

# PHILMONT AMBASSADOR UPDATE

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SERVING BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD

FALL 2017

## 2018 AMBASSADOR SEMINARS

### AMBASSADOR I • Week 9 - August 5-11



John Phelps, Dennis Kampa and others ride the rails at Metcalf Station during the 2014 Ambassador Seminar

Taste the buffalo – see the deer! Come and learn about all of Philmont's programs and the Philmont Training Center! This conference will let you meet the people who help make it Scouting's Paradise, while experiencing some of the sights and sounds of New Mexico. We will share best practices in marketing and promoting Philmont opportunities in your local area. You will also learn all about the operation of the Training Center, High Adventure Base and Ranch operation. Classroom time is shared with trail time to fill your week with Philmont memories. You'll be ready to serve your council as a Philmont Ambassador after this week! Complete the first step on your Philmont Masters knot! Must be a current, approved Philmont Ambassador to attend.

### AMBASSADOR II • Week 9 - August 5-11



2017 Ambassador Seminar participants on back country tour at Cathedral Rock

a current, approved Philmont Ambassador and have completed the Ambassador Seminar I to attend.

## WHO'S WHO AT PHILMONT



### MATT RENDAHL

**TITLE:** Team Lead, Program Administration - Philmont Training Center

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#### DUTIES AT PHILMONT:

Manage the Philmont Training Center including conferences, family programs, and second season groups.

**NUMBER OF YEARS AT PHILMONT:** 2

#### PRIOR POSITIONS AT PHILMONT:

2001 and 2002 Ranger, 2008 Logistics, Fall of 2008 Autumn Guide/Maintenance, 2009 Camp Director Miranda

#### PRIOR SCOUTING POSITIONS OUTSIDE PHILMONT:

2009-2012 Northern Tier Retail Manager;

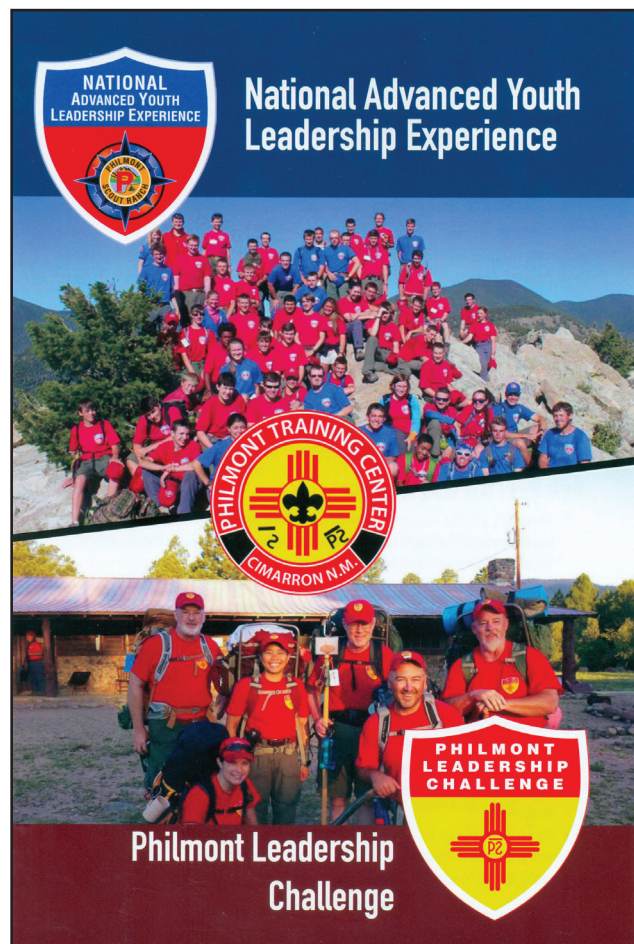
2012-2015 Northern Tier Associate Director of Program - Canadian Operations

#### MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AT PHILMONT:

Watching a 14 year old Bronco overcome his fear of heights and successfully climb a spar pole at Peublano. The sense of accomplishment that he had when he came down was amazing.

#### MOST HUMEROUS EXPERIENCE AT PHILMONT:

Chasing chickens with Bandits and watching the children squeal when they caught one and tried to put it on their heads.



### NAYLE / PLC BROCHURE

The NAYLE / PLC brochure was released earlier this summer and is a great addition to the promotional materials available to Ambassadors.

It includes information on each program, what participants can expect, what participants will take home from the programs, and what the requirements are to attend.

**BROCHURES CAN BE  
ORDERED BY CLICKING HERE**

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 25, 2017

**November 4, 2017**

November 15, 2017

June 10, 2018

August 9, 2018

Registration for 2019 Treks Opens

**Ambassador Webinar (7:00 pm EST)**

Registrations for 2019 Treks Ends

PTC Week 1 Opens

Ambassador I and Ambassador II Seminars start

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

The Ambassador Newsletter Editor has primary responsibility for overseeing the production of the quarterly Ambassador Newsletter. The Ambassador Newsletter is one of the primary methods for communicating with Philmont Ambassadors and providing them and other interested Scouters with the latest information on the Philmont Training Center and Philmont Scout Ranch.

