

PHILMONT AMBASSADOR UPDATE

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SERVING BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD

May 2023

New Assistant Camping Manager Comes On Board

Philmont Scout Ranch is pleased to introduce Matt Hart as the new Assistant Manager, Camping Services starting May 28th. In this role, Matt will shadow our current Manager, Camping Services, Steve Nelson throughout the summer. Steve plans to retire at the end of this season.

Matt is a seasoned professional Scouter with 29 years of experience in multiple councils. Most recently he has served as the Scout Executive for the Northwest Georgia Council. He was previously the Scout Executive for the South Georgia Council, The Suwanee River Area Council, as well as the Alapaha Area Council.



Having his life forever changed by the impact of Scouting, he determined early on that he wanted Scouting to be his life's mission, which led to 20 years of service on camp staff before and after entering the Scouting profession. He is well known for his dedication to camp and property development and for his passion for the outdoor program.

Matt is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, and Founders Award Recipient in the Order of the Arrow. He has led multiple National Camp Schools and served faculty several times at the Philmont Training Center. He has completed a number of traditional backcountry experiences, leading council contingents to Philmont as well as autumn events.

Matt and his wife Kimberly are the proud parents of two grown Eagle Scout sons, Dalton and Dusting Hart.



PTC Needs Help to Fill Seats This Summer

Philmont Training Center has a lot of empty seats this coming summer. Ambassador's help is needed to help fill those seats with Scouters and their families. See letter from Jim Ellis, the Ambassador Task Force Chair, on page 3. *(Philmont Photo)*

Seminar Attendees Receive Official Badge

You'll come away from the Ambassador Seminars this summer with more than good ideas for promoting Philmont. All attendees will receive an official 2023 Philmont Ambassador ID card that identifies you as a trained representative of Philmont Scout Ranch. It's sure to make you stand out during a Scouting event and invite conversations about Philmont, whether from experienced Scouters wanting to share their stories or newer leaders who want to know more about the world's largest youth camp.

The only way to get a badge is to attend an Ambassador Seminar.

Along with the badge, you'll take home greater knowledge of the breath of

the many programs Philmont offers and creative ideas on how to promote them in your Council. You'll learn not only from the faculty who have extensive Philmont experience, but also share ideas with your fellow Ambassadors. And you'll be reinvigorated by just being around the enthusiasm of everyone you meet.

Getting out of the classroom, you'll



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Who's Who at Philmont**Roger Hoyt: Vice President and General Manager**

Duties at Philmont: I give leadership and oversight to all aspects of ranch operations including Camping Headquarters, Business Operations, Ranching and Conservation, Facilities, the National Scouting Museum and Administration. I work with the BSA national office to ensure adequate resources and adherence to policy and procedures while operating under the highest levels of health, safety and risk management protocols.

How did you come to work at Philmont?: I spent 27 years employed in furthering the mission of Scouting in many different positions and councils across the country. I worked in the Kansas City area for 12 years before spending four years as the Chief Financial Officer/Director of Support Services in Cleveland, Ohio. I spent ten years as a Scout Executive in Binghamton, New York, and in Fargo, North Dakota before accepting the stewardship of the BSA's crown jewel, Philmont.

Number of Years at Philmont: Four

Previous experience at

Philmont: I visited once as a volunteer over spring break in 1994. It was cold and rainy and did not leave the impression that I have now!

Most memorable experience at

Philmont: I always enjoy meeting a crew on the trail, hopefully a little incognito, and hearing about their life changing experiences before awarding their crew leader and adult advisor with a challenge coin. Each crew encounter is as memorable as the impact of these mountains and the programs our staff provides. Individual stories are shared, but with a group flavor of overcoming difficulties, realizing inner strengths and solidifying leadership as an encouraging, team building experience which addresses their weaknesses



Roger Hoyt photo

and uses their assets. Of course, many of my most memorable experiences also involve crisis problem solving by our team resulting in success of our mission. These include the Ute Park Fire Recovery efforts, historic attendance in 2019 and 2021, the COVID-19 environment, the Cook's Peak Fire, and the challenges of having limited resources while going through bankruptcy. I work with a resilient team of problem solvers!

