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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!

The Philmont Training Center staff looks forward to seeing you and your family this summer.

We have an impressive conference schedule led by an outstanding faculty. While you are in a conference, your family members will enjoy a variety of activities and programs. You will also have family time so you can enjoy Philmont, together. Here's a preview of just a bit of the fun you and your family will enjoy: [click here for the PTC youtube videos.](#)

In this guidebook, we've tried to cover every detail and answer every question that may arise before your departure. There have been changes from previous years, so 'be prepared' by carefully reading this guidebook and sharing it with your family. Also, make sure to check out our website (www.philmonttrainingcenter.org) for any updates. If you still have any questions or concerns, please call us before you leave at 575-376-2281, or email us at trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org.

Our staff and faculty are making every effort to plan an exciting and worthwhile week for you and your family. The beauty, history, 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 900,000 Scouts and their leaders have participated in the rugged 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, rifle marksmanship, archaeology, and much, much more—with a heavy 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 council and district volunteers and professionals, each summer. While a Scout leader is in conference, programs are planned for all members of the family – infant through adult. Nearly 4,500 volunteers and professional leaders attend conferences each summer. Invitations to these conferences have been traditionally based upon recommendation of the local council or one of the BSA's National Committees, but any registered Scout leader can attend.



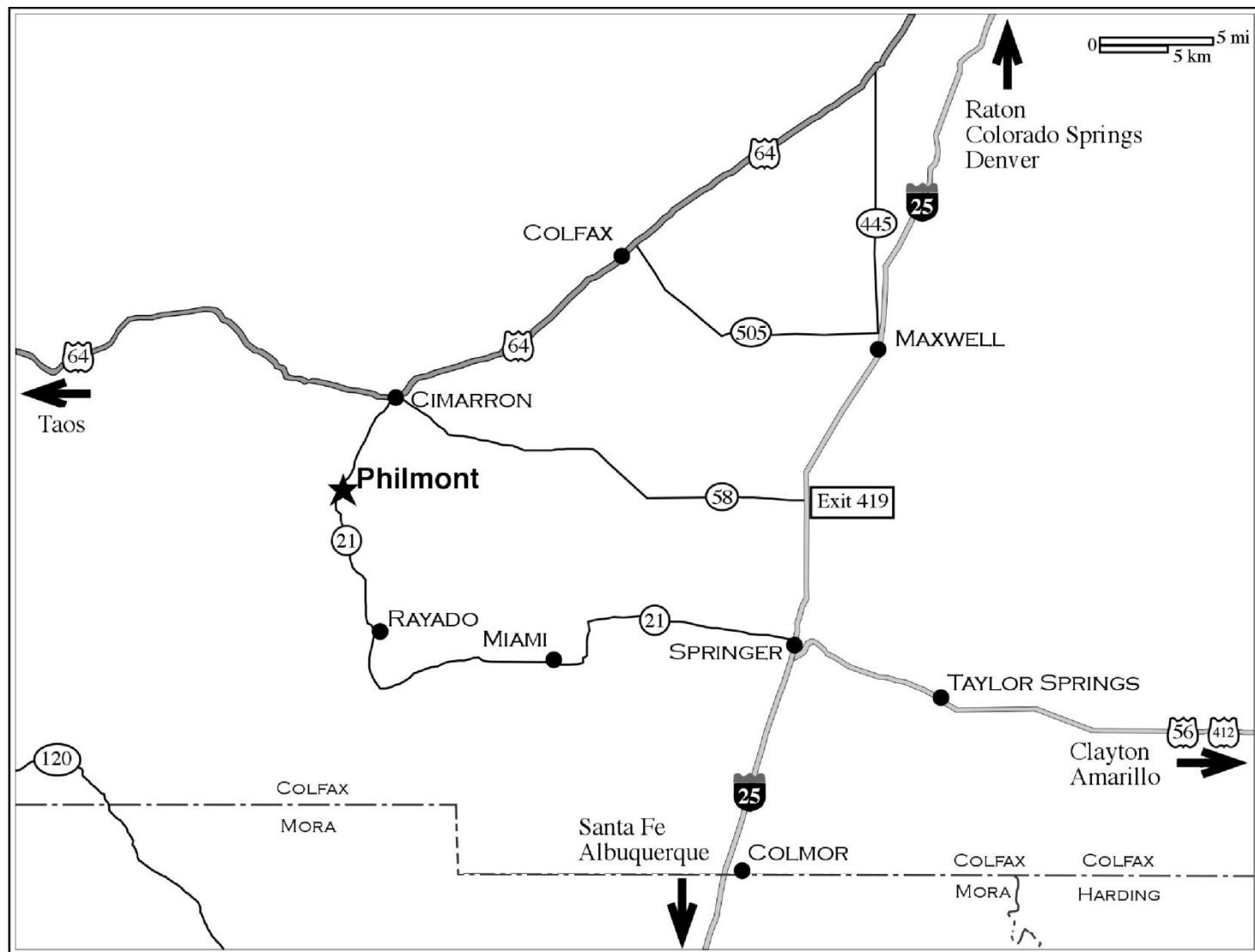
Your Trip to Philmont

When to Arrive

If you are in a conference, we suggest you stay in either Raton or Cimarron a day before check-in, so you can see the sights and enjoy the area. **Please note that there are *no accommodations available* at Philmont for early arrivals.**

Check-in for most conferences is from **2:00- 4:00pm** on Sunday. **Mountain Trek** participants must check in Sunday before **3:00pm**.

If you have a participant in a **NAYLE** conference, they must check in at **8:00am** on Sunday. Your **NAYLE** packet has more detailed information.



By Automobile

Driving across country to Philmont is a great experience. Depending on your available time, and energy, there is a lot to see and do between your home and Philmont, and in the area around Cimarron. Refer to our map for highway information. You may also refer to an Atlas for more details.

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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. (Note: Highway-58 will be closed during the winter of 2011 to allow the reconstruction of the highway over the Ponil Creek Wetland. It should be open in late spring. The alternative route from Springer is State Highway-21. Watch for signs)

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 left (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. Shuttle reservations must be coordinated with Philmont using the appropriate Shuttle Application for the specific airport where you will arrive. These shuttles do not run every day, so please be sure to check the backside of the Shuttle Sheet for dates of availability. Note: the 2018 shuttle information is available at

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/PlanningYourVisit/TravelInformation.aspx>.

You may want to consider renting a car so you will have "wheels" for your free time at Philmont. There will be plenty of free time and you will want to enjoy Philmont and the beautiful surrounding area.

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.

By Train

AMTRAK is scheduled to arrive twice daily in Raton. 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>

Philmont Bus Service

Philmont's bus contractor (the Philmont Shuttle) offers a pick-up service for bus or train passengers in Raton. The bus will pick up arriving passengers at the Raton train or bus depots. *This pick up service must be requested in advance by contacting us by filling out the [Individual Arrival Plans sheet, which can be found in Appendix A \(click here\)](#), or email us at trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org.* Remember: we have no early arrival accommodations at Philmont. The fare is \$45.00 for one person's round-trip to and from Raton.

