

# Philmont Scout Ranch



Ship 1610

2024 Expedition

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# Trek Overview



∞ Dates: June 19 to July 4

∞ 12-day Trek

∞ Cost Estimate: \$2885

∞ Preparation

∞ Fitness

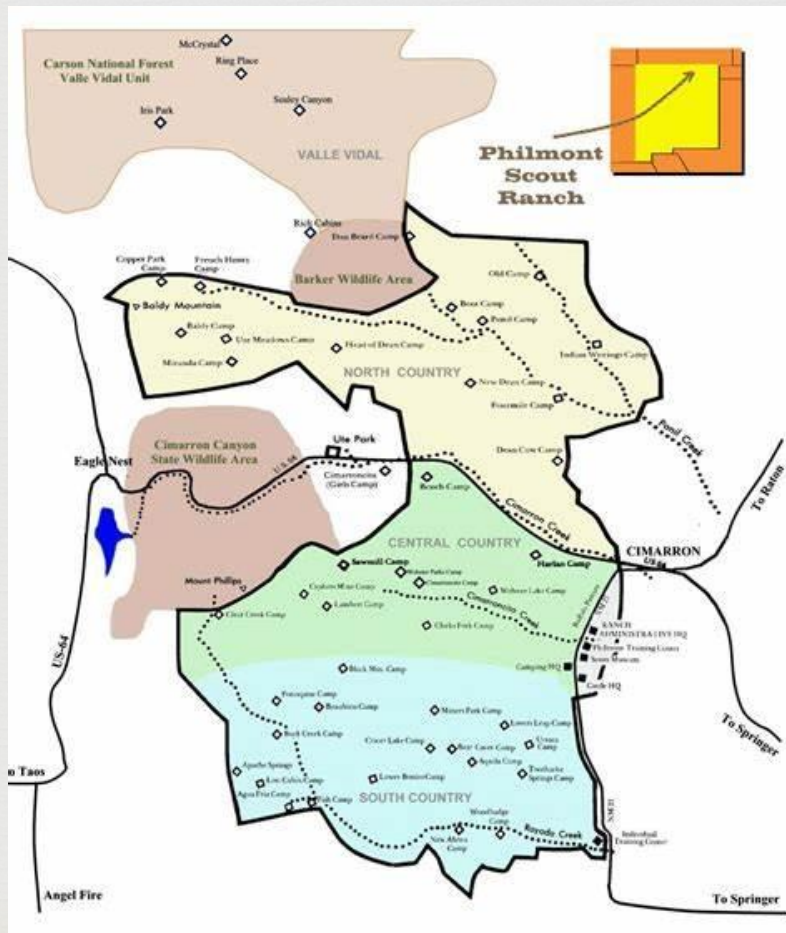
∞ Training

∞ Equipment



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# Where is Philmont



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# Crews



- 8 to 12 members
- Youth led
- Majority under 21
- 2-4 adult advisors over 21
- Co-ed advisors if necessary
- WFA/CPR Training



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# Philmont Treks



- Mountain backpacking
- 50 to over 85 miles
- Variety of camping
- Fantastic scenery
- Many activities available



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# Example Itinerary



## Itinerary 12-15

### Rugged

61 miles

### Camping & Hiking Highlights

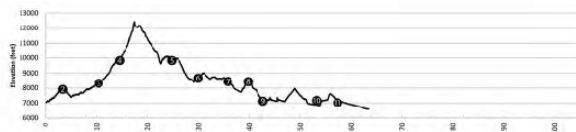
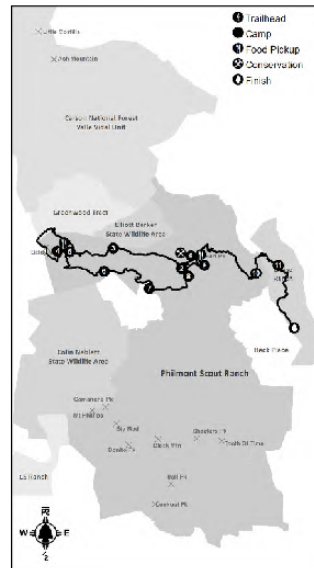
- Baldy Mountain - 12,441 ft.
- Baldy Skyline
- Dean Skyline
- Chase Canyon Hike

### Program Highlights

- 12 ga. Shotgun Shooting
- Rock Climbing & Rappelling
- Blacksmithing
- Spar Pole Climbing