Most Humorous experience at Philmont:

When I first arrived here and before anyone had any kind of a pulse on my sense of humor, I was touring the Cattle HQ area. I asked the livestock foreman and the cowhands if the General Manager had a horse assigned to the position, like they do for

my truck and radio. You could immediately see the wheels begin to turn not knowing exactly why I asked the question, if I was serious, or if they should do something about it. One member of the group asked if I rode a lot. I shared that I did not; I'm more of an occasional trail rider than anything else. There was a quiet, awkward pause. I broke the silence by sharing that if they did assign me a horse, it would be the most likely way for me to get hurt or seriously injured quickly. Everyone gave a little chuckle of relief that I would not be playing out a scene of "City Slickers".

What do you like most about working at Philmont:

I've dedicated my life to the mission of Scouting, and I am an avid outdoor enthusiast who uses hiking as my biggest excuse for experiencing God's creation and staying physically fit. I really enjoy learning everyday, growing in professional skills and challenges, and creating an environment where others can do so as well. I cannot think of a better place to accomplish all those

goals than at Philmont Scout Ranch.

What is your favorite off-duty activity?

I've hiked over 930 miles on Philmont, and plan to break 1,000 by this summer, having "redlined" most of the trails I've been on and visited all but a dozen trail camps. I also enjoy spending time with my wife Diana, and our dog Beau and going back to Missouri to see our grandkids and my dad over the holidays. We enjoy taking a cruise and traveling - knocking off local experiences on our New Mexico "bucket list". Most of my "off duty" time is still spent at Philmont, so we just find a lot of ways to enjoy the area's beauty and activities. Hiking is a big one!

Message to Ambassadors from Jim Ellis

PTC Needs Our Help to Boost Attendance

The Philmont Training Center and the Family Adventure Camp program urgently need our help. We need to double, even triple, our efforts to promote these two programs over the next few weeks and beyond. Several of the conferences currently scheduled are facing cancellation as the result of limited or no one being registered. This is our call to action!



Jim Ellis

So, what can we do as Ambassadors to

help increase registration?

1) Send Personal Invitations: Identify potential candidates in your council and email them a personal invitation to attend a specific training conference e.g., Cub Scout Leaders should be invited to attend either *The Next Level: Elevating Your Cub Scout Pack and Pack Leadership* or *The Next Level: Elevating Your Cub Scout Den and Den's Leadership*. Please target as many individuals as you can.

2) Social Media Blitz: Advertise conferences and Family Adventure Camp through social media. Spread the word on District, Council

and NST Facebook pages of which you are a member. Flyers for many of the conferences or groups of conferences can be downloaded as PDFs from the Ambassador Resources page or as jpegs from the Ambassador Facebook page. Let's carpet the internet with information about PTC and the Family Adventure Camp.

3) Council Newsletter Articles: Submit articles to your council for inclusion in their monthly newsletter. If your council doesn't have a monthly newsletter, ask that they send out a email or notice to all registered Scouters in the council promoting the Training Center and Family Adventure Camp.

4) Presentations and Displays: Continue to make presentations and/or set up displays at District, Council, and Lodge events. It's important that we get the word out that Philmont changes lives for the better, whether through world class training or strengthening the family bonds by participating in the Family Adventure Camp.

5) Attend a Conference or Seminar This Summer: We invite you to register for and attend the appropriate Ambassador Seminar or one of the other Training Conferences. Don't want to spend time in training? Then experience the wonders of Philmont with your family by attending Family Adventure Camp.

I realize I'm asking a lot, but it's what we signed up for. Philmont needs our help. Now is the time for all Ambassadors to step up and promote the Training Center and the Family Adventure Camp. The PTC Team has asked for our help, and we need to respond. Let's spread the word far and wide as to why we all refer to Philmont as HOmE.

James Ellis

Ambassador Task Force Chair

[Editor's note: A sample article for your Council news is available on the Philmont Ambassador Resources page [here](#). Just copy and send it to your council communications department. There is also a Philmont PowerPoint presentation ready for you to use which is also on the Philmont Ambassador Resources page.]



Receiving the patches and certificates that mark their service to Philmont are Scott McAllister, Julie Lesco, Dustin Taylor, Jim Ellis, Kristin Chioma and JD Urbach.

Ambassador Service Recognized

Six Ambassadors received their Level 2 Service Recognition at last summer's Ambassador Seminar. Scott McAllister, Julie Lesco, Dustin Taylor, Jim Ellis, Kristin Chioma and JD Urbach had all completed two years of service, attended the Ambassador 1 Seminar, done 12 presentations, and earned the Philmont Master's Track Knot.

