will greatly enhance your ability to promote the Ranch back in your Council. The A-I seminars sessions are from June 18 to 24 and from July 30 to August 6.

The Ambassador II Seminar provides more details on Ranch programs and insights on marketing the Ranch. It'll give you a hand-on opportunity to improve your promotional skills as well. In 2023, you'll get to tour the Metcalf railroading camp and the ranch's Cattle Headquarters. The A-II seminar is from June 18 to 24.

Both conferences include updates and briefings by top ranch management.

In the new Ambassador III Seminar, participants learn will how to plan and execute a council retreat or a conference, how to use backcountry experiences to better help crews prepare for future Philmont trek, and even spend a night in the backcountry. Participants will participate in Family Camp activities and do a service project. The A-III seminar is on June 25 to July 1 so you can attend the A-II course and stay a second week. Sign up now for the Ambassador Seminars [here](https://www.philmontscoutcenter.org/ambassadors).

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## Smart Phone Use In The Backcountry

In an age of technology, smart phones are a common tool to use in everyday life, and just like a pocketknife, there are proper and improper ways to use this tool within Scouting. While backpacking in the wilderness of Philmont is an experience best enjoyed without the distractions of electronic devices, Philmont recognizes that their use is more common than ever. Photographs and videos can be taken on these phones and a number of useful outdoor apps are widely available.

It is imperative that if a smart phone be taken on the trail, it is being utilized in a way that enhances the Philmont experience and not detract from the adventure for the crew or that of other crews on the trail. Cell phone service is very limited in Philmont's backcountry.

Consider downloading off-line apps that will help the learning experience. Find a good star/constellation app, or an animal tracks/scat/calls app. Compare bird calls you hear with a bird call app. The Digital Scout Handbook might prove useful on the trail.

Reserve texting and phone calls for emergency use only, make it a contest to see how long crew members can go without using their phone. Keep the volume down to avoid disturbing others. Also, bear in mind that there are no opportunities on the trail or in any backcountry camp to charge a smart phone, camera, or other electronic device. You'll have to carry a solar charger your devices. Guidelines for use should be reviewed by the crew prior to and during their trek.

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## Two Conferences for Cub Leaders Will Help Grow Packs and Dens

Cub Leaders now have two conferences at Philmont Training Center that will help them create dynamic and thriving Dens and Packs.

These conferences will be taught by the authors of the current Cub Scout Adventure program so attendees will get first-hand insights into how to make the program fun and exciting for their youth. The experienced and enthusiastic faculty promise a great week of planning, collaborating, and experiencing the fun of being in Cub Scouting.

The conference for Pack Leaders is offered twice from July 11 to 17 and from July 9 to 15. The conference for Den Leaders is also offered twice from June 25 to July 1 and from July 23 to July 29. These courses replace the Cub Scout Leader Extravaganza that had been planned for June 25 to July 1.

This is a great opportunity for Cub Leaders to bring their whole family for a week of fun at the Kids and Kin program.

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## NOTEBOOK PADFOLIO AND WALLETS



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Committee members tour the backcountry during their semi-annual meeting. (Philmont Photo)

## Ranch Committee Provides Guidance to Overall Operations

By Jarod Contreras, Philmont Staff

Philmont is driven forward by passionate people. Seasonal staff who touch the lives of Scouts and full-time staff who lead the Ranch all year round make Philmont what it is. But an additional layer of passion that many may not know about is Philmont's Ranch Committee. The Ranch Committee is an advisory board that convenes twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, to be updated on the goings-on of the Ranch and to guide the Ranch's continued progress.

Originally the Ranch Committee was formed to be a properties committee. Waite Phillips asked the Boy Scouts to form such a committee to help guide the organization's running of a ranch. At that time, and for many years after, the Committee consisted of only a handful of people and assisted in advising on the management of the property. Now, the Committee has grown to include dozens of people and advises the Ranch on all aspects of operations. Functionally, it brings in outside perspectives from various trades and industries to help Philmont operate to the best of its ability.

"We bring our resources together to help the Ranch management," said Julie Puckett, a member of Ranch Committee

and granddaughter of Waite Phillips.

Puckett explained that Ranch Committee brings an outside business perspective that is important for improving Philmont's operations. Puckett also explained that Ranch Committee serves as a resource for fundraising and connections allowing Philmont to obtain money for new projects and equipment.

