

# PHILMONT AMBASSADOR UPDATE

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SERVING BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD

SUMMER 2018

## No Summer Treks, Most PTC and Fall OK To Go

After careful consideration of the situation and available options, the difficult but prudent decision has been made that the Philmont backcountry will remain closed for treks and individual programs for the remainder of the 2018 summer season. This means that 7- and 12-day treks and individual backcountry programs scheduled for this summer are canceled.

This decision applies only to Philmont's backcountry programs. Philmont's Camping Headquarters and Base Camp area, the Philmont Training Center, the new National Scouting Museum, the Chase Ranch, and the Kit Carson Museum at Rayado will remain open all summer. Training courses at the Philmont Training Center and the National Advanced Youth Leadership

Experience (NAYLE) will proceed as scheduled. This decision does not affect Philmont's fall programs, including Autumn Adventure and fall PTC training conferences. See Page 4 story for descriptions of Fall programs.

Refund Checks for all affected crews will be sent to the lead contact advisor on Monday, July 9, 2018. Over the next few days, our staff will be contacting the lead advisor or contingent leader of these crews confirming the refund, offering a trek at Philmont for the 2020 season, and answering any questions. While High Adventure opportunities are at capacity at Northern Tier and the Florida Sea Base, there are many opportunities at The Summit. They would be happy to accommodate your crew. **P2**

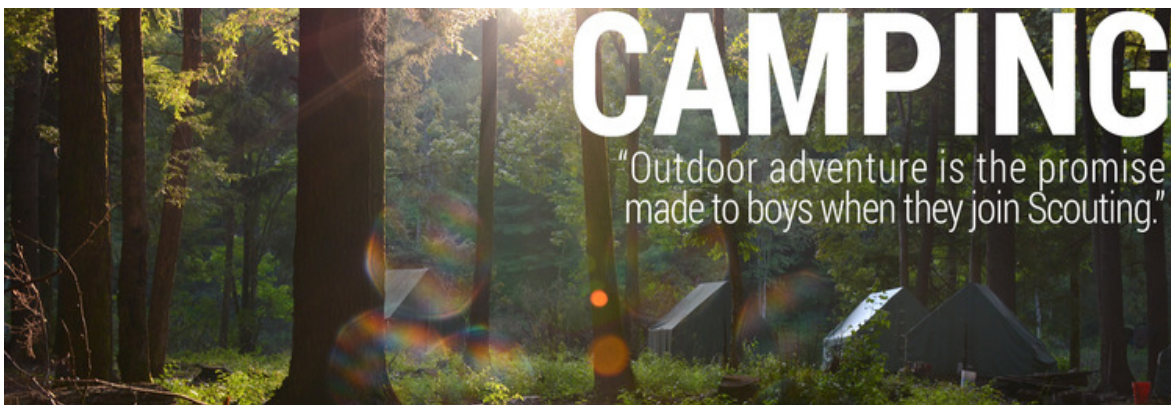
## Family Adventures Usher In A New PTC Era

The new Family Adventure weeks have marked a new era at Philmont Scout Ranch. The program ties in serendipitously with the Scout Family Program as girls join boys in Cub Scouts.

Hundreds of scouters, spouses and their children of all ages enjoyed the amenities of PTC. A number of attendees were at Philmont for the first time ever.

While many activities were similar to those usually enjoyed by Family Program members such as the Craft Center, horse and pony rides, and trips to Philmont Museums, several new ones were added as well. These included a hike to Hunting Lodge and rock climbing at Cimarroncito,

The program proved to be such a success that it will be expanded to four weeks beginning in 2019. **P2**



## *Delivering the Promise*

## Philmont 2020 Planning Starts Now

The journey of a Philmont trek starts with a single idea. Ambassadors can help to spur on a Crew's Trek planning by emphasizing that a 2020 Trek starts today.

Long-term planning is one of the best ways to retain interest and keep youth involved in Scouting. Having monthly outdoor activities and attending long-term summer camp certainly form the basis of an annual program. Larger goals like a Philmont Trek give an impetus for youth to learn more, do more, and stick around longer.

Units need to anticipate the dates of Philmont Lottery which takes place from mid-October to mid-November. Waiting for their program year to crank up to full speed in the early fall months can be too late to start thinking about a 2020 Trek. Getting the Philmont deadline onto the unit calendar is the first step to ensuring that plans are in place when the lottery dates arrive.

