

2012 Philmont Program Features

Name	Description
30/06 Rifle Shooting/Reloading	This program offers a review of firearms and tips for successful and safe shooting. Wildlife conservation and game management are discussed. Metallic silhouette targets provide a challenging experience at the .30-06 rifle range. Each participant will reload and fire 3 rounds; additional rounds may be purchased at 3 for \$1.00.
3D Archery	Archery combined with 3 dimensional targets
Archaeology	The Ponil country in the northern section is rich in the prehistoric background of the American Indian. Your crew can help reconstruct Philmont history while participating in this fascinating program and learning about Indians who inhabited this area. An educated archaeologist and staff explain and supervise the program in the North Ponil Canyon. Activities may include assisting with excavations or preparing specimens and artifacts. PLEASE NOTE: You can assist the archaeology program by being observant as you hike the trails. You may discover an artifact that will lead to further discoveries Philmont's antiquities rightfully belong to Philmont and are most meaningful when left where found. Others can then share the benefit of your discovery. Please report all finds to one of the staff archaeologists at Indian Writings or to the Philmont Museum.
Astronomy	Take advantage of the light pollution free New Mexico skies and explore the Milky Way. See more stars than you've ever seen.
Baldy Mountain	Mount Baldy at 12,441 feet is the highest peak on the ranch and is a challenging side hike with views of multiple states as well as Eagles Nest Lake.
Black Powder Rifle	You will use powder, patch, ball, ramrod, and cap to actually load and shoot a .50 caliber muzzle-loading rifle.
Blacksmithing	A staff blacksmith will acquaint you with a working forge, blower, leg vice and hardie, and an array of tongs used to grip red-hot iron. He will discuss and demonstrate techniques for firing the forge, working metal, and tempering the finished product.
Burro Packing	No animal is more closely associated with the colorful history of the Southwest than the burro. Burro packing methods are explained and demonstrated. Your tents and food may be packed on burros using a diamond hitch. Burros are available for use on the trail in the northern portion of the ranch, starting or ending at Ponil and Miranda. Burro traps (holding pens for overnight stops) are located at Ponil, Pueblano, and Miranda. Hay for feeding is provided at these camps. If your itinerary provides for packing burros, take advantage of this unique opportunity to pack them just as the miners once did.
Burro Racing	Thrills galore await you in catching, packing, and racing a burro in competition with other crews. This activity provides a memorable experience. In keeping with the southwestern spirit of the program.

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Cantina Show	Enjoy an old time cantina show while enjoying a pitcher or two of Root Beer with your crew.
Cavalcade	Cavalcade is the Philmont term for a High Adventure Trek atken ion Horseback. Cavalcades have their own unique itineraries departing from either Cattle Headquarters in the South or Ponil in the North.
Challenge Events	A series of activities that will test the teamwork, skill, and resourcefulness of your crew awaits you at camps offering this program. While the challenges can be met by every crew, the real contest is with yourself. Did you do your best? How would you do better next time?
Chuck Wagon Breakfast	This program offers a break from the normal trail breakfast with a hot chuck wagon style meal prepared by members of your crew with others in a large group setting.
Chuck Wagon Dinner	This program offers a break from the normal trail breakfast with a hot chuck wagon style meal prepared by members of your crew with others in a large group setting.
Continental Tie & Lumber	The exciting legend of the loggers with the Continental Tie and Lumber Company will come to life in this program. Staff will share their skills of spar tree "pole" climbing and the use of wood tools and instruments. Competition in exciting logging events such as log toss, cross-cut sawing, and log tongs races will challenge your crew.
Corn Grinding	Listed in itinerary summaries for 2006 but did not appear to be offered nor was it listed in the program section of the Treks Book for 2006
Dutch Oven Dessert	Nothing beats a hot cobbler. This program gives your crew the opportunity to create an after dinner treat using the fillings and ingredients supplied by staff along with their 'secret' recipe.
Evening Campfire	Enjoy an evening campfire put on by Philmont's staff with stories, songs and skits.
Fishing Lodge Tour	The lodge at Fish Camp is one of Waite Phillips original back country camps where he took visitors to the ranch to commune with the outdoors. A tour of this historic lodge is offered along with discussions of the history associated with it.
Fishing Opportunities	The Rayado and Agua Fria streams in the south and Ponil stream in the north offer excellent trout fishing. Though not large, these trout are wary and exciting to catch. A little time and skill spent along these streams may yield you a delicious trout supper or breakfast. Fly rods may be checked out at Fish Camp, Phillips Junction, Abreu, and Ponil. All fishermen are required to have a current New Mexico state fishing license.