They are now working on their Level 3 award which requires two more years as Ambassador, 12 more presentations, serving on faculty or participating in an Ambassador II Seminar, earning the Masters Track Device, and completing their Ambassador

Ticket.

The requirements for each achievement can be found on the Philmont Ambassador Resource page [here](#).

These achievements are possible for all Ambassadors who make concerted efforts to keep current with developments at Philmont and communicate them to Council Scouts. You may never know who you influence to come to Philmont. However, you can be confident that once someone comes to Philmont their life will be changed for the better.

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Ambassador Profile

Dustin Taylor Knows the Value of Philmont Treks

"Why should I do a Philmont Trek?" It's a question that Dustin Taylor gets often when he's doing promotions. "I focus on applying all those skills you have learned in scouting and in life, and of course, having a lot of fun. For parents, I like to share with them what their scout will get out of a crew or individual trek."

Dustin knows well how Philmont changes a Scout's life. He's seen it happen many times over the 12 treks he's been on as an adult advisor as well as the Trek and Rayado experiences he had as a youth. He has seen scouts consistently come home with life-altering skills such as greater independence, better risk assessment, higher tolerance for frustration, increased resilience, and more self-confidence.

Knowing how much youth get from a Philmont experience, Dustin is a very active trek advocate. "I typically do 15-20 events per year. I promote to the leaders at the University of Scouting and roundtables and to scouts at camping events. I try to attend the large Council camping events, as well as the District spring and fall camporees. When I volunteer to run a high adventure station, I leave about 5 minutes at the end to hand out information on crew treks and individual treks. I give the leaders handouts on Second Season, PTC conferences and Family Adventure Camp. I also forward the emails I receive from Philmont to our Council social media person, so they can send them out with the news email and place them on the Council Facebook page."

Once he's got Scouts hooked on going on a Trek, he follows up with online Zoom training, mainly going over equipment, the first 48 hours, and preparing physically for Philmont. "I record the meetings and upload them to my high adventure YouTube account. I keep the meetings short, about a half hour, and I encourage scouts, leaders, or parents to stay on the zoom call afterward if they have additional questions."

Dustin is the lone Ambassador in the Coronado Area Council which covers 32 counties in western and central Kansas, and serves 3,000 youth and 1,500 volunteers. In addition, he participates in activities and meets regularly with the Ambassadors in the neighboring Heart of America Council. Learning from their experiences



Dustin Taylor demonstrates the gear he brings on a Trek for Ambassador Seminar participants during an outdoor session at Hunting Lodge. (Photo by Tom Baltutis)

and getting their perspective from working with a larger council are valuable lessons. "I believe all Ambassadors should reach out occasionally to their neighboring Ambassadors," suggests Dustin.

He has found another valuable opportunity is in attending Ambassador Seminars. He went to his first seminar in 2017. "I loved learning all the current information about treks, second season, and PTC conferences. It is difficult sometimes to keep current otherwise because programs are constantly changing. The other benefit was speaking with the other Ambassadors, as it helped me refine my approach to ambassador promotions."

Dustin has since been on the faculty multiple times for the Ambassador I and II seminars as well as being the seminar coordinator. When he's not promoting Philmont, Dustin is a Scoutmaster, Cub Pack Committee Chair, and a Merit Badge Counselor.

The transformative power of Philmont is what sticks with Dustin, though. He explains, "In 2018, I was in camping headquarters by outfitting, and I saw two buses unload, filled with the staff members that decided to stay and do conservation work

after the Ute Park Fire. They were as dirty as crew members after a 12 day trek, yet they were happy and laughing, I asked them what was going on, and he said they have been in the backcountry for a week improving a fire line and were now spending a day in camping headquarters to refresh and relax." Instead of complaining how the fire had ruined their summer, Philmont had transformed them.

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**Sign up for
Ambassador
Seminars [here](#)
and
Ambassador
Autumn
Adventure Trek
[here.](#)**



Travelers could stock up on essentials at the Rayado Trading Post. (Philmont Photo)

Focus on the Backcountry

Rayado Was Important Stop on Historic Santa Fe Trail

The Rayado Rancho was founded by Lucien Maxwell in 1848 at the end of the Mexican-American War as the first plains settlement in New Mexico east of the valleys of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The area was far from secure due to raids by the Apache and Comanche, so Maxwell persuaded his friend Kit Carson to help provide security in 1849. A detachment of US Army Dragoons was based at Rayado the following year. After a few years at Rayado, Kit Carson returned to Taos.

