



# Crew 59 West Caldwell Philmont 2012 Trek date: July 26 – August 7, 2012

## What is Philmont?

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's oldest national high-adventure base. It covers 137,000 acres - about 214 square miles - of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico. Its staffed camps and trail camps provide an unforgettable adventure in the high country along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Philmont has high mountains dominating rough terrain with elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.



## Discover the wonder of "Scouting's Paradise"

Philmont's signature program is the High-Adventure Expedition. Each 12-day expedition provides opportunities for participants to

- Explore the high country in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northern New Mexico.
- Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high.
- Participate in a wide array of activities that teach Scouting skills—archaeology, backpacking, camping, climbing, fishing, forestry, horsemanship, Indian lore, and *much* more.
- Develop leadership, group dynamics, wilderness problem-solving, and outdoor skills.

Crews 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.

This life changing experience awaits us, We have two crews for July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>. Join us as each crew conquers the challenge of a Philmont trek.

## Who May Attend?

The Philmont Trek is available to all Crew 59 Scouts. The Philmont crew will have at least seven and no more than twelve members, which will include at least two adult advisers.

## Itineraries

Each expedition follows one of 35 itineraries, which are carefully planned and developed to avoid overcrowding and to enhance each crew's wilderness experience. Itineraries vary in their difficulty and in the program features each offers.

Philmont has a pristine wilderness, largely because of the planned itinerary process, the wilderness ethic, and the conservation efforts of over 820,000 past participants. Itineraries are carefully planned and developed to avoid overcrowding and to enhance your crew's wilderness experience. No change/modification in the itineraries is possible except for medical emergencies.

## Philmont Awards

The Arrowhead patch is awarded to crews who spend at least three hours in conservation projects at Philmont, complete a trek, follow their assigned itinerary, and demonstrate Scouting spirit. Philmont has several conservationists located strategically throughout the backcountry. The best location for your crew to perform a project will be shared with the crew during the final trip planning. If your itinerary does not include a project area, the Logistics staff will identify an alternate project.

The three hours can also be applied toward the Fifty-Miler Award, which requires 10 hours of wilderness conservation (the remaining seven may be acquired at home). All itineraries may be used to qualify for distance requirements of the Fifty-Miler Award as well.

## History

Philmont has a unique history of ancient Native Americans who chipped petroglyphs into canyon walls, Spanish conquistadors who explored the Southwest long before the first colonists arrived on the Atlantic coast, the rugged breed of mountain man like Kit Carson who blazed trails across this land, the great land barons like Lucien Maxwell who built ranchos along the Santa Fe Trail, and miners, loggers, and cowboys. All these people left their mark on Philmont.

## Wildlife

Wildlife is abundant at Philmont. Deer, elk, coyote, antelope, mountain lion, buffalo, beaver, wild turkey, bear, and others all live here. Philmont's hills and canyons teem with birds, and its streams abound with fish. Its cool mountains harbor a wilderness of bounty - trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses.

## Beauty

Philmont is rich in natural beauty, including the soaring Tooth of Time, sunrise from lofty Mount Waite Phillips, the blue water of Cimarroncito Reservoir, the panoramic sweep of the plains from Urraca Mesa, and sunlight filtering through the aspens along the rippling Rayado.

## Program

Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure in sky-high backpacking country along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the Old West - horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history - with exciting challenges for today, such as rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and .30-06 rifle shooting. It's an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving fun and the outdoors.

## **Fellowship**

Philmont means camping with your own unit as well as meeting and sharing experiences with other crews from all over America and from other countries. This is an opportunity for fellowship and understanding unequalled anywhere in America.

## **Dining in the Backcountry**

Philmont will provide all the food that crews require on the trail. The crew will carry a few days' supplies at a time, picking up food at designated camps along the trail. Each camp commissary staff will issue a specific menu according to a prearranged plan. This plan enables crews to eat a different menu each day on the trail. Packaged in durable, disposable plastic bags, these lightweight trail meals have been carefully developed and checked for quality and quantity for rugged mountain hiking and backpacking needs of energetic young people and leaders who hike Philmont trails.

