

ABOUT PHILMONT

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. Philmont has a unique history of ancient Native Americans who chipped petroglyphs into canyon walls, Spanish conquistadors, who explored the Southwest long before the first colonists arrived on the Atlantic coast, the rugged breed of mountain men such as Kit Carson, who blazed trails across this land, the great land barons like Lucien Maxwell who built ranches along the Santa Fe Trail and miners, loggers and cowboys. All left their mark on Philmont.

CAMPING

Since Philmont’s first camping season in 1939, more than 1 million Scouts, Explorers, Venturers, and their leaders have participated in the rugged challenge of its backpacking program. Philmont’s camping season is from early June to late August. Scouts and Venturers must be in top physical condition. Youth participants must be 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and completed the 8th grade, and registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Organized into crews of 8 to 12, including at least two adult leaders, participants hike Philmont’s mountains, spending nights at various backcountry camps. At staffed camps, crews can participate in a variety of programs presented by Philmont backcountry staff. Among these programs are horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, rock climbing, shooting sports, archaeology, mountain biking and interpretive programs such as homesteading and mountain man rendezvous.

- In addition to regular expeditions, Philmont offers several special programs:
- **CavalCADEs:** expeditions on horseback
  - **Rayado:** 21-day backpacking expedition
  - **ROCS** (Roving Outdoor Conservation School): 21-day environmental expedition
  - **Order of the Arrow Trail Crew:** 14-day servant leadership expedition
  - **Trail Crew Trek:** 14-day conservation expedition
  - **Ranch Hands:** 16-day ranching expedition
  - **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math): 12-day expedition.



PHILMONT MUSEUMS  
VILLA PHILMONTE

Waite Phillips built the Villa Philmonte as the summer home for his family on the Philmont Ranch. It was completed in 1927 and was designed in the Spanish Mediterranean style. Restored to the period when the Phillips family owned the ranch, it now serves as a memorial to him and his generosity to the Boy Scouts of America. Guided tours are offered during the spring, summer and fall.



National Scouting Museum and  
Seton Memorial Library

The National Scouting Museum shares the rich history of the BSA with tens of thousands of visitors. The Museum is home to the Seton Memorial Library with reading and research rooms, a gift shop with jewelry, books, and mementos, two large exhibit halls, and an 88-person conference room.

For decades, the National Scouting Museum has played an important role in preserving and telling the rich story of the BSA and the positive impact Scouting continues to have on participants. The museum is committed to preserving the rich, 110-plus-year history of the Scouting movement by collecting, organizing, preserving, and displaying some of Scouting’s greatest treasures, including more than 600,000 artifacts. The Museum and Library are open daily from June through August and Monday through Friday from September to May.

Chase Ranch and Museum

Founded in 1869, the Chase Ranch was successfully owned and operated by the Chase family for over 143 years. The historic adobe ranch house offers a glimpse of ranch life starting around the time of the Colfax County land grant war, through the territorial & statehood periods into modern times. This ranch and the Chase family were instrumental in transforming western ranching into what it is today!

During the summer months, staff offer guided tours of the main house, grounds, orchards and tack room.

**Kit Carson Museum**

Seven miles south of Philmont’s headquarters is Rayado, the first settlement of the Beaubien and Miranda Land Grant. Located at Rayado, the Kit Carson Museum was built in the style of Mexican haciendas of the middle 19th century. The rooms of the museum are furnished to the period of the 1850s when frontiersmen Kit Carson and Lucien Maxwell carved out a wilderness ranch there along the Santa Fe Trail.

Tours are given each day June through August by staff in historic costumes who detail the life of Philmont’s earliest pioneers.

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Museums*



PHILMONT  
TRAINING CENTER



Serving as the National Volunteer Training Center for the Boy Scouts of America since 1950, the Philmont Training Center (PTC) offers over 80 different week-long conferences for council and district volunteers, and professionals every summer. Each conference features the latest tools and techniques, audiovisuals, discussions, idea-sharing, and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters selected by the departments and committees of the National Council for their expertise in the conference’s topic. Invitation to these conferences is extended to all registered Scouters and their families.

While a Scout Leader is in a conference, programs are planned for all members of the family, infant through adult. Family members enjoy a staff-led program of hiking, tours, crafts, games, campfires, and outdoor activities.

You can also bring your family to the PTC through Family Adventure Camp. BSA’s Family Adventure Camp is a unique chance to experience Philmont Scout Ranch like never before! This one-of-a-kind adventure is open to all families, not just scouts. You will have a chance to participate in all of the incredible activities offered at Philmont and make memories with your family that will last a lifetime.

For more information on training center opportunities, visit us online at *PhilmontTrainingCenter.org* or email us at *TrainingCenter@PhilmontScoutRanch.org*

VISION STATEMENT–  
PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

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 and Training Center experiences. It is our further vision that these experiences will be expanded to help meet increasing demands. All future growth must be accomplished with minimal ecological impact on resources to ensure the preservation of this great asset to serve future generations of Scouts.

