

# **Philmont Training Center**

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Dear Scouter:

Welcome to the Philmont Training Center, the National Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America!

We are very much looking forward to seeing you and your family this summer!

In 2018, we had an exciting opportunity to create a brand-new program that will allow your family to experience new adventures together. Following the success of 2018, we are excited to once again host Philmont Family Adventure! This program will bring you and your family excitement, new experiences, and a chance to make family adventures that last a lifetime.

In this guidebook, we've tried to cover every detail and answer every question that may arise before your departure. Please '*be prepared*' by carefully reading this guidebook and sharing it with your family. Also, make sure to check out our website (<u>www.philmonttrainingcenter.org/pfa</u>) for any updates. If you still have any questions or concerns, please call us at 575-376-2281, or email us at <u>Philmont.TrainingCenter@scouting.org</u>

Our staff are making every effort to plan an exciting and fulfilling week for you and your family. The beauty, history, adventure, and unique charm of New Mexico and Philmont await you.

See you soon!

The Philmont Training Center Staff

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# **About Philmont**

Philmont Scout Ranch spans across 140,171 acres of challenging Scouting adventure among the mountains and mesas of northeastern New Mexico. Most of that land is part of two gifts from Oklahoma oilman, Waite Phillips, who donated it "for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity, and freedom—principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer."

Philmont's mountain terrain ranges in elevation from 6,621 feet at headquarters to 12,441 feet atop Baldy Mountain. Our abundant wildlife population includes deer, elk, mountain lion, bear, bobcat, buffalo (American bison), and antelope.

Rich in history, Philmont was a part of the Beaubien-Miranda Land Grant awarded by Mexico in 1841. The Santa Fe Trail passed along Philmont's eastern boundary. Both Kit Carson and mountain man Lucien Maxwell built homes at Rayado, located on the current southeast corner of the ranch. Philmont Scout Ranch and the surrounding area have a rich heritage of Spanish, Native American, and Anglo cultures.

Since Waite Phillips's first property gift in 1938, over 1,000,000 Scouts and their leaders have participated in the challenge of the backpacking program offered at Philmont Scout Ranch. Staffed camps offer a variety of activities including horseback riding, burro packing, mountain biking, gold panning, rock climbing, forestry, riflery, archaeology, and much, much more—with an emphasis on environmental awareness.

Mr. Phillips held a deep respect for the American cowboy. As part of the gift, he asked that Philmont always remain a working cattle ranch. Philmont maintains cattle, pack burros, buffalo, and riding horses.

Serving as the **National Training Center** for **the Boy Scouts of America** since 1950, the Philmont Training Center offers a variety of week-long conferences for volunteers and professionals each summer. While a Scout leader is in conference, programs are planned for all members of the family – infant through adult. For the first time in 2018, a family-based adventure experience was hosted by the Philmont Training Center, Philmont Family Adventure.



Philmont Family Adventure is the Philmont Training Center's new program that focuses on families experiencing new and exciting adventures as a family unit. Family Adventure is designed to build bonds and create memories through exciting and interactive programs. This program will operate in an open enrollment format where you and your family will have the chance to choose activities that appeal to you. Families will meet for two program sessions daily: Morning and Afternoon. Additionally, there will be day-long activities such as hiking to Inspiration Point in Philmont's backcountry.

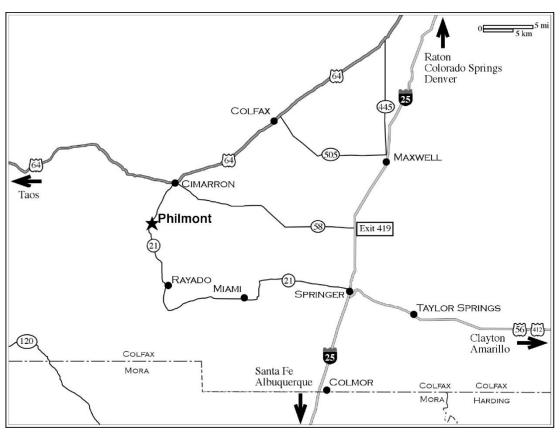
For all Philmont Family Adventure activities, minors (under 18 years old) must be accompanied by at least one adult family member 18 years or older. We strongly recommend you make group decisions as a family with the goal of participating together.

# Your Trip to Philmont

#### When to Arrive

Check-in for Philmont Family Adventure is from **2:00 - 4:00pm** on Sunday.

If you have a participant in a **National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience** or **Philmont Leadership Challenge**, they must check in at **8:00am** on Sunday. Your NAYLE or PLC packet has more detailed information. The Mountain Trek program will have a parent meeting at **3pm**.



#### **By Automobile**

Driving across country to Philmont is a great experience. Depending on your available time, sightseeing opportunities abound between your home and Philmont and in the area around Cimarron. Refer to the map for highway information.

Please note that New Mexico has a mandatory seatbelt law and speed limits are strictly enforced. The speed limit in Cimarron is 35mph and the Philmont Training Center is 15mph. Please drive carefully. Parking is available near tenting and roofed housing areas, however, these spaces are limited, and you may be asked to park in long-term parking. There is no electricity available for charging electric vehicles.

#### From Denver or Colorado Springs:

Go south on Interstate 25 to Raton, New Mexico (17 miles south of the Colorado border). Four miles south of Raton take Exit 446 onto Highway 64 and drive about 40 miles to Cimarron.

#### From Albuquerque:

Go north on Interstate 25 about 200 miles to Springer, New Mexico. Three miles north of Springer, take Exit 419 onto Highway 58 and drive about 20 miles to Cimarron.

#### From Taos:

Stay on Highway 64 toward Angel Fire (east of Taos). You travel through Taos Canyon, Eagle Nest, and Cimarron Canyon, to reach Cimarron.

When you reach Cimarron, turn south on State Highway 21 and drive approximately 4 miles to Philmont Scout Ranch. As you enter Philmont, you will see several buildings before you reach your destination; these buildings are other parts of Philmont Base Camp, such as the Administration Building.