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 (because of the safety concerns of local wildlife investigating food). 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. Again, you may arrive on Sunday and get a parking assignment from the Training Center main registration office.

Cimarron

Cimarron is a small village with a population of about 900. There are a couple of small hotels and restaurants. There is also a grocery store and two gas stations 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.

Below are some of the more popular local accommodations:

Casa del Gavilan Bed & Breakfast	575-376-2246	2 miles, southwest
St. James Hotel & Restaurant	575-376-2664	3.5 miles, northeast
Cimarron Inn & RV Park	575-376-2268	4.5 miles, northeast



Your Week at Philmont

What is a typical week like at the Philmont Training Center? Here is a brief overview. While conferences, the weather, and the needs of your family members might change, we do our best to help you have a fun-filled family adventure during your stay.

Conference Schedule:

Conferences meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from **8:20am to 11:20am** and **1:20pm to 4:20pm**. *Conferences do not meet Wednesday afternoon.* Please note that Professional Development conferences might have a slightly different schedule and may meet in the evenings.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Family Programs	Family Program Groups and Conferences	Tent City Offices open for Check-out			
	Orientation session for all adults					Mountain Trek returns
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Check-in	Family Program Groups and Conferences	Family Program Groups and Conferences	Family Free Time	Family Program Groups and Conferences	Family Program Groups and Conferences	
Mountain Trek departs						
Chapel service	Family Program Groups and Conferences					
Dinner	Dinner	Buffalo BBQ	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Opening Program	Family night at the Craft Center	Western Night Games and Dance	Family Movie Night	Family night at the Craft Center	Closing Program	
	Cobbler Night			Cobbler Night		

Sunday:

Check-in takes place between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. When you turn onto the street named Orchard Circle (see page 5 "Your Trip to Philmont" under "By Automobile"), you'll find the Welcome Wagon, where a member of Philmont's staff will greet you and guide you to your assigned Tent City (East Tent City or South Tent City). The Tent City staff will then direct you to your conference check-in. After this, please turn in your family's medical forms at the PTC Med Re-check station, which is under the pavilion behind the PTC Office. Mountain Trek participants meet on the greensward (the grassy area in between the Villa and the PTC Office) at **3:00pm**.

The rest of Sunday afternoon is family time. You can move into your tent and relax; enjoy Philmont's museums, [Tooth of Time Traders](#) (Philmont's trading post); or head to Cimarron and see the sights. Before dinner, you are encouraged to attend an interfaith service at the PTC Chapel, just behind the Welcome Wagon, at **4:30pm**. The evening flag ceremony is held at 5pm. Daily worship services begin every evening at 7:00pm at Camping Headquarters (CHQ) in the Catholic, Jewish, LDS, and Protestant chapels.

Dinner is offered in two shifts at both Dining Halls: 5:30pm and 6:15pm. Please refer to your nametag for your assigned shift.

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

Monday:

Your first full day at Philmont will be a busy one. After breakfast, your children will meet their Program Counselors on the greensward (the grassy area southeast of the Villa Philmonte) at **8:20am**. All adults then gather on the Villa Lawn (or Assembly Hall if there is inclement weather) for a quick orientation meeting.

After the meeting, spouses will learn about their activities, and conference participants will head to their conference rooms. Be sure you and your family members in Scouting wear your Scout uniforms to the meetings, since pictures will be taken of each group. Pick up your children at **11:20am** and enjoy lunch in the Dining Hall. The afternoon program and conferences run from **1:20pm** to **4:20pm**. Monday evening activities include Family Craft Center Night, an ice cream social, and a variety of other family activities that vary from week to week. Be sure to refer to the weekly schedule you receive at check-in for a complete list of activities scheduled for your week.

After dinner, worship services are available at one of the chapels at Camping Headquarters. Daily evening services begin at **7:00pm** in the Catholic, Jewish, LDS, and Protestant chapels.

Tuesday:

After taking your children to their Program Counselors on the greensward in the morning, head back to your conference room for another great day of learning and discussion. Spouses participate in their chosen activities. When the daytime is done, Tuesday evening features our Western Night. Gather on the greensward (or Assembly Hall, in case of weather) for a buffalo barbecue and an evening of western games, branding, and western dancing.

Wednesday:

On Wednesday morning, you can sign up to have a family photo taken. After conferences and family programs meet Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon is family free time. It's a great opportunity to enjoy Philmont and the surrounding area. If you are interested in going on a horse ride, there is a trail ride lottery. You'll find sign-up sheets at the main Bulletin Board behind the PTC Office. Please turn them into the Program Office before lunch on Tuesday. The list of randomly selected trail ride participants will be posted on the same Bulletin Board by the end of Tuesday. Your family can also take part in staff led hikes into the backcountry or participate in archery and air rifle shooting. Wednesday night offers a free showing of a family movie in the Assembly Hall. Please refer to the "Spare Time" section of this guidebook for more ideas on how to spend your free time on Wednesday afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to participate in a Philmont trail ride, **all riders must have at least a 26" inseam and weigh less than 200lbs.** You will also need to wear long pants. A safety helmet will be provided. Mustangs, Trailblazers, Broncos and Silverados will be offered a trail ride during the week as part of their programs and will also need to wear long pants and meet the above criteria.

Thursday:

Thursday is a return to conferences and group activities. Most of the family groups will have activities away from PTC, such as all-day hikes, and eat their lunch on the trail (with the exceptions of Small Fry and the Bandits). Program groups with older participants (Mustangs & Trailblazers) will spend Thursday night out in Philmont's backcountry. The Sidewinders can spend the night at Rayado with a parent. Transportation is available for the Sidewinders overnighter, departing after dinner on Thursday and returning before breakfast on Friday morning (please refer to the Overnighter what to bring list on page 18). Thursday night offers Family Craft Center Night so you can finish up all those projects started earlier in the week and cobbler in the Tent Cities.

Friday:

Friday is the last day for conferences and family program. Conference graduations take place in and around the greensward area in the afternoon.

All of the family groups perform in skits on Friday evening during the Closing Program. Make sure to head over to the Program Bowl at **7:30pm**. Join us as we sing the *Philmont Hymn*, and begin saying goodbye to newfound friends and to Philmont.

Saturday:

Saturday is time to pack up, say *adios* to your Philmont friends, and head home. Breakfast is served in the Dining Hall from 6:00-9:00am to make sure you're well-fed for the road. Mountain Trek participants return to PTC, shortly after breakfast.

Details, Details...

Expenses:

Your fees cover all lodging, training materials, family programs, and meals (beginning with dinner on Sunday and ending with breakfast on Saturday). Touring the Philmont Museum & Seton Memorial Library, and the Kit Carson Museum (also known as "Rayado") are all free and open to the public. Optional activities, such as Craft Center projects, are available at a nominal additional cost. Philmont's trading post, the Tooth of Time Traders (www.toothoftimetraders.com) stocks items to meet your Scouting and personal needs.