CAVALCADES

Philmont CavalCADEs are similar to regular expeditions except that, instead of hiking, crews ride horses through the rugged mountain wilderness like the famous trappers who first explored the West. Eight-day CavalCADEs with 10 to 15 people per crew are offered on specific dates each summer. The final day of the CavalCADE is spent in competition at an equestrian gymkhana.

Due to the popularity of the CavalCADE program and the limited number of horses, a lottery will be held for crews that have expressed a desire to participate in summer CavalCADEs. A group may not participate in consecutive years. CavalCADEs now fall under the same online lottery registration process as the 7-day, 9-day, and 12-day hiking treks.

For the safety of the rider and the horse, there is a 200-pound weight limit for all riders (no exceptions).

HIGH ADVENTURE EXPEDITIONS

Philmont accepts arrivals for 12-day High Adventure Expeditions each day from early June to mid-August. In addition, Philmont offers 9-day Expeditions that begin every Friday throughout the summer. 7-day Expeditions will be available daily (excluding Fridays) June to mid-August. Reservations may be made online at *philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks* and confirmed by payment of reservation fees (\$150 per camper). Tentative reservation dates will only be honored for 30 days. Groups should plan to arrive no later than 11am on their arrival day (Day 1).

ADULT LEADERSHIP

The best available adult leadership should be recruited to accompany each crew. Each Scout BSA, Venturing, or Explorer Expedition or CavalCADE crew must have two qualified adult advisors, both of whom must be 21 years old or older. Any crew with female youth participants must have at least one female adult advisor who must be 21 years old or older.

Considering Philmont’s primary objective to serve as many youth as possible, every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants and no more than 4 adult advisors.

*\*For the most up-to-date information about each program including dates and cost, visit our website or contact us at: PhilmontScoutRanch.org or email Camping@PhilmontScoutRanch.org*



HOW TO REGISTER

7-DAY, 9-DAY, & 12-DAY TREKS

REGISTER A CREW

1. Form a crew of 8-12 youth and adults.
2. Register for the trek lottery in October and November, 18-months prior to your trek.
3. Lottery winners will be notified after the first week in December.

JOIN A COUNCIL CONTINGENT CREW

Contact your local council and ask to join a contingent crew!

CAVALCADES

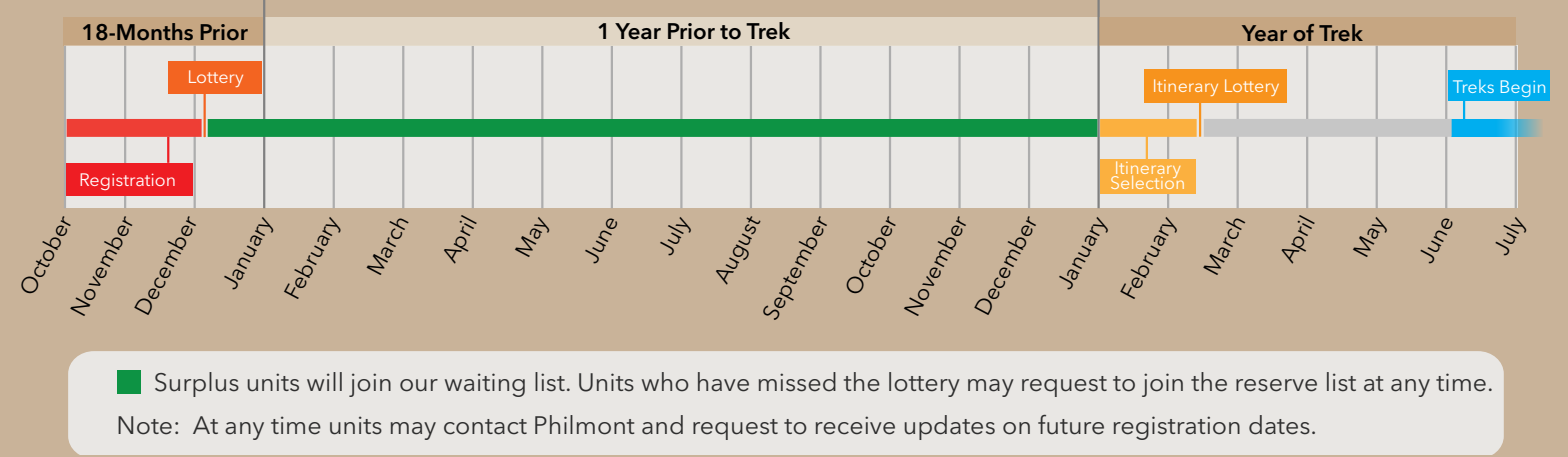
1. Form a crew of 10 to 15 youth and adults.
2. Register for the CavalCADE lottery in October and November, 18-months prior to your trek.

INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Register for your individual trek online following the link below.

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Register*

12-DAY, 9-DAY, & 7-DAY TREK REGISTRATION TIMELINE



PHILMONT HIGH-ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

<b>EXPEDITIONS (7, 9 and 12 days)</b>	Explore the Philmont high-country on a 7, 9, or 12-day backpacking expedition. Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high! Learn technical rock climbing, archaeological excavation techniques, blacksmithing, western lore and more! Discover the wonder of Scouting’s Paradise as over one million Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and Leaders have since 1938.
<b>CREW SIZE</b>	8-12 per crew, including adult leaders
<b>AGE</b>	14 or 13 and have completed the 8th grade
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	Two adult leaders per crew required minimum. Four adult leaders maximum.

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Trek*

<b>CAVALCADES (8 days)</b>	Members of a Philmont CavalCADE ride horseback over some of Philmont’s most scenic trails. Participants acquire riding skills long used in the American West. The final day of the CavalCADE is spent in competition at an equestrian gymkhana. Because of the popularity of the CavalCADE program and a limited number of horses, a lottery is held each year for crews that express interest.
<b>LENGTH</b>	8 Days and nights
<b>CREW SIZE</b>	10-15 per crew, including adult leaders
<b>AGE</b>	14 or 13 and have completed the 8th grade.
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	200lb weight limit - no exceptions. 2-4 adult leaders per crew required.

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Cavalcade*

INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES

<b>RANCH HANDS (16 days)</b>	A program for participants who have knowledge of horsemanship and horse care and want to expand their skills and experience. The crew will spend 8 days working in the horse department hauling hay, saddling, doing daily chores and other tasks. Then they will participate in their own CavalCADE itinerary trek for 8 days.
<b>LENGTH</b>	16 Days and nights
<b>CREW SIZE</b>	Organized by Philmont
<b>AGE</b>	16 by date attending and not yet 21
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/RanchHands*

<b>RAYADO TREK (21 days)</b>	Rayado participants will experience more of Philmont’s backcountry and have program opportunities not available to regular treks. Rayado is unparalleled for developing outdoor leadership, group dynamics, wilderness problem solving and advanced outdoor skills in addition to a high level of personal growth and self-reliance. Previous Philmont experience is strongly recommended.
<b>LENGTH</b>	21 Days and nights
<b>CREW SIZE</b>	Organized by Philmont
<b>AGE</b>	15 by date attending and not yet 21
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Rayado*

<b>ROCS (21 days)</b>	The Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS) is an exciting program for Scouts who have an interest in conservation, environmental science and natural resource management. As the crew hikes, they will camp in different forest types, and will participate in activities such as: forestry, fire ecology, fish and wildlife management, geology, plant identification, watershed management and more!
<b>LENGTH</b>	21 Days and nights
<b>CREW SIZE</b>	Organized by Philmont
<b>AGE</b>	15 by date attending and not yet 21
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/ROCS*

<b>OA TRAIL CREW (14 days)</b>	In partnership with the Order of the Arrow, Philmont Scout Ranch is offering an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and brotherhood on the trails. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance, and the second week is a backpacking trek designed by the participants. OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically and spiritually.
<b>LENGTH</b>	14 Days and nights
<b>CREW SIZE</b>	Organized by Philmont
<b>AGE</b>	16 by date attending and not yet 21
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/OATC*

<b>TRAIL CREW TREK (14 days)</b>	Trail Crew Trek (TCT) is an educational program focused on conservation and leadership development. TCT involves 7 days of building trail and a 7 day educational trek throughout Philmont. TCT provides a strong foundation for participants to become involved in service through conservation and the outdoors.
<b>LENGTH</b>	14 Days and nights
<b>CREW SIZE</b>	Organized by Philmont
<b>AGE</b>	16 by date attending and not yet 21
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/TCT*

<b>STEM (12 days)</b>	The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Trek teaches scouts how to investigate the why and how of backcountry programs like rifle shooting, blacksmithing and climbing. Knowledgeable staff teach participants scientific principles in physics and biology, chemistry, geology, astronomy and historic technology used on the Ranch.
<b>LENGTH</b>	12 Days and nights
<b>CREW SIZE</b>	Organized by Philmont
<b>AGE</b>	14 or 13 and have completed the 8th grade and not yet 21.
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont

*PhilmontScoutRanch.org/STEM*

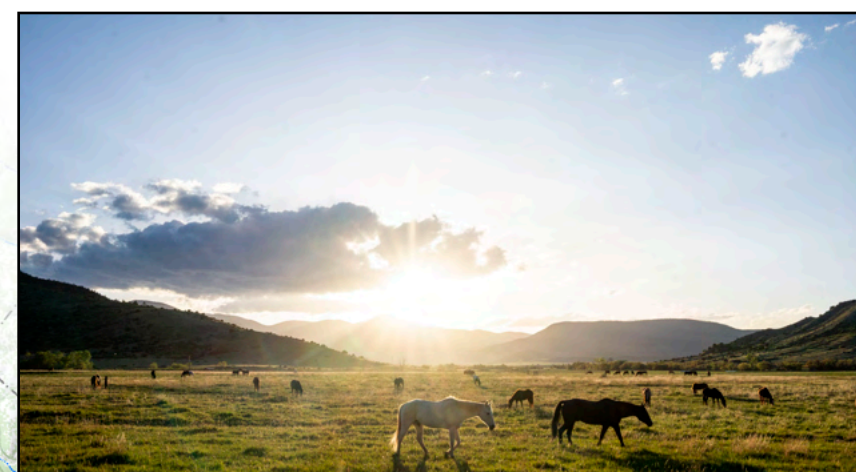


# PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

## PHILMONT ADVENTURES

Philmont is 140,177 acres of challenging Scout adventures set among the mountains and mesas of northeastern New Mexico. It was the gift of Waite Phillips, who "donated and dedicated (it) to the Boy Scouts of America for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity, freedom and principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer." Philmont's mountainous terrain ranges in elevation from 6,500 feet at Camping Headquarters to 12,441 feet at the top of Baldy Mountain. Summer daytime temperatures often reach over ninety degrees, but nights usually cool into the forty degree range. Wildlife is abundant on Philmont's forested mountains and grassy plains. Deer, elk, mountain lion, bear, bobcat, bison and pronghorn antelope are frequently spotted by observant campers on the ranch.

Philmont is a working cattle ranch with over 250 head of Hereford cows grazing its pastures. For summer packing and riding, 100 burros and 300 saddle horses are also maintained.



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## AUTUMN ADVENTURE

Experience the pleasure of hiking the Philmont backcountry during the usually warm sunny days of autumn when the aspen trees change to gold. A trained Philmont guide will accompany your group to areas where you can enjoy the splendor of fall color. Your hike may be an extended overnight backpacking experience or a leisurely day hike. The crew provides the cooking gear and backpacking stoves. Autumn Adventure treks are scheduled throughout September and October. Contact Philmont for registration information. Participants must be 14 by January 1 of the year attending or in the 8th grade while participating. At least two adult leaders per crew are required.

[PhilmontScoutRanch.org/AutumnAdventure](http://PhilmontScoutRanch.org/AutumnAdventure)



## WINTER ADVENTURE

Camp comfortably in cold weather! Learn about cold weather physiology, nutrition, equipment and clothing. Crews have the opportunity to cross-country ski, use snow shoes, build snow shelters, sled, and learn cold weather camping. The 7-day Winter trek includes avalanche safety awareness, Search and Rescue and Snow Sports merit badge requirements. Winter Adventure takes place on weekends or during the week throughout January, February and March. A special "Holiday Program" is scheduled for late December. Participants must be 14 by January 1 of the year attending or in the 8th grade at the time of attendance. Space is limited, contact Philmont for current registration information. At least two adult leaders per crew are required.

[PhilmontScoutRanch.org/WinterAdventure](http://PhilmontScoutRanch.org/WinterAdventure)



## STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Every summer, Philmont employs over 1,000 seasonal staff members. A wide variety of positions are available, including: rangers, backcountry program counselors, Training Center staff and base camp support staff. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Previous Philmont or other High Adventure experience is highly encouraged but not required. Call or email for more information.

Apply Today!  
[PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Jobs](http://PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Jobs)

## BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL RISKS

Philmont offers High Adventure backpacking, trekking on horse-back and program activities in relatively inaccessible mountainous terrain. Parents, advisors and youth participants should be alert to the potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. For specific information refer to the Guidebook to Adventure, which is always available online and is mailed in mid-March to groups with a reservation scheduled for that season. Philmont staff members will instruct you regarding safety measures to be followed. Each crew is expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for the health and safety of each of its members.

## PHILMONT WILDERNESS PLEDGE

- 1. LITTER/GRAFFITI**  
Keep Philmont free of litter and graffiti
- 2. WILDLIFE**  
Respect all wildlife
- 3. WATER**  
Conserve and don't pollute; use proper sanitation
- 4. TRAILS**  
Stay on trails; do not cut across switchbacks
- 5. CAMPSITES**  
Use designated sites and leave them neat and clean

## PHILMONT INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

Applications for Rayado, ROCS (Roving Outdoor Conservation School), Ranch Hands, Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and Trail Crew Trek can be obtained online. These programs are designed for individual Scouts or Venturers. Previous Philmont experience is recommended, but not required.

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