Chuck Walneck, who has been on Ranch Committee since the 1980s, said that being a part of the Committee is inspiring to him. He describes himself as a businessman and, "a nuts-and-bolts guy". Walneck said that with a mindset like that, the Ranch Committee is able to get a lot done. Walneck said that the Committee's influence, whether it be through money raised or the contacts in their networks, allows for things to get done and allows them to help the Ranch succeed.

The importance of success was driven home for the Committee members as they spent time on property. As Dave Kenneke, Director of Ranching and Conservation, said before the Committee's backcountry tour, "Philmont is more than Basecamp, it's thousands of acres of wonderland in the backcountry."

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## Philmont Among Finalists for Conservation Award

The Sand County Foundation selected Philmont Scout Ranch as one of three finalists for the New Mexico Leopold Conservation Award.

The Sand County Foundation is a non-profit inspired by the ethics of famous conservationist Aldo Leopold. Leopold is perhaps best known for his book A Sand County Almanac which details the land around his home in Sauk County, Wisconsin and illustrates his personal land ethic which can be summed by a famous passage from his book: "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

The Foundation began in 1967 to protect Leopold's Wisconsin land. Since then, the Foundation has focused its efforts towards its mission "to inspire and enable a growing number of private landowners to ethically manage natural resources in their care so that future generations have clean and abundant water, healthy soil to support agriculture and forestry, plentiful habitat for wildlife and opportunities for outdoor recreation." A major aspect of their work is rewarding private landowners who lead the way in ethical conservation.

The award rewards voluntary conservation efforts undertaken by landowners. The three New Mexico 2022 finalists were:

- **Sid Goodloe of Capitan in Lincoln County:** Six decades of ecosystem improvement at Sid Goodloe's Carrizo Valley Ranch have benefitted the water resources, livestock pastures, and wildlife habitat.
- **JX Ranch of Tucumcari in Quay County:** Tom and Mimi Sidwell have adopted grazing practices that create a resilient landscape and mitigate drought.
- **Philmont Scout Ranch of Cimarron in Colfax County:** The ranch worked to eliminate noxious weeds in pastureland and riparian zones. Since 2018 more than 1,000 acres of forest land have been hand-thinned and cleared to allow regrowth of native forbs and grasses.

Sid Goodloe was eventually selected as the 2022 Awardee.

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Philmont Training Center has made it easy to enjoy staying in Terrace Tents and Deluxe Family Tents with their "Bed in a Box" option. For only \$8/night, guests get a pillow, pillowcase, premium cotton sheets, southwest blanket, duvet, face towel, and a large towel. These make it much easier to pack for camp, especially for those flying or taking the train to Philmont.

This option is available when registering for PTC at Campspot. A limited number of boxes are available, so guests should reserve theirs as soon as they make their reservations.

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## Women Step Into Lumber Boots At Pueblano Camp

### Lumber Jills *(Continued from page 4)*

an ax.

Staff members portray life at the Continental Tie and Lumber Company in 1918, a real-life company in New Mexico at the time. The Continental Tie and Lumber Company train ran through Pueblano and the surrounding timber towns.

Backcountry staff members are hired by David O'Neill, Philmont's Senior Associate Director of Camping and Team Lead Backcountry. O'Neill, along with female staff, pushed for women to be hired at male-only camps like Pueblano. He worked with staff so they could start portraying points in history where more women were working in male-dominated jobs.

"Certainly the history has always been there... for logging camps and even rail-roading history tells the stories of women doing the jobs that men did," he said. "And a lot of it had to do with wartime efforts."

Pueblano is now set in 1918, the year World War I ended. Historically, lots of men went to fight in the war, and the workforce

needed more laborers. Women stepped up to fill these positions, including open jobs at the Continental Tie and Lumber Company.

Now, female staff at Pueblano help portray the lives of working women during World War I. "We were never part of the Philmont story before, but now we get to be," McCulloch said. "They have a story to tell, so we're here to tell it for them."

Although there are some camps who have not had female staff members or female Camp Directors, O'Neill said all Philmont positions are open to women and they are welcome to apply.

Welcoming female staff with open arms has had a lasting effect on Pueblano staff and female participants. "It's really powerful to see other women working here," Goughnour said. "Just having that solidarity - you can go places in life, and you can do literally the same thing that men can do - is really, really cool and important."

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## Volunteers Fill Important Roles During Summer Season

### Volunteers *(Continued from page 1)*

12 educational experience is a huge plus.

