

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 the help of his friend Kit Carson, Maxwell's settlement on the Rayado River prospered, despite frequent Indian raids and harsh wilderness conditions.

Maxwell moved his ranch north to the Cimarron River in 1857, the site of present day Cimarron. There it became a famous stop on the Santa Fe Trail, bringing American trade goods into New Mexico. Ten years after Maxwell moved to 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").

The Philmont Ranch became a showplace. Immense herds of Hereford cows and Corriedale sheep grazed its pastures. Phillips built a large Spanish Mediterranean 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 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 area was named "Philtown Rocky Mountain Scout Camp" (after Phillips' name and the BSA slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily"). After observing the enthusiastic response of the first Scout 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.

VISION STATEMENT—PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

It is the vision of the Philmont Scout Ranch to continue to positively impact the lives of young people and their Scouting Leaders through inspiring and effective delivery of the finest Scouting possible through backcountry adventures and Training Center experiences. It is our further vision that these experiences will be expanded to help meet increasing demands. All future growth must be accomplished with minimal ecological impact on resources to ensure the preservation of this great asset to serve future generations of Scouts.

PHILMONT MUSEUMS

VILLA PHILMONTE:

Waite Phillips built the Villa Philmonte as the summer home for his family on the Philmont Ranch. It was completed in 1927 and was designed in Spanish Mediterranean style. Restored to the period when Phillips owned the ranch, it now serves as a memorial to him and his generosity to the Boy Scouts of America. Guided tours are offered during the spring, summer and fall.



PHILMONT MUSEUM and SETON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Exhibitions at the Philmont Museum, which rotate throughout the year, portray Philmont's rich frontier and Scouting. The Seton Memorial Library houses the library and personal art and natural history collections of the world famous author, artist, naturalist, and first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, Ernest Thompson Seton. Constructed in 1967, the museum/library building was made possible through the generosity of Mississippi Scouter, L. O. Crosby, Jr. The Museum and Library are open daily from June through August and Monday through Friday from September to May.

KIT CARSON MUSEUM:

Seven miles south of Philmont's headquarters is Rayado, the first settlement of the Beaubien and Miranda Land Grant. Located at Rayado, the Kit Carson Museum was built in the style of Mexican haciendas of the middle 19th century. The rooms of the museum are furnished to the period of the 1850's when frontiersmen Kit Carson and Lucien Maxwell carved out a wilderness ranch there along the Santa Fe Trail.

Tours are given each day June through August by staff in historic costumes who detail the life of Philmont's earliest pioneers.

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In 1963, through the generosity of Norton Clapp, former vicepresident 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 an additional 10,098 acres, bringing the total to 137,493 acres of BSA-owned property.

CAMPING: Since Philmont's first camping season in 1939, more than 1 million Scouts, Explorers and Venturers and their leaders have participated in the rugged challenge of its backpacking program. Philmont's camping season is from early June to late August. Scouts and Venturers must be in top physical condition; youth participants must be 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and completed the 8th grade, and registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Organized into crews of 7-12, including at least two adult leaders, participants hike Philmont's mountains, spending nights at various backcountry camps. At staffed camps, crews can participate in a variety of programs presented by Philmont backcountry staff. Among these programs are horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, rock climbing, 30.06 rifle shooting, archaeology, mountain biking and interpretive programs such as homesteading and mountain man rendezvous.

In addition to regular expeditions, Philmont offers several special programs:

- Cavalcades - expeditions on horseback
- Rayado - 20-day backpacking expedition
- ROCS (Roving Outdoor Conservation School) - 21-day environmental expedition
- Order of the Arrow Trail Crew - 14-day servant leadership expedition
- Trail Crew Trek - 14-day conservation expedition
- Ranch Hands - 16-day ranching expedition

TRAINING: Serving as the National Volunteer Training Center for the Boy Scouts of America since 1950, the Philmont Training Center offers over 80 different week-long conferences for council and district volunteers and professionals each summer. Each conference features the latest tools and techniques, audiovisuals, discussions, idea-sharing, and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters selected by the departments and committees of the National Council for their expertise in the conference's topic. Invitation to these conferences is extended to all registered Scouters and their families.

