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BACKPACKING TREKS



TREKKING THE PHILMONT WAY.

A Philmont trek is a backpacking expedition where Scouts lead themselves through new challenges within New Mexico's rocky mountain backcountry. **With over 140,000 acres and 30+ staffed camps to explore, a trek at Philmont is Scouting's pinnacle high adventure experience.**

On their trek, Scouts will visit staffed camps planted throughout Philmont's wilderness, each with their own unique offering of adventure programs, western culture, and living history.

The methods for backpacking and camping at Philmont are catered to develop the youth leaders of your crew. Philmont provides all crew equipment needed to complete a trek, leaving only Scouts' personal items that need to make the journey with your crew to New Mexico.

Philmont employs over 1,000 staff members to ensure each trek is a smooth, safe, and memorable experience. This includes trained program staff, medical personnel, and logistics operators, all working together as an invisible safety net to support your crew and safeguard your well-being throughout the adventure.



SO, HOW DOES THIS PHILMONT THING WORK?

- **OPEN TO SCOUTS AGES 13+** and have completed the 8th grade. (or 14)
 - **ALSO OPEN TO SCOUTS AGES 18-20** (as adult program participants)
- **CREWS are made up of 8-12 participants**, including a minimum of THREE Adult Leaders (21+) for safety and supervision.
- **TREKS RANGE IN LENGTH FROM 7 DAYS TO 12 DAYS.** Crews select their top three itinerary choices that fit their goals, ranging from program-heavy to high-milage itineraries.
- **THE CREW METHOD:** Crews select youth for leadership roles, such as Crew Leader, Wilderness Pledge Guide, & Chaplin's Aide.
- **SERVICE & IMPACT:** Crews complete a conservation project during their trek, leaving a positive impact on Philmont's land. Additionally, crews learn the importance of caring for the land and contribute to a stronger future for the next generation of Scouts.



Scouts hike and backpack all the time...

WHY HIGH ADVENTURE?

Philmont's national high adventure program pushes Scouts beyond their comfort zones, fostering additional growth. Research shows that Scouts who participate in national high adventure programs like Philmont develop further in areas such as:

- Communication
- Leadership skills
- Goal-oriented mindset
- Purpose beyond themselves
- Higher-level leadership

Additionally, interviews with youth and adults after their national high adventure experience showed a pattern of emergent advantages of going on their high adventure trip:

- Scout Retention
- Scout Recruitment
- Adult Training, Learning & Leadership
- Confidence
- Positive Adult Experience
- New Experiences for Scouts





ENCOUNTER SCOUTING PARADISE...

The natural beauty of Philmont Scout Ranch is unmatched. Purple mountains rise against azure skies as you hike through some of the 300 miles of trail that make up Philmont's backcountry. Between the Tooth of Time, Mt. Phillips, and Baldy Mountain, summiting Philmont's iconic peaks provide the perfect challenge for your crew.

History comes alive with living history programs like panning for gold, spar pole climbing, and black powder shooting. Scouts learn about the history of the land they explore. Petroglyphs and fossils found on their journey add an ancient twist to Philmont's rich history.

STARTING YOUR JOURNEY...

Start planning early - **TREK REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 1ST FOR THE SUMMER AFTER NEXT** (18 months in advance).

To register and learn more about planning your trek to Philmont, visit our website at www.PhillmontScoutRanch.org

Can't get a full crew together?

Use Trek Match! The Trek Match system helps crews who don't meet the minimum youth or adult count match with other crews to create a full crew! Check it out and use it at www.philmontscout ranch.org/treks/expeditions.

Check with your Council! Many local Scout councils put together Philmont crews of their own to attend Philmont treks, led by council volunteers.

Need some financial assistance?

Philmont has over \$500,000 available each year to assist individual Scouts who need help financially.

Ready for adventure but don't know where to start?

- Talk to your **Unit Commissioner** or Council Philmont Ambassador
- **Schedule a unit visit**
- **SCAN THIS QR CODE** to Sign up for a virtual talk from a Philmont Staff member to learn more about Philmont and how to plan your visit!



Crews that complete a trek at Philmont earn our signature **Arrowhead Patch**. This patch is worn on their Scout uniform, representing their well-earned achievement.



METCALF STATION

BALDY Mountain



Metcalf Station is a living history railway station that offers a program designed to teach visitors how railways were constructed through the canyon for timber collection. Participants can engage in various activities, such as building railroad tracks, riding the pump car, trying their hand at blacksmithing, and enjoying a campfire show performed by the staff.

Cyphers Mine

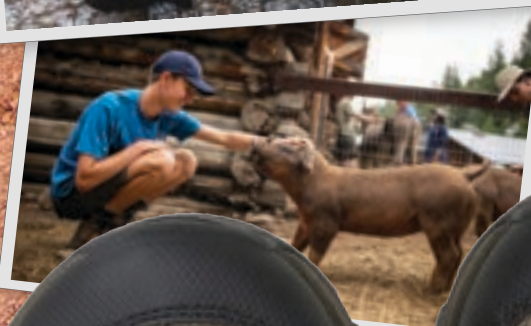
MINERS PARK



Cyphers Mine is one of the historical camps at Philmont. Join miners who worked for Charlie Cypher in the early 1900s and discover what the search for gold really involved. The camp offers mine tours, blacksmithing, and features a staff performed campfire show.



Miners Park is one of three rock climbing camps at Philmont where participants can climb natural rock, stack crates, and practice bouldering. Crew members learn the true meaning of "stoke" with our exceptional staff while testing their limits on the natural rock face!



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