One reason that Units may not plan for Philmont is that they believe they won't have enough older Scouts to form a full crew. (See box on Page 2 for information on the minimum crew size.) Gathering interest to meet the minimum required crew size can be a challenge which takes time. However, there are solutions to these challenges out there just waiting to be implemented.

Smaller units can join a Council Contingent to take advantage of a larger

recruiting effort. They could also join up with another small troop so that the combined units can field enough participants and advisors to fill a Crew. If only a couple of recruits are needed, older scouts could recruit fellow Order of the Arrow members from their local chapter or lodge.

For larger troops, the prospect of high adventure trips like Philmont enables experienced Scouts to pass along knowledge they have to younger members. This added responsibility can prompt them to attend more Troop campouts and activities. Don't underestimate the satisfaction that older scouts obtain from Scouting by being leaders and instructors.

Unless a troop already has regular experiences in mountainous terrain, the Sangre de Cristo Mountains can pose a formidable challenge. Advanced planning allows crews to start developing the skills needed for a Trek. Acquiring the knowledge needed to earn the Camping, Hiking, Backpacking, Orienteering, First Aid and other merit badges takes time.

As crews look over all the activities available at Philmont's staffed camps,

they can pick out the ones they would like to experience in the backcountry. Rifle Shooting, Climbing, Fly Fishing, and Geology merit badges are just some examples of skills that will enhance their Philmont experience.

Setting a goal a year or more in the future also allows time for Adult Advisors to plan their vacation schedules. Often these are set a year in advance. Seven day Treks are available starting on weekends from early June to early August and daily in the middle of August. These allow advisors with limited vacation time to accompany their unit on the adventure of a lifetime.

"A Scout is Thrifty" implies that Scouts should earn all or a good part of the money necessary to pay for their Philmont trip. Having 18+ months to raise funds challenges youth to use events like pancake breakfasts, car washes, popcorn sales, etc., to earn their way.

That group photo at the "We all made it" sign is the completion of a long journey that begins today. With Ambassador's encouragement, we can help begin to make it happen. **P2**

### **Who's Who at Philmont**

## Shelley O'Neill, Director of Business Operations

#### **Duties at Philmont:**

- Oversees the budget and finances of Philmont Scout Ranch
- Gives leadership to the Philmont Training Center, Purchasing Department, The Tooth of Time Traders, and the IT and Marketing Departments

**Number of Years at Philmont:** 22 full time and 7 seasonal

**Prior Position at Philmont:** Tooth of Time Traders Manager, 6/96-12/17

**Scouting Positions:** Den Leader, Advancement Chair and incredible supporter of my husband as Cubmaster for Pack 69 for two years. We have two sons, a Life Scout and a First Class Scout, both on their trail to Eagle

**Most Memorable Experience at Philmont:** It was on my second time up the Tooth of Time. (My first time was when I was a year old and my Dad carried me.) I arrived with not much of a desire to spend the summer. I had a trunk of stuff and a pair of Vasque Sundowner boots. On my third day there, I put on those boots and made the climb, still disgruntled at my lot in life because it was definitely my parents idea for me to go to New Mexico and work at Philmont.

The magic of Philmont took hold and rooted itself so when I got off that mountain, I called my parents and thanked them beyond measure for pushing me to Philmont instead of spending the summer in NYC. Twenty-nine years later and I am still here loving every minute! (BTW - I wrote this story up for Vasque boots and won their memorable boot story contest. Now have a new pair of Vasque Sundowners with my name on the inside!)

**Most humorous experience at Philmont:**

In 1992, on my fourth year staff, a few of my friends were working at Black Mountain, so I decided to hike up for their PhilFiesta. I thought it

would be nice to bring them some extra food for dinner. I bought ribs and packed them in a bag with ice



and put this all in my pack. I got a ride to Miner's Park and hiked that beautiful trail along the North Fork Urracca for 58 stream crossings. I started a bit late...well a lot late and soon it became very dark. I pulled out the flashlight I had purchased at the trading post; it worked for about a minute and went dead.

As I said, it was very dark and I thought I had counted at least 50 or more crossings. Then the bag with the ribs and ice began to melt and I could only imagine I had some of the rib juices was soaking my back.

I was remaining calm and couldn't understand why I wasn't in camp yet when I heard something and could only imagine a bear or mountain lion stalking me for the ribs! I freaked out, dropped my pack and ran. I heard voices of the staff and I was so grateful. My "friends" went to retrieve my pack had told me it had claw marks all over it and was ripped open. In fact, there were no marks and the ribs were fine. The noise came from the burro pen!! Philmont is full of adventure! **P2**



# Philmont’s 80th Year Patches at ToTT

In 1938, Waite Philips’ generous donation of 35,857 acres started the Philturn Rockymountain Scout Camp. The Tooth of Time Traders is marking the 80th Anniversary of the beginnings of Philmont Scout Ranch with two special Patches.