If interested, email Jim Ellis at Philmont Ambassadors@gmail.com





## NEW PTC CONFERENCES FOR 2018



### BSA Training in the Digital Age

This conference is a general overview of “everything you wanted to know about training in the BSA but didn’t know what to ask.” You will be guided through the BSA Learn Center, and you will learn how to navigate My.Scouting Tools including how to run training reports. What makes a trained leader for both online and in-person, instructor-led trainings will be discussed. You will examine the Journey to Excellence goals for training, and you will learn where to find the latest information on volunteer training. Best practices for getting leaders trained will be shared. Anyone wanting/needing a broad, general overview of BSA training is welcome to attend. (Week 8 July 29-August 4)

### The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award – USA Training Course Suite

Over the past 60 years, The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award (The Award) has transformed the lives of millions of young people in 140 countries and territories worldwide. Become a pioneer within the new national partnership between BSA and The Award USA! The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award allows Scouting achievements to be consistently recognized worldwide, giving young people unique international accreditation of their experiences. The Award provides a clear curriculum and structure for Venturers as they plan their programs- increasing Venturing retention; it encourages STEM Scouts to explore the outdoors; and increases participation at BSA High-Adventure Camps. This conference will empower you to deliver The Award to Scouts as a Certified Award Coordinator and a Certified Adventurous Journey Supervisor and Assessor. This week-long conference will have the Scouter complete three trainings:

- Award Coordinator Course:** providing the delegates with the knowledge and skills required to support Award participants through their Award jour-

ney. This involves mentoring, advice and guidance, encouragement, and reflection.

- Award Management Course:** providing Scouters with the skills of managing a team of professionals and creating the infrastructure to guarantee a sustainable Scouting and Award program. This involves a certification to train others as Award Leaders within the Award.
- Adventurous Journey (AJ) Supervisor and Assessor Course:** providing Scouters with the skills to prepare, conduct, and evaluate an Award-specific outdoor adventure (AJ) in line with the experiential learning philosophy of The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award USA. (Week 6 July 15-21)

### Exploring! Become the “Game Changer for your Council

This will not be a normal sit down course. From character to careers, you will become a difference maker for your council and community by becoming an Exploring guru and examining the secret to community impact, membership growth, and sustainability. Anyone who is interested in Exploring or helping to create a more vibrant Exploring program within their council should attend. This includes any volunteer or professional, on any level, that simply has the desire to become “The Game Changer” for your council. This course will be interactive, fun, and hands-on. You will become engaged in an exciting week at Philmont by ultimately becoming the youth in which you serve. Yes, that is right! During the course, you will actually become an Explorer. This will help you return to your council energized and equipped with the knowledge to grow and support an exciting Exploring program in your council. You will learn the ins and outs of Exploring, while also participating in an exciting open house, organizational sales call, cultivation event, as well as outdoor activities.

This will help prepare you to identify and fill the needs of local schools, businesses, and communities by utilizing the total package of Exploring and Learning for Life programs. As a bonus, you will also receive classroom credit towards the official Exploring Certification, at the conclusion of this course. (Week 7 July 22-28)

### Scouting Alumni and Friends – your answer to everything!

Enjoy family, fun and new friends in the mountains of New Mexico while advancing your council through successful alumni activities. Scouting has no peer in the field of character development when compared to other youth activities, and it is unique in its ability to produce an enduring impact on its members. In fact, not only does Scouting make an indelible mark in the lives of its youth participants, but it also impacts those who may have a more indirect relationship, such as adult volunteers, family members, and other recipients of Scouting’s good work—Scouting’s friends. Scouting Alumni and Friends’ (SA&F) committees and affiliate alumni groups are a great way for individuals to connect with organizations that are important to them. As such, SA&F committees play a significant role in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Conference participants, which include those that have an SA&F committee and those that would like to launch one in their council, will learn how the SA&F committee can be used to enhance your Council. (Week 7 July 22-29)

### PhilFacts

Philmont is planning to rebuild the Pueblano cabin during the 2017-2018 winter season.

Councils from across the country use the PTC as a destination for their Board or Council Staff Retreats. It is a great time to come see the beautiful fall colors and enjoy the Philmont Training Center’s facilities.

Philmont’s museums are open to the public for no fee.

