

PHILMONT EXPEDITION REGISTRATION FOR 2011

Registration requests for 2011 Expeditions for Philmont Scout Ranch will be made on the internet beginning November 1 thru December 5, 2009. Please review the attached flyers for complete information and attendance requirements for Philmont. The following information is provided to assist your unit in placing a registration request:

1. From November 1 through December 5, registration requests will be accepted via internet for 12-day and 7-day Expeditions.
2. Reservations **will not** be assigned in the order that registration requests are made. Reservations will be picked randomly by computer at the close of the registration request period beginning December 6. **Special Note: Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venture Crews who have officially been on the waiting list for the past four years (2010, 2009, 2008, 2007) will be given priority treatment.** These units need to place a registration request and the system will place their reservation before the other registration requests are randomly considered. Units who should have been eligible for this offer but found alternate ways to allow their youth members to participate in 2010 (i.e. participating in a Council Contingent or joining another unit and participating as part of their reservation) should voluntarily withdraw from the 2011 reservation system and honor the minimum participation requirement of every other year.
3. Units may make only one registration request during this process. However, the request may be made for consideration of multiple arrival dates. **Please do not attempt to make duplicate registration requests.**
4. A unit representative may place crew registration request only for members of their chartered unit but are not limited to one crew (maximum crew size = 12 participants), however, please be realistic when estimating attendance to avoid unnecessary expense (forfeited fees) and to permit the maximum number of units to obtain a reservation. Please refer to the formula on the worksheet for determining the number of crews you are reserving.
5. A worksheet is provided in order to assist you in collecting the information required to place your registration request. Please complete the worksheet and have it available when you access the website. **DO NOT MAIL THE WORKSHEET TO PHILMONT.**
6. Unit representatives may log on to <http://philmontreservations.wslive.com/2011> during their assigned week which corresponds to their BSA Region or during the open week. To verify the BSA Region in which your unit is located, please contact your Council Service Center.
▶ **Week One: Northeast Region ~ Nov 1 – 7** ▶ **Week Two: Western Region ~ Nov 8 - 14**
▶ **Week Three: Southern Region ~ Nov 15 - 21** ▶ **Week Four: Central Region ~ Nov 22 - 28**
▶ **Week Five: Open Week ~ Nov 29 – Dec 5**
Please Note: Each Region's schedule will begin at 12:00 am Central Standard Time
7. The system will allow the unit representative to create a password to make changes or corrections to the unit reservation entry either within their assigned week or during the open week. The representative will receive a confirmation e-mail at the conclusion of the request process. Only one record is kept on file for each unit.
8. Once the registration request process is completed, the computer will randomly select units to receive reservations. When 2011 reaches capacity, groups will be placed on a waiting list for 2011 in the event of cancellations.
9. Units with a confirmed 2010 reservation for Philmont may not place a request for 2011 – units may not attend in two consecutive seasons. Reservations may not be transferred from one unit to another. Philmont will maintain the waiting list and contact the next available group on the waiting list in the event of a cancellation.
10. After the computer selection process is completed, an e-mail will be sent to each representative giving them their unit's status. This will take place during the middle of December. A hard copy of the registration results will be mailed in early January.
11. A **\$100 non-refundable deposit**, per participant will be due February 12, 2010.
12. Questions about the 2011 registration process may be directed to Philmont Scout Ranch by e-mailing camping@philmontscout ranch.org or by phone: 575-376-2281.

SUMMER 2011 PHILMONT REGISTRATION REQUEST WORKSHEET

(Do not mail this worksheet to Philmont!)

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during your BSA Region's assigned week or during the open week to make your registration request.

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Please complete all information on this worksheet before using the internet to make your registration request.

Please circle one: Troop Varsity Team Venture Crew

Unit # _____ Council Name _____

Sponsoring Organization _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail address _____

Please use this formula to determine the number of crews you will reserve:

of youth _____ + # of adults _____ = _____ ÷ 12 = _____ Crews*

** Round crew # up to next whole #*

Example: 16 youth + 4 adults = 20 ÷ 12 = 1.66 crews – round to 2 crews

of Crews _____ (maximum crew size 12, minimum crew size 7)

of Youth _____ **(2011 Philmont participants must be 14 years of age OR completed 8th Grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation.)**

of Adults _____ (21 years of age or older, limited to 4 per crew)

Philmont available 12-day Expeditions – each day June 8 through August 9

Philmont available 7-day Expeditions – August 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Please note on the registration request website you must do one and/or any of the following:

- 1) prioritize 5 preferable arrival dates**
- 2) check all specific dates your group would like to be considered for**
- 3) check months (June, July, August) your group would be able to attend on any available date**
- 4) check that you are able to accept any available date throughout the summer**

Reminder – When making your registration request you must check at least one date.

