

2008 Troop 210

2008 Philmont Expedition 7-16

Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct

Statement of Understanding:

All youth and adult participants are selected to represent Troop 210 based upon their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness and leadership qualities. Therefore, all youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to sign the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition of participation with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of established rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from the Expedition or during the trip at any time. Each participant must be responsible for their own behavior. The decision to expel a participant is a serious consequence and will only be invoked when necessary.

Code of Conduct:

All youth and adult participants are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. The crew's adult leadership is responsible for the supervision of its members in respect to maintaining discipline and security, while upholding the Philmont Expedition Code of Conduct. They are also expected to **guide** the youth for a safe and manageable Philmont Trek for all members of that crew. Philmont guidelines should always be followed.
2. I understand that the Philmont Expedition Advisor reserves the right to conduct a Risk Management Review of crew trek selections and will advise the crews if, in his/her opinion, a risk factor exists. The Philmont Expedition Advisor will follow the recommendations found in the Philmont Scout Ranch "Peaks" book to make a final determination along with other reference materials.
3. I understand that the Philmont Expedition Advisor and the Crew Advisors are responsible for maintaining and ensuring that the policies and procedures for the trip are followed. I agree to abide by these policies and procedures.
4. The **Scout Oath and Law** will be my guide throughout the Philmont Expedition.
5. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. (The official Scout uniform and expedition-identifying items are the only acceptable apparel at designated specific times.)
6. I will attend **at least 75%** of scheduled programs and training and participate as

required in cooperation with other unit members and leadership. Some training events will be mandatory and non-participation may result in removal from the crew.

7. If selected, this will become my key Scouting priority after 7/13/07.
8. Adults must be BSA registered and thus, must complete Leader Essentials, Youth Protection Training, CPR and Wilderness First Aid certification (16 hour course).
9. I understand that no one will separate from the expedition during the trip to and from Philmont. We will all travel together, stay together while en-route and return together. The buddy system will be utilized at all times.
10. I understand that participation requires strict adherence to established height/weight restrictions. There is zero tolerance of flexibility in this area.
11. I understand that every effort to grant "friends with friends" participation crew assignments will be made but cannot be guaranteed due to the various talents and levels of experience with each person. In addition, I understand that the total needs of the Expedition have priority, including adjustments in buddy arrangements. Crew adjustments are at the cooperative discretion of the Expedition Advisors and Crew Leaders (youth).
12. I understand I am expected to use the crew gear provided by the Philmont Expedition. The only exception is if I wish to bring my own tent. The tent must be approved by the Adult advisor of my crew in advance. In addition, tents must meet Philmont standards.
13. Adult leaders and scouts will be guided by the **Scout Oath and Law**; and must obey all U.S., local and state laws as well as the relevant policies of the Boy Scouts of America.
14. I understand that the purchase, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, including paraphernalia, by any youth or adult member is prohibited throughout the trip. This standard shall apply to all participants, both youth and adult leaders.
15. Serious/or repetitive behavior violations by youth and adults including use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and inappropriate language may result in **expulsion** from the expedition or other serious disciplinary actions. **The Philmont Expedition leader must be contacted *before* expulsion and/or other disciplinary procedures are evoked by respective Crew Advisors.**
16. Serious violations of this code by scouts and/or adult leaders may result in expulsion from the Philmont Expedition at the participant's own expense and without refund of any fees paid. All decisions will be final.

I certify I have read the **Statement of Understanding** and agree to abide by the conditions in the **Code of Conduct** as a participant in the Troop 210 Expedition attending the 2008 Philmont Scout Ranch Trip.

Signature of Participant (adult / youth):

_____ Date _____

Signature of Youth's Parent or Guardian (if participant is not an adult, otherwise indicate as "N/A"):

_____ Date _____

Signature of Committee Chairman (T-210):

_____ Date _____

Signature of 2008 Expedition Leader:

_____ Date _____