



PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH



Annual Fly Fishing Invitational



Philmont Scout Ranch and Training Center is the premiere National High Adventure Base owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America.

Comprising 140,711 acres (220 square miles) of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range, Philmont serves as the largest camping operation in the world. Base Camp elevation is at 6,700 feet, with program areas reaching above 12,000 feet. Each summer, about 20,000 participants engage in world class Camping and Training Center programs.

“Delivering Wilderness and Learning Adventures That Last A Lifetime.”

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Waite Phillips, Philmont's benefactor, was an enthusiastic and accomplished fly fisherman. He spent many days, along with America's most prominent citizens, fly rod in hand, fishing the small streams and lakes of "God's Country."



You can enjoy the same quality experience at the Philmont Scout Ranch Annual Fly Fishing Invitational held each year in September. It is open to Scouters who are recommended and accompanied by their local Scout Executive, to enjoy a weekend of fellowship.

Guests arrive on Thursday afternoon, settle into Base Camp accommodations and enjoy a reception and dinner at the Baldy Pavillion.

Philmont organizes groups of guests who, after a gourmet breakfast, group photos and a Villa Tour, journey to one of several backcountry locations. These groups, provided with a fly fishing guide and a cook, will camp in rustic cabins devoid of modern conveniences such as running water, electricity, indoor plumbing, telephones, faxes, computers, etc. — enjoy just as it was in 1920!



An optional program for those who do not wish to "rough it" is to stay each night at base camp, have meals served at the Philmont Training Center Dining Hall and fish the Cimarron River and streams in the nearby National Forest, complete with a guide and equipment.

Participants Are to Bring:

- Personal Clothing
- Sleeping Bag rated 20° & Pillow
- Toiletry Items
- Water Bottle or Canteen
- Flashlight
- Hat/Rain Suit
- Sunglasses (polarized)
- You may wish to bring your camera, a small daypack, sunscreen, etc.
- Fly fishing rod (optional)
- Waders (optional)



"Enable councils to build stronger relationships, by facilitating interactions with other key leaders through a safe fly-fishing retreat, which will assist them in accomplishing their objectives."

How to Attend:

- Have your Scout Executive register to bring a group
- Have your Scout Executive sign your reservation form.
- Fee is \$600 per person/\$250 non-refundable deposit is due by May 15th. Balance of fee is due by June 30.
- Event Date: Thursday - Sunday
- Arrival: Thursday between 1:00 and 4:30 pm.
- Departure: Anytime after lunch on Sunday

Participation Fee Includes:

- Welcome Reception & Dinner
- Guide Service
- Cap & Fishing Vest
- Cooks
- Food
- Use of Fly Fishing Equipment: rod, reel, some flies (You may also bring your own rod and reel — 5 to 6 wt or less.)

Mileage From Major Airports to Philmont

- Denver, CO = 287 miles
- Colorado Springs, CO = 210 miles
- Albuquerque, NM = 220 miles
- Amarillo, TX = 240 miles
- Raton Municipal = 32 miles (private planes & charters) (575) 445-3076