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Fly Tying	A program counselor with material and equipment will show you how to tie your own trout flies. The thrill of catching a trout on a fly you have tied is hard to beat. Near Fish Camp and Abreu a catch and release program is in effect. If you don't know how to remove the hook from your fish or how to clean it, a program counselor will demonstrate the correct methods. Your crew may also participate in Philmont's fish habitat improvement project and satisfy a portion of your conservation requirements. All fishermen are required to have a current New Mexico state fishing license.
Folk Weather Forecasting	
Gold Mining & Panning	Gold is still found in almost all streams on Philmont, which was once the scene of lucrative gold-mining operations. Mine shafts, sluice boxes, and placer mines dot the mountainsides and valleys. If your itinerary takes you to Cypher's Mine or French Henry you will tour a real gold mine. Not working now, the mine is carefully shored so you can tour the mine tunnel. Bring your jacket and flashlight for the tour. Learn about adventures that were experienced during the fascinating and colorful past as determined miners sought their fortunes in these historic mountains. When you find some "color," ask one of the staff miners for some cellophane tape so you can take your discovery home to show others your success. Gold pans are available for you to use at Cypher's Mine, Baldy Camp, and French Henry.
Gymkhana	The final event of a Cavalcade, Gymkhana is the action packed, precision sport of the equestrian world. A good Gymkhana horse must have the speed of a race horse, the turning quickness and agility of a cutting horse and the control and responsiveness of the stock horse. The word 'Gymkhana' is thought to have originated in India, probably meaning 'games on horseback'. Events are designed for competition between riders which bring into play the abilities of the rider and the speed and handiness of the horse. A number of events such as Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and the Keyhole Race, can be found at gymkhanas throughout the United States.
Hart Peak	Climb this 7975' peak and get rewarded with great views of Baldy & the north country.
Hike in via Tooth of Time	The "Summit of Scouting". This icon represents Philmont and for many the last challenge and high spot of their adventure at the ranch. At just over 9000 feet, the tooth offers great views of base camp, Urraca mesa and much of the back country. A great last look.
Hike over Big Red	Climb Big Red which rises 10,875 above Philmont's Central country.
Hike over Black Mountain	Climb Black Mountain which rises 10,785' above Philmont's Central country..
Historic Homestead	Ring Place is preserved much as it was when the Ring Brothers lived there. It is a working Homestead today and a snapshot in time of things as they really were in the old west.
Homesteading	Here your crew will visit a working homestead. The staff will help you learn early day skills such as rail splitting, shingle making, primitive farming, log structure construction and care of farmyard animals.

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Horse Rides	Philmont owns and maintains a remuda of 250 western horses with strings located at Beaubien, Clark's Fork, and Ponil. All three camps offer exhilarating mountain horse rides at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Be prompt for your scheduled ride. Reservations are made at Logistics Services on a first-come, first-served basis upon arrival at Philmont. Philmont wranglers are courteous but strict. They make certain everyone stays in line and maintains the pace to avoid endangering members of your crew. Even skilled riders cannot be permitted to ride at a different pace or away from the group. Please cooperate with the wranglers by following instructions for a safe and enjoyable ride. For your personal safety you will wear a helmet, which will be provided. Ponchos and maps should not be taken since they may frighten the horses. Wear long trousers on your horse ride to protect your legs. Persons weighing over 200 pounds will not be permitted to ride.
Hunting Lodge Tour	At Hunting Lodge you will have the opportunity to tour Waite Phillips Hunting Lodge. The tour includes a narrative of local history and a unique evening program on the Hunting Lodge Porch includes stories and conversations conducted by staff acting in specific roles of visitors to the lodge in the late 1930s.
Jicarilla Apache Life	This unique program features the lifestyle of the Jicarilla Apache. You will see how the Jicarilla's worked and played. A replica Jicarilla village has been erected for this program. Tepees are furnished with realistic fireplaces, back rests, robes, hides, and baskets for you to see. Learn how to make arrowheads by knapping (chipping) rock with deer antlers. You may also grind corn using a mano and metate formed from smooth rocks.
Land Navigation / GPS Technology	Bone up on your Map and Compass Skills and explore GPS technology on either a short or long orienteering course.
Leave No Trace Camping	Wild land ethic depends upon attitude and awareness rather than on rules and regulations. While at Dan Beard you will have the opportunity to learn how to enjoy wild land with respect; to hike, camp, eat meals, and dispose of trash without leaving a scar or trace.
Mexican Dinner	Here your crew will help make an authentic Mexican dinner and enjoy eating it in lieu of the normal trail fare.
Mexican Homestead	Here you will become acquainted with the art of constructing southwestern architecture. After mixing a batch of adobe mud, using a special formula of clay, straw, water, and sand, you pack it into wooden forms to mold bricks. When the bricks have dried from the solar energy of the New Mexico sun, they are used for construction.
Mine Tour	Tour an authentic gold mine
Mount Phillips	Climb Clear Creek Mountain. This 11,711' peak was renamed for Waite Phillips, the Benefactor who gave Philmont to the BSA. From the summit see great views including the nearby Angle Fire Ski resort, Baldy Mountain, Wheeler Peak the tallest in New Mexico as well as peaks in Colorado.