THE PHILMONT TREK EXPERIENCE

A Philmont trek is physically, mentally and emotionally demanding. Each participant must be able to carry a 35 to 50 lb. pack (but no more than 25-30% of their body weight) while hiking 5 to 12 miles per day in an isolated mountain wilderness, ranging from 6,500 to 12,500 feet in elevation. Climatic conditions include temperatures from 30 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit, low humidity (10-30%) and frequent, sometimes severe, afternoon thunderstorms. Activities include horseback riding, rock climbing and rappelling, challenge events, pole climbing, black powder shooting, 12 gauge trap shooting, .30-06 shooting, trail building, mountain biking and other activities that may have potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Refer to the *Guidebook to Adventure* for specific information. Philmont staff instructs participants in safety measures to be followed. Each participant and crew is expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for the health and safety of each of its members.

Philmont requires that all participants meet the height/weight limits found on the last page of this document.

EXPEDITIONS:

Length: 12 days & nights

Arrival Dates: Each day June 8 through August 9

Cost: \$725 per person -

Payment Schedule:

\$100/person deposit due Feb 12, 2010

\$312.50/person advance Oct. 1, 2010

\$312.50/person balance March 1, 2011

Length: 7 days & nights

Arrival Dates: August 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Cost \$441 per person

Payment Schedule:

\$100/person deposit due Feb 12, 2010

\$171/person advance due Oct 1, 2010

\$171/person balance due March 1, 2011

FEE PAYMENTS

The Philmont fee is charged for every participant, including adult advisors. A deposit of \$100.00 per participant is required to hold your reservation and is due approximately (30) days of receiving a confirmation letter. Each group must pay half of the balance of fees by October 1, with the final payment due March 1.

ALL FEE PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE TO THE BALANCE OF YOUR ACCOUNT. Philmont must commit financial resources to employ staff, purchase food and supplies and prepare for summer operations. Participants are, therefore, required to make a financial commitment to attend.

Be conservative in making reservations to avoid losing fees due to cancellations.

AGE REQUIREMENT

Age requirement for Expeditions and Cavalcades: 2011 Philmont participants must be 14 years of age OR completed 8th Grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

The best available adult leadership should be recruited to accompany each crew. In keeping with the policy of the Boy Scouts of America, there are no gender restrictions for adult leadership at Philmont, except that each coed crew must have coed adult advisors at least 21 years of age or older.

Each Philmont Expedition or Cavalcade crew must have at least two qualified adult advisors one of whom must be 21 years of age or older. The second advisor must be at least 18 years of age. Because Philmont's objective is to serve youth; every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants and **no more than four (4) adult advisors over 21.**

Philmont does not have facilities or program opportunities for the families of Expedition advisors. No family program is available at Camping Headquarters.

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. 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 2010 for 2011 Cavalcades. 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.

Length: 8 days & nights

Arrival Dates: June 16, 17, 25, 26,
July 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25
August 2, 3, 12, 13

Cost: \$700 per person

Payment Schedule:

\$100/person deposit due April 1, 2010
\$300/person advance due Oct. 1, 2010
\$300/person balance due March 1, 2011

*To participate in the 2011 Cavalcade Drawing, a crew must notify Philmont in writing no later than January 1, 2010. Your request can be emailed to camping@philmontscoutranch.org and include a contact name, address, Unit # and the Council your Unit is registered with.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Waite Phillips Scholarships are available to assist worthy youth have an opportunity to participate in a Philmont Scout Ranch experience.

These scholarships are awarded thru local councils and Philmont. Notification of the scholarship application processes will take place in Spring of 2010.

STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Each season, Philmont employs over 1,000 staff members. A wide variety of positions are available, including: rangers; backcountry program counselors; training center and base camp support staff. Applicants must be 18 years of age by time of employment, or older and previous Philmont or other high adventure experience is helpful. Call, write or email philstaff@philmontscoutranch.org for an application.

RISK ADVISORY - PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Philmont has an excellent health and safety record with over 910,000 adults and young people having attended since 1938. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Most participants in Philmont programs do not experience injuries because they are prepared, are conscious of risks, and take safety precautions. If you decide to attend Philmont, you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions and work as a team with your crew and take responsibility for your own health and safety. For further information please thoroughly read the *Guidebook to Adventure*. Like other wilderness areas, Philmont is not risk free and you should be prepared to listen to safety instructions carefully, follow directions and take appropriate steps to safeguard yourself and others.

