

## RAYADO TREK — Men / Women



### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

As a participant in Philmont's Rayado Program, you can look forward to an exciting experience! The information contained in this packet will help you prepare for your adventure. Please read all of it carefully; it is intended to help you make your adventure the greatest.

### PREPARATION

An important part of your Rayado Trek experience will involve strenuous hiking over rugged country. Both you and your equipment must be in top condition.

#### Important Preparation Tips:

1. Start a daily fitness program today!
2. Your feet and footwear will be especially important to your enjoyment of the program. Commit time to breaking in hiking boots and figuring out the best footwear option for you.
3. Please brush up on backcountry skills. Philmont's YouTube channel has many great, informative videos you can watch: [www.youtube.com/user/philmontscoutranch](http://www.youtube.com/user/philmontscoutranch)
4. Read the *Guidebook to Adventure* on our website: <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/treks/expeditions/>
5. Get ready to Expect the Unexpected!

### EQUIPMENT AND SPECIAL CLOTHING

Necessary equipment is listed in the *Guidebook to Adventure* and on Philmont's website:

[www.philmontscoutranch.org/treks/whattobring/](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/treks/whattobring/). Use your judgement to pack for your longer trek while taking pack weight into account. Storage space for excess baggage will be limited, so keep such items to a minimum.

The equipment listed includes **Equipment Provided by Crew**. These items will be provided for you upon your arrival, and your Rayado crew will split up gear accordingly. We do recommend you bring your own sunscreen and bug repellent, as limited amounts will be provided for the entire crew.

### LEADERSHIP

Your Rayado Crew will be under the leadership of two Philmont Rangers who have had special training for the Rayado program. You will meet them at the Philmont Welcome Center on the starting day of your program. Rayado is designed for individual participants to develop leadership skills and to foster positive group dynamics. **Participants from the same unit or town will be placed in different crews to encourage personal growth.**

### EXPEDITION NUMBER

Your expedition number is important. It helps Philmont quickly and easily identify the program and time for which you are registered. Be sure to include it in **ALL** correspondence. Your crew's expedition number is **616-RM** or **716-RM** (Rayado Men); **616-RW** or **716-RW** (Rayado Women).

### UNIFORMING

Wear your uniform proudly. It identifies you as a member of the greatest youth organization in the world. The shorts and field shirts have been found to be both comfortable and practical at Philmont. You are expected to be in uniform while in Base Camp.

### ARRIVAL AT PHILMONT

**Plan to arrive at Philmont prior to 11:00 AM on the first day of your program.** Please report to the Welcome Center at Camping Headquarters. Rangers will meet you here to take you through the check-in process.

Session	Arrive (8:00 am to 11:00 am)	Depart (Morning)
1	June 16	July 6
2	July 16	August 5

## DEPARTING PHILMONT

Participants may depart Philmont with their parents following the “Rayado Banquet” the last night of their program, July 5<sup>th</sup> or August 4<sup>th</sup>. Typically, participants stay at Philmont this last night and depart the morning of the last day of their program.

## TRANSPORTATION

You will be responsible for your own transportation to and from Philmont.

### Private Vehicle

Private vehicles can be driven directly to Philmont Camping Headquarters, five miles south of Cimarron, New Mexico. Check in at the Welcome Center.

### Train

Raton, New Mexico (45 miles northeast of Philmont) is the nearest terminal for AMTRAK. Arrangements should be made in advance for Philmont bus transportation to and from Raton. Registration for the Philmont shuttle bus is available at: [www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/planningyourvisit/getting-to-philmont/](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/planningyourvisit/getting-to-philmont/). The cost is \$60.00 round-trip.

### Airplane

Commercial flights serve Denver (270 miles from Philmont), Albuquerque (220 miles from Philmont) and Colorado Springs (200 miles from Philmont). In addition to the airport shuttles, Greyhound buses run from numerous cities to Raton where they may be met by Philmont shuttle buses (\$60.00 round-trip). Round-trip shuttle service is available from Albuquerque International, Denver International, and the Colorado Springs airports to Philmont. Shuttle Registration is available at: [www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/planningyourvisit/getting-to-philmont/](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/planningyourvisit/getting-to-philmont/).

## MEDICAL FORM

All participants of Philmont programs must pass a physical examination. Have your physician fill out and sign the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record and **upload it to the link that will be emailed to you**. A copy of your insurance card (front & back) should be attached. If your physical examination must be given at Philmont, you will be charged the prevailing fee. Participants must meet the height/weight limits noted on the medical form.

## INSURANCE

Scouting America provides accident and sickness insurance coverage for Philmont participants from the time they leave home until they return. This policy has an excess insurance provision that will pay eligible expenses not covered by other collectible insurances. The name and policy number of your family policy should be noted on your medical form. Please attach a photocopy of your insurance card to the Annual Health and Medical Record.

## EXTRA CHARGES

One crew photo, taken on your arrival day, is included in your fee, available as a digital download. Additional crew photos of your session may be purchased at [www.PhilmontPhotoArchive.org/](http://www.PhilmontPhotoArchive.org/).

See the *Guidebook to Adventure* for advice on spending money.

If, due to transportation schedules, participants must stay an extra day in base camp, either before or after their trek, they will be charged for accommodation. Participants under 18 years of age will pay \$75 for supervision, tenting, and meals. Those over 18 will be charged \$8 per meal and \$15 for tenting. Participants arriving by plane, train or by shuttle the day before will not be charged extra. **Due to limited tent space, participants are only allowed 1 additional day in base camp so please plan accordingly.**

## QUESTIONS

If you have specific questions about the Rayado Trek, please contact Philmont at 575-376-2281 or email [rayado.trek@scouting.org](mailto:rayado.trek@scouting.org).