Look for the brown Philmont Training Center sign near mile-marker 4, and turn left (east) onto Orchard Circle. The Villa Philmonte, the Mediterranean-style home of the Phillips family, is located on the grounds of the Philmont Training Center and will serve as a guide to those arriving by car.

#### **By Plane**

The nearest major air terminals are Colorado Springs (190 miles north) and Albuquerque (220 miles south). Other terminals are: Denver (270 miles north), and Amarillo (220 miles east). Raton has a municipal airport for private aircraft.

Shuttle service is available from Denver, Colorado Springs, and Albuquerque airports. Shuttle reservations must be coordinated with Philmont using the appropriate Shuttle Application. These shuttles do not run every day, so please check the backside of the Shuttle Sheet for available dates. 2019 shuttle information is available here.

#### By Bus

Currently, there are scheduled buses each day during the summer from Denver, Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, and Raton. The Raton bus stop is across the street from the Amtrak station. Contact Greyhound at 575-445-9071 or 800-231-2222 or visit www.greyhound.com for more information.

Shuttle service is available from the Raton Train Station. Shuttle reservations must be coordinated with Philmont using the appropriate Shuttle Application for the specific location where you will arrival. These shuttles do not run every day, so please be sure to check the backside of the Shuttle Sheet for available dates. The 2019 shuttle information is available here.

# By Train

AMTRAK is scheduled to arrive in Raton twice daily. The late morning train arrives from the east and the late afternoon train arrives from the west. Contact AMTRAK at 800-872-7245 or visit http://www.amtrak.com.

Shuttle service is available from the Raton Train Station. Shuttle reservations must be coordinated with Philmont using the appropriate Shuttle Application for the specific location where you will arrival. These shuttles do not run every day, so please be sure to check the backside of the Shuttle Sheet for available dates. The 2019 shuttle information is available here.

#### **Recreation Vehicles**

Parking is available at the Philmont Training Center for RV's, campers, and trailers, but hookups are not available and no cooking is allowed within RV's that are in the parking area. Participants with RV's will be assigned tents, and are expected to reside in these tents throughout the week. There are two RV campgrounds in Cimarron if you wish to stay in your RV.

#### **About Cimarron**

Cimarron is a small village with a population of about 900. There are a few small hotels and restaurants. There is also a Family Dollar and one gas station in town. For more information about Cimarron accommodations, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 575-376-2417 or 888-376-2417 or visit their website at www.cimarronnm.com.

# Your Week at Philmont

Here is a brief overview of what will your week look like during Philmont Family Adventure. We will do our best to ensure your family has an adventure filled stay!

This schedule includes details for Full Week (Sunday – Saturday), First Half Week (Sunday – Wednesday), and Second Half Week (Wednesday – Saturday) sessions. Please keep in mind if you are registered for a half-week, that before your afternoon check-in or after your last morning check-out, you are unable to participate in Philmont Family Adventure program.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Sunrise Chapel		Sunrise Chapel		
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Adventure Activities	Adventure Activities	Tent City Offices open for First- Half Week Check-Out Adventure Activities	Adventure Activities	Adventure Activities	Mtn. Trek Returns Tent City Offices open for Second-Half Week and Full Week Check- Out
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Check-In Mtn. Trek meeting	Adventure Activities	Adventure Activities	Adventure Activities	Adventure Activities	Adventure Activities	
Full Week and First-Half Week Program Orientation			Second Half- Week Check in and Program Orientation			
Dinner	Dinner	Buffalo BBQ Picnic Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Picnic Dinner	
Chapel			Chapel			
Full Week and First Half Week Opening Campfire	Ice Cream Social	Western Night	Second Half Week Opening Campfire and Craft Night	Cobbler Night	Closing Campfire at PTC	
	Astronomy Night	Night Orienteering	Astronomy Night	Night Orienteering		

**PLEASE NOTE:** For all Philmont Family Adventure activities, minors (under 18 years old) **must** be accompanied by at least one adult family member 18 years or older. We strongly recommend you make group decisions as a family, with the goal of participating together.

# **Full Week Schedule**

# Sunday:

Check-in takes place between **2:00pm and 4:00pm**. When you turn onto the street named Orchard Circle (see page 4 "Your Trip to Philmont") you'll find the Welcome Wagon, where a member of Philmont's staff will greet you and guide you to your assigned Tent City (either East or South Tent City). The Tent City staff will then check you in, give you your Welcome Packet, and direct you to your lodging.

After unloading, please turn in medical forms at the PTC Med Re-check station, location will be detailed upon arrival.

At **3:00pm** Philmont will begin **Mountain Trek** check-in. Please have your gear prepared and brought with you to meet your Philmont Rangers.

At **4:30pm** Philmont staff will begin a Program Orientation in the Assembly Hall. Following this orientation, your family will be able to peruse the different activity options and sign up for items you would like to do on the Greensward lawn. Philmont staff will be present to answer questions and give more details on each program.

The evening flag ceremony is held at 5pm and dinner will begin at 5:30pm. Occasionally, we will have two Dining Hall shifts to accommodate participant attendance. Please refer to your nametag for your assigned shift.

You and your family are encouraged to attend an interfaith worship service at the PTC Chapel, located just behind the Welcome Wagon, at 6:30pm. Daily worship services also begin every evening at 7:00pm at Camping Headquarters (CHQ) in the Catholic, Jewish, LDS, and Protestant chapels.

At 7:30pm, head to the Program Bowl for the Opening Program, conducted by the PTC Staff.

# Monday:

Your first full day at Philmont will be an exciting one! After breakfast, your family will meet the Program Staff on the Greensward (the grassy area southeast of the Villa Philmonte) at **8:15am**. Please be prepared for the activity that you are planning to do, as most program buses will leave by 8:30am. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry please drop them off before 8:15am.

Philmont staff will double check that you have the proper gear, and then lead you on your activity! Unless you and your family are on a full day adventure, you will return to the PTC for lunch at 11:20am.

The afternoon adventure activities will meet again at 1:15pm with Philmont Staff. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry please drop them off before 1:15pm. Following your return at 4:20pm, we will have our closing flag ceremony and dinner. Monday evening activities include family favorite Ice Cream Social as well as Family Craft Center Night. When the stars come out, Philmont staff will lead an Astronomy Night!