One patch is a distinctive arrowhead design featuring the Tooth of Time.

A second patch is a hexagon-shaped also featuring the Tooth of Time. Both are valuable additions to your patch collection and sure to become collector items.

Because of the cancellation of Treks this summer, ToTT will have plenty of 2018 shirts and Anniversary souvenirs to meet your demand, The store will be featuring a discounted shirt and

other items starting every Monday through August. Now is the perfect time to stock up on wearable items to promote Philmont wherever you go this summer. **P2**

Click here to order from Tooth of Time Traders. Be sure to use your Ambassador Discount\*. \* Excludes Sale Items



## From Waite Phillip’s Epigrams



The toughest kind of wood grows on top of the mountains where the storms hit the hardest. When we react gallantly to trouble, it will develop character. A time of prosperity is a dangerous time for the mind and soul loaf and grow fat. Times of peril are the ones that show what we are made of. A storm is always a challenge that seems to bring forth something in the heart to meet it. - Archibald Rutledge

## Ambassador Spotlight

# Aloha from Hawaii’s Pat Wrath



When you talk about enthusiasm and Philmont, Pat Wrath will quickly come to mind. She became an Ambassador within minutes after the program was announced at the BSA Annual Meeting in 2013. “I heard about it, walked into the hall, met up with our scout executive, told him [about the Ambassador Program], and he approved me on the spot!,” recalls Pat.

Her connection to Philmont began in 1996 when she took Cub Scout Trainer Wood Badge Course W-CS-38. “From that point on, I wanted to know everything about Philmont and to visit as often as possible.”

Pat’s an Ambassador in the Aloha Council where Scouting pre-dates the BSA by 2 years. Scouting in Hawaii

was started in 1908 by David McHattie Forbes, a biologist from Scotland. Its first Troop is still named “The Queen’s Own Troop” after former Hawaiian Queen Lili’uokalani and not Queen Victoria as you might expect.

Despite it’s tropical climate, Scouting in the Aloha Council poses it’s own challenges. It includes the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, American Samoa and Guam. “The cost of getting people to travel to New Mexico from Hawaii and the cost for me to reach out to the outlying areas is a challenge”, says Pat. “A round trip flight to a neighbor island is nearly \$200, and a round trip to Guam which is over the International Date Line is nearly \$1000. A trip to Albuquerque is over \$900.”

Pat still manages do Philmont promotions whenever she has a moment. “I have given countless one-to-one talks at every opportunity, including online, social media, newspaper articles, chatting at events, and other informal opportunities. I attend our Scout S show, which had over 10,000 people this year, our University of Scouting with display and a class, our combined program meetings, our annual scouters conference, trainings, wood badge, NYLT, and day camp training. I’d guess I promote Philmont in some way 30 times a year.”

Of these many ways of communicating, Pat believes one-on-one con-



Height: 6 Feet  
Width: 24 inches  
Predominant behavior: Hides in a black zip tube in the back of Philmont Ambassadors’ closets.

Philmont Ambassadors just love to use banners to excite people about all the activities available at the Ranch. Unfortunately, they love them so much that they forget to return them. The supply is limited, though, and other Ambassadors need them for their displays at important events.

If you’ve fallen so much in love and cannot part with your banner(s), you can purchase them like many other Ambassadors have done. They are only \$150 each, and your purchase will save you from having to request and return banners each time you need them.

Contact Dominic Baima (Dominic.Baima@scouting.org or 575-376-1148) to arrange to return your banner(s) or purchase them for your own use. **P2**



## Changes to Minimum Crew Size, Adult Advisors

The minimum crew size is currently seven, but the **recommended** number will rise to eight for Treks in 2018 and 2019. Beginning in 2020, the minimum **required** crew size will be eight participants. Philmont reserves the right to combine small crews to make better use of its resources.

Beginning in 2019 at least two adults, both over age 21 will be required for each Crew.

Philmont **recommends** three adults in each crew. This way, if one of the three can’t make the trip or has to leave the trail for unexpected reasons, the crew can continue with the minimum two adults.