While a Scout leader is in a summer conference, programs are planned for all members of the family - infant through adult. Family members enjoy a staff-led program of hiking, tours, handicrafts, games, campfires, and outdoor activities. A backcountry adventure for Venturer-age family members is also available, called Mountain Treks.

For more information on training center opportunities, visit us online at PhilmontTrainingCenter.org or email us at trainingcenter@PhilmontScoutRanch.org.



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SCOUT RANCH

HOW DO I REGISTER?

7-DAY AND 12-DAY TREKS

REGISTER A CREW

1. Form a crew of 7-12 adults and youth.
2. Register for the trek lottery in November two years prior to your trek.
3. Lottery winners will be notified after the first week in December.

JOIN A COUNCIL CONTINGENT CREW

Contact your local council and ask to join a contingent crew.



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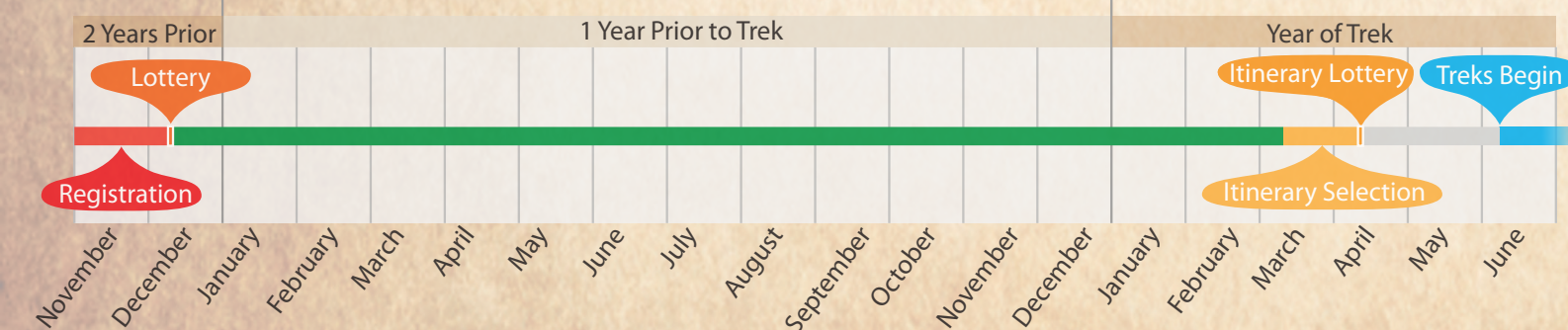
INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Mail or email your completed application form to Philmont.

CAVALCADES

1. Form a crew of 7-15 adults and youth.
2. Contact Philmont to enter the lottery in January two years prior to your trek.

12-DAY AND 7-DAY TREK REGISTRATION TIMELINE



Surplus units will join our reserve list. Units who have missed the lottery may request to join the reserve list at any time.

Note: At any time units may contact Philmont and request to receive updates on future registration dates.

