

PHILMONT ADVENTURES 2025 INFORMATION

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest National High-Adventure Base. Born in 1938 as Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, Philmont has become a bustling center for high adventure and training. It covers 140,177 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico, ranging in elevation from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. More than 1 million scouts, venturers, and advisors have experienced the adventure of Philmont since its first camping season in 1939.

In addition to providing an unforgettable adventure in backpacking across miles of rugged, rocky trails, Philmont Scout Ranch offers programs that feature the best of the old west—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today such as rock climbing, mountain biking, and sport shooting. It's an unbeatable recipe for fast-paced fun in the outdoors.

Philmont Program Offerings

12-day, 9-day, and 7-day Treks are Philmont's core and renowned backpacking treks that give Scouts a chance to participate in program activities, in addition to hiking the wild and rugged terrain. Choose from 12-day, 9-day, and 7-day backpacking treks.

8-Day Cavalcades are similar to backpacking treks except that, instead of hiking, crews ride horses through the rugged mountain wilderness like the famous trappers who first explored the West. For the safety of the rider and the horse, there is a **200-pound weight limit** for all riders. There are no exceptions to the weight limit. Due to the popularity of the Cavalcade program and the limited number of horses, please register during the Oct- 1-16 registration time to ensure your chance of securing a spot.

Individual Programs are unique and exciting opportunities for individuals outside of their regular Scout unit. Individual programs have a different registration process and age requirements for some programs. For more information, go to <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks/individualprograms/>.

Age Requirement

Participants must be registered members of the BSA who will be 14 years of age OR be at least 13 years of age and have completed the 8th grade prior to participation. There are no exceptions to the age requirement.

Adult Leadership

Three (3) registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required for Philmont treks and cavalcades. Philmont refers to adult leaders as advisors. There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females, including travel to and from Philmont.

Three adult leaders provide flexibility in case an adult Advisor needs to leave the trail. Each crew is required to have a majority of youth participants; the maximum number of adults (21 years and over) is four (4) per crew.

Scholarships

It is the vision of Philmont Scout Ranch to continue to positively impact the lives of young people and their Scouting leaders through inspiring and effective delivery of the finest Scouting possible through backcountry adventures.

Waite Phillips Scholarships are available to assist financially so that worthy youths have an opportunity to participate in a Philmont Scout Ranch experience. Information on these scholarships is sent by Philmont to local councils who have a contingent reservation and directly to each Unit Reservation Contact.

Please note that program deposits are required prior to scholarship application. Notification of scholarship allocations will take place in the spring prior to the March 1, 2025 balance due payment.

2025 Fee Payment Schedule

A deposit of \$150.00 per participant is required to confirm your reservation. See payment schedule below.

All fees (reservation deposit, advance / first payment, and balance due as indicated in the payment schedule) are non-refundable and non-transferable in the event of cancellation. Be cautious of making reservations or paying fees for those who have not made a financial commitment.

Additional participants can be added to fill a crew of up to twelve members. Fees for additional participants can be included with your first payment due October 1, 2024, or the balance payment due March 1, 2025.

Payment Type	AMOUNT DUE (Per Person)				DUE DATE
	12-Day Trek	9-Day Trek	7-Day Trek	Cavalcade	
Reservation Deposit	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	December 1, 2023*
Advance / First Payment	\$762.50	\$705.00	\$592.50	\$595.00	October 1, 2024
Balance Due	\$762.50	\$705.00	\$592.50	\$595.00	March 1, 2025
TOTAL	\$1675.00	\$1560.00	\$1335.00	\$1340.00	

* Should you register after November 2, 2023, the deposit will be due 30 days from date of registration.

Risk Advisory

While Philmont offers a unique and life-changing experience, it is not completely risk-free. Knowledgeable staff will instruct all participants in safety measures to be followed. Be prepared to listen to and carefully follow these safety measures. Accept responsibility for the health and safety of yourself and others.

Each participant must be able to carry a 35 to 50-pound pack while hiking 5 to 12 miles per day in an isolated mountain wilderness ranging from 6,500 to 12,500 feet in elevation. Summer weather conditions include temperatures from 40 to 100 degrees, low humidity (10 to 30 percent), and frequent, sometimes severe, afternoon thunderstorms. Activities include horseback riding, rock climbing and rappelling, challenge events, pole climbing, muzzle loading shooting, 12-gauge trap shooting, .30-06 shooting, trail building, mountain biking, and other activities that have potential for injury.

Philmont requires that all participants meet the height/weight limits found on the BSA Medical Form and the website.

Staff Opportunities

Each season, Philmont employs over 1,000 staff members. A wide variety of positions are available including rangers; backcountry program counselors; training center and base camp support staff. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age by time of employment, and previous Philmont or other high adventure experience is helpful. Visit www.philmontscoutranch.org/jobs for more information and to apply.

2025 PHILMONT EXPEDITION & CAVALCADE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online registration for 2025 Philmont Scout Ranch expeditions (12-day, 9-day, 7-day and 8-day cavalcares) will begin on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 9 A.M. MDT.

If you have registered a unit in the past, there is a change for 2025 registrations. There is a 16-day window for registration so that your unit can prioritize your date choices for attending. At the end of the 16 days, a random selection will take place and you will be notified of the date of attendance for your unit. After the random selection, registration will continue, and units can view and choose any open date to attend.

Terms commonly used at Philmont:

Unit	Troop or venturing crew
Expedition	Your Philmont adventure is your expedition and sometimes referred to as a Philmont trek.
Crew	How Philmont refers to each registration group. E.G. Your Philmont crew arrival date is June 1.
Reservation Contact	The person who will be entering the registration for the unit. This can also be an advisor.
Advisor(s)	Adult leadership for the expedition/trek/crew.

The information below will detail the registration process as well as assist your unit in placing your reservation.

1. Beginning Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 9 A.M. MDT through Monday, October 16, 2023, at 12 P.M. MDT, reservations can be entered. A random draw will take place on October 16, 2023. The reservation contact that registered during that time period will receive an email with the selected date for attendance.
2. Reservation contacts may log on to <https://registerphilmont.org/entry/2025> beginning Sunday, October 1, 2023. The system will require you to create a password for your reservation. Please save this password as it will be required to access the reservation at any time to allow changes and/or corrections.
3. Reservation contacts can enter one reservation request during this process and choose dates that will be included in the random draw.
4. The 2025 Philmont Reservation Worksheet on the next page will assist the reservation contact in collecting the information required to place the online reservation entry. This can make your online entry experience run smoothly.
5. Reservations are limited to one unit but there is not a limit to the number of crews each unit can register (crew size = 8 to 12 participants). The formula for determining the number of crews to enter is provided for reference on the reservation worksheet.
6. Once registered, the reservation contact will receive an email confirming that they entered the registration process. If you register between October 1 and October 16, the reservation contact will receive an additional email on October 16 confirming the date of the expedition from the random draw. If you register after October 16, the reservation contact will need to select dates and the following day will receive an email confirming their date selection.
7. When your unit is confirmed the reservation contact will receive an email with a link to the deposit invoice and the payment schedule. Fees and payment schedules are available on the next page. A **\$150 non-refundable deposit** per participant is due **December 1, 2023. Should you register after November 2, 2023, the deposit will be due 30 days from date of registration.**

Questions about the 2025 registration process may be directed to Philmont Scout Ranch by email to Philmont.Camping@scouting.org or by phone: 575-376-1139.