Co-ed Treks must have a minimum of one male and one female adult advisor. Both these adult leaders must be over 21 years of age. If one of these adults has come off the trail, the crew cannot continue without adequate co-ed adult leadership. Unfortunately, the Crew will have to come off the trail until the affected adult returns or a replacement can be provided. For this reason, some co-ed crews have two male and two female adult leaders

Philmont can not provide another adult if a crew is short of the minimum number of advisors.

Being Prepared for the rigors of a Trek will definitely help keep everyone healthy and happy on the trail. **P2**

## Welcome New Ambassadors

We’re very pleased to welcome new members to our crew of friendly Philmont Ambassador faces. We look forward to meeting them at conferences and hearing about their successes in encouraging Scout to have the adventure of a lifetime out in “God’s Country”. **P2**

Name	Region	Council
Scott Anderson	WR	Utah National Parks
Jason Bacheler	NE	National Capital Area
John Bobbitt	SR	Georgia Caroline
John R. Carrillo	WR	Pikes Peak
Edward Guzman	WR	Piedmont
Clifford “Gene” Hillhouse	SR	Chattahoochee
Peggy Hillhouse	SR	Chattahoochee
Daniel Hughes	CR	Heart of America
Frank Kebelman	WR	California Inland Empire
Mark Kuloszewski	NR	Northeastern Pennsylvania
Robert McKnight	WR	San Diego Imperial
Sara Lund	CR	Northern Star
Bill Neal	SR	Georgia Caroline
Dennis Orcutt	NE	National Capital Area
Salvatore Porto, Jr	SE	Greater Tampa Bay Area
Hulic Ratterree, Jr	SE	Palmetto
Elwin Spray	CR	Tecumseh
Moose Stolarzyk	CR	Northern Star
Donald Townsend	SR	Alamo Area



## Individual Opportunities

# Ranch Hands Round Up Fun

Ranch Hands is a program for Scouts and Venturers who have knowledge of horsemanship and horse care and want to expand their skills and experience. The Ranch Hand crew work with the horse department staff taking care of Philmont's 300 horses and 80 burros.

Participants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of the BSA.
- Be at least 16 years old and not yet 21.
- Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 65 pounds.
- Weigh less than 200 pounds.
- Be able to work and live under the leadership of one of Philmont's horsemen at one of the horse camps or at headquarters.
- Complete a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record.

Previous Philmont experience is not mandatory, but it is strongly recommended.

After an eight-day work session, the Ranch Hands embark on an eight-day Cavalcade. Participants ride trails through some of the most beautiful country at Philmont. Each night is spent in a different backcountry

camp where the program may include rock climbing, archaeology, mountain man rendezvous, or home-steading. The final afternoon of the Cavalcade features a horseback gymkhana in the arena at Ponil Camp.

Cost of the Ranch Hand Program is \$300 in 2018 and 2019 which will rise to \$325 in 2020

Each participant must complete a Ranch Hands application which must be approved by a parent or guardian, a unit leader, and the local council Scout executive and also include one letter of recommendation. **P2**



Cavalcades conclude with a rousing Gymkhana which lets riders and horses demonstrate skills and horse handling.

# Cavalcades Offer Trail Riders Taste of the Old West

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.

If you think that Cavalcades are easier than trekking with a backpack, think again. Days are longer and caring for the horses is a top priority. Each crew member is responsible for their horse as well as their tack (saddle, bridle, saddlebags, etc.). Familiarity with horses is a big asset, but eagerness to learn can be just as important. Acquiring skills about

horse handling and riding prior to a Cavalcade will make the experience more enjoyable for both horse and rider.

Just as there is a difference between hiking and backpacking, there is a big difference between a two-hour trail ride at a local stable and an 8-hour day in the saddle in the mountains. Again, the better prepared the crew is, the more fun they will have. The traditional advice to gain skills by earning merit badges on camping, cooking, climbing and fly fishing (depending on Philmont camps to be visited) still apply. In addition, earning the Horsemanship badge is another valuable way to prepare for a Cavalcade.

Each Cavalcade will have a Philmont-provided Horseman and Wrangler throughout the Trek. They will teach you what's needed to care for, groom and ride your animal.

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. Gymkhana is an equestrian event consisting of speed pattern racing and timed games for riders on horses

For the safety of the rider and the horse, there is a strict 200-pound weight limit for all riders. Anyone over the limit will not be allowed on the trail and will be sent home.

Because of the popularity of the Cavalcade program and the limited number of horses, a drawing will be held each January for crews that have expressed a desire to participate in summer Cavalcades. A group may not participate in consecutive years.