# Tuesday:

On Tuesday, from 7 - 8am, family photos will be taken by our Marketing and Photography Service staff on the Villa Lawn. These free photos will be emailed to you.

After breakfast, your family will meet the Program Staff on the Greensward (the grassy area southeast of the Villa Philmonte) at **8:15am**. Please be prepared for the activity that you are planning to do, as most program buses will leave by 8:30am. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry, please drop them off before 8:15am.

Philmont staff will double-check that you have the proper gear, and then lead you on your activity. Unless you and your family are on a full day adventure, you will return to the PTC for lunch at 11:20am.

The afternoon adventure activities will meet again at 1:15pm with Philmont Staff. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry please drop them off before 1:15pm. Following your return at 4:20pm, a flag ceremony and dinner. Tuesday night is Western Night! Gather on the Greensward for a buffalo barbeque and an evening of western games, branding, and the crowd favorite, western dancing. Night Orienteering will be hosted by Philmont staff for families later in the evening, bring a flashlight!

If this is your last night at Philmont as part of our first-half week participants, please come to our Closing Campfire performance so we can say goodbye, return your medical form, and present your patch.

# Wednesday:

#### First Half Week Participants

On Wednesday morning, we have to say goodbye to our first half-week attendees. Breakfast will be available at normal times; this will be your last provided meal at Philmont. We ask that you please move out of your housing by **9am**. If you are staying in a tent, please make sure you have all your items. If you are staying in roofed housing, please strip beds and pile sheets and towels next to the door.

#### Full Week Participants

For those staying for the full week, after breakfast, your family will meet the Program Staff on the Greensward (the grassy area southeast of the Villa Philmonte) at **8:15am**. Please be prepared for the activity that you are planning to do, as most program buses will leave by 8:30am. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry please drop them off before 8:15am.

Philmont staff will double check that you have the proper gear, and then lead you on your activity! Unless you and your family are on a full day adventure,

you will return to the PTC for lunch at 11:20am.

The afternoon adventure activities will meet again at 1:15pm with Philmont Staff. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry please drop them off before 1:15pm. Following your return at 4:20pm, a flag ceremony and dinner. Chapel services will be held at the PTC Chapel, just behind the Welcome Wagon, at 6:30pm.

Evening activities for Full-Week participants include Popcorn and Crafts at the Craft Center!

# Second Half Week Participants

If you are just arriving to Philmont as our Second-Half Week participants, check-in will take place between **2:00pm and 4:00pm**. When you turn onto the street named Orchard Circle (see page 4 "Your Trip to Philmont") you'll find the Welcome Wagon, where a member of Philmont's staff will greet you and guide you to your assigned Tent City (either East or South Tent City). The Tent City staff will then check you in, give you your Welcome Packet, and direct you to your lodging and through the rest of your check in.

After unloading, please turn in medical forms at the PTC Med Re-check station, location will be detailed upon arrival.

At **4:30pm**, Philmont staff will begin a Program Orientation in the Assembly Hall. Following this Orientation, your family will be able to peruse the different activity options and sign up for items you would like to do. Philmont staff will be present to answer questions and give more details on the program.

Before dinner, the evening flag ceremony is held at 5pm. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm. Occasionally, we will have two Dining Hall shifts to accommodate participant attendance. Please refer to your nametag for your assigned shift.

You and your family are encouraged to attend an interfaith worship service at the PTC Chapel, located just behind the Welcome Wagon, at 6:30pm. Daily worship services also begin every evening at 7:00pm at Camping Headquarters (CHQ) in the Catholic, Jewish, LDS, and Protestant chapels.

At 7:30pm, head to the Program Bowl for the Opening Program, conducted by the PTC Staff. Following Opening Program, Philmont staff will lead an Astronomy Night.

# Thursday:

On Thursday, from 7-8am, family photos will be taken by our Marketing and Photography Service staff on the Villa Lawn. These photos are free and will be emailed to you.

After breakfast, your family will meet the Program Staff on the Greensward (the grassy area southeast of the Villa Philmonte) at 8:15am. Please be prepared for the activity that you are planning to do, as most program buses leave by 8:30am. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry please drop them off before 8:15am.

Philmont staff will double check that you have the proper gear, and then lead you on your activity! Unless you and your family are on a full day adventure, you will return to the PTC for lunch at 11:20am.

The afternoon adventure activities will meet again at 1:15pm with Philmont Staff. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry please drop them off before 1:15pm. Following your return at 4:20pm, a flag ceremony and dinner. Thursday night offers Family Craft Center Night, so you can finish up all those projects started earlier in the week. There is also an opportunity to trade Scout Patches with your neighbors while eating delicious cobbler at Cobbler Night in the Tent Cities. Night Orienteering will be hosted by Philmont staff later in the evening, please bring a flashlight!

# Friday:

This is your family's last full day of Philmont Family Adventure – make the most of it! After breakfast, your family will meet the Program Staff on the Greensward (the grassy area southeast of the Villa Philmonte) at **8:15am**. Please be prepared for the activity that you are planning to do, as most program buses will leave by 8:30am. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry please drop them off before 8:15am.

Philmont staff will double check that you have the proper gear, and then lead you on your activity! Unless you and your family are on a full day adventure, you will return to the PTC for lunch at 11:20am.

The afternoon adventure activities will meet again at 1:15pm with Philmont Staff. If you plan to check your youngest family members into Small Fry please drop them off before 1:15pm.

Following your return at 4:20pm, a flag ceremony and dinner. Friday night is a special night for us to say "farewell!" Gather on the Greensward (or Assembly Hall, in case of weather) for a picnic dinner and an evening of games, branding, and western dancing.

At 7:30pm, please come to the Campfire performance so we can say goodbye, hand out your medical form, and give you your patch.

# Saturday:

Saturday is time to pack up, say adios to your Philmont friends, and head home. Breakfast will be available at normal times; this will be your last meal provided by Philmont. We ask that you please move out of your housing by **9am**. If you are staying in a tent, please make sure you have all your items. If you are staying in roofed housing, please strip beds and pile sheets and towels next to the door. Safe travels and see you soon! You will receive a schedule of the different activity options in your Welcome Packet upon arrival. All listed activities will have multiple sessions to allow a variety of activity choices for your family. We recommend discussing with your family your preferred highlights, so deciding your schedule upon arrival is fun and easy!