### Conservation

- Day 9 - Sioux
- 2:00pm
- New Trail Construction



## 2023 PHILMONT ADVENTURE ITINERARY

### Itinerary 12-15

Rugged (good mix of program and hiking) - 61 miles

This challenging North Country itinerary will take you to Philmont's highest point and get you great program opportunities along the way. You will start your trek off at Ponil Trailhead before hiking on to Bluestem for the night. The next day you will hike to Pueblano Ruins but make sure to hike back to Pueblano to learn logging skills with the Continental Tie and Lumber Co. and to experience their company meeting campfire that night for a great musical experience. You will hike to Baldy Town the next day to prepare for the following day's summit: Baldy Mountain at 12,441 ft. above sea level. Loop around to Copper Park and down to French Henry to explore the Aztec Mine or do some gold panning, as well! Wake up early to get down to the Fur Trapper Rendezvous at Miranda before hiking to Ringtail, where you will get a great view to reflect upon your accomplishment the previous day. After spending the night there, pass through Head of Dean and work with the facilitators to conquer some of their challenge course events. Next, you will hike to the newly reopened staffed camp, Santa Claus. Here you will enjoy the 12-gauge shotgun shooting and reloading program before camping there for the night. After Santa Claus, you will spend the night at Dean Skyline, before heading to Ponil the following day to see what life was like for the cowboys of the old west. Do some Cowboy Action shooting, work on your Conservation Project, eat a chuckwagon dinner, and listen to western music at the Cantina Show in the evening. The next day's hike takes your crew over Hart Peak with excellent views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains before heading down to Indian Writings for some archaeology and petroglyphs, then off to House Canyon for the evening. Your last night in the backcountry will be at Chase Cow, one of Philmont's newest staffed camps. Here your crew will enjoy rock climbing before hiking to the historic Chase Ranch for a tour and your bus pickup. Next stop... Base Camp!

Day	Camp	Miles	Gain	Loss	Program Features	Food Pickup
1	Camping HQ				Opening Campfire	
2	Bluestem <sup>d</sup>	3.7	1,162'	307'	Western Lore/Branding @ Ponil; Ranger Training; Water @ South Ponil Creek; Trail Camp	Camping HQ
3	Pueblano Ruins	7.1	1,560'	1,000'	Spar Pole Climbing, Tie Making, Campfire @ Pueblano; Trail Camp	
4	BALDY TOWN <sup>s</sup>	4.1	1,579'	132'	Mining History @ Baldy Town	Baldy Town
5	BALDY TOWN <sup>s</sup>	10.2	3,082'	3,096'	Climb Baldy Mountain; Gold Panning, Mine Tour, Blacksmithing @ French Henry	
6	Ringtail <sup>d</sup>	4.9	508'	1,588'	Fur Trapper Rendezvous, Tomahawks @ Miranda; Water @ Miranda or Maxwell; Trail Camp	
7	SANTA CLAUS	5.8	665'	948'	Challenge Course Events @ Head of Dean	
8	Dean Skyline <sup>d</sup>	4.0	663'	720'	Shotgun Shooting & Reloading @ Santa Claus; Water @ Santa Claus; Trail Camp	
9	PONIL <sup>s</sup>	3.1	40'	1,315'	Conservation; Western Lore/Branding; Cowboy Action Shooting; Chuckwagon Dinner; Campfire	Ponil
10	House Canyon <sup>d</sup>	7.8	1,504'	1,480'	Climb Hart Peak; Archaeology, Atlatl Darts, Petroglyph Tour @ Indian Writings; Water @ Anasazi; Trail Camp	
11	CHASE COW	4.1	558'	698'	Rock Climbing & Rappelling, Bouldering	
12	Camping HQ	6.1	311'	788'	Hike to Chase Ranch Trailhead; Main House Tour @ Chase Ranch; Awards Campfire	

(<sup>d</sup>) = Dry Camp (<sup>s</sup>) = Showers may be available

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Ponil Trailhead to go to Bluestem  
Returns to Camping Headquarters on Day 12 from Chase Trailhead

Campsite Elevations: 7,078' Minimum, 9,777' Maximum Camps: 4 Staffed, 5 Trail, 1 Layover, 4 Dry Camps

Conservation: Sioux Sectional Maps: North

Crews passing through staff camps may have an opportunity to participate in some, but not all, program opportunities in the camp, based on availability.

NO CHANGES ARE POSSIBLE FOR CAMPS, FOOD PICKUPS, OR BUS TRANSPORTATION AFTER ITINERARY SELECTION.

