

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH – 2009 WEB-BASED REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Backpacking Expeditions & Eight-day Cavalcade Expeditions

BACKPACKING EXPEDITIONS - Participants on backpacking expeditions hike through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch, ranging in elevation from 6,600 feet at Headquarters to 12,441 feet at the top of Baldy Mountain. Fascinating backcountry programs and more than 350 miles of challenging trails await those who seek to discover the wonder of Scouting's Paradise as over 840,000 Scouts, Venturers and leaders have since 1939.

The arrival dates for 2009, 12-day Expeditions are June 8 thru August 9. The cost for the 12 day Expedition is \$595 per person. Arrival dates for treks of a shorter duration are August 10 thru 14. The cost for the Short Trek is \$52 per person/per day. The crew size is 7-12 members, including leaders.

Philmont Backpacking Expedition Reservations for the year 2009 will be accepted in two ways: Council contingent reservation and individual unit reservations.

Council Contingent Reservations for the year 2009 will be taken during September 2007. A reservation form will be mailed to each Scout Executive in August. Each council will be asked to freeze their reservation request at or below their 2007 or 2008 level.

Philmont defines a Council Contingent as a "provisional expedition composed of Scouts, Venturers and leaders". Ideally, contingents should provide a "Philmont Experience" to individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend.

Philmont prohibits units from attending two years consecutively in either a 12 day Backpacking Expedition and/or a Cavalcade experience. In selecting participants for a Council Contingent, priority should be given to participants (youth & adults) who have never attended.

Individual Unit Reservations for the year 2009 will take place during October and November 2007 using a web-based registration process. A registration information packet with all the instructions for the registration system will be mailed to all interested units in early October 2007 and will be posted to www.scouting.org/philmont in early October. Units may request this information by contacting Philmont Scout Ranch at 505-376-2281 x 225 or email camping@philmontscoutranch.org.

1. Online reservation requests for the random selection registration will take place during October and November. Units will be eligible to register during a week assigned to their BSA Region. At the conclusion, a final week of open enrollment will be available. **EACH UNIT IS ASKED TO HAVE ONLY ONE PERSON PLACE THE ENTRY SOMETIME DURING THE ASSIGNED WEEK.**
2. A unit may register members of their chartered unit only, but are not limited to one crew (maximum crew size =12 participants), however, please be realistic when estimating attendance to avoid unnecessary expense (forfeited deposit fees) and to permit the maximum number of units to make a reservation.
3. When 2009 reaches capacity, groups will be placed on a waiting list for 2009 in the order reservations are randomly selected.
4. Units with a confirmed 2008 reservation may not place a reservation for the year 2009 - **units may not attend two consecutive seasons.** Reservations **MAY NOT** be transferred from one unit to another. Philmont maintains a waiting list and will contact the next available group in the event of a cancellation.
5. Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venture Crews who have officially been on the waiting list for the past four years (2008, 2007, 2006, 2005) will be given priority treatment. These units will enter the reservation system before all other reservation requests are randomly considered.

CAVALCADES - Participants of Philmont Cavalcades ride horseback over some of Philmont's most scenic trails. Designed for chartered troops or venturing crews, Cavalcade participants acquire riding and packing skills long in use in the American West. Philmont offers two eight-day, eight-night Cavalcades on each arrival date. (June 16, 17, 25, 26, July 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25, August 2, 3, 12, 13) The cost for 2009 is \$645 for each participant. The crew size is 10-15 participants, including leaders. There is a 200 pound weight limit for all riders.

A random drawing will be held in January 2008 for 2009 Cavalcades. To participate in the drawing, notify Philmont in writing by January 1, 2008 (can be emailed). Selected groups will be notified by mail and will receive a reservation form that must be approved by their local council. A group may not attend in two consecutive seasons on a Cavalcade experience and/or 12 day Backpacking Expedition.

Age Requirements for Participation - Philmont participants for both Expeditions and Cavalcades for 2009 must be 14 by January 1, 2009 OR have completed the 8th grade and be at least 13 prior to participation. To avoid disappointment, please do not request or expect exceptions! Philmont can make no exceptions to the minimum age/grade attendance requirements.

Adult Leadership - A minimum of two adult leaders is required for both Expeditions and Cavalcades. The maximum number of adults per crew is four.

SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL TREK EXPERIENCES

RAYADO TREK - Older Scouts and Venturers (not coed crews) who have mastered basic outdoor skills should consider applying for the challenging and selective Rayado Trek program. Rayado participants will experience more of Philmont's backcountry and will have program opportunities not available to Expedition campers. Rayado is unparalleled for developing outdoor leadership, group dynamics, wilderness problem solving and advanced outdoor skills. A Rayado Trek encourages participants to attain a high level of personal growth and self-reliance. Rayado is a twenty (20) day program. Participants depart the morning of the twenty-first (21st) day (July 9 and August 6 are departure dates).

2008 Dates: Sessions #1: June 19 – July 9 #2: July 17 – August 6
Cost: \$635 Length: 20 days and nights Age: 15 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion
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TRAIL CREW TREK (New in 2007) – A new Trail Crew Trek Program will be offered at Philmont Scout Ranch during the summer of 2007. The fourteen day trek will feature an intense trail building training course while hiking through the Ranch. Participants will learn the newest "best practices" of trail construction and maintenance and will be introduced to the William T. Hornaday Conservation Award. Leadership skills, Leave No Trace techniques, and advanced outdoor skills will also be part of the program. The Trail Crew Trek is a fourteen (14) day program. Participants depart the morning of the fifteenth (15th) day (June 22 and August 10 are departure dates).