PHILMONT ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Program	ARRIVAL	LENGHTH	COST	CREW SIZE	AGE	LEADERSHIP
EXPEDITIONS - (7-and 12-days) - Explore the Philmont high-country on a 7-day or 12-day backpacking expedition. Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high! Learn technical rock climbing, archaeological excavation techniques, and blacksmithing. Relive the by-gone days of the Old West as you ride a western saddle horse, learn the ways of the mountain man, pack burros and pan for gold in a clear mountain stream. Discover the wonder of Scouting's Paradise as over 1 million Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and leaders have since 1939.	12-day June 8 through August 9	12-days and Nights	\$855 in 2015; \$870 in 2016 * \$499 in 2015; \$508 in 2016 *	7-12 per crew, including adult leaders.	14 years of age or 13 years of age and have completed the 8th grade.	2 adult leaders per crew required minimum, 4 adult leaders maximum. PhilmontScoutRanch.org/trek
CAVALCADES - (8-days) - Members of a Philmont Cavalcade ride horseback over some of Philmont's most scenic trails. Cavalcade participants acquire riding and packing skills long in use in the American West. The final day of the Cavalcade is spent in competition at an equestrian gymkana. Philmont offers two 8-day Cavalcades each arrival date. Because of the great popularity of the Cavalcade program and a limited number of horses, a random drawing is held in January each year for crews that express a desire to participate in the following year. Send a postcard or email by January 1 to express your interest. For the safety of the rider and the horse, there is a 200 pound weight limit for all riders.	June 16, 17, 25, 26, July 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25, August 2, 3, 12, 13 *	8 Days and Nights	\$725 in 2015, \$735 in 2016 *	10-15 per crew, including adult leaders.	14 years of age or 13 years of age and have completed the 8th grade.	2 adult leaders per crew required minimum, 4 adult leaders maximum. PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Cavalcade
RANCH HANDS - (16-days) - A program for Scouts, Venturers and Explorers who have knowledge of horsemanship and horse care and want to expand their skills and experience. Limited to a select number of older Scouts and Venturers. The Ranch Hands crew will spend 8 days working in the horse department hauling hay, saddling, daily chores and other horse program tasks. Then they will participate in their own special Cavalcade itinerary trek for 8 days.	July 7 *	16-days and Nights	\$250 in 2015, \$300 in 2016 *	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont Scout Ranch. 16 by date attending and not yet 21.	16 by date attending and not yet 21.	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont Scout Ranch. PhilmontScoutRanch.org/RanchHands
RAYADO TREK - (20-days) - Older Scouts, Venturers and Explorers (not coed crews) who have mastered basic outdoor skills should consider applying for the challenging and selective Rayado Trek program. Rayado participants will experience more of Philmont's backcountry and have program opportunities not available to Expedition campers. Rayado is unparalleled for developing outdoor leadership, group dynamics, wilderness problem solving and advanced outdoor skills. A Rayado Trek encourages participants to attain a high level of personal growth and self-reliance. Previous Philmont experience is strongly recommended but not required.	June 20 and July 18 *	20 Days and Nights	\$725 in 2015, \$735 in 2016 *	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont Scout Ranch. 15 by date attending and not yet 21.	15 by date attending and not yet 21.	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont Scout Ranch. PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Rayado
ROCS - (21 days) - The Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS) is an exciting program for Scouts, Venturers and Explorers who have an interest in conservation, environmental science and natural resource management. ROCS will offer participants hands-on experiences in conservation and environmental science. As the crew hikes the ranch they will camp in different forest types, and will participate in activities in the following areas: forestry, fire ecology, insects, fisheries management, wildlife management, geology, plant identification, dendrology, watershed management and range management. In addition, part of the trek will practice "Leave No Trace" and "Tread Lightly" techniques.	June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14 *	21 Days and Nights	\$525 in 2015, \$535 in 2016 *	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont Scout Ranch. 16 by date attending and not yet 21.	16 by date attending and not yet 21.	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont Scout Ranch. PhilmontScoutRanch.org/ROCS
OA TRAIL CREW - (14-days) - In partnership with the Order of the Arrow, Philmont Scout Ranch is offering an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. The program is a 14-day experience incorporating the ideals of the Order of the Arrow. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance, and the second week is a backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trails and hiking, the OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically and spiritually.	June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3 *	14 Days and Nights	\$250 in 2015, \$250 in 2016 *	Provisional Crew will be organized by Philmont Scout Ranch. 16 by date attending and not yet 21.	16 by date attending and not yet 21.	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont Scout Ranch. PhilmontScoutRanch.org/OATC
TRAIL CREW TREK - (14-days) - Trail Crew Trek (TCT) is a coed 14-day educational program focused on conservation and leadership development. TCT involves 7-days of building trail, a 7-day educational trek throughout Philmont, with a hands-on experience in a variety of conservation projects on the Ranch, and visits from guest speakers involved in conservation and resource management. TCT provides a strong foundation for participants to become involved in service through conservation.	June 14, July 26 *	14 Days and Nights	\$315 in 2015, \$345 in 2016 *	Provisional Crew organized by Philmont Scout Ranch. 16 by date attending and not yet 21.	16 by date attending and not yet 21.	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont Scout Ranch. PhilmontScoutRanch.org/TCT
STEM - (14-days) - The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Trek is a coed adventure. Investigate why and how of backcountry programs like rifle shooting, blacksmithing and climbing. Knowledgeable staff teach participants scientific principles in physics and biology, plus technology employed by miners, loggers and homesteaders during the 19th century. Topics discussed include chemistry, geology and astronomy. Hands-on activities utilize forestry tools and examine water quality.	July 16, July 22 *	12 Days and Nights	\$855 in 2015, \$345 in 2016 *	Provisional Crew organized by Philmont Scout Ranch. 14 by date attending and not yet 21.	14 by date attending and not yet 21.	2 adult leaders provided by Philmont Scout Ranch. PhilmontScoutRanch.org/TCT

* For updated information about each program including dates and cost, please check the Philmont Scout Ranch website at www.PhiImontScoutRanch.org or email camping@PhilmontScoutRanch.org.