# Backpacking Equipment



- Tents & cooking gear free from Philmont
- Packs available for rental
- Can bring your own
- Any combination OK



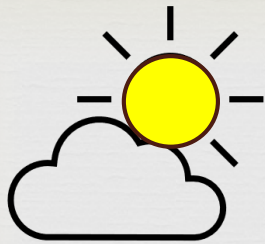
# Trail Food



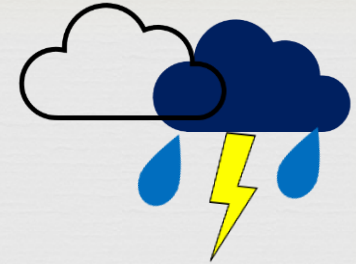
- Provide all the calories you need
- Pick-ups / 2-4 days
- Swap boxes at staffed camps
- Accommodations?







# Expect Weather



- **Days**

- **75 – 95 F**
- **Cool AMs**
- **PM Showers possible**

- **Nights**

- **40 – 55 F**
- **Temperature drops fast at night**
- **Occasional night showers**



# Travel Plan



- 6/19 Air travel from ORF to ABQ
  - Rental cars at Albuquerque, Camping
  - 6/19 Tours around Albuquerque
  - 6/20 Whitewater rafting near Taos
- 6/21 Philmont early arrival (Day 0)
  - Tours around Cimarron
- 6/22 Philmont check in (Day 1)
- 6/23 - 7/2 Backcountry trek (Days 2-11)
- 7/3 Base camp, campfire (Day 12)
- 7/4 Air travel ABQ to ORF



# Travel Tips



- ❧ Uniforms – Wear for travel and group photo
- ❧ TSA Regulations
  - ❧ Carry on: No knives, No water bottles, Li batteries < 100 watt-hours (20,000 mAh is fine)
  - ❧ Checked bag: No lighters, No Li batteries
  - ❧ No aerosols, No fuels
- ❧ Backpack Protection
  - ❧ Ship will provide large laundry bags to cover backpacks
- ❧ Identification
  - ❧ 18 and over needs state photo ID. “Real ID” not required
- ❧ Small carry on backpack for gear you need while travelling, backpack will not be accessible



# Side Trips



Activity	Details	Cost/person	Location
<b>Whitewater Rafting (Taos Box, Rio Grand)</b>	NM River Adventures, Taos Box, full day Rio Grande	\$130.00	2217 NM-68, Embudo, NM 87531, (800) 983-7756 (Near Taos, 100 mi from ABQ)
<b>Bike Tour (4 hr rental, Rio Grand Park)</b>	Routes Bicycle Tours, 1/2 mile from Rio Grande bike route	\$25.00	2113 Charlevoix St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 933-5667
<b>Anderson-Abruzzo Baloon Museum</b>		\$6.00	9201 Balloon Museum Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM, (505) 768-6020
<b>Museum of Natural History and Science</b>	Planetarium \$7, 1/2 mile from Rio Grande bike route	\$8.00	1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87104, (505) 841-2800
<b>Museum of Nuclear Science and History</b>		\$15.00	601 Eubank Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 8712, (505) 245-2137
<b>Aquarium+Zoo Combo</b>	On Rio Grande bike route	\$22.00	Zoo: 903 10th St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 Aquarium: 2601 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104
<b>National Scouting Museum</b>	8am-5:30pm 600,000 scouting artifacts.	FREE	Across from CHQ
<b>Villa Philmonte</b>	Reservations required 8am-5pm Waite Phillips' home.	FREE	(575) 376-2281 Opt 5 ½ mi north of CHQ on NM-21
<b>Kit Carson Museum</b>	8am-5:30pm Frontier skills and crafts like blacksmithing, cooking, shooting, and farming.	FREE (donation)	6 mi south of CHQ on NM-21



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# Administrative Dates



- ∞ September 17: Advance Payment Due, October 1 Due to Philmont.
- ∞ November 30: Waite Phillips scholarship deadline.
- ∞ December 16: Itinerary Guidebook published.
- ∞ January 16: Itinerary Selection opens.
- ∞ February 16: Itinerary Selection deadline.
- ∞ February 18: Final Payment Due, March 1 Due to Philmont.
- ∞ April 14: Health Forms Due.
- ∞ May 22: Crew Roster Deadline (6/22 minus 30 days).
  - ∞ Additional crew after this date have \$150 late fee.
  - ∞ Crew member info can still be changed w/o charge.
  - ∞ Arrival & Departure information to Philmont.
  - ∞ Health forms uploaded to Philmont.