Personal backpacks will be needed to carry your personal gear on all hikes. Water, food, rain gear, and closed-toed shoes are all required to participate on hikes.

# Hikes

### Nature Trail Hike

Check out this **easy** 1.2-mile (2.4-mile roundtrip) Nature Trail right across from the Philmont Training Center! Discover different plants and animals that live in this area and explore some of the science that makes our environment unique. This hike is family-led. More information and maps are available at the PTC office.

# Please remember to bring:1-2 liters of water

- Snack food
- Rain gear
- Extra layers (New Mexico weather likes to surprise)
- Sunscreen
- Compass

# Lovers Leap Hike

Lovers Leap is an iconic Philmont spot. The 2.5-mile hike from Lover's Turnaround to Lovers Leap has some elevation change, with the base of the canyon at 6,500 feet climbing to the jutting cliff face at 7,372 feet. Join us in visiting this ancient rock and discover the legend that gave it its name! This **easy half-day**, staff led, 4-mile roundtrip hike contains some trail inclines and declines.

# Please remember to bring:

- 2-3 liters of water
- Snack food
- Rain gear
- Extra layers (New Mexico weather likes to surprise)
- Sunscreen



# North Ponil Dinosaur Hike

Philmont is home to one of only two confirmed Tyrannosaurus Rex footprints in the world! Charles Pillmore, a USGS research geologist, was mapping the North Ponil Canyon in 1983 and mentioned the possible dinosaur tracks in his field notes. In 1989, he shared the photos with Dr. Martin Lockley, dinosaur track specialist, and the confirmation occurred. Enjoy this **easy**, 4-mile roundtrip hike in the North Country of Philmont. This **half-day** hike is led by Philmont Staff, including an Environmental Educator from the Philmont Conservation department, to highlight this special area. **Please remember to bring:** 

- 2-3 liters of water
- Snack food
- Rain gear
- Extra layers (New Mexico weather likes to surprise)
- Sunscreen

# Urraca Loop Trail Hike

If you are looking for a **moderate** trail to hike with your family, then the Urraca Loop Trail is for you! This staff-led 3-mile loop, focuses on the changing geology and fauna from the plains to the low hill region of Urraca Mesa.

### Please remember to bring:

- 2-3 liters of water
- Snack food
- Rain gear
- Extra layers (New Mexico weather likes to surprise)
- Sunscreen

#### **Philmont Reservoir Fishing**

An exciting and unique experience, this **easy** 3-mile hike roundtrip will take you to the Philmont Reservoir, a gorgeous reservoir full of Rainbow trout. This staff-led hike and fishing experience will teach you how cast fly and spin rods, and learn about the Phillips family history. This **half day** activity is meant to refresh and relax. Participants must have a New Mexico Fishing License, which can be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders. Please note that while on



Philmont property, fishing is catch and release with barbless hooks. Philmont will provide fishing rods and materials, though you are able to bring personal fishing gear.

#### Please remember to bring:

- 2-3 liters of water
- Snack food

- Rain gear
- Extra layers (New Mexico weather likes to surprise)
- Sunscreen
- New Mexico Fishing License
- personal fishing gear (optional)

#### **Inspiration Point Hike**

Want to experience one of the most breathtaking 360-degree views at Philmont? Join us on a hike to Inspiration Point! You will start your journey to Inspiration Point at Lover's Leap Turnaround, hike 2.86 miles up to one of our backcountry camps, Urraca, and then hike .75 miles up a steep trail to Inspiration Point. Upon your arrival at Inspiration Point, you will be greeted by a spectacular view of the Tooth of Time (9,003 ft.) and the valleys where the Rockies meet the plains. This **all-day** hike is **strenuous** due to the significant elevation change within the distance of 7.3 miles roundtrip. This hike is led by Philmont Staff.

# Please remember to bring:

- 3 liters of water
- Snack food Philmont will provide a Trail-Meal Lunch
- Rain gear
- Extra layers (New Mexico weather likes to surprise)
- Sunscreen

# **Other Activities**

#### **Shooting Sports**

Check out the shooting sports range here at Philmont! Families will have a chance to experience: Slingshots, BB guns, Archery, Tomahawks\*, Rifle\*, and Shotgun Skeet\*.

\*Denotes program that is Scouts BSA aged, participants must be 10 years old and completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to try this activity.

#### COPE

COPE stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience which consists of initiative games, trust events, high ropes course\*, low challenge course, rock climbing wall, and new for 2018, crate stacking\*. Some activities involve group challenges, while others develop individual skill and agility. Our new COPE tower will be available with elements to challenge individuals of all ages and skill levels. Long pants are recommended for the COPE activities and this program is a **half-day** activity.

High COPE will include high ropes\*, crate stacking\*, and the rock climbing wall. There is a 30-person cap for High COPE



sessions, with high ropes and crate stacking sessions to have 16 participants. Rock climbing will be available during these times for the remaining 14 participants. Please check the age requirements for these elements.

Low COPE will run as its own unit, providing a chance to team-build with family and friends.

\*Denotes program that is Scouts BSA aged, participants must be 10 years old and finished the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to try this activity.

# **Horseback Riding**

For families interested in learning about life in the saddle of a Northern New Mexico cowboy, you can make the **half-day** trip to Cattle Headquarters. There, wranglers will introduce saddles and tack before taking the group on a trail ride. There are 24 horses per ride. For the safety of the rider and the horse, there is a 200-pound weight limit and minimum of 24" inseam for all riders. Long pants and closed-toed shoes are **required** for horseback riding.

For families with smaller children, the Philmont Training Center Pony Barn and Animal Pens will be open during specific times of the day. Children with less than 24" inseam and up to 10 years old are able to ride the ponies, guided by the PTC Pony Wrangler. Parents please accompany your children and experience this special time. Long pants and closed-toed shoes are **required**. Small Fry participants will have their own reserved pony ride times. The Animal Pen is open when Pony Rides are open, come meet some farm friends!