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Mountain Biking	Enjoy one of America's fastest growing sports as your crew takes a wilderness Mountain Bike Ride into the most remote areas of the beautiful Valle Vidal section of the Carson National Forest.
Mountain Man Rendezvous	Catch some of the flavor of a mountain man rendezvous while at Miranda. Find out why rendezvous were held and what went on. See demonstrations of the mountain man way of life and participate in some of these skills and contests such as "hawk" throwing and muzzle-loading rifle.
Post Civil War Settlers	This interpretive program is based upon skills utilized by the people who lived in this area just after the civil war.. The only access to Black Mountain camp is on horse or foot; it is a perfect setting for this unique program
Ranger Training	Your Ranger will accompany your crew into the back country. During your first day on the trail your Ranger will instruct your crew on Philmont's back country protocols including land navigation, emergency procedures and meal preparation and cleanup, campsite selection. Your Ranger will then accompany you on the trail to your second campsite, normally leaving you on the morning of your third day on the trail.
Rock Climbing / Rappelling	This fascinating and challenging sport is a favorite of all Philmont campers. You'll scale a steep pitch and rappel down a sheer cliff Philmont has carefully selected three areas to conduct this program where the rocks are safe and practical, but a distinct "Class Five" challenge. Under the supervision of expert climbers, you will climb using your hands and feet while protected by rope, carabineers, and helmet. Safety is always stressed and practiced.
Rocky Mountain Fur Company	Veteran trappers of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company (portrayed by Philmont staff members) have established an outpost camp. Trapping was their way of life; however, it is not practiced at Philmont today. See traps like those they used to catch beaver, muskrat, raccoon, and bear. Hear about how they cured the hides and see trade goods which they used to purchase food and supplies.
Scout Rededication Ceremony	This unique evening program is designed to allows you to reflect on Scouting's values and re-dedicate yourself to them.
Search & Rescue	This exciting informative program will enable your crew to "Be Prepared" to meet emergency first aid needs in a true wilderness environment. Every year many people become lost in the outdoors. Scouts are often called upon to help search for these people. Your crew will enjoy learning how to correctly conduct an organized search.
Seton Memorial Library and Philmo	Exhibitions at the Philmont Museum portray Philmonts rich frontier heritage, depicting the life of the cowboy, Native American, miner, mountain man, and settler, and the contribution they made to the history of Cimarron country. The Seton Memorial Museum houses the library and personal art and natural history collections of world famous author, artist, naturalist, and first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, Earnest Thompson Seton.
Shotgun shooting & reloading - 12	Shooting trap takes skill, but with some instruction and practice you may find that you can hit clay birds. Each participant at Harlan will reload and fire 3 rounds: additional rounds may be purchased at 3 for \$1.00.