Firearms, Alcoholic Beverages, and Smoking:

Philmont does not permit firearms in your possession while on the premises. 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, designated smoking areas are available.

Meals:

Meals are served in 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 having long lines and assures table space for all of our 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 emailing trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org. Philmont's isolated location limits the availability of many specialized or kosher food items, and 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.**



Training Center Services

Telephones

Public telephones are located 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. Only emergency messages are delivered after 7:00pm. Fax services are available on a limited basis.

Mail

While at Philmont, your mailing address is:

Your Name
Your Conference & Week
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 class via your faculty. Postcards can be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders and the Villa Gallery, 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, make sure to allow at least one week.**

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.

Tent Cities

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 showers, restrooms, a playground, and a Tent City office and 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 metal-spring twin beds with mattresses, chairs, a metal locker, an electric outlet, a light, and a piece of carpet between the two beds.

Irons, ironing boards and other services are available for your use at no charge in your Tent City office. Games, evening activities, Cobbler Nights, sing-a-longs, patch trading sessions, and other activities will be organized by your 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.



Lost and Found

There are several locations for lost and found items. The first place to check is PTC main office, then the Quartermaster office.

Printing

If you wish to share materials with other participants, please bring enough copies for distribution. Philmont's copying service is very limited.



Group Photographs

One 8"x10" color photograph of each conference and family program group is provided to each conference participant and family member at no cost. Group photos for conferences and family programs are taken on Monday morning. Extra or replacement photos are available for a \$5.00 fee.

Family Photos

A Philmont staffer will take a family photo at the covered wagon by the Program Bowl on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, from 7:00am-8:00am. This picture is free, and will be emailed to you.

The Bulletin Board

Watch the bulletin board! It's a great place to find out what's going on at PTC and around the ranch. Family group schedules, sign-up sheets, and basic information about Philmont activities are available. It's also a great place for families and friends to meet before heading off to eat, hike, or tour.

Please make frequent stops to the bulletin board to check your family members' group schedules. The schedules offer daily equipment needs and information on upcoming activities so that your children can be prepared.

The main bulletin board is located behind the PTC office. Two more are located next to the East Tent City Office and the South Tent City Office.

Religious Services

Chaplains from the 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 at **4:30pm**.

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 Staff and Faculty

Philmont has a permanent staff of 86 employees plus more than 1,100 summer seasonal staff members. Almost 100 staff members are assigned to the Philmont Training Center. There are a host of services available to you provided by the staff members in PTC Administration, Transportation, Family Program, Conference Support, Housing, Maintenance, Food Service, the Infirmary, and Museums.

Over 300 professional and volunteer Scouters serve as faculty members for the Training Center's conferences each summer. The various divisions and committees of the National Council choose the faculty from top volunteers throughout the Boy Scouts of America.



Health and Safety

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. Individuals coming from lower altitudes may experience some discomfort at first. 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. While the conferences and family programs are not strenuous, some walking and physical activity is necessary.

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 storing food items in your tents or any other smellable items, which will attract animals.

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 trainingcenter@philmonttrainingcenter.org, 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

In an effort 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 **Mountain Trek, Trail Blazers, Mustangs, NAYLE, NAYLE Staff, and PLC Staff**.

Parts A and B are needed for participants in **PTC Conferences and all other Family Program**.

The BSA Annual Health & Medical Record is available on the PTC website (www.philmonttrainingcenter.org).

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.

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

Each backcountry participant at Philmont must not exceed the maximum acceptable limit in the weight-for-height chart shown on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Those who fall within the limits are more likely to have an enjoyable experience and avoid incurring health risks. **The Philmont staff will use their best professional judgment in determining participation in a Philmont backcountry experience for individuals who exceed the maximum acceptable weight for height. Any exception to the weight limit requires approval from Philmont in advance.**

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 for the safety of Philmont personnel. *The maximum weight for any participant going on horse rides is 200 pounds.*

What Should We Bring?

Living at Philmont for a week will be an outdoor adventure for the whole family! In choosing clothing and equipment, 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 **each** member of your family:

- Pillow	- Sleeping bag*, and/or sheets, blankets
- Towel and washcloth	- Walking/hiking shoes or boots*
- Daypack*/School backpack	- Warm sleeping garments
- Camera*	- Scout uniforms (for Scouting members)*
- Flashlight*	- Clothing for warm days and cool evenings
- Sunscreen*	- Hat or cap*
- Insect repellent*	- Sweater*
- Rain jacket or poncho*	- Two or three, one-quart plastic water bottles* or canteens (except Nursery/Small Fry)
- Jacket*	- Health Forms
- Extra batteries* for cameras and flashlights*	

Overnighter List

Mustangs and **Trailblazers** need the following equipment for an overnight campout in Philmont's backcountry (in addition to the list above):

- Backpack* or duffel bag for overnight gear	
- Warm jacket*	- Heavy wool socks*, for hiking
- Sleeping bag*	- Flashlight*
- Long pants* (blue-jeans)	- Hiking boots (broken-in)*

*These items can be purchased at the Tooth of Time
Traders.

Here are some helpful tips to make sure you know what to pack:

- Philmont does NOT provide bed linens, blankets, or towels, but your Tent City Manager can provide an emergency blanket if the temperature suddenly drops.
- A fan and some additional clothes hangers may be useful.
- If you have an infant or toddler, consider packing a portable stroller. Walking distances can be a problem for small children.
- Tuesday is our Western Dance, so don't forget your western duds! We will also be branding with the two Philmont brands (the horse brand and the cattle brand).
- **Sidewinders and parents going on the Sidewinders overnighter** need a sleeping bag.
- Trailblazers, Mustangs, Broncos, and Silverados should bring a pair of long pants and a long-sleeved shirt to wear on activities such as horse rides and the COPE course.
- Even though we are a Scout camp, we do not recommend leaving items of value unattended in tents. Secure storage is available for small items at the Training Center Registration Office. Proper identification should be placed on all clothing and equipment.

- Mountain Trek participants need an extensive amount of gear for their trek. A detailed equipment list is included in the Mountain Trek Application form.

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 most Philmont activities. In addition, youth who are involved in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, or Girl Scouts are encouraged to wear their Scout uniforms on Monday morning and to flag ceremonies and meals.

Pets

Other than those required for assistance (such as seeing-eye dogs), pets 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.

Family Programs

The Training Center features a program of fun activities for everyone under the leadership of trained staff members. Evenings are devoted to family activities and free time. Sunday and Wednesday afternoons are also free for family activities, hiking, fishing, or sightseeing. Programs offered are listed below and described on the following pages.