To participate in the drawing, notify Philmont in writing. Successful groups will be notified in February by mail and will receive a reservation form that must be approved by the local council. The reservation will remain effective for 30 days, pending receipt of the reservation fee (\$100 per participant) and approved reservation form. **P2**

# Carlos Beaubien looms large in New Mexico History

As unlikely as it may seem, a former French-Canadian candidate for priesthood had a big influence on what is now the American Southwest and Philmont Scout Ranch.

Alexis Trotier was born in Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Nicolet, Quebec, in 1800. His ancestor, Julius Trotier, was born in the town of Ige in the province of Terche, France. Several of Julius Trotier's family emigrated to New France where they obtained extensive estates and dubbed themselves "Seigneurs" or "Sieur" to take on the airs of ancient nobility. Alexis' family dropped the surname 'Trotier' and became Sieur de Beaubien; thus Alexis became Alexis Sieur de Beaubien.

Young Alexis studied for the priesthood and was tonsured (shaved his head as a sign of devotion) but soon dropped out and changed his name to Charles in 1820. Quebec at that time was still a fur trading center, but a declining beaver population and competition from lumber industry was taking its toll. Beaubien and other Canadians sought better opportunity by moving to St. Louis in the newly formed Missouri Territory where they might trap animals in the American west.

At that time, William Clark (of the famous Lewis and Clark expedition) was the Superintendent of Indian Affairs headquartered in St. Louis. Clark's responsibilities included issuing fur trade licenses to those wanting to do business with natives in the vast frontier. Beaubien was one of them.

With his license in hand, In 1923 Beaubien headed into Missouri territory and beyond, eventually settling in Taos, a dusty trading town in the far northern reaches of Mexico. When he applied to become a Mexican citizen to facilitate starting a business, the French name Charles had to go. He now became Carlos Beaubien. In 1827, he was married Maria Paula Lobato. Their daughter, Luz, eventually married Lucien Maxwell. His story alone is another great saga of the Philmont area.

Mexico gained both political and economic independence from Spain in 1821 and the new country was now

able to trade with other nations. It sent goods up the **El Camino Real de Tierra Ardentro** from Mexico City to the outpost of San Juan Pueblo (renamed Ohkay Owingeh in 2005) located half-way between Santa Fe and Taos. However, Comanches natives raided those travelling up the route from the south, cutting off the area from needed goods.

In 1825, Mexican representative Manuel Escudero was commissioned to negotiate with Washington D.C. for the opening of their border to trade between the two countries. The Santa Fe trail, previously been blazed by French explorer Pedro Vial in 1792, became the vital link.

Brothers Charles and William Bent (whose family name is well known at Philmont) exploited this overland trading route which stayed to the north of areas being raided by the native Comanches. The Bents partnered with another St. Louis businessman and former French-Canadian Ceran St. Verain to form the Bent and St. Vrain Company in 1832.

In addition to trading with Mexican businessmen in Sante Fe and Taos, the Bent-St. Verain company established forts to trade with the plains natives. One of them, Bent's Fort on Arkansas River outside La Junta, Colorado, is restored and is a National Historic Site you can visit.

Texas became independent of Mexico in 1836, and ever restless Texans saw opportunity to the west. Both Taos and Santa Fe were sparsely populated outposts at the far northern fringes of Mexico. To protect these areas from encroachment, Mexico encouraged settlement by granting large tracts of land to businessmen in exchange for their promise bring in settlers to develop ranching, farming and timber operations.

Baubien formed a partnership with Gualdalupe Miranda, the secretary Mexico's Sante Fe Territory government, and in 1841 petitioned for and obtained a 1,700,000 acre grant on the eastern side of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The Old Taos Trail marked the western boundary of the tract, Raton Pass marked the eastern



boundary, and Sibley's gap was at the southern boundary. Manuel Armijo, the territorial governor, quickly issued the grant. Shortly after in an under-the-table deal, Beaubien and Miranda gave one quarter of the land to Armijo.

Baubien also secretly ceded a quarter of his land to the Bent brothers for help in establishing ranches along the Ponil, Vermejo, Cimarron and Rayado rivers to deter squatter Texicans from stealing his land.

Baubien's land grab continued in 1843 when he petitioned for another 1 million acre grant in the name of his son Narciso although the boy was only 15 at the time.

In 1844, Beaubien gave 15,000 acres of his holdings to his new son-in-law Lucien Maxwell who had just married his daughter Luz. (Coincidentally, Frontiersman Kit Carson married his third wife, Josefa Jaramillo in the same ceremony.) Ultimately, Maxwell would come to own 1,700,000 acres, one of the largest privately owned tracts in United States history.