## FAQS

### PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

- Q. Can my son earn Merit Badges while at PTC?
- A. Here at the training center we do not offer classes or special programs to earn merit badges. However, if you feel something your Scout has done could work towards a merit badge we would be more than happy to write a letter stating what the Scout has done. Note: it will be up to your scoutmaster/troop to decide if it can or will be used.
- Q. Do you have rooms to rent?
- A. We do not have rooms to rent, but each participant and their families are assigned tents and faculty are assigned roofed housing. If you are looking to stay near Philmont check out the hotels in Cimarron or the Casa de Gavilan.
- Q. Can we put up our own tent?
- A. No
- Q. If I am handicapped do I still have to stay in a tent?
- A. We do have wheel chair accessible tents. If you have special requests or questions please contact the training center
- Q. Can I hike the Tooth of Time?
- A. The trails to the Tooth of Time, other backcountry camps, and summits are restricted to backcountry participants only. Trails that are open for Training Center participants to hike on there own are the Nature Trail, Ur-raca trail, T-Rex, and Lover’s Leap. If you have questions about these hikes and their location ask a staff member or someone in the registration office.

### PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

- Q. What will the weather be like when I am there?
- A. During the summer, daytime temperatures commonly reach 80 to 90° F but with very low humidity. Night time temperatures are usually very comfortable and sometimes even a bit chilly (occasionally reaching into the 40’s and even lower in the higher elevations). Mid-afternoon thunder showers are fairly common but seldom last more than an hour.
- Q. How old do I have to be to attend a trek or cavalcade?
- A. Philmont trek and cavalcade participants must be 14 years of age OR completed 8th Grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation.
- Q. Do you have laundry facilities?
- A. There is a coin-operated laundry facility conveniently located at Camping Headquarters.
- Q. What are PASS and PAW?
- A. These are courses, held around the country, that are designed to train Advisors to help their crew prepare for a trek.
- PSR-PASS - 4 days & 3 nights at Philmont.
  - Field PASS - 8 hours in a city near you.
  - Philmont Advisor Workshop (PAW) - 2 hours in a city near you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PASS AND PAW CLICK HERE

## FOCUS ON THE BACKCOUNTRY



### Abreu

(Uh-bray'-you)

Staffed Camp

Elevation: 7,217 ft

**Description:** Abreu is a Mexican homestead with a small house, a cantina, stables, and a pit to make adobe bricks. Pleasant campsites are stretched out south and east of the main camp along Rayado Creek.

**Activities:** Cabin tour, adobe brick making, soap making. The cantina has great root beer for sale. Some itineraries include a Mexican dinner.

**Water:** Abreu has plentiful, purified well water near the cantina. Showers may be available.

**Nearby Camps:** Zastrow is just over a mile to the east. Carson Meadows is 1.5 trail miles to the southwest.

**Trails:** Once you cross the creek and turn east, you head toward Zastrow and on to the Zastrow Turnaround or you can go all the way to Rayado Turnaround. Take the northbound trail fork and go due north then west to Fowler Mesa and Trail Peak, northeast to Stone Wall Pass and Lovers Leap. On the westbound trail the north fork heads toward Beaubien or take the south fork to Carson Meadows and Fish Camp.

### Itineraries Stopping at Abreu\*

- Itinerary 1, day 3
- Itinerary 3, day 10
- Itinerary 4, day 11
- Itinerary 7, day 9

\* Based on 2017 12-Day Itineraries Guide

## INDIVIDUAL TREKS AT A GLANCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL TREKS CLICK HERE

Individual Trek	Register	Fee	Length	Age	Crew Size	Leadership	Registration
STEM TREK	By Individual	\$940 in 2018 \$970 in 2019 \$1000 in 2020	12 days and nights	14 by date attending and not yet 21	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont	Anytime
ROVING OUTDOOR CONSERVATION SCHOOL TREK	By Individual	\$570 in 2018 \$585 in 2019 \$600 in 2020	21 days and nights	16 by date attending and not yet 21	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont	Anytime
TRAIL CREW TREK	By Individual	\$300 in 2018 \$325 in 2019 \$325 in 2020	14 days and nights	16 by date attending and not yet 21	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont	Anytime
OA TRAIL CREW TREK	By Individual	\$300 in 2018 \$325 in 2019 \$325 in 2020	14 days and nights	16 by date attending and not yet 21	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont	Anytime
NAYLE	By Individual	\$395 in 2018	6 days and nights	14 by date attending and not yet 21	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont	Leadership provided by Philmont	Anytime
RAYADO TREK	By Individual	\$780 in 2018 \$800 in 2019 \$820 in 2020	21 days and nights	15 by date attending and not yet 21	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont	Anytime
RANCH HANDS TREK	By Individual	\$300 in 2018 \$300 in 2019 \$300 in 2020	16 days and nights	16 by date attending and not yet 21	7-12, including adult leadership	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont	Anytime
MT. TREK	By Individual - Mountain Trek participants must be family members of Philmont Training Center Participants.	\$430 in 2018	6 days and nights	14 by date attending and not yet 21	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont	Anytime