Family Program Groups meet while conferences are in regular session:

Monday	8:20am - 11:20 & 1:20pm to 4:20
Tuesday	8:20am - 11:20 & 1:20pm to 4:20
Wednesday	8:20am - 11:20
Thursday	8:20am - 11:20 & 1:20pm to 4:20
Friday	8:20am - 11:20 & 1:20pm to 4:20

Babysitting is not available, and the family program is only available at aforementioned times. Depending upon the amount of participants, family groups may be combined or split in order to provide more proportionately even groups. Groups are arranged by age:

Nursery	Children — Ages 2 months to 2 years
Small Fry	Children — Ages 3 to 5 years
Bandits	Boys & Girls -- 6 to 7
Ropers	Girls — 8 to 10
Deputies	Boys — 8 to 9
Sidewinders	Boys — 10
Mustangs	Girls — 11 to 13
Trailblazers	Boys — 11 to 13
Mountain Women*	Girls — 14 to 20
Mountain Men*	Boys — 14 to 20
Broncos	Boys & Girls — 14 to 20
NAYLE <i>(National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience)</i>	Boys & Girls — 14 to 20
Silverados	Non-conference adults

*Mountain Trek participants must be 14 years of age, *or* have completed the 8th grade and be at least 13 years old, but are not yet 21 prior to participation.

Children must participate in the family programs or be under the supervision of a parent. **Children may not attend conference sessions with a parent.** If both parents are attending conferences, one must be responsible for their children when Family Programs are in session, if an emergency should arise. Children who are ill will be returned to their parents. **Disruptive behavior is not tolerated.** Children who are disruptive are removed from the program. If the behavior continues, parents are asked to remove the child from the premises.

Family Program Groups

Each Family Program group participates in activities designed with the age and ability of the family member in mind. Canteens or water bottles, rain gear, and a daypack large enough to hold all their gear are needed for each person participating in Family Program activities. Schedules may vary due to group size, weather, or other factors at Philmont.

The main objective of the Philmont Training Center Family Program is to provide an age-appropriate Philmont experience. Please understand that while some of our Cub Scout, Webelos Scout, and Boy Scout programs may be based on advancement requirements, their main intent is to let our Scouts have a fun Philmont experience. The true "arena" for advancement is in the home, the den, the patrol, or the troop and we do not wish to usurp the parent's, den leader's, or Scoutmaster's role.

Nursery (2 months - 2 years old)

A nursery is located in the Small Fry Center and parents may leave their children during Family Program times. Infants may be left for as little as an hour, or as long as a morning or afternoon session. Care is provided according to the parent's instructions.

Parents of Nursery-age children need to send all "essential" items (bottles, sweaters, diapers etc.) with their children. Be sure to label each item with your name as well as the name of your child.

Small Fry (3-5 years old)

At the Small Fry Center, the staff provides activities, handicrafts, games, pony rides, and supervised play during Family Program times.

Parents of Small Fry children need to send all essential items (bottles, sweaters, diapers etc.) with their children. Be sure to label each item with your name as well as the name of your child.

Bandits (6 - 7 year old girls & boys)

Bandits participate in nature hikes, pony rides, games, songs and skits, day hikes, sports, museum tours, and handicraft.

Ropers (8 - 10 year old girls) & Deputies (8 - 9 year old boys)

The activities for Ropers and Deputies include hiking, Villa and museum tours, Dutch oven cooking, archery, pony rides, air rifle shooting, sports, nature hikes, games, and handicraft.



Sidewinders (10 year old boys)

Sidewinders enjoy hiking, archery, air rifle shooting, sports, handicraft, nature hikes, Villa and museum tours, and a parent/Sidewinder overnighter. The overnighter is for the Sidewinder and a parent only. Although the Sidewinders do not get to ride a pony or horse, they *do* participate in a special equine program where they learn about wrangling, get to groom and saddle the ponies, and lead the Small Fry group around the Pony Ring.

Trailblazers (11 - 13 year old boys)

Trailblazers enjoy a schedule of activities that varies from week to week. The Trailblazer program may include day hikes, an overnighter in Philmont's backcountry, a horse ride, nature-based activities and games, archery, air rifle shooting, and handicrafts.

Trailblazers must have Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record, and also bring the equipment listed for overnighters.

Mustangs (11 - 13 year old girls)

Mustangs participate in Villa and Museum tours, hikes, field sports, handicraft projects, nature activities, a horse ride, outdoor cooking, games, and an overnighter in the backcountry. Mustangs must have Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record, and also bring the equipment listed for overnighters.



Broncos (14 - 21 year olds)

The Broncos program is for those teenage family members who choose not to participate in a Mountain Trek. Broncos stay at PTC with their family, but enjoy a week of activities built around participation in Philmont's COPE course (a team-building ropes course experience), day hikes, and a horse ride.

Mountain Men & Mountain Women (14 years and older)

Mountain Men and Mountain Women treks are mentally and physically challenging backpacking expeditions that provide an opportunity to experience Philmont's rugged

Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Mountain Trek crews hike 20-40 miles into the backcountry where participants stay at several camps that offer a variety of exciting programs. The Mountain Trek Program is for young men and women who are 14 years of age, *or* have completed the 8th grade and are at least 13 years old, but are not yet 21 prior to participation.

All Mountain Trek participants must complete and return the Mountain Trek application, [which can be found in Appendix C \(click here\)](#). Participants are organized into male or female crews and are placed under the supervision of two of Philmont's highly qualified Rangers. Groups with less than 10 participants will be combined to form a coed Venture crew with coed staff leadership.

Please note: the Mountain Trek program is not offered during Fall Conference.

On Sunday afternoon, Mountain Trek participants check in at the Philmont Training Center and meet at **3:00pm** on the greensward prepared to leave for the trek. After a short orientation meeting with the Mountain Trek Rangers, the participants divide into crews based on their age and ability and prepare for departure into the backcountry. Participants will return Saturday morning around 9:00am.

Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record are required. Philmont provides crew gear, but participants need the personal gear listed on the Mountain Trek equipment list, [which can be found in Appendix C \(click here\)](#).

NAYLE: National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (14 years and older)

Youth learn to internalize and practice their leadership skills in this action-packed backcountry course. By honing the skills taught in 'Introduction to Leadership Skills,' 'Kodiak,' and 'NYLT' in an outdoor experiential learning environment, youth "live leadership" with skills that will be carried home to the unit and other aspects of their lives. A co-ed course, open to all programs, NAYLE underscores the values of Scouting, teamwork, and promoting the concepts of servant leadership.



Pre-requisites: NYLT (or the 'NYLT to NAYLE Bridge for Venturers'); Scout leader approval; and Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

Registration takes place online, similar to a conference attendee. Please contact trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org for further information.

Silverados (spouses and other adults not attending a conference)

Silverados are provided with a wide range of planned activities. The Silverados have their own meeting after the all-adult meeting on Monday morning. During this meeting, they will hear details about the activities scheduled, and get to sign up for whatever they are interested in. Some of these activities are led by the Philmont staff and others are self-guided. Don't worry if you change your mind, the sign-up sheets will be available all week to let you switch around and sign up for whatever you wish.

Silverados car-pool in **personal vehicles** to any activity that takes place away from the Training Center property.