The trail food diet is, by necessity, a high-carbohydrate, high-calorie diet rich in wheat, milk products, and sugars. Explicit cooking directions are indicated on each food packet for your convenience. Follow these instructions closely. Your crew may find it helpful to practice cooking freeze-dried or dehydrated food before your trek begins.

## **Camping Headquarters**

### **Post Office**

The post office is in the Headquarters Service Building. Only your expedition adviser may pick up incoming mail when your crew arrives at Philmont and when you return to Camping Headquarters from the trail. You may send mail from any staffed camp.

### **Telephones**

Public phones are available at base camp. Cellular phone service is spotty. Cell phones are permitted in the backcountry, but are not encouraged. Telephone calls to campers are restricted to **EXTREME EMERGENCIES ONLY**. Since Philmont covers 214 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness, it may take several hours to transport you from some camps to return an emergency phone call. In those cases, it will speed contact when the caller has your full name and expedition number.

### **Religious Services**

Chaplains of the Catholic, Latter-day Saints, Jewish, and Protestant faiths reside at Camping Headquarters or the Philmont Training Center during the summer. Quiet hours are observed nightly between 7 P.M. and 8 P.M. at Camping Headquarters during worship services.

### **Trading Post**

The Tooth of Time Traders carries camping equipment, Scouting items, uniform parts, sundries, and souvenirs. You will have a chance to visit the trading post when you arrive at Philmont and again when you return from the trail.

### **Laundry**

Coin-operated laundries with washers and dryers are at Camping Headquarters and at the Training Center. Soap is available at the Tooth of Time Traders. Change machines are in the laundry buildings.

### **Lost and Found**

There are several locations for lost and found items. For training center participants, the first place to check is your tent city office. For camping participants, the lost and found is in the security building near the Camping Headquarters entrance.

## Costs:

At this time we have estimated the Cost to be around \$1,850.00. While we do have the actual cost of the Fees from Philmont, we cannot be certain of other items most notably the cost of Airline Tickets, and pre-trek activities. **Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep this affordable.**

<b>DEPOSIT**</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
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\*\* Deposit is Due with Registration

June 15, 2011	25% of balance
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September 15, 2011	25% of balance
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March 15, 2012	25% of balance
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May 15, 2012	25% of balance
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<b>Estimate:</b>	<b>\$1,850.00</b>
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### Make checks payable and mail to:

Caldwell West Caldwell Scouting Inc  
Crew 59  
Kevin Cristiano  
37 Hillside Ave  
Caldwell, NJ 07006

## REFUND & PAYMENT POLICY

All participants who fall one full payment behind is subject to being dropped from participation and may forfeit all fees paid. All fees paid for Philmont are non-refundable unless an acceptable replacement participant can be found. High Adventure Funds may be applied to all payments EXCEPT the deposit due at Registration.

## PHILMONT PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

- 1 - Each participant must be a registered Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Adult Leader.
- 2 - Participants must be Fourteen (14) years old by July 26<sup>th</sup> 2012. AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHILMONT CANNOT BE RELAXED. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST OR EXPECT EXCEPTIONS!

All youth participants are required to present proof of age before participating in our programs. (Appropriate ID includes one of the following: 1. School photo ID and copy of birth certificate. 2. Passport 3. Valid state issued ID.) Those individuals who do not meet the minimum age requirements will be sent home. No exceptions. Prevent a tragedy by adhering to the age policy and by bringing proper proof of age.

- 3 - The ability to swim 100 yards (official BSA swim test), and stay afloat for one (1) minute. Those participants unable to complete the swim test will be required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) during all water activities.
- 4 - Must be in good health evidenced by a Northern Tier Class III medical form filled out and signed by your doctor within the past 12 months. Inquire early about medical requirements for participation
- 5 - No participant may weigh in excess of 300 pounds. Please refer to height/weight chart on Northern Tier Class III Medical for recommended weight limits.
- 6 - All participants must know and use the scout Oath and Law as their guide to appropriate behavior at Northern Tier.

## **INFO FOR INTERESTED ADULT LEADERS**

Adults interested in participating as leaders with the Crew must meet ALL of the above requirements. There will be at least two leaders per crew.