PHILMONT ADVENTURES

Philmont is 137,493 acres of challenging Scout adventure set among the mountains and mesas of northeastern New Mexico. It was the gift of Waite Phillips, who "donated and dedicated (it) to the Boy Scouts of America for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity, freedom and principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer."

Philmont's mountain terrain ranges in elevation from 6,600 feet at Headquarters to 12,441 feet at the top of Baldy Mountain. Summer daytime temperatures often reach into the 90's, but nights cool to the 40's. Wildlife is abundant on Philmont's forested mountains and grassy plains. Deer, elk, mountain lion, bear, bobcat, buffalo, and antelope are frequently spotted by observant campers on the ranch. Philmont is a working cattle ranch with over 250 head of Hereford cows grazing its pastures. For summer packing and riding, 100 burros and 300 saddle horses are also maintained.

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BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL RISKS

Philmont offers High Adventure backpacking, trekking on horseback and program activities in, relatively, inaccessible mountainous terrain. Parents, advisors and youth participants should be alert to the potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Refer to the Guidebook to Adventure, which is mailed in mid-March to groups with a reservation scheduled that season, for specific information. Philmont staff members will instruct you regarding safety measures to be followed. Each crew is expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for the health and safety of each of its members.

PHILMONT WILDERNESS PLEDGE

- 1. LITTER/GRAFFITI**
Keep Philmont free of litter and graffiti.
- 2. WILDLIFE**
Respect all wildlife.
- 3. WATER**
Conserve and don't pollute; use proper sanitation.
- 4. TRAILS**
Stay on trails; do not cut across switchbacks.
- 5. CAMPSITES**
Use designated sites and leave them neat and clean.



AUTUMN ADVENTURE

Experience the pleasure of hiking the Philmont backcountry during the usually warm sunny days of autumn when the aspen trees change to gold. A trained Philmont guide will accompany your group to areas where you can enjoy the splendor of fall color. Your hike may be an extended overnight backpacking experience or a leisurely day hike. Crew provides cooking gear and backpacking stoves. This is the only Philmont adventure in which an all-adult Scouting group may participate. Autumn Adventure treks are scheduled throughout September and October—contact Philmont for registration information. Participants must be 14 by January 1 of the year attending or in the 8th grade while participating. At least two adult leaders per crew are required.

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STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Each season, Philmont employs over 1,000 staff members. A wide variety of positions are available, including: rangers; backcountry program counselors; Training Center and base camp support staff. Applicants must be 18 years or older and previous Philmont or other High Adventure experience is helpful. Call or email for more information.

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WINTER ADVENTURE

Camp comfortably in cold weather! Learn about cold weather physiology, nutrition, equipment and clothing. Crews have the opportunity to cross-country ski, use snow shoes, build snow shelters, sled, and learn cold weather camping. The program includes avalanche safety awareness and Search and Rescue and Snow Sports merit badge requirements. Winter Adventure takes place on weekends or during the week throughout January, February and March. A special "Holiday Program" is scheduled for late December. Participants must be 14 by January 1 of the year attending or in the 8th grade at the time of attendance. Space is limited, contact Philmont for current registration information. At least two adult leaders per crew is required.

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PHILMONT INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

Applications for Rayado, ROCS (Roving Outdoor Conservation School), Ranch Hands, Order of the Arrow Trail Crew and Trail Crew Trek can be obtained from your local Council Service Center, www.PhillmontScoutRanch.org, or directly from Philmont. These programs are designed for individual Scouts or Venturers. Previous Philmont experience is recommended, but not required. Call or e-mail Camping@PhilmontScoutRanch.org. PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Individual



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