# **Fly Tying and Casting**

Hosted by Philmont staff, learn how to tie a fly and how to cast a fly rod here at the Philmont Training Center, then take your skills out to the Philmont Reservoir.

#### **Chase Ranch Tour**

The Chase Ranch, founded in 1869, was owned and operated by the Chase family for over 143 years. The historic adobe ranch house offers a glimpse of ranch life starting around the time of the Colfax County land grant war, through the territorial and statehood periods into modern times. This ranch and the Chase family were instrumental in transforming western ranching into what it is today. During the summer months, staff offer guided tours of the main house, grounds, orchards, and tack room.

#### Villa Philmonte Tour

Philmont benefactor Waite Phillips' summer home, the Villa Philmonte, is open each day for tours. Philmont Family Adventure will have specific tours assigned to this program. There are 24 slots available per tour.

#### Kit Carson Rayado Tour

The Kit Carson Museum at Rayado in Philmont's southeast corner (seven miles south of the Training Center) is a living history museum that houses exhibits and artifacts pertaining to life on the Santa Fe Trail and the lives of mountain men Kit Carson and Lucien Maxwell. The interpretive museum staff will show families through the display areas and blacksmith shop.

### **National Scouting Museum**

Newly opened in 2018, experience the National Scouting Museum! This self-guided activity is a great opportunity to learn about the rich, 100-plus year history of the Scouting movement with collections of some of Scouting's greatest treasures. This collection not only documents Scouting's unique influence on American culture but also tells the story of a movement that has positively affected the lives of more than 110 million young people.

### **Craft Center**

The open program format at the Craft Center allows you to show up for instruction for any of the craft activities offered including the chance to work with ceramics, wearable art (clothing and accessories), leathercraft, stamp art, Southwestern crafts, and home decor. Craft Center activities are an additional purchase, based on what craft you'd like to make.

\*Please note for half-week families, we will be unable to glaze ceramics and throw pottery for you to take home due to the short time frame.

# **Philmont Hosted Classes**

Informational sessions hosted by Philmont staff will cover a variety of topics including: Youth Protection, Philmont 101, and an Introduction to Camping. These courses will be offered at different times throughout the week.

# Small Fry

The only age-specific care provided during Philmont Family Adventure, Small-Fry will be open to watch children from 2 months to 5 years old. Parents may leave their children during adventure activities. During **normal working hours**, they may be left for your time preference as determined by your schedule. Care is provided by trained Philmont staff according to your instructions. At the Small Fry Center, the staff provide activities, games, crafts, pony rides, and supervised play during adventure activity times. If riding ponies, all children are required to wear long pants and closed-toed shoes.

Parents of Small Fry need to bring all essential items (bottles, sweaters, diapers, etc.) with their child. Labels should be placed on these items with their name and your housing assignment.

If your family wishes to do a full-day hike, please let the Small Fry Center staff know, so they are prepared to watch your child during lunch time. This service is only available for the full-day hike. Please plan to check your children in before 8:15am and pick up by 11:20am for morning sessions and check in before 1:15pm and pick up by 4:20pm for afternoon activities.

### **Other Trips**

Although the Philmont Family Adventure program offers a packed schedule for families to enjoy the outdoors together, it should be noted that you are not required to attend all scheduled events. You may choose to shop at the Tooth of Time Traders, catch a glimpse of Philmont's trekking operation, enjoy an ice cream cone from the Cantina, or explore the surrounding areas such as Cimarron, Eagle Nest, Angle Fire, and Taos.

### **Fourth of July Events**

Families that attend Philmont Family Adventure on the Fourth of July will have a special chance to experience Cimarron's history and ties with the West at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Maverick Club Rodeo hosted at the rodeo grounds in Cimarron at 10am. Admission is \$10 per person, with children 6 and under free. A 4th of July parade will travel down the Cimarron highway at 9am. Come wave some flags and enjoy our community!

Please note: A long lived tradition continues this 4th of July. All Philmont Cowboys, Wranglers, and Horsemen can compete at the Rodeo. No horse rides will be offered on July 4th. We appreciate your respect to this tradition as we continue this opportunity for our talented staff to present their skills.

Following the rodeo and dinner at the PTC, fireworks displays will be hosted by the cities of Eagle Nest and Raton. Each is about a 45-minute drive away. Philmont will not provide transportation, but we hope that you are able to join view the fireworks.

Philmont, for health and safety reasons, does **not** allow hikes in any backcountry areas other than the programs available as referenced by the schedule or upon your arrival the Training Center. This includes **the Tooth of Time**. Please observe this policy during your stay at PTC.

# **Housing and Meals**

#### **Tent Housing**

Living in tents may be a new experience for you. Most participants find the leisurely life of tent dwelling to be comfortable and enjoyable in Philmont's climate. Each Tent City has shower houses, restrooms, a playground, a Tent City office, and a lounge area. Your Tent City staff will be nearby to help you in any way possible.

Your 10' x 12' canvas wall tent is on a wood or concrete platform and contains two metalspring twin beds with mattresses, chairs, a metal locker, an electric outlet, and a light.

Irons, ironing boards, fans, clothing hangers,



extra blankest, and other services are available for your use at no charge in the Tent City office. Games, evening activities, Cobbler Nights, patch trading sessions, and other activities will be organized by the Tent City staff or your fellow Tent City residents.

Tent assignments depend upon attendance numbers and the ages and number of members in your family. Common arrangements include multiple tents with cots and cribs. Capacity can be increased to three with the use of a military cot for families with small children.

Each tent city has nearby handicap accessible shower houses. All Philmont Training Center shower houses have individual locking units, with each room containing a shower, sink, and toilet.

Families staying in tents will need to bring their own sleeping bags (or other bedding), pillows, and towels for their stay.

#### **Roofed Housing**

Philmont Family Adventure has a limited amount of upgraded Roofed Housing available for an additional fee. Please contact Philmont.TrainingCenter@scouting.org to check the availability of roofed housing. The roofed housing option will be only accessible to the renting family for the duration of their stay.

Philmont will provide sheets and bedding, pillows, and towels for your stay in Roofed Housing. Room cleaning services will not be provided during the duration of your stay.