Volunteers are also needed in the backcountry. Volunteer interpreters serve in various roles in Philmont's living history programs. Typically, these positions are filled by former Philmont staff members who have previously served as program counselors or camp directors at one of the 15 interpretive camps located across the ranch. However, there are opportunities for those that have experience in interpretation at other historic sites, State and National Parks, or local reenactment programs.

Themes for the living history programs at Philmont include homesteading, mining, logging, fur trapping, mountain man rendezvous, post Civil War encampment, rail-roading, Waite Phillips family, and Ernest

Thompson Seton. Volunteer Interpreters deliver historically themed programs and hands on activities to participants while stationed at a specified backcountry camp for one to two weeks.

Volunteer geologists are amateur or professional geologists from a wide variety of backgrounds including, but not limited to academia, hydrology, environmental, oil/gas, mining, and more. Volunteer geologists provide enriching geology-based history and program activities to participants while stationed at a backcountry camp for one to two weeks.

They help identify rocks and minerals and describe the geology, geomorphology, and mining history of the area. The objective is to give crews an understanding of the local geology and to convey enthusiasm for the geologic profession.

Backcountry volunteers must meet

Philmont's physical health requirements. They must also be registered BSA members and have taken Youth Protection Training.

Back at base camp, Volunteer Physicians look after the health of all participants. Volunteer Physicians are responsible for supervising the third- and fourth-year medical students who are participating in sub-internships and provide educational lectures and activities when possible. Volunteer Physicians are selected by the Philmont Infirmary Physician Coordinator according to their dates of availability, teaching experience and specialty. Physicians will be required to obtain a temporary New Mexico License and register as adjunct faculty at Kansas University medical center.

Volunteer opportunities are found at the Philmont web site [here](#).

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# Philmont Training Center Conferences

## 2023 Council Solutions



The **Philmont Training Center (PTC)** is nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountains of northeastern New Mexico near the historic village of Cimarron. Rich in history and natural beauty, this area offers exciting educational experiences for the entire family. PTC serve as the National Volunteer Training Center and each conference features the latest tools, resources, audiovisuals and techniques led by a faculty of subject matter experts. The Training also provides opportunities for families to join conference guests and enjoy a wide range of family oriented activities—making PTC a one of a kind experience.

## Conferences Design to Help Councils Succeed

Conference Descriptions listed here [Philmont Training Center Conferences - Philmont Scout Ranch](https://www.philmonttrainingcenter.org/conferences)



### District and Council Leadership

- District and Council Key 3 June 18-24 or July 9-15
- Unit, District and Council Commissioners June 4-11
- ScoutingU: Advanced District Administration July 23-29
- ScoutingU: District Operations 2 July 23-29

### Cub Scout/Scout BSA Leaders

- Elevating Your Cub Scout Pack Leadership June 11-17, July 9-15
- Elevating Your Cub Scout Den Leadership June 25-July 1, July 23-29
- Let's Play Games June 18-24
- Making Scouting Unforgettably Fun! June 25-July 1
- Philmont Leadership Challenge (PLC) August 20-26

### Skill Development

- ABCs of Patch Design June 18-21
- Developing Scouting Relationships June 18-24
- Facilitator's Tool Box June 25-July 1
- Finding Your Way (Orienteering) July 16-22

### Youth Leadership Development

- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience—NAYLE
- 6 Sessions June-July

### Council Support

- Adaptive Special Needs Committee June 25-July 1
- Alumni Relation Committee June 11-17
- BSA Angling Certification (Instructors/Directors) May 7-13
- Diversity/Inclusion: Opening Doors June 18-24
- Catholic Scouting Committee July 9-15
- International Committee June 11-17
- Shooting Sports Committee September 17-23
- Philmont Ambassadors, Level I June 18-24, July 30-Aug 5
- Philmont Ambassadors Level II June 18-24
- Philmont Ambassadors Level III June 25-July 1
- Properties Committee: Map My Camp July 23-29
- Scout Museum Workshop: Museum Personnel June 18-24

### Fun with a Purpose

- Fly Fishing Philmont June 11-17
- Philmont History: The Land, People, Saga June 25-July 1
- Photography: New Mexico Landscape October 8-14

### Reunions

- Philmont Staff Association 50th Reunion July 2-8
- Now and Then: BSA Retirees Reunion July 16-22