An extensive day-hiking program is available for Silverados. Hikes range from an easy 1.2 mile nature walk to a more challenging all-day hike of 8 miles into the backcountry. Possible hiking destinations include Abreu Camp, Lover's Leap, Cathedral Rock, Hunting Lodge, Urraca Trail, Carson Meadows, and others. Anyone interested in participating in the extensive hiking programs must meet the [Philmont Height and Weight Chart restrictions \(click here\)](#).

Other activities include:

- Dutch Oven Cooking
- Shooting Sports
- Fly Fishing
- Craft Center Classes
- Villa Tours
- Trips and tours of nearby towns
- COPE (high ropes course)
- Shopping excursions
- Museum tours
- Horseback Rides

PLEASE NOTE: Family Program activities are subject to change based on weather, or other conditions beyond the Training Center's control.

Spare Time

While the schedule is demanding, you'll have a fair amount of spare time at Philmont and there are many exciting activities and places to see. In addition to visiting the Villa and the other museums, a visit to Camping Headquarters allows a glimpse into Philmont's trekking operation.

Philmont, for health and safety reasons, and in an effort to keep the trails clear and special for the Scouts hiking on treks, does **not** allow hikes in most backcountry areas, **including the Tooth of Time**. Please observe this policy during your stay at PTC.

Hiking

There are several approved day hikes you can take during your free time. All are fairly easy and give you a small taste of the backcountry. Be sure to come by the Training Center Office for a PTC Hiker's Guide and don't forget to checkout at your Tent City office before hiking.

Many families take the Urraca Trail because it's picturesque, and the spouse and children groups take many of the other trails during the week. Take along an informative trail worksheet, and earn a Urraca Trail patch.

Hikers need to bring a water bottle, daypack, rain gear, and a warm jacket or sweater. Sunglasses, sunscreen, a hat, and a first aid kit are also recommended. Only those who meet Philmont's height and weight requirements, are approved by the PTC Medical Staff, and are in good physical condition should attempt to hike Philmont's trails.

Craft Center

The Philmont Craft Center offers instruction and sells the required materials for ceramics, wearable art (clothing and accessories decoration), leather craft, stamp art, and southwest crafts/home decor. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Evening Activities

Every evening there are fun activities for you and your family. There are Opening and Closing Programs, Western Night, Family Craft Center evenings, Cracker Barrels, Family Movie Night, and the New Mexico Story campfire over at Camping Headquarters.

Don't forget your Western clothes and hat for the Tuesday night Buffalo Barbeque and Western Night games and dance.

Fishing

All fishermen must have a New Mexico fishing license, available for purchase at the Tooth of Time Traders, CHQ Services, or in Cimarron, and a Philmont Fishing parking and use permit from the Training Center office. The lower Rayado River and the Cimarron River are both highly recommended areas. Please bring your own tackle.

Buffalo

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 at all times, but **please do not cross fences** and pull well off the road when stopping. Buffalo are wild animals and unpredictable.

Tours and Trips

If you don't want to hike on your day off, or if you want to see more of the Ranch and Cimarron, there is a self-guided tour of Philmont and surrounding areas. Cimarron is a quaint community, rich in the history of the Santa Fe Trail. You can spend many hours browsing through the shops and museums. It will take you to the Kit Carson Museum at Rayado, the must-see Old Mill Museum, and to the base of the Tooth of Time for a photo opportunity. New Mexico is rich with colonial and American history. Please come by the Training Center office to ask questions about activities and brochures.

Philmont Museums

Villa Philmonte

The Villa Philmonte, the summer home of Philmont's benefactor Waite Phillips, is open daily for tours. Most Family Program groups have a Villa tour sometime during the week, and special evening tours are available for conference members.

The Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library

The Philmont Museum exhibits events of Philmont's colorful historical past. The Seton Library houses the personal library, collections, and artwork of Ernest Thompson Seton, famous naturalist, author, artist, and first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America. The museum and library, which also features a gift shop, is open daily from 8:00am to 6:00pm. **Please note that we are in the midst of a large expansion to the Philmont Museum so its temporary location is in the Hardesty Casa Central at Camping Headquarters.**

The Kit Carson Museum

The Kit Carson Museum (also known as Rayado) is located seven miles south of the Training Center. Visitors enjoy 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 museum staff is on hand each day to tour groups or families through the display areas and blacksmith shop.

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 outfitting 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 Recognitions

Many ask about the Philmont patch. There are several patches available, depending on what activities you participate in at Philmont. We have the Family Program patch for family groups, and conference members receive a special PTC Conference patch. The familiar Arrowhead Award is for 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.

Helpful Hints

- It wouldn't hurt to do some personal research about Philmont, Northern New Mexico, birds and mammals of the southwest, etc. Then, when you arrive, you will be even more prepared. There are many books available, and don't forget the internet.
- New Mexico has a mandatory seatbelt law. The speed limits are strictly enforced. The main road in Cimarron is only 35mph. Please drive carefully.
- Read this *Family Guidebook* completely, twice! And bring it with you to Philmont.

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 heavily 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 the 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").

The Philmont Ranch became a showcase. Immense herds of Hereford cows and Corriedale sheep grazed its pastures. Phillips built a larger 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 Philtown 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 Philtown 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.



Waite Phillips

The Philmont Hymn

Sil - ver on the sage, Star - lit skies a-bove,
As - pen cov-ered hills, Coun - try that I love,
Phil-mont here's to thee, Scout - ing par - a - dise,
Out in God's coun - try to - night.
Wind in whis-p'ring pines, Ea - gle soar-ing high,
Pur - ple moun-tains rise, A-against an a-zure sky,
Phil-mont here's to thee, Scout-ing par-a-dise,
Out in God's coun - try to - night.

The Philmont Grace

For Food
For Raiment
For Life
For Opportunity
For Friendship
and Fellowship
We Thank Thee
O Lord

Aid to Pronunciation

Folks unaccustomed to New Mexico Spanish do wonderful things with some of the words and place names associated with Philmont. The following is a help to local pronunciations:

Abreu -	Uh-bray'-you	
Beaubien -	Bo-bee-yen'	
Bonito -	Bo-nee'-tow	"beautiful"
Costilla -	Coe-stee'-yuh	"rib"
Cimarron -	Sim'-uh-roan	"wild"
Cimarroncito -	Sim'-uh-roan-see'-toe	"little wild one"
Jicarilla -	Hick-uh-ree'-yah	
Miranda -	Muh-ran'-duh	
Moache -	Moe'-ash	
Moreno -	Moe-ray'-no	"brown"
Ponil -	Poe-neel'	
Raton -	Ra-tone'	"mouse"
Rayado -	Ray-ah'-doe	"streaked"
Sangre de Cristo -	San'-grey day Cree' stoh	"Blood of Christ"
Santa Fe -	San'-tuh Fay	"Holy Faith"
Taos -	Tah'-ose	
Urraca -	You-rah'-cuh	"magpie"
Ute -	Rhymes with "cute"	
Valle Vidal -	Vay'-yea Vih-doll'	"Vidal valley"
Vermejo -	Ver-may'-hoe	"red"
Villa Philmonte -	Vee'-yuh Fil-mon'-tay	

Appendices

Appendix A – Individual Arrival Plan

This form is designed for participants and families who will require assistance with their travel plans from Raton, New Mexico. It should be faxed (575-376-2629) or e-mailed (trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org) **four weeks prior to arrival**. It will help the Training Center Staff prepare for your arrival.