Roofed Housing is provided in two forms:

- First, a Multiplex room, similar to a hotel room, that contains one open room with beds, futon, microwave, and refrigerator. There is an attached private bathroom containing a toilet, sink, and shower.



- Second, a Duplex room, that contains two rooms – one bedroom containing all beds, and one living room with microwave, refrigerator, and futon. There is an attached private bathroom containing a toilet, sink, and shower.





**Duplex Furnishings** 

#### Meals:

Meals are served in either one or two different shifts in Dining Hall 2 at the Training Center. Your assigned shift will be determined prior to arrival. Your cooperation in observing these assignments is appreciated; doing so avoids long lines and ensures table space for all guests.

At mealtime, early-arrivals line up outside the Dining Hall and are led by the staff in reciting the Philmont Grace. Meals are varied, and there is always a salad/fruit bar, cereal with milk, and peanut butter and jelly for sandwiches. Refrigeration is available in the Tent City offices for infant formula or medications.

If you or a member of your family has special dietary requirements, please let Philmont know in advance either through the registration process or by emailing Philmont.TrainingCenter@scouting.org. Philmont's isolated location limits the availability of many specialized or kosher food items and these items may need to be brought from home. Philmont's food service staff will make every effort to meet your needs but may not be able to accommodate persons following strict diets for religious or medical reasons.

# What Should We Bring?

Living at Philmont for a week will be an outdoor adventure for the whole family! In choosing clothing and equipment, please keep in mind Philmont's elevation (6,600 ft.). Traditional summer weather consists of warm days (70°s to high 80°s), cool nights (30°s to low 50°s), and rainy afternoons.

The following is a basic equipment list for <b>each</b> member of your family:
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag*, and/or sheets, blankets
- Towel and washcloth
- Breathable clothing for warm days and cool evenings
- Warm sleeping garments
- Walking/hiking shoes* or boots* (required for all backcountry activities)
- Hiking Daypack*/School backpack (required for all backcountry activities)
- Rain jacket and rain pants (required for all backcountry activities) *
- Jacket*
<ul> <li>Long pants (required for horseback riding) *</li> </ul>
-Three 1-Liter water bottles or a 3-L water bladder (required for all backcountry activities *
- Hat or cap*
- Health Forms (required for all activities)
- Camera*
- Flashlight*
- Sunscreen* (required for all backcountry activities)
- Insect repellent*
- Extra batteries* for cameras and flashlights*
- If you have confirmed roofed housing, Philmont will provide bedding and towels during your stay
*These items can be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders.

#### Here are some helpful tips:

• A fan and some additional clothes hangers may be useful.

• Tuesday is our Western Dance, so don't forget your western duds! We will also be branding with our Philmont brands for souvenirs.

• Even though we are a Scout camp, we do not recommend leaving items of value unattended in tents or roofed housing. Secure storage is available for small items at the Training Center Registration Office. Proper identification should be placed on all clothing and equipment.

#### Uniforms

Philmont is the National Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America. As a representative of your council, district, or unit, we encourage you to wear a complete BSA uniform to flag ceremonies and meals.

In addition, youth who are involved in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, or Girl Scouts are also encouraged to wear their Scout uniforms during these times.

Most of the Philmont Family Adventure activities are facilitated in the outdoors, where comfortable clothes to move in are recommended. Field Uniforms are not required for Philmont Family Adventure.

#### Pets

Pets, other than those required for assistance (such as seeing-eye dogs), are not allowed at Philmont. The Raton Animal Hospital (575-445-2691) can board pets at a standard daily rate. You must place your pet in a boarding kennel before your arrival at the Training Center.

#### The Tooth of Time Traders

Scouting materials, personal items, gifts, and Philmont souvenirs are available for purchase at the Tooth of Time Traders, located at Camping Headquarters. The store is also an excellent resource for any of your hiking or outdoor needs. The Tooth of Time Traders does accept credit cards. Additionally, there is an ATM located at the Tooth of Time Traders, and in Cimarron at the International Bank. Check out their e-commerce store at www.ToothOfTimeTraders.com Philmont provides a full medical staff at the Infirmary, located in the north section of the Camping Headquarters area. The Infirmary has doctors, nurses, and medics on duty around the clock for emergencies. PTC also has a medical officer on duty. Should you or your family need assistance, contact the Training Center medical officer. If necessary, he or she can facilitate a visit to the Infirmary.

Keep in mind that PTC is at 6,600 feet elevation. Humidity is low, so visitors should drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration (10-14 glasses a day). Persons who are overweight, out of shape, or who have health concerns should consult a physician before coming to Philmont. Some Philmont Family Adventure program activities are strenuous, and families should discuss abilities before arriving for program.

The Training Center dining halls and classrooms are wheelchair accessible, as are several tent platforms. Please notify the Philmont Training Center in advance during the registration process, or email us at <u>Philmont.TrainingCenter@scouting.org</u>, if you require a wheelchair-accessible tent platform. Due to limited resources, you must provide your own wheelchair. Unfortunately, wheelchair transportation is not available.

### **Health Forms**

To provide a safe experience at Philmont Scout Ranch, all participants are required to fill out and bring a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record with an attached photocopy of your insurance card:

Parts A, B, and C are needed for participants in **Philmont Leadership Challenge and National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience.** 

Parts A and B are needed for participants in **Philmont Family Adventure**.

The BSA Annual Health & Medical Record is available on the Philmont Scout Ranch website.

#### Please do not send or mail your health forms in advance of your arrival.

As part of the check-in process, all forms will be reviewed by the on-duty Health Officer and will be kept on file at the Philmont Training Center Medical Office until the end of the week, when they will be returned.

Please bring any necessary medication (such as asthma inhalers, bee sting kits, or other needs) as these items may not be locally available.

# Philmont Weight Limits for Backcountry Participation

Under no circumstance will any individual over 295 lbs. be allowed to participate in backcountry programs, regardless of height or age. This limit is necessary due to limitations of rescue equipment and the safety of Philmont personnel.