Maxwell built an elegant two-story home there for he and his family. The building still stands but is closed to the public. Maxwell left Rayado to found Cimarron in 1857, and his brother-in-law Jesus Abreu and his family took over operations of Rayado Rancho. This is the same family whose homestead is recreated at the Abreau Camp.

In 1950, the Boy Scouts of America built an adobe museum at Rayado to serve as an interpretive area to portray its history and recount the exploits of Maxwell and Carson. It was named in honor of Kit Carson.

Staff at the Kit Carson Museum dress in period clothing and demonstrate frontier skills and crafts like blacksmithing, cooking,

shooting, and farming. Each room in the museum is outfitted with reproduction furniture and objects typical of New Mexico in the 1850s. Among the artifacts around the site are horse and burro saddles as well as wagons from the era.

As a waystation along the Santa Fe Trail, the settlement could provide travelers with necessities like salt pork, coffee, canned fruits, tomatoes, and beans. It also sold useful sundries like soap along with luxuries like mustard and pepper. The blacksmith shop had a thriving business repairing wheels and shoeing horses.

The Rayado Trading Company, located at the museum, sells books, maps, reproduction tools and equipment, moccasins, and blankets.

Several Treks have stops at Rayado for a tour of the museum. Scouts can also practice their tomahawk-throwing skills there.

The Kit Carson Museum is open to Philmont guests and tourists. It is located seven miles south of Philmont Camping Headquarters on NM Highway 21. As you drive to Rayado from base camp, look to the east along the highway for the well-eroded ruts of the Santa Fe Trail.

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Kit Carson Had Large Presence Near Philmont

Christopher Houston (Kit) Carson was an American frontiersman, fur trapper, wilderness guide, Indian agent, and U.S. Army officer. He became a frontier legend in his own lifetime (December 24, 1809 – May 23, 1868) through biographies and news articles. Exaggerated versions of his exploits were the subject of dime novels.



His understated nature belied confirmed reports of his fearlessness, combat skills, tenacity, and profound effect on the westward expansion of the United States. Although he was famous for much of his life, historians in later years have written that Kit Carson did not like, want, or even fully understand the fame that he experienced during his life.

Carson left home in rural Missouri at 16 to become a mountain man and trapper in the West. In the 1830s, he accompanied Ewing Young on an expedition to Mexican California and joined fur-trapping expeditions into the Rocky Mountains. He lived among and married into the Arapaho and Cheyenne tribes.

In the 1840s, Carson was hired as a guide by John C. Frémont, whose expeditions covered much of California, Oregon, and the Great Basin area. Frémont mapped and wrote reports and commentaries on the Oregon Trail to assist and encourage westward-bound pioneers, and Carson achieved national fame through those accounts. Under Frémont's command, Carson participated in the conquest of California from Mexico at the beginning of the Mexican-American War. Later in the war, Carson was a scout and courier who was celebrated for his rescue mission after the Battle of San Pasqual and for his coast-to-coast jour-

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Seminar Provides Official Badges

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see parts of the ranch that many participants and Staff don't visit. For example, the Ambassador I attendees will get a "behind the scenes" tour of Villa Philmonte. Ambassador IIs will explore Cattle Headquarters and saunter through the barns that date back to Waite Phillip's day. They'll see and feel the tack used by horse riders and cavalcade participants. Those at the Ambassador III Seminar will be experiencing the backcountry firsthand at Ponil where they'll test their shooting skills on the action firing range and see how the camp works from the staff's perspective. Later, they'll be joining Family Adventure Camp participants on their adventures to see how they get to have fun all day on the Ranch.

First hand experiences like this make it easier for you to motivate others to attend Philmont. Make your plans now to join your fellows at the Ambassador Seminars.

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Covid Updates

- Philmont is constantly monitoring the Covid situation and updates its policies as required
- For the latest updates go to the Philmont Website Covid page [here](#).

PTC Notes

- A one-page brochure listing all PTC conferences is available for download [here](#).
- Philmont's food service can accommodate vegetarian, gluten-free, and nut-free diets. For other diet needs, contact PTC before arriving.
- Know someone with a non-camping spouse? Roofed housing is still available for those attending PTC conferences and Family Camp.