Philmont works with private contractors to provide a shuttle service from the Denver, Colorado Springs, and Albuquerque Airports. The airport shuttle operates on limited days. All airport shuttle reservations must be coordinated with Philmont using the shuttle application. *The shuttle registration forms, including dates of operation, costs, and specific information are available on the Philmont website (www.philmontscoutranch.org).*

Appendix B – BSA Annual Health & Medical Record

This form is available on the Philmont Training Center website (www.philmonttrainingcenter.org) or on the national Scouting website (www.scouting.org).

Parts A and B of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record must be completed by all conference participants and family program groups. These sections must be turned in upon arrival at Philmont. The specific family program groups that will only need A and B are as follows: Nursery, Small Fry, Cowgirls, Cowpokes, Ropers, Deputies, Sidewinders, Broncos, and Silverados.

Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record will need to be completed by a select group of conference and family program participants. These sections must also be turned in upon arrival at Philmont. The specific conferences and family program groups that will need A, B, C and D are as follows: Mountain Trek, Trailblazers, Mustangs, NAYLE, NAYLE Staff, PLC, and PLC Staff.

Appendix C – 2018 Mountain Trek Information and Application

The 2018 Mountain Trek Information will help to prepare those participants who will be taking part in the Mountain Men or Mountain Women programs. Each of these participants should complete the application and mail it to Mountain Treks, Philmont Scout Ranch, 17 Deer Run Road, Cimarron, NM 87714, or fax a completed copy to 575-376-2629.

Appendix D – Parent's Authorization

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

Appendix E – The Philmont Training Center Cancellation & Refund Policy

Appendix F – Maps: The Philmont Training Center and Overall Philmont Base Camp

2018 Philmont Training Center Individual Arrival Plan

When to arrive: We recommend arriving into Raton and Cimarron a day early and enjoy all of the local sights and rich history of the Southwest. This also gives you one more day to acclimatize to the high elevation. *Please be aware that there are no accommodations at Philmont for PTC and Mountain Trek participant early arrivals. NAYLE participants are the only group we can accommodate early.*

Check-in: Conferences begin their check in on Sunday from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Mountain Trek participants need to arrive by 3:00pm on Sunday. Families with NAYLE participants should drop off the participant at 8:00am on Sunday morning. LDS Conference week participants should check-in on Saturday between 2:00pm-4:00pm.

Driving: Philmont is located 45 miles southwest of the town of Raton, approximately 200 miles from either Albuquerque or Colorado Springs. It is 26 miles west of Interstate 25 on Highway 58. In Cimarron turn south on Highway 21 and drive for 4.5 miles to the Philmont Training Center.

Plane: The nearest major terminals are Colorado Springs, Albuquerque and Denver. Many conferences participants select to rent a car for the week in order to have transportation during their stay at Philmont. A limited shuttle service is available from each of the airports listed. **The shuttle service does not run every day,** so please check the second page of the shuttle sheet for exact dates of available service. Airport shuttle service reservations **must be** coordinated with Philmont using the shuttle application/form for the appropriate airport. You can download the Albuquerque and Denver/Colorado Springs shuttle form online at www.philmontscoutranch.org.

Train: Raton is the nearest train terminal, 45 miles northeast of Philmont. AMTRAK is scheduled to arrive/depart twice daily in Raton (one from the east and one from the west). The Raton train depot is a convenience stop and may not have any employees on hand. Call AMTRAK for information (800-USA-RAIL). Philmont shuttle buses are available, see the box below.

Bus: There are scheduled buses each day to Raton. The Raton Greyhound stop is located at 201 1st St, across from Amtrak station. Call Greyhound Bus Lines (800-231-2222) for more information or visit their website at www.greyhound.com.

To request shuttle transportation from Raton, NM please fill out the form below. We must have this form 4 week in advance to guarantee a place on the shuttle.

PTC Shuttle Form for Raton, NM

Name: _____ Conference Name & Weeks: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Number of People (\$45 per person): _____

Email Address: _____ TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

Arriving via (please check one): AMTRAK Greyhound

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO: Philmont Training Center
Attn: Transportation Services
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714



Welcome to Philmont!

You are privileged to participate in the Mountain

Treks at Philmont Scout Ranch. This packet of information will help you prepare for a great adventure, so please read all of the enclosed material carefully.

Equipment List:

Go over this list with your parents or guardians so that you will be fully prepared to hit the trails when you arrive. (Please see the back of this page.)

2018 Mountain Trek Application:

All Mountain Trek participants must complete and mail this application to Philmont prior to your arrival (the sooner, the better). This application includes the Pack Rental form and additional information needed by the Mountain Trek Rangers. The registration fee of \$422 is due on or before May 1st. Please complete this form *even* if you have already been listed on the Training Center participant's registration form.

BSA Annual Health & Medical Record – Parts A, B, & C required:

Please complete the information on parts A, B, and C of this form. You must have a complete physical examination within the last 12 months, and this form must be **signed by your parents and your physician**. Please bring this form with you – **do not mail it**. Without this document, you cannot hike the trails of Philmont. You will also need to include a copy of your health care insurance card. This form is available at www.philmontscoutranch.org or at www.scouting.org.

Expedition #:

Use the corresponding date of the conference (see the 2018 Conference Schedule) and initials MM (Mountain Men), MW (Mountain Women), or MTV (Mountain Trek Venturing) to form your expedition number; for example 609 MM or 609 MW. This readily identifies you as a Mountain Trek participant attending with a PTC conference individual. Please use this number when corresponding with Philmont regarding your Mountain Trek.

Mail your completed application to:

PTC - Mountain Treks 2018
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714

2018

Mountain Treks

If you have any additional questions, please call the Philmont Training Center at (575) 376-2281 x1135 or email us at trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org

Mountain Trek Information Sheet

Mountain Men and Mountain Women Treks are mentally and physically challenging backpacking expeditions that provide the opportunity to experience the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont. Mountain Trek crews hike 20-40 miles into the backcountry where participants stay at several staffed camps that offer a variety of exciting programs.

Participation in the Mountain Trek program is for young men and women who are 14 years of age or completed the 8th grade and are at least 13 years old prior to participation and not yet 21, and are registered Scouts or Venturers. Mountain Treks **are not** available for adult participation. Mountain Treks are not available during the Fall Conference.

Groups of five to ten participants are organized into male, female or coed crews. Routes are planned to meet the abilities and experience of the crew. Crews are placed under the supervision of two highly qualified Philmont Rangers. Coed crews will be organized into coed Venture crews with appropriate leadership.