Texas was finally admitted to the union in 1845, and Beaubien's land fell into the disputed area between the Rio Grande and the Nueces River. However, the legality of Beaubien's and Maxwell's title to the land was eventually upheld by the courts.

Much later, a sizable part of that land was acquired by Waite Philips and became Philmont Scout Ranch. **P2**

## Focus on the Backcountry Beaubien Camp

**Staffed Camp**

**Elevation – 9,337 ft.**

**Commissary** at Philip's Junction (2 miles)

**Trading Post**

**Activities:** Western lore, horse rides, chuckwagon dinner, campfire program.

**Water:** Purified water spigots

**Description:** Beaubien is the hub of the South Country and is located at the northern end of Bonita Canyon. Many Treks that travel through the South Country stop here and spend a "layover" for two nights giving them an appreciated rest and relaxation stop during their trek. The camp's program features the western life of the cowhand with horseback rides, branding, a chuckwagon dinner and a western campfire. Many campers have their hiking boots, belts, and other articles branded with either the Slash Crazy S and/or the Bar P Crazy S brands of Philmont. Beaubien is named in honor of Carlos Beaubien along with Guadalupe Miranda owned the original Mexican land grant of which Philmont is now a part. (See article on the left.) Beaubien is Philmont's largest camp, with 34 campsites.

**Nearby Camps:** Phillips Junction commissary is about 2 trail miles to the southwest. It has fresh fruit, a trading post, and showers.

**Trails:** Northward is Black Mountain camp and trails to Mt Phillips. Southwest is Phillips Junction. Southeast is Bonito Creek and Trail Peak.



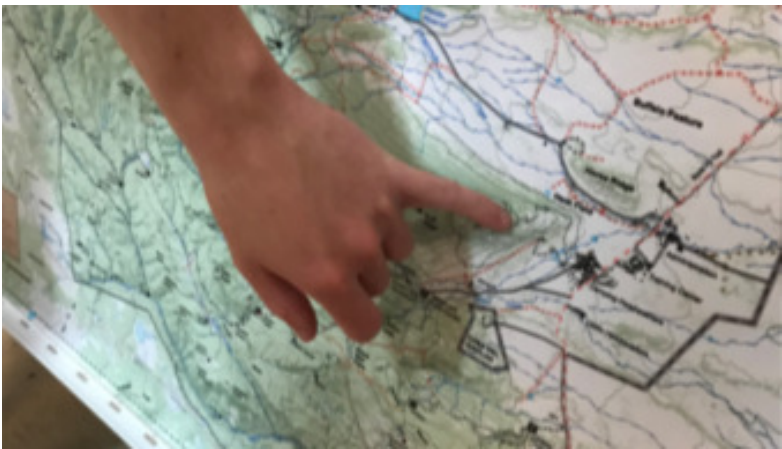
**Itineraries Stopping at Beaubien (2018)**

Itinerary 4	Days 8 and 9
Itinerary 7	Days 7 and 8
Itinerary 9	Days 4 and 5
Itinerary 10	Days 8 and 9
Itinerary 12	Days 8 and 9
Itinerary 14	Days 8 and 9
Itinerary 19	Days 5 and 6



Scouts practice their western roping skills at Beaubien Camp.





# BIG Philmont Map Grabs Attention of Trek Veterans

Ambassador Steven Duke had the idea of a large chart showing Philmont when trying to create an easy, portable, waterproof and wrinkle resistant map for his display. The 4 foot by 6 foot map was made using the most up to date data from the GIS/Conservation department at Philmont.

Steve worked with two vendors to get the best quality product at the best

price. The map has multiple grommets for hanging or you can provide your own stand to show off the vastness of the Philmont Ranch.

Attendees of the Philmont Ambassador I and II conferences can see and purchase a map for \$55. If you are interested in purchasing the map by mail, please contact Stephen Duke at [Stephen\\_duke@hotmail.com](mailto:Stephen_duke@hotmail.com). **P2**



Scouters attending "Building a Program with Strong Outdoor Emphasis" conference learn LNT

## LNT Ethics Preserve Philmont’s Backcountry

There are seven principles of the Leave No Trace outdoor ethics that help everyone continue to enjoy the Backcountry.

**Plan Ahead and Prepare.** Knowing the rules and regulations is a good start to being prepared for your trek. Each night as you are waiting for the water to boil for dinner, it is a good idea to start looking over the map for the next day’s hike. Look for which trails to take, elevation gain, water availability, which camps you will pass through, etc. to get a clear picture of what the day should look like. Proper preparation will allow your crew to get to camp quickly while optimizing your time and program opportunities along the way.

**Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces.** Philmont practices concentrated impact camping and has roughly 340 miles of maintained trails, 35 staffed camps, and 78 trail (unstaffed) camps. Hiking and camping on our established trails and campsites (except where they do not exist in the Valle Vidal of the Carson National Forest) allows us to preserve the 99% of land we do not impact. Please follow switchbacks and avoid creating social trails through meadows or riparian areas.

**Dispose of Waste Properly.** Every staff camp other than Black Mountain and Crooked Creek accepts compacted trash. They also collect plastic meal bags, paperboard, and aluminum cans for recycling. Liquid food waste should be poured down the sump and solid food waste should be packed out as trash. Human waste is concentrated into pit style latrines.

**Leave What You Find.** You will see many neat items on your trek, ranging from elk sheds to wildflowers and artifacts. Look at these items and leave them for other crews to enjoy. Report anything noteworthy to the next staffed camp you hike through

and give them the UTM coordinates so that we may look at it for further investigation.

**Minimize Campfire Impacts.** Campfires should be kept small. Sticks used as fuel should be no wider than your wrist and no longer than your forearm. Always keep a full pot of water near the fire ring when a campfire is burning. Stir up the coals with a stick and pour water over the coals to ensure the fire is “out cold” before going to bed. When campfires are allowed at Philmont it is important to dispose of the ashes properly. In the morning as you are ready to leave your campsite, pack the ashes into an empty meal bag and hike them 30 minutes outside of camp then rainbow the ashes 100 ft. off the trail. This keeps our campsites clean and ready to use for the next crew.

**Respect Wildlife.** Philmont’s fauna is varied and includes black bears, mule deer, mountain lions, rattlesnakes, hawks, elk, falcons, cutthroat trout, chipmunks, hummingbirds, raccoons, bighorn sheep, and porcupines just to name a few. We need to respect these animals by never approaching, throwing rocks, or feeding them. Simply give them distance and let them go about their way. Always hang your smellables up in the bear bags and never leave smellables unattended.

**Be Considerate of Other Visitors.** With 4,500 people in Philmont’s backcountry at any one time, it is very important to remain respectful towards those around you. This includes not yelling or singing loud songs along the trail or in camp, not writing graffiti, not talking on the cell phone on the summit of mountains, etc. Additionally, flamboyantly colored shirts are frowned upon in the backcountry setting because the bright colors are an eye sore and distraction against the beautiful scenery you will encounter. **P2**

# Fall Opens up Backcountry for Training

## FALL PROGRAMS WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL.

During the third week of September each year, scouting enthusiasts visit the Philmont Training Center for a variety of courses. .

**Fishing - Train the Trainer.** This conference is facilitated by the BSA National Fishing Task Force, with a focus on providing enhancements to your BSA Fishing Programs. The course will cover Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing Fishing Programs held at the Unit, District, and Council Level. The course delivers an understanding of the Mission and Vision of Outdoor Programs-Fishing, assisting in your efforts to Deliver the Promise. You will learn age based and skill appropriate fishing tools and techniques for your Scouts, ranging from the Cane Pole to Fly Fishing. The course highlights best practices on content delivery, in both the classroom and the field. Enjoy Philmont in the fall, experience the fine art of fly fishing, fish legendary waters, and catch release some great wild trout! Course Graduates will become BSA Certified Angling Instructors (Training Code CS61). FISH ON!

**Certified Angling Instuctor Course Director.** This train the trainer style conference is facilitated by the BSA National Fishing Task Force, and designed to develop existing Certified Angling Instructors into confident CAI Course Directors that will build a fun and exciting fishing program for your council. You will be provided with a CAI course manual that provides step by step instructions to create CAI courses for your council and area. The course highlights best practices on content delivery, in both the classroom and the field. Plan to join us as together we strive to deliver the promise to youth by offering quality fishing programs. FISH ON!