Parents, guardians and potential participants in Philmont programs are advised that journeying to and from Philmont, and one's stay at Philmont, can involve exposure to accident, illness, and/or injury associated with a high elevation, physically demanding, high adventure program in a remote mountainous area. Campers may be exposed to occasional severe weather conditions such as lightning, hail, flash floods and heat. Other potential problems include: injuries from tripping and falling, motor vehicle accidents, worsening of underlying medical conditions such as diabetes or asthma, heart attacks, heat exhaustion and falls from horses.

Philmont's trails are steep and rocky. Wild animals such as bears, rattlesnakes and mountain lions are native and usually present little danger if proper precautions are taken. Please refer to the *Guidebook to Adventure*, speak with previous Philmont participants, or call Philmont for further information concerning risks and measures which can be taken to avoid accidents. Philmont has staff trained in first aid, CPR and accident prevention, and is prepared to assist in recognizing, reacting, and responding to accidents, injuries and illnesses. Each crew is also required to have at least one member trained in wilderness first aid and CPR. Medical and search and rescue services are provided by Philmont in response to an accident or emergency. However, response times can be affected by location, weather or other emergencies and could be delayed six (6) or more hours.

Philmont trail food is, by necessity, a high carbohydrate, high caloric diet. The trail food is high in wheat, milk products, sugar and corn syrup, and artificial coloring/flavoring. Most dinner meals contain meat. If participant has a problem with the diet described above, contact Philmont for a copy of the trail menu and ingredients and plan to send supplemental food. Philmont will deliver supplemental food to the appropriate pickup places.

PHILMONT WEIGHT LIMITS FOR BACKPACKING AND HIKING

Each participant in a Philmont trek must not exceed the maximum acceptable limit in the weight for height chart shown below. The right hand column shows the maximum acceptable weight for a person's height in order to participate in a Philmont trek. Those who fall within the limits are more likely to have an enjoyable trek and avoid incurring health risks. These guidelines are used because overweight individuals are at a greater risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, altitude illness, sleep problems and injury.

Participants 21 years and older who exceed the maximum acceptable weight limit for their height at the Philmont medical recheck WILL NOT be permitted to backpack or hike at Philmont. For example, a person 70 inches tall cannot weigh more than 226 lbs. All heights and weights will be measured in stocking feet.

For participants under 21 years of age who exceed the maximum acceptable weight for height, the Philmont physicians will use their best professional judgment in determining participation in a Philmont trek. Participants under 21 years of age are strongly encouraged to meet the weight limit for their height. Exceptions are not made automatically and discussion in advance with Philmont is required regarding any exception to the weight limit for persons under 21 years of age, whether it is over or under. Philmont will consider up to 20 lbs. over the maximum acceptable as stated on the chart, however, the exception will never exceed 295 lbs. Philmont's phone number is 575-376-2281.

The maximum weight for any participant in a Cavalcade Trek and for horse rides is 200 lbs. **Under no circumstances will any individual weighing more than 295 pounds be permitted to participate in backcountry programs.** This requirement is necessary because of limitations of rescue equipment and for safety of search and rescue personnel.

Individuals who do not meet Philmont's weight for height requirements will not be allowed on the trail and will be sent home.

Height (inches)	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Allowable Exception	Maximum Acceptable
60	97 - 138	139-166	166
61	101-143	144-172	172
62	104-148	149-178	178
63	107-152	153-183	183
64	111-157	158-189	189
65	114-162	163-195	195
66	118-167	168-201	201
67	121-172	173-207	207
68	125-178	179-214	214
69	129-185	186-220	220

Height (inches)	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Allowable Exception	Maximum Acceptable
70	132-188	189-226	226
71	136-194	195-233	233
72	140-199	200-239	239
73	144-205	206-246	246
74	148-210	211-252	252
75	152-216	217-260	260
76	156-222	223-267	267
77	160-228	229-274	274
78	164-234	235-281	281
79 & over	170-240	241-295	295

This table is based on the revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Health & Human Services.

A water-displacement test to determine percent body fat will also be accepted in lieu of the height-weight guidelines. Women will need to have a body fat of 20% or less and men will need to have a body fat of 15% or less to be qualified to participate. No other form of test to determine percent body fat (DEXA scan, skin fold, etc.) will be accepted by Philmont.