Fall Conference

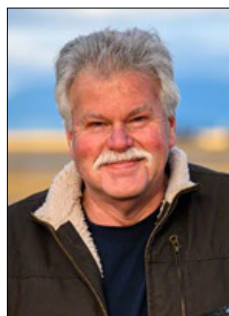
Capture Philmont With World-Renowned Photographer

Do you know a Scouter who loves to take photos? PTC is offering a unique opportunity for them to hone their skills with an expert.

"Scouting the New Mexico Landscape with Your Camera: History, Lands and Wildlife" is a workshop that offers a unique, immersive experience to explore and make photos of Philmont Scout Ranch with Moose Peterson, a world class nature and wildlife photographer. It is being held from October 8 to 14, 2023.

Participants will elevate their photography through classroom sessions and backcountry photo safaris. Moose teaches comparable classes that cost thousands of dollars elsewhere. This is a remarkable opportunity to benefit from his great instruction in a Scouting venue and capture the beauty of Philmont to put on display back home.

Moose's passion for visual storytelling evolved into a business in 1981. His wife Sharon has been there from the start, and together they have dedicated their lives to



educating the public for the protection of our wild heritage through his photography.

Along the way Moose has been honored for his photographic passion. He is a Nikon Ambassador USA, recipient of the John Muir Conservation Award, and a Research Associate with the Endangered Species Recovery Program just to name a few.

In 2008 Moose's passion for aviation took flight retaining the same goals of preserving our aviation heritage and the freedoms they protect, pictorially and orally for future generations. Moose was the creative producer/photographer of an acclaimed film "Warbirds and The Men Who Flew Them." He shares his knowledge through his writing, being published in over 143 magazines worldwide, author of 29 books including his latest, Takeoff and best seller Captured. One of the original Nikon shooters to receive the D1 in 1999, Moose embraced this new technology becoming the only wildlife photographer in the world to shoot strictly digital in the early years.

Be sure to let everyone you know who enjoys photography, nature and wildlife about this special opportunity. The fee for the conference is \$995 and includes roofed housing.

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Kit Carson's Legacy Lives on at Rayado

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ney from California to Washington, DC to deliver news of the conflict in California to the government. In 1847, the future General William Tecumseh Sherman met Carson in Monterey, California. Sherman wrote: "His fame was then at its height,... and I was very anxious to see a man who had achieved such feats of daring among the wild animals of the Rocky Mountains, and still wilder Indians of the plains.... I cannot express my surprise at beholding such a small, stoop-shouldered man, with reddish hair, freckled face, soft blue eyes, and nothing to indicate extraordinary courage or daring. He spoke but little and answered questions in monosyllables."

In the 1850s, he was appointed as the Indian agent to the Ute Indians and the Jicarilla Apache.

During the American Civil War, Carson led a regiment of mostly Hispanic volunteers from New Mexico on the side of the

Union at the Battle of Valverde in 1862. When the Confederate threat was eliminated in New Mexico, Carson led forces to suppress the Navajo, Mescalero Apache, Kiowa, and Comanche tribes by destroying their food sources. He was breveted a Brigadier General and took command of Fort Garland, Colorado. He was there only briefly, as poor health forced him to retire from military life.

Carson was married three times and had ten children. He died at Fort Lyon in Colorado of an aortic aneurysm on May 23, 1868. He is buried in Taos, New Mexico next to his third wife, Josefa.

During the late nineteenth century, Kit Carson became a legendary symbol of America's frontier experience, which influenced twentieth century erection of statues and monuments, public events and celebrations, imagery by Hollywood, and the naming of geographical places. In recent years, Kit Carson has also become a symbol of the United States' mistreatment of its indigenous peoples.

From Wikipedia, Kit Carson, (2023, March 3) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kit_Carson

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Early Scouts Hiked Philmont With Just Basic Equipment

Among the biggest topics of discussion on Philmont chat sites is the equipment for a Trek. One would think they are going on an expedition to the far side of the moon with all the concerns about weight and space-age materials.

Undoubtedly, gear has evolved. Lighter aluminum alloys have replaced brass and steel, and synthetic fibers have supplanted cotton and wool. Nevertheless, Scouts have been hiking the trails at Philmont since the 1930's when the terrain was every bit as rough and the weather every bit a challenge. It is worthwhile to take a look at what Scouts carried on these early expeditions to see what is still essential and what has changed.