#### Expenses

Your fees cover all lodging, adventure activities, and meals during the length of your stay. Optional activities, such as Craft Center projects, are available at a nominal additional cost. Philmont's trading post, the <u>Tooth of Time Traders</u>, stock items to meet your Scouting and personal needs.

#### Mail

While at Philmont, your mailing address is:

Your Name Philmont Family Adventure, Week Attending Philmont Training Center 17 Deer Run Road Cimarron, NM 87714

Outgoing mail is picked up around 10:00am from the mailbox outside the PTC Registration Office, Monday through Saturday. Incoming mail is delivered to your family via Philmont Staff. Postcards can be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders and stamps are for sale at the PTC Registration Office. Parcels should be shipped via U.S. Mail, Federal Express, or UPS. Other services do not deliver to Philmont. **Do not rely on "next day" service, please make sure to allow at least one week for deliveries.** 

#### Firearms, Alcoholic Beverages, and Smoking

Philmont does not permit the possession of personal firearms while on the property. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is also not permitted on Philmont property. As a facility of the Boy Scouts of America, all buildings and tents at Philmont are smoke-free. However, there are designated smoking areas available.

#### Laundry

A large coin-operated laundry with washers and dryers is located near your Tent City and is open 24 hours. Laundry detergent and dryer sheets are available in the laundromat in a dispensing machine, along with a change machine. Detergent and dryer sheets are also available at the Tooth of Time Traders. Change is available at the laundry or the PTC Registration office.

#### Telephones

Public telephones reside in each Tent City office and on the back porch of the Training Center Office, overlooking the Greensward. Incoming messages to the Training Center Office (575-376-2281) are delivered to your Tent City staff as soon as possible. After 7pm, only emergency messages will be delivered. Fax services are available on a limited basis.

#### **Lost and Found**

There are several locations for lost and found items. The first place to check is PTC front desk, then the Quartermaster office in the PTC Main Building.

#### **Family Photos**

A Philmont staffer will take family photos on the Villa Lawn Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 7:00am-8:00am. This free picture will be emailed to you.

A custom Philmont Family Adventure picture frame will be available for purchase at the Tooth of Time Traders.

#### **The Bulletin Board**

Please make frequent stops to the bulletin board next to the PTC Main Office to check the Philmont Family Adventure schedules and sign ups. The schedules offer daily equipment needs and information on upcoming activities so that your family can be prepared.

#### Buffalo and other Wildlife

Philmont's buffalo pasture is located west of Highway 21 as you drive north toward Cimarron. The herd is maintained in three pastures and you may see them if you drive two miles west of the Administration complex. Photos are welcome, but please **do not** cross fences and pull off the road when stopping. Buffalo are wild animals and unpredictable.

Philmont is inhabited by a wide variety of wild animals, including deer, turkey, skunks, raccoons, and black bears. During your stay at the Training Center, there are many opportunities to see wildlife; however, please keep your distance and respect their habitat. In addition, please refrain from leaving scented items (food, toiletries, etc.) out in the open. PTC tents contain storage lockers for smellable items.

#### **Religious Services**

Chaplains from Catholic, LDS, Jewish, and Protestant faiths conduct nightly services at Camping Headquarters at 7:00pm and are available to care for the spiritual needs of individuals and families upon request. An interfaith service is held at PTC Chapel on Sunday and Wednesday at 6:30pm. Additionally, an interfaith sunrise service is held at PTC Chapel on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6am.

#### **Duty to God Program**

A special Duty to God program is available for individuals or family groups. The Chaplains assist in providing information about this religious opportunity. The program features materials to support daily devotionals and meditations. Duty to God booklets can be picked up on the information wall in the PTC office.

#### **Philmont Recognitions**

Many ask about the Philmont patch. There are several patches available, depending on what activities you participate in at Philmont. The familiar Arrowhead Award is awarded to those who complete a full backcountry trek or Mountain Trek and satisfy

other requirements.

Other unique Philmont patches can be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders. You will receive a special Philmont Family Adventure patch as part of your check out packet to recognize your participation in our program!

# **Philmont Country**

Philmont Scout Ranch spans 140,171 acres of mountainous territory in the Sangre de Christo (Blood of Christ) mountain range—a section of the Rocky Mountains located in northeast New Mexico. Elevations at Philmont range from 6,500' to 12,441' and the land varies from forested mountains to semi-arid plains.

#### **Philmont History**

Once inhabited by Jicarilla Apache and Moache Ute Indians, Philmont was the site of one of the first pioneer settlements in northeastern New Mexico. The present ranch is part of the original Beaubien and Miranda Land Grant, which was granted to Carlos Beaubien and Guadalupe Miranda by the Mexican government in 1841. Beaubien's son-in-law, mountain man Lucien Maxwell, led the first settlers to the grant in 1848. With help of his friend, Kit Carson, Maxwell's settlement on the Rayado River prospered, despite frequent Indian raids and harsh wilderness conditions.



Carlos Beaubien

Maxwell moved his ranch north to the Cimarron River in 1857, the site of present-day Cimarron. It became a famous stop on the Santa Fe Trail, bringing American trade goods into New Mexico. Ten years after Maxwell moved to the Cimarron, gold was discovered on his ranch near Baldy Mountain. For years afterward, the mountains and streams of Maxwell's Ranch swarmed with prospectors and miners.

In 1870, Maxwell sold his ranch to an English land company known as the Maxwell Land Grant and Railroad Company. After several years, the land was again sold to a Dutch-based company who attempted several development schemes, but eventually sold the land in tracts for farms and ranches.

Oklahoma oilman Waite Phillips became interested in developing a ranch out of the old land grant in 1922. He eventually amassed over 300,000 acres of mountains and plains in a ranch he named Philmont (derived from his name and the Spanish word for mountain, "monte").



Waite Phillips

The Philmont Ranch became a showcase. Immense herds of Hereford cows and Corriedale sheep grazed its pastures. Phillips built a large Spanish Mediterranean summer home for his family at the Headquarters, naming it the Villa Philmonte. He developed horse and hiking trails throughout the scenic backcountry along with elaborate fishing and hunting cabins for his family and friends.