# Budget Breakdown



Budget Item	Cost	Notes
Philmont Fee	\$1575	12-day trek
Air Travel	\$700	ORF - ABQ, 1 checked bag
Rental Cars	\$250	Rent, gas, tolls, parking
Camping/Hotel	\$100	2 nights
Early Arrival Philmont	\$20	Tents, dining hall meals
Side Trips	\$200	Rafting, bike tour, museums
T-Shirts	\$25	1 shirt
Award Patches	\$15	50-miler, etc.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2885</b>	



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# Training Schedule



- ❧ November 5: Shakedown & Training Meeting
- ❧ November 11: Wilderness First Aid Course
- ❧ November 18-19: St. Mary's Wilderness Campout
- ❧ December 17: Shakedown & Training Meeting
- ❧ January 19-21: Scout Farm Campout
- ❧ January 28: Parent Meeting, Shakedown & Training Meeting
- ❧ March 10: Shakedown & Training Meeting
- ❧ March 16-17: Dobie Mountain Campout
- ❧ March 24: Shakedown & Training Meeting
- ❧ April 5-7: Seeley/Priest Campout
- ❧ April 21: Shakedown & Training Meeting
- ❧ April 27-28: Three Ridges Campout
- ❧ May 19: Shakedown & Training Meeting
- ❧ June 1: Clean the Bay Day (50-Miler Service Project)
- ❧ June 9: Grandview Cleanup (50-Miler Service Project)



# Personal Gear



## ∞ Big 4

- ∞ Boots & socks (well fitted, broken in)
- ∞ Sleeping bag & sleeping pad (20 deg, synthetic)
- ∞ Backpack (70 L, room for personal gear, crew gear, food, and water)
- ∞ Rain gear (rugged, hypothermia protection)

## ∞ Max pack weight: 35% body weight, keep personal gear < 20 #

- ∞ 12 # food (up to 4 days)
- ∞ 8 # water (4 liters for dry camp)
- ∞ 5 # crew gear (cook pots, stoves/fuel, tarp, bear bags/ropes, etc.)
- ∞ 3 # tent (Philmont tents are 5 #, shared between 2 scouts)

## ∞ You have to carry everything, no way to send gear to basecamp

- ∞ Stick to the Philmont list
- ∞ Don't pack your scout's pack
- ∞ Don't pack your fears (no spares for "just in case")
- ∞ Don't bring it to NM if not used on shakedown campouts





# Fitness Training



## ☞ Three Areas to Train

- ☞ Aerobic
- ☞ Strength (muscles, joints, tendons)
- ☞ Backpacking (weight bearing)

## ☞ Sports is not enough

- ☞ Train daily (walking briskly with backpack is enough)
- ☞ Train progressively (start light, then add more each week)
- ☞ Train for an hour (3-4 miles)
- ☞ Start now (first trip is in November)

## ☞ Weight Limit and Blood Pressure

## ☞ Medical Exam & Health Form due on April 14

## ☞ Bring prescription meds in original packaging at Philmont check in



# Height – Weight Limits



Height (Inches)	Max. Weight (lbs)	Height (Inches)	Max. Weight (lbs)
60	165	70	226
61	172	71	233
62	178	72	239
63	183	73	246
64	189	74	252
65	195	75	260
66	201	76	267
67	207	77	274
68	214	78	281
69	220	79 and Over	295

Must be less than 200 # for horse rides.



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# Philmont Skills



- ☞ Hiking Etiquette
- ☞ Leave No Trace
- ☞ Land Navigation
- ☞ Time Management
- ☞ Cooking & Cleanup
- ☞ Bear Bags
- ☞ Wilderness First Aid
- ☞ Foot Care
- ☞ Camp Setup & Breakdown
- ☞ Outdoor Sanitation
- ☞ Water Purification



# Youth Leadership Roles



## Permanent Leaders

- Permanent Leaders
  - Crew Chief
  - Chaplain's Aid
  - Wilderness Pledge Guide

## Daily Rotation

- Daily Rotation
  - Navigator
  - Cooking & Cleanup
  - Water & Fire
  - Bear Bags & Tarp



# Tent and Food Buddies



- ❧ Pair of scouts share tent
  - ❧ One carries tent
  - ❧ One carries fly, poles, etc.
- ❧ Pair of scouts share 2-person food bags
  - ❧ Each meal is issued in a bag containing 2-person ration of food
  - ❧ Breakfast & Lunch are divided between food buddies and eaten on trail
  - ❧ Dinner is a crew activity, buddies may divide the weight equitably



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# Words of Wisdom



- **Get in shape**
- **Gear up**
- **Practice skills**
- **Read everything Philmont sends you**



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# Resource



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