Mountain Trek participants check in on Sunday afternoon at 2:00p.m. Bring along all of your gear and your completed National Health & Medical Form parts A, B, and C. There will be a short orientation meeting where Mountain Trekkers and parents meet with our Mountain Trek Rangers. The participants are divided into crews and prepare for their trek. The crews camp at Camping Headquarters on Sunday and depart for the backcountry on Monday morning. Rangers will remain with the crew for the duration of the trek. Participants return to PTC on Saturday morning to check in equipment, clean up and rejoin their family for the trip home.

A current BSA Annual Health & Medical Record parts A, B, and C is required for this program. Philmont provides all necessary crew gear, but personal gear is provided by the participants, along with other items listed on the Mountain Trek Equipment List.

The Mountain Trek program is designed specifically for the sons and daughters of Training Center conference participants. A conference participant may bring one additional non-family Scout or Venturer for each family member on a trek. All participants must meet the minimum age and health requirements and are under the responsibility of the conference participants. A [Parent's Authorization Form is required \(click here\)](#).

If you are interested in bringing a troop or crew to Philmont, contact the Camping Headquarters Administration Office for further information at (575) 376-2281 ext 1140.



Mountain Trek Application

Please read the other information attached with this application before filling it out. Please mail a hard copy of this application to PTC or fax a copy to 575-376-2629.

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____
 (First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Note: You must 14 years of age or have completed the 8th grade and are at least 13 years old prior to participation, but not yet 21.

Phone (in case of emergency) Home _____ Parent's Work _____ Other _____

Conference Week Number _____ Conference Dates _____

Is there another participant with whom you wish to be in the same crew? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, whom? _____

Previous Experience

How many years have you been in Scouting? _____

What previous Philmont or High Adventure experience have you had? _____

Please list the backpacking experience you have had (if you don't have any backpacking experience, tell us that too)-

I understand that, as a Philmont Training Center participant that photographs, film, videotapes, electronic representations, and/or sound recordings may be made of me during my visit to Philmont Scout Ranch. These images may be used for training and promotional purposes for Philmont Scout Ranch and other projects approved by the Boy Scouts of America.

Approvals

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent or Guardian must sign here.)

Name of Conference Participant with whom you are attending: _____

Conference Participant is attending: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pack Rental Request Form

_____ Yes, I will need to rent a backpack with frame for the Mountain Trek.
 Please reserve one for me. Enclosed is the \$30.00 rental fee.

Height _____

Weight _____

For Philmont Use Only:

Paid _____ Receipt # _____
 N/A _____

Expedition # _____

Mountain Trek Packing List

Packing

- Pack with padded hip belt* Capacity: External Frame, Internal Frame – 60-70 liters (rental available)
- Pack cover (waterproof nylon)*
- Stuff Sacks or Large Ziplock bags to keep gear organized and dry in your pack*

Sleeping

- Sleeping bag in waterproof stuff sack.* (Line the inside of stuff sack with a garbage bag to make it waterproof.)
Sleeping bag should be rated to 20 degrees F.
- Sleep clothes (T-shirt and gym shorts) to be worn only in sleeping bag*
- Sleeping pad – closed cell foam or Therma-Rest*
- Lashing Straps to hold sleeping bag and pad onto pack*

Clothing

Trekkers should be dressed for the trail when they check in on Sunday afternoon. Quantities below include what you are wearing at check in, e.g. "Two pair heavy hiking socks" means one pair on your feet and one in your pack. Avoid bringing cotton items on the trail.

- Hiking boots. Boots should be well broken in. High-top boots that provide ankle support are highly recommended.
- Lightweight tennis shoes to wear around camp.
- Two pair heavy hiking socks, wool or synthetic, NO COTTON.*
- Two pair liner socks, polypropylene*
- Two pair underwear
- Two hiking shirts
- One pair hiking shorts* (zip-off pants can double as both shorts and pants)
- One pair long pants* Not jeans (for cold weather, pole climbing, horse rides)
- One pair insulated underwear* (optional, bring if you get cold easy)
- One sweater or jacket, fleece or wool*
- Hat or cap with brim for protection from the sun*
- Stocking cap*
- Rain jacket*
- Rain pants*

Personal & Miscellaneous

- Small flashlight or headlamp* with new batteries*
- Compass*
- Bandana*
- Lip balm*
- Small sunscreen*
- Toothbrush and small toothpaste*
- Tampons/sanitary napkins*
- Sunglasses*
- Ditty bag (small stuff sack or Ziplock)
for personal smellables in bear bag*
- Comb/Brush

Eating

- Bowl (plastic)*
- Spoon* (only utensil needed)
- 3 quart/liter carrying capacity bottles*

Optional

- Money – \$10-20 in small bills for use at backcountry trading posts
- Camera*

Philmont provides tents. If you have a good quality backpacking tent you may bring it for consideration.

All crew gear and food will be provided. You do not need to bring any extra food. Please do not bring toilet paper from home. Philmont supplies toilet paper that is non-smellable and biodegradable.

Do Not Bring: Cell phones, radios, ipods, video game devices, hammocks, makeup, or deodorant

**Available at the Tooth of Time Traders (www.toothoftimetraders.com) If you need to make purchases once arriving at Philmont, please plan to arrive early enough to visit the trading post before 2:00 pm check in.*

2018 Pack Rental Request Form

Please indicate what week you will be attending: _____

Trekker Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Height: _____ **Weight:** _____

Name of Conference Participant: _____

I need to rent a backpack with frame and pack cover for Mountain Trek during the week indicated above. Please reserve this pack for me. Enclosed is my \$30.00 rental fee.

Signature of Trekker or Parent

Sign up and

Mail this form and payment to: Philmont Scout Ranch / Training Center
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714

PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION FORM

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 above mentioned 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:

Work _____

Home _____

Parent / Guardian Address During Trip:

I hereby agree to the above:

Signed _____ (PRINT
NAME) _____

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS DAY

BY: _____

DATE _____

(NOTARY)

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:

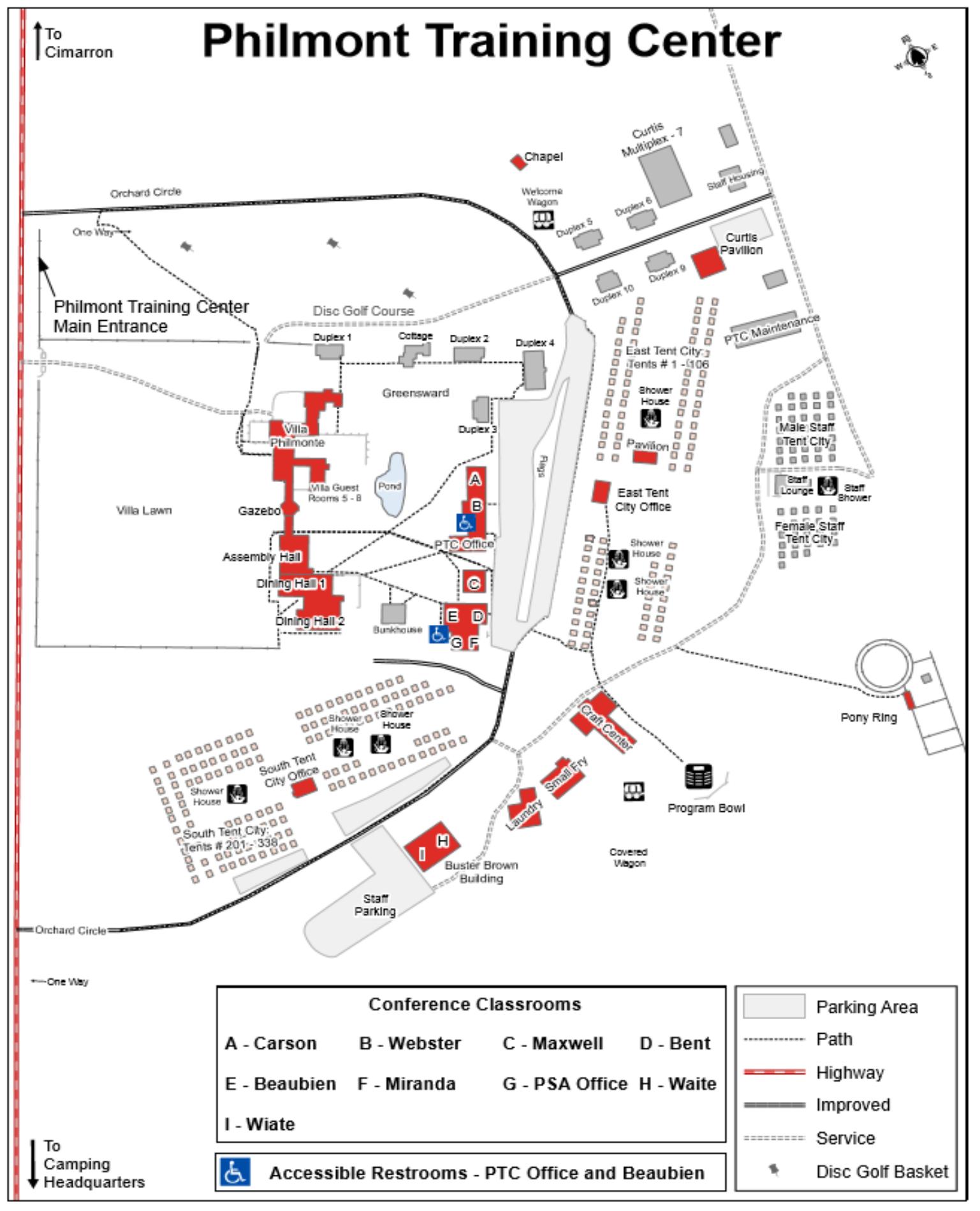
Philmont Scout Ranch
Attn: PTC Course Cancellation
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714

Email to:
trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org.

Fax to:
575-376-2629
Attn: PTC Course Cancellation

Map: Philmont Training Center

Philmont Training Center



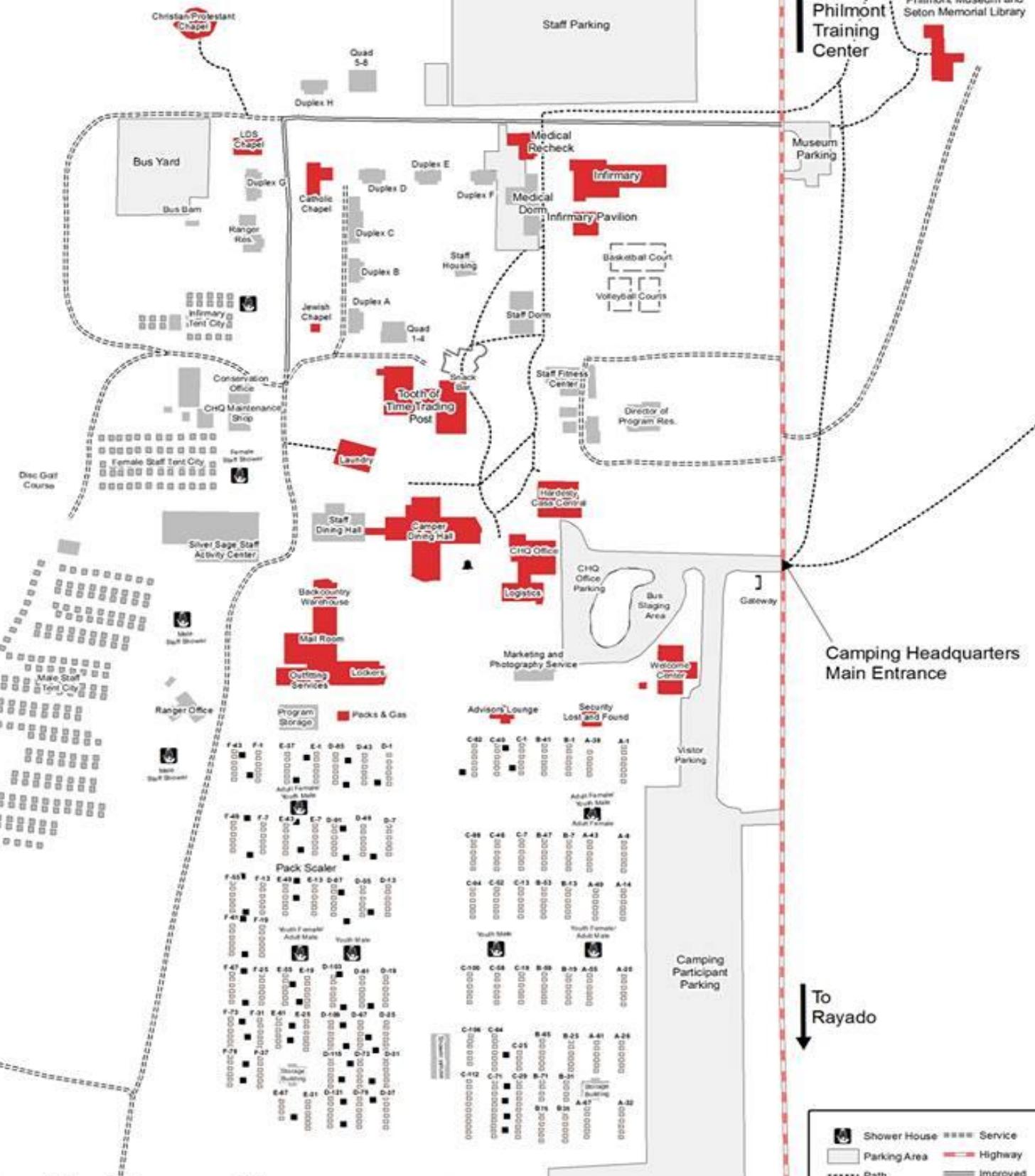
Map: Overall Base Camp

Philmont GIS

Philmont Camping Headquarters



Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library



Date: 10/20/2016



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