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**What:** A new exciting way to see the Philmont Backcountry in a new modern Fastpacking style. This is a Fastpacking trek that will be out for 4 days and 3 nights in the Philmont Backcountry. A well supported trek that will have individuals from around the country fastpacking in the Philmont Backcountry.



## Who:

For individuals 18+ that can go 10-20 miles comfortably in a day.

We will require a bit of your running history at registration so that we can verify everyone is capable enough for this trip and that they will also enjoy it. The more in shape you are, the more fun you will have.

We will be following a marked route. Runners can self-paced but are required to hike/run with at least one other on the trails, a guide will sweep behind all on the route. Remember: This is a group trip, not a race. It is all about enjoying the Philmont Backcountry in a new exciting way.

**Mileage:** Distance covered each day will be 10 to 20 miles. We will start at Abreu at an elevation of 7,197ft and climb over Mt Phillips at 11,657ft and the Tooth of Time at 9,003ft back into Base Camp. If you would like to preview the route, it can be found here on [GAIA](#).

All runners will need to be well prepared as the terrain can be steep and technical.

**Gear:** Weather at Philmont can be quite variable. Participants of this trip need to be prepared for lows of 35 degrees and highs of 90 degrees and be ready to be out in the backcountry during monsoon thunderstorms that are common in mid-August.

## Gear List:

- 25L to 35L Pack - - Frameless pack is ideal, looking to have a total pack weight around 10 lbs.
- Sleeping Bag/ Quilt - - ISO comfort rating of 30 degrees is recommended.
- Sleeping Pad - - Inflatable with an R-value somewhere between 3 – 7.
- Shelter - - Tent required with a floor.



- Hiking / Running Poles - - optional
- Smart Phone - - Use for navigation and photos!
- Battery charger - - 10,000 milamps should be enough.
- Clothing - - (Running Shorts/Tights, Shirt, Rain Gear, Underwear and Socks)
- One or two pairs of trail running shoes

Guide will be carrying - - Satellite Messenger/Emergency Radio, first aid kit, paper map and repair kit. You are welcome to bring any of these items as well but rest assured that your guide will have them.

There will be a vehicle that drives from camp to camp with the trek, so it will be a nice intro into fastpacking or a great opportunity to try out new gear as you could add or drop things off each day from your pack.

**Difficulty Rating:** Super Strenuous

**Guide for this Adventure:** Austin St. George, contact at [austin.st.george@scouting.org](mailto:austin.st.george@scouting.org)

**Dates:** August 15 – 20, 2026

**Register:** [Register Online Here](#)

**Price:** \$750

- \$200 nonrefundable nontransferable deposit required to secure place at registration
- Remaining balance due by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. Registrations after then must be paid in full.

**Includes:**

- All accommodations on Philmont during the trip.
- Food - - Philmont Trail Meals in the Backcountry and Dining Hall meals in Base Camp.

**Not Included:**

- Hotel/Lodging costs before and/or after scheduled trip dates.
- Transportation to and from Philmont Scout Ranch.
- Personal running gear and clothing.
- Any meals outside of Philmont during the trip.

**Refunds:**



The Deposit is non-refundable or transferable. 90% refunds until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 75% refund until July 1<sup>st</sup>. No refunds will be offered after July 1<sup>st</sup>. We do not allow transfers or rollovers to future years.

**Participants:** Registration is done by the individual with a maximum group size of 12.

**Health Form:** All participants will need to upload a Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B & C into the Gateway (Philmont's Registration System) before the start of the trip.

All participants of the Philmont Fastpack will need to meet the medical restrictions listed on the Philmont Scout Ranch High-Adventure Risk Advisory.

[Click Here](#), to view the health form and the Philmont Risk Advisory

### Sample Itinerary:

**Day 1** (8/15/26) – Arrival Day

Gear Shakedown

Villa Philmonte Tour

Stay in canvas tent at Philmont's Base Camp

**Day 2** (8/16/26) – Car Transport to Abreu, Trek to Apache Springs for the night (11.3 miles, 4,341 gain 2,134 decent)

**Day 3** (8/17/26) – Apache Springs to Cyphers Mine (20 miles, 4,507 gain 4,599 decent)

Summit Mt. Phillips

Evening Activity: STOMP!

**Day 4** (8/18/26) – Cyphers Mine to Clarks Fork (5.9 miles, 288 gain 2,091 decent)

Cowboy Action Shooting @ Clarks Fork

**Day 5** (8/19/26) – Clarks Fork to Base (12.3 miles, 2,906 gain, 3,733 decent)

Summit the Tooth of Time

Spend the Night at Philmont Base Camp

**Day 6** (8/20/26) – Departure Date

Plan to depart Philmont sometime between 7am and 10am.