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Side Hike Hidden Valley	Hidden Valley, located on top of the ridge above Cimmaroncito and between Aspen Springs and Hunting Lodge is a unique and beautiful valley located atop a ridge. This is a great hike capped off with endless views of Tooth Ridge and the Villa Philmonte (if you look real close) from Window Rock. Venturing to the west of Window Rock will reward with a breathtaking view of the back country.
Stomp	Stomp is a unique evening program conducted by the staff of Cypher's Mine inside Charlie Cypher's cabin.
Sweat Lodge	Enjoy a "Jicarilla sauna" in a sweat lodge, followed by a dousing with cold water.
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Tour Abreu Homestead	Tour this working Mexican Homestead and learn about the life of the early settlers.
Tour Kit Carson Home	<p>Philmont lies on part of a land grant given to Carlos Beaubien and Guadalupe Miranda by the Mexican government in 1841. Mountain man Lucien Maxwell founded a colony on the grant on the Rayado River in 1848. A year later he was joined at the settlement by frontiersman Kit Carson. In 1950 the Boy Scouts of America constructed an adobe museum at Rayado to serve as an interpretive area to portray its history. It was named in honor of Kit Carson. The Kit Carson Museum is located seven miles south of Philmont's headquarters at to original site of the Rayado Colony at what is now known as Rayado Camp, the museum is built in the style of Mexican Haciendas of the middle 19th century. The rooms of the museum are furnished to the period of the 1850s when frontiersman Kit Carson and Lucian Maxwell carved out a wilderness ranch there along the Santa Fe trail.</p> <p>Staff at Kit Carson Museum dress in period clothing and demonstrate frontier skills and crafts like blacksmithing, cooking, shooting, and farming. Each room in the Museum is outfitted with reproduction furniture and objects typical of New Mexico in the 1850s. The Rayado Trading Company, located at the Museum, sells books, maps, reproduction tools and equipment, moccasins, and blankets.</p> <p>Kit Carson Museum is located seven miles south of Headquarters. Bus transportation to and from the Museum is available from Headquarters at 3:00pm each day. Tickets may be purchased for a nominal fee from the Camping Registrar. Large groups should schedule with Logistics Services before starting for the Museum.</p> <p>Rayado is a certified site on the Santa Fe National Historic Trail.</p>
Tour Petroglyphs	Early Jicarilla Indian settlers in Philmont's north country created these works of art hundreds of years ago.

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Trail Peak	Trail Peak, at over 10000 feet is one of the highest peaks on the ranch. It is also the last resting place of Liberator 41-1133, a B24 which crashed in 1941. Several plaques serves as memorials and some of the wreckage, including a large piece of the left wing remain. Please treat this place with respect by not playing on the wreck or taking souvenirs.
Tyrannosaurus Rex Track	See the world's only fossilized Tyrannosaurus Rex track.
Visit Historic Baldy Town	Baldy Camp is actually what remains of a Gold Mining town that was active until the 1940s. This segment of the ranch was acquired by Norman Clapp in the early 1960's and added to Waite Phillip's original grant to create the ranch as we know it today.
Visit the Villa Philmonte	When Waite Phillips gave Philmont Ranch to the Boy Scouts of America in 1941, he included in the gift his palatial ranch, the Villa Philmonte. Philmont maintains and preserves the "Big House" as a memorial to Phillips and his generosity to the Boy Scouts. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours of the Villa may be scheduled at the Philmont Museum.
Western Lore	Philmont is an operating western cattle ranch. Cowboys still watch over cattle on horseback and drive them from their winter pasture on the plains to high mountain meadows for summer grazing. While you hike the trails, look for the white-face Hereford cattle. Though not wild, they are best observed from a distance. A cow with a calf may become dangerous if she feels her calf is threatened. To chase or attempt to rope these animals is foolish and can result in serious injury. Watch and photograph them if you wish. An organized western lore program is offered at Beaubien, Ponil and Clark's Fork. Horse riding, campfires, and branding are all part of the western lore program. Philmont cowboys will tell you about New Mexico's cattle industry. Using authentic western lariats, they will show you how to rope. The cowboy's garb and equipment will be named and their uses explained. After a hearty chuck wagon dinner which you help prepare, you'll gather around a campfire under the western sky for an evening of songs, guitar playing, and stories of the Old West at Beaubien or Clark's Fork.
Wilderness Medicine	Learn how to deliver First Aid in a wilderness setting where you are the first responder and professional medical assistance is potentially hours away.
Woodbadge Museum	Philmont was the site of the second Woodbadge course in the US. Zastrow was the site of some of these early courses before it was established as a Staff Camp. The Axe and Log sundial, a gift of the scouting movement in the UK, was originally installed at the Schiff Scout reservation before being moved to Philmont.

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