2008 Dates: Sessions #1 and #2: June 9 – 23 (one session coed)
#3 and #4: July 28- August 11 (both sessions coed)
Cost: \$275 Length: 14 days and nights Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion
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R.O.C.S. (Roving Outdoor Conservation School) - The Roving Outdoor Conservation School is an exciting program for Scouts and Venturers who have an interest in conservation and natural resource management. As the crew hikes the ranch, the participants will camp in many of the different forest types and participate in activities in some of the following areas: forestry, fire ecology, fisheries management, wildlife management, geology, watershed management and range management. The crew will work on a number of conservation projects on Philmont property and other land the Ranch has a special use permit for, including the U.S. Forest Service Valle Vidal Unit. R.O.C.S. is a twenty-one (21) day program. Participants depart the morning of the twenty-second (22nd) day (July 7, 14, 21, 28, & Aug 4 are departure dates).

2008 Dates: Sessions #1: June 16 - July 7 #2: June 23 - July 14
#3: June 30 - July 21 (Female Session) #4: July 7 - 28 #5: July 14- Aug 4
Cost: \$410 Length: 21 days and nights Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion
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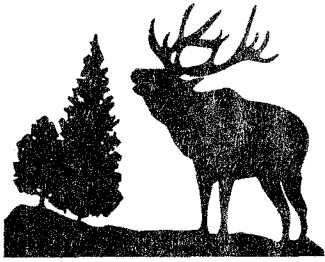
RANCH HANDS - Ranch Hands is a program for Scouts and Venturers who have knowledge of horsemanship and horse care and want to expand their skills and experience. The Ranch Hand crew will spend eight days working in the horse department hauling hay, saddling, daily chores and other horse program tasks. Then they will participate in their own special Cavalcade itinerary trek for eight days. Ranch Hands is a sixteen (16) day program. Participants depart the morning of the seventeenth (17th) day (July 23 is a departure date).

2008 Dates: One Session Only: July 7 – July 23
Cost: \$100 Length: 16 days and nights Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion
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ORDER OF THE ARROW TRAIL CREW - The Order of the Arrow is offering an opportunity for Arrowmen to join together in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails at Philmont. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The Trail Crew Trek is a fourteen (14) day program. Participants depart the morning of the fifteenth (15th) day (June 22, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16 are departure dates).

2008 Dates: Sessions #1: June 8 – 22 #2: June 15 – 29 #3: June 22 - July 6 #4: June 29 - July 13
#5: July 6 – 20 #6: July 13 – 27 #7: July 20 – August 3 #8: July 27 – August 10
#9: August 3 - 17
Cost: \$150 Length: 14 days and nights Age: 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion

For additional information about any of these special individual Philmont Experiences please contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 505-376-2281 or camping@philmontscout ranch.org



DOUBLE H HIGH ADVENTURE BASE 2009 WEB-BASED REGISTRATION

The Double H High Adventure Base, located in Datil New Mexico, is the newest Adventure of the Boy Scouts of America. The Double H will provide you and your crew with a rugged backpacking experience unlike any you have done before. A Wilderness Guide will spend the entire trek with you, providing training and program. Your Adventure will be a strenuous one that will require teamwork and preparation.

Your crew will have a chance to hike through canyons, navigate cross country with a GPS, and watch prize bull elk and other wildlife. Base Camp is located at over 7,000 feet. Significant elevation changes will occur while hiking through the open ponderosa forest and participating in the exciting programs such as astronomy, Leave-No-Trace, challenge/team building, geocaching, field archery, inline black powder shooting, and much more.

The Double H High Adventure Base is located at the 100,000 acre, Torstenson Family Wildlife Center, formerly known as the Double H Ranch. The Double H is made possible through a partnership with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Boy Scouts of America. It is also operated by Philmont Scout Ranch and is a program of Philmont.

The Double H will accept arrivals for seven (7) day High Adventure Expeditions from June 20 to July 27, 2009. Groups should plan to arrive at the Double H by 10:00 am on Day 1 and depart by 12:00 pm on Day 7. Meals will begin with lunch on Day 1 and end with breakfast on Day 7. An optional lunch can be purchased on Day 7.

Council Contingent Reservations for the Double H High Adventure Base for 2009 will be taken during September 2006. A Council Contingent is defined as a "provisional expedition composed of Scouts, Venturers and Leaders". Ideally, contingents should provide a "Double H Experience" to individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend.

Individual Unit Reservations for the Double H High Adventure Base for 2009 can be made through the Philmont web-based registration system that will take place in October and November 2007. (Please note information about the individual unit process on the reverse side of this page.) A registration information packet with all the instructions for the registration system will be mailed to all interested units in early October 2007 and will be posted to www.scouting.org/philmont in early October. Units may request this information by contacting Philmont Scout Ranch at 505-376-2281 x 225 or email doubleh@philmontscoutranch.org.

Fee for 2009 Double H is \$395 per participant, youth or adult . A deposit of \$50 per participant is required to hold your reservation and is due January 31, 2008.

Age Requirements for Participation – Double H participants for 2009 must be 14 by January 1, 2009 **OR** have completed the 8th grade and be at least 13 prior to participation. To avoid disappointment, please do not request or expect exceptions! Philmont can make no exceptions to the minimum age/grade attendance requirements.

Adult Leadership - A minimum of two adult leaders is required for Double H Expeditions. The maximum number of adults per crew is four.