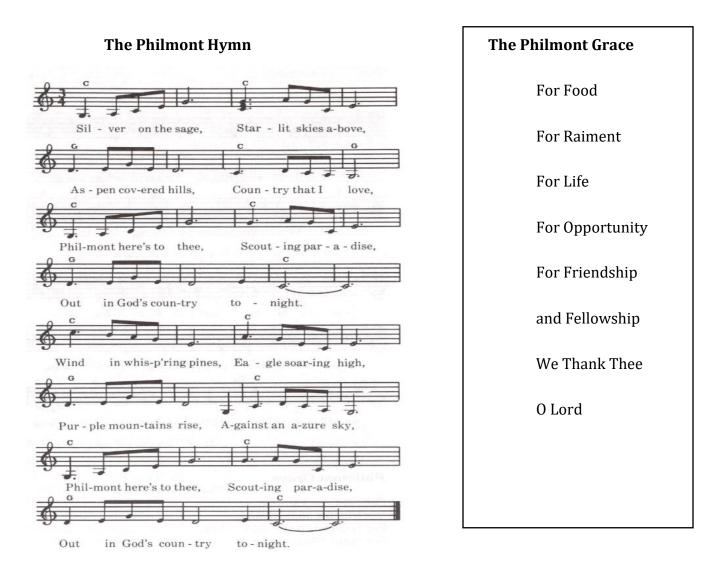
Waite Phillips believed in sharing his wealth with people outside of his family. In this spirit, he offered 35,857 acres of his ranch to the Boy Scouts of America in 1938 to

serve as a National wilderness camping area. The reservation was named Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp (after Phillips's name and the BSA slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily"). After observing the enthusiastic response of the first Philturn Campers, Phillips augmented his original gift in 1941 with an addition including his best camping land, the Villa Philmonte, and the Headquarters farming and ranching operation. The second gift was made so that many, rather than few, could enjoy his rich and beautiful land. The property, now totaling 127,395 acres, was renamed Philmont Scout Ranch.

Phillips realized that the cost for maintenance and development of the property could not and should not be derived entirely from camper fees. As an endowment he included in the gift his 23-story Philtower Building in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In 1963, through the generosity of Norton Clapp, vice president of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, another piece of the Maxwell Land Grant was purchased and added to Philmont. This was the Baldy Mountain mining area consisting of 10,098 acres. The gift of Baldy Mountain brought the total acreage to 137,493.

In 2015, The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America acquired the 2,678-acre Cimarroncita Ranch which is located adjacent to Philmont near Ute Park. The property will serve both campers and the Philmont Training Center in the future. Philmont is the largest youth camp in the world now totaling 140,171 acres or approximately 220 square miles.



# PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION FORM

This form is to be used if you are bringing a minor/child who is not the participant's child or legal ward.

#### **To: Philmont Scout Ranch**

#### Name of Child\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Accompanying Adult (s): \_\_\_\_

Whereas the above-named minor of whom I have legal custody or guardian, will be traveling with and attending a conference at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, NM with the above-named adult (s) during the period between \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: and

Whereas the guidance during said trip will be given by the above-named adult(s):

#### It is agreed as follows:

- 1. In the event my child, during the trip, requires medical services including admission to a hospital, the abovementioned adult(s) may seek and provide for such services as my duly authorized representative. In case my child requires hospitalization and I cannot be contacted, the above adult(s) have the right to provide for the admission and care of my child to a hospital, secure proper anesthesia, or order injection or surgery, and to leave him/her there after reasonable efforts have been made to care for his/her welfare, and without any further obligation on the part of the adult(s). During the period of the trip, I can be reached at the telephone number listed below. I assume full financial responsibility for medical expenses. I further assume full responsibility for making any and all arrangements for returning the child to his home from the hospital, thereby relieving the adult(s) of any responsibility in this matter.
- 2. I realize that, during the trip, good conduct befitting a member of the Boy Scouts of America will be required of my child for the maintenance of good order and safety. Accordingly, I hereby authorize the adult(s) to discipline my child in a reasonable way. I understand that obnoxious acts such as smoking, chewing tobacco, speaking with profanity, consuming intoxicants or drugs, fighting, stealing, and failing to act in good accordance with normally accepted rules of good conduct cannot and will not be tolerated. In the event that my child violates the rules of good conduct and in the opinion of the adult(s) becomes incapable of being corrected by reasonable means and within a reasonable period of time, I authorize the adult(s) to provide for placing my child on a public conveyance, preferably an airline, for immediate return to our home.
- 3. In the event that the adult(s) shall make any advance disbursements or payments of money on the account of the authority given pursuant to the above items, I agree to pay on demand for all such expenditures. I further agree to hold harmless any of the above adult(s), Philmont Scout Ranch, and the Boy Scouts of America for any damages occurring to my child or myself as the result of the adult(s) acting within the scope of the authority given pursuant to the above items or implicit in the fulfillment of their tasks as my child's guardians during the duration of the trip.

Emergency phone numbers:	Parent / Guardian Address During Trip:
Work	
Home	
I hereby agree to the above:	
Signed	
(PRINT NAME)	
THIS INSTRUMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGE	ED BEFORE ME THIS DAY BY: (NOTARY)
DATE	
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES	

# Cancellation & Refund Policy for the Philmont Training Center

Cancellations must be received in writing 30 days prior to the first day of your course. A \$100 processing fee will be applied. For cancellations received inside of the 30 days, a processing fee of \$150 will be applied.

The refund will be applied to the credit card listed under the registration profile. Or, if payments were only made in the form of a check, the refund will be mailed in the form of a check. Refunds cannot be deferred or transferred to other Philmont-related programs outside of the Philmont Training Center or deferred to the summer conferences of the following year.

No-shows, or registrants who do not submit a written explanation for cancellations, will not be eligible for a refund.

Exceptions to the processing fee are as follows:

Military service

Death of main registrant or sub-registrant

Medical incidents

All cancellations require a written or emailed explanation with a request for a refund, prior to the start of the first day of the registered conference.

Please remit the written or typed explanation to:

# **Philmont Scout Ranch**

Attn: PTC Course Cancellation 17 Deer Run Road Cimarron, NM 87714

Email to: Philmont.TrainingCenter@scouting.org