Adults must submit the participant application. No deposit is required for leaders until after the leader selections have been made. Adult leaders will also be required to complete Youth Protection Training at a minimum. We will need at least one BSA Trained Leader with each crew, one individual with CPR and one with Wilderness First Aid (one person could have all these certifications).

# Crew 59 BSA West Caldwell NJ

## 2012 Philmont Trek Youth & Adult Leader Application

Circle one:

Youth Participant

Adult Leader

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

### Scouting Background

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Scouting: \_\_\_\_\_

Training: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Date Date

Summer Camp Experience: #Years: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

High Adventure Experience: #Years: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ #Years: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

### Previous Non-Scouting Outdoor/High Adventure Experiences:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to live the Scout Oath and Law and to obey and cooperate with my 2012 Philmont leaders. To meet my full responsibilities as a member of my Philmont crew, take such Philmont training as may be required, and to wear the official 2012 Philmont Crew uniform. I certify that I have now, or will have by April 15, 2012, attained the qualifications as listed in this application and required by all Boy Scout and Venture participants. I further agree to submit evidence of fitness to make this trip on the official health form signed by a licensed health-care practitioner; also that I will obtain immunizations required.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in the 2012 Philmont Contingent, any and all claims against the Boy Scouts of America or its local council, Crew 59 West Caldwell or its Chartered Organization, or any of the officers, employees, agents, or other representatives of any of them, or any other persons working under their direction or engaged in the conduct of their affairs, arising out of any accident, illness, injury, damage, or other loss or harm to or incurred or suffered by the applicant named above or to his property, in connection with or incidental to the 2012 Philmont Contingent, including preliminary training and travel, are hereby expressly waived by the parents and the applicant.

On behalf of my child and myself, I (we) hereby approve and agree to all the terms and conditions of this application and certify that the applicant can meet the health and physical fitness requirements of the Philmont and will be examined by a licensed health-care practitioner. I also understand that all participants who fall one full payment behind are subject to bring dropped from participation and may forfeit all fees paid. All fees paid for the 2012 Philmont trip are non-refundable unless an acceptable replacement participant can be found.

Scout/Venture Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received : \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012 Crew 59 West Caldwell Philmont Trek Participant Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct

Statement of Understanding: All participants (Scouts and leaders) represent Scouting based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all adult and youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to read the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition of participation. It is with further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from the Philmont Trek or during the Philmont tour. Ultimately, we want each participant to be responsible for his or her own behavior, and only when necessary, will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from the Philmont.

All youth and adult participants are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. The trek's adult leaders are responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the Philmont Code of Conduct.
2. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the Philmont trek and programs.
3. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. (The official Scout uniform and trek identifying items are the only acceptable apparel.)
4. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other unit members and leaders. This includes training or shakedown events prior to the actual trek.
5. In consideration of other unit participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the unit, unless otherwise directed by the Philmont program.
6. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to Philmont recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the Philmont grounds.
7. I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any youth member is prohibited.
8. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth, including use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from the Philmont or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. The Philmont headquarters must be contacted for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. There are no exceptions.
9. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
10. I understand that possession of lasers of any type, and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
11. I will demonstrate respect for unit and Philmont property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
12. Neither the Crew 59, the unit leaders, nor Philmont will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the direction of unit leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
13. While participating in the program areas, aquatics, and other activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
14. In accordance with U.S., local, and state laws, adult leaders and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession.
15. All participating adult leaders will be guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and will obey all U.S., local, and state laws.
16. All participating adult leaders must complete Youth Protection training and follow the guidelines therein prior to pre Philmont training.
17. Hazing has no place in Scouting. Nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older youth must prevent any youth from being "initiated" into the Crew with hazing.
18. Adult leaders should have the good judgment to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with a child or youth member in Scouting. Youth members may trade with youth members. Adult leaders may trade only with other adults 18 years of age or older.
19. Adult leaders and youth leaders must instruct youth to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrators, or hecklers and must assume a passive reaction to name-calling from individuals or groups. Units or groups must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately.
20. Serious violation of this code may result in expulsion from Philmont at the participant's own expense. All decisions will be final.

Signed by Participating Youth or Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (if participant is under the age of 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_