**Climbing Director Certification.** This is a National Camping School Climbing Directors course designed for those who will be leading and instructing climbing/rappelling programs. It has been developed to support council, district, and unit volunteers in teaching safe climbing and rappelling techniques at natural sites or constructed facilities. This course includes initiative games, climbing, bouldering, rappelling, anchor systems, and a wide variety of ways to teach them. Participants will be divided into groups dependent on their skill level. Current Climbing Directors and Instructors will be in an advanced group to further their skills and update their certificate of training. Participants must be in good physical condition. Since most of this conference will take place in Philmont’s beautiful backcountry, participants will not have the opportunity to be with their family during the week. **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C are required.**

**Conservation USA And Hornaday Advisor Training.** Unit leaders, Council Conservation Committee members, Advancement Committee members are all invited and encouraged to attend this conference designed to teach you how to help units and Scouts lead conservation projects. Participants will learn how to help Scouts plan and execute their Hornaday projects so that they will meet the requirements. Participants will complete both the Conservation USA and new Hornaday Award Advisors Training courses.

**COPE Director Certification.** This is a National Camping School COPE Directors course designed for those who will be leading COPE (challenge course) programs. This course includes initiative games, spotted chal-

lenge course elements (Low COPE), challenge course elements using life-safety systems (High COPE), bouldering, and climbing/ rappelling activities using constructed facilities. Current COPE Directors are welcome to attend to further their knowledge and renew their certificate of training. Requirements: Participants must be in good physical condition. This course will include evening sessions, so participants will have limited time with family members. **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C are required.**



**COPE & Climbing Program Manager Certification.** This is a National Camping School COPE & Climbing Program Manager Course designed for those who will provide program management for council COPE and/or climbing programs. This course includes program safety, risk management, incident management and reporting, budgeting and finance, outdoor program structure and function, COPE and Climbing program operations and management, marketing, staff development and training, and course planning, design, and maintenance. The course includes many opportunities for sharing best practices in COPE and Climbing programs and an opportunity to participate in construction and/or maintenance of elements on the Philmont COPE courses. Requirements: Participants must be in good physical condition and current in their training as a COPE or Climbing Director or Level II Instructor. **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C are required.** This course will include evening sessions, so participants will have limited time with family members.

**The Fun Side Of Shooting Sports.** Participants will see and experience all the exciting programs available in shooting sports including chalk ball, cowboy action, slingshots, Cub Scout BB, archery, and more. Recommended for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing unit, district and council volunteers interested in expanding their shooting sports programs. We will have fun and prizes for participants who attend this exciting program.

**Healthy, Affordable & Delicious Camp Food!** One of the leading areas that campers of all ages comment on when talking about a camp is the food that was served. Designed for Camp Directors and/or Food Service Directors that want to get a head of the curve and become a leader in this area. Topics for this conference will include: nutrition, health initiatives, kitchen design, state of the art equipment, cooking techniques, healthy choices, special diets and allergies, food service contractors and group purchasing.

**National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP): Delivering The Promise.** Youth join the BSA to participate in the greatest outdoor program possible and we promise this to them. Participants will learn how to use the NCAP tools to understand their camping programs and how it affects the council. Council, Area and Region NCAP leadership should attend to learn best practices, share challenges and help to guide the NCAP process into the future.

**The Properties Course: Facilities Man-**

**agement.** This Facilities Management conference is part II of the properties course series and deals with design, planning, and construction of all the facilities found at a typical Scout camp. Participants will learn what constitutes good design and planning, how to construct quality facilities, life cycle costing and low maintenance design choices. You do not need to have attended part I to attend. This conference is recommended for Scout executives, properties chairmen, rangers, and others responsible for maintaining council properties.

**Strictly For Camp Directors.** This conference is designed for experienced BSA professional camp directors. Topics include program development, marketing and financial sustainability. Facilitators will draw on the experience of the participants to build action plans for their operations while learning from all conference participants’ successes and challenges. Potential activities include “working day hikes” and camp tours to learn how others “do it”.

**Wilderness First Aid Instructor Trainer Certification.** High Adventure is a core feature of Scouting. Even more important is having that adventure in a safe manner. That’s why Wilderness First Aid is required for leaders involved in these programs. This conference will teach you those skills, including opportunities to practice scenarios in Philmont’s backcountry AND even more importantly, will teach you to teach. This is an opportunity to become a qualified instructor capable of training others in your area in Wilderness First Aid. This will be a great benefit to the Scouters in your council. Prior training as an instructor is valuable and recommended, but not a prerequisite. Certification from ESCI.

**Philmont Leadership Challenge (PLC).** Adults learn to internalize and practice their leadership skills in this action-packed backcountry conference. The conference hones the skills taught in Wood Badge in an outdoor experiential learning environment. PLC underscores the values of Scouting and teamwork and promotes the concepts of servant leadership. Open to all programs. Participants will not have an opportunity to be with family during the week. Requirements: attended Wood Badge (may be working your ticket) and **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C.** **P2**

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