An official Scout uniform was recommended for the trail. The 1948 Scout Field Book has plenty of photos of scouts in full uniform hiking, fishing, and camping. Uniforms would have been made of Sanforized (anti-shrink) cotton. For cool or damp conditions, a wool lumberjack shirt or sweater was the clothing of choice, and unlike today's synthetics, wool keeps the wearer warm even when it is wet. A rubberized cloth poncho or slicker served as raingear.

One thing that hasn't changed much is the importance of proper foot wear. The 1947 Philmont equipment guide says: "In choosing your shoes, the size is of primary importance. Be sure they are plenty large so you can move your toes freely, but not so large as to let your heels move about. High tops of about six inches are preferable. They afford support and protection for your ankles and keep out rocks and dirt. High boots are not good on your calves. Before coming to Philmont, break them in and get used to them on short hikes." It recommended a pair of moccasins for wearing around camp at the end of a long day of hiking - good advice even today.

In the 1940's and 1950's, plenty of military surplus equipment made its way to Scout camp, and the Veteran leaders who had personally used it in the fields of Europe and the Pacific knew all the tricks. Two-person pup tents would have been the norm for backpacking. Scouts may also have made their own tent from plans in their handbook. Hiking poles doubled as tent supports.

Before *Leave No Trace*, Scouts made a bedding layer of dry grass, leaves or ferns.



Philmont Scout Ranch

EQUIPMENT LIST

Local Councils may wish to adjust quantities of these items to allow for longer trip, lack of laundry facilities, etc.)

OFFICIAL UNIFORM

.....Scout hat—wide brim	.....shorts, if desired
.....2 shirts	.....Scout belt
.....2 pr. trousers	.....Scout neckerchief and slide (home unit colors)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED

.....1 pr. denims	.....warm jacket or sweater
.....6 pr. socks, wool	.....good sleeping bag, or bedroll with waterproof cover or groundcloth
.....1 pr. hiking shoes	.....Scout knife
.....1 pr. moccasins or low shoes	.....flashlight
.....3 suits underwear	.....mess gear (plate, bowl, cup, knife, fork, spoon)
.....handkerchiefs	.....pack frame, rucksack, or haversack
.....2 pr. pajamas	
.....3 bath towels	
.....toilet kit	
.....poncho or slicker	
.....Scout canteen	

DESIRABLE EQUIPMENT

.....Scout axe	.....compass
.....matchsafe	.....film
.....first aid kit	.....camera
.....watch	.....fishing tackle

There should be at least two Scout axes and matchsafes, one first aid kit and one watch for each crew.

All equipment must be in good condition but should be "broken in".

Each article must be marked with your name and home town. The Lost and Found Locker contains numerous articles whose owners cannot be identified.

The Philmont Trading Post sells camping equipment and the usual necessities but does not carry clothing, etc., which must be fitted according to size.

Have you informed relatives of your Philmont address and UNIT NUMBER?

The equipment list from a 1947 Philmont brochure has many items that continue to be essential, but some like axes that do not fit with modern "Leave No Trace" practices.

Sleeping bags were filled with wool batting or down, but bed rolls made from blankets pinned together would have been just as common.

Scouts may have made their own canvas packs, or they lashed gear onto wood pack frames. Oiled or rubberized cloth bags provided protection from the rain.

Cooking over an open fire was standard practice. Therefore, having a Scout ax or two was essential. Provisions consisted of flour, sugar, salt, oatmeal, cereal, dried fruits, beans, and rice. Smoked meats or fish provided protein. Cooks used large pots and a frying pan to prepare meals. Water was fetched from streams with canvas bags and purified with chlorine tablets. One-pot pre-made meal packages were still in the future, so a full mess kit with knife,

fork and spoon were needed. Pemican bars of fat mixed with dried berries or meat provided an energy boost on the trail.

Many of the personal items Scouts carried back then are the same as now - flashlight, compass, canteen, religious text, notebook, pencil, bandana, soap, towel, toothbrush, and a Scout pocket knife.

The basic needs for clothing, food and shelter along the trail have not changed over the years; they are now just lighter to carry. Leave No Trace principles now serve to minimize the impact of Scouts on the environment. Teamwork and cooperation among Crew members are every bit as essential. These qualities weigh nothing at all, but everyone's pack seems a lot heavier when they are missing.