

T-210 2008 Philmont Trek Expedition Information

Philmont is 137,495 acres of challenging Scout adventures set amongst the mountains and mesa of northeastern New Mexico. A gift from Waite Phillips, who donated it to the BSA for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity, freedom and principles used to build this great country. Philmont Scout Ranch is located near Cimarron, New Mexico. Explore the Philmont high-country on a 12-day backpacking expedition. Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over 2-miles high! Learn climbing, archaeological excavation techniques, gold panning, blacksmithing and numerous other skills. Extensive, arduous and numerous trek preparations are required and the actual trek itinerary selection is made a few months prior to departure (out of 35 available treks). It's an experience few can have (22,000 participants per year), but no one forgets! Trek dates: July 16 – July 28, 2008 preceded by three days of touring starting July 13, 2008.

Philmont's mountain terrain ranges in elevation from 6,600 feet at Headquarters to 12,441 feet at the top of Baldy Mountain. Summer daytime temperatures often reach the 90's, but nights cool to the 40's and sometimes into the teens. Philmont is also a working cattle and horse ranch. Participation requires numerous pre-training camping trips (known as shakedown), a current medical exam, payment of all Philmont fees and most importantly – parent approval and support. Our 2008 Philmont adventure requires over one year of focused and rigorous preparation, starting with crew selections being announced by 1/31/07 then followed by the first full Expedition meeting on **XXXX** at the First United Methodist Church in Winter Garden from 9 am – 12 noon.

Cost: \$1,600 per person for the 15 day excursion. This amount excludes other substantial expenses: personal gear, crew gear and numerous shakedown camping trips which will likely cost upwards of \$750+ per person.

Each of the three Crews will consist of a maximum of 12 individuals; four adults and eight youth, supported and administered by the 2008 Expedition Advisor with vast High Adventure experiences, including prior Philmont treks. The Philmont trek fee is \$560 per person. The cost of a pre and post Philmont tour (for fun and acclimatization) is estimated at \$600, plus air fare of approximately \$440. (\$560+\$600+\$440 = \$1,600)

Our Philmont Expedition medical requirements

Everyone must complete a specific BSA Philmont medical form. Height and weight restrictions must be met along with current immunizations. Regardless of allowable weight per the Philmont "scale", total weight can't exceed 295 pounds (w/out pack). Excellent physical health (being in trail ready shape) is requested by at 9/1/07 (or a commitment to being in shape, shortly thereafter).

Scout or Venturer & Leader Requirements - {All positions require Advisor approval.}

By January 1, 2008: be 14 years old or have completed the 8th grade and be 13 years old by July 16, 2008. Scouts and Venturers may not reach their 21st birthday before July 16, 2008. At least one registered adult per Crew must be 21 or older. Leaders under 21 must be registered in a BSA unit. Individuals in a Crew under the age of 21 are considered youth.

Contact information

Steve Eisinger, Troop 210 Expedition Advisor (407-656-3823) or Scoutmaster@Troop-210.com

2008 Philmont Trek Reservation / Pre-Application - Submitted to Steve E. by 1/21/07

Circle: Youth or Adult Male or Female Troop or Crew Number: _____
District _____
Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
Address: _____ City / Zip: _____
Date of Birth: Month: _____ Date: _____ Year: _____

Youth Information:

Current Rank: _____ Unit Leadership Positions Held: _____

Adult Information:

Registered Adult Position: _____ Other Scouting Position(s) _____

Previous Philmont Experience? Explain: _____

Check Training:

New Leader Essentials Position Specifics Outdoor Leader Training
 Powderhorn Wood Badge Eagle Scout Wilderness First Aid

Everyone: Please rate* your current physical fitness between 1 and 10 → _____

**(1 = couch potato, "Where is the remote control?" / 3 = average, not much backpacking experience, not in very good shape / 5 = above average with backpacking experience, need to get into shape / 7 = good shape now, however thin mountain air and 50 pound backpacks will take a lot of effort / 10 = numerous backpack treks under my belt and I've been mistaken for a mountain goat on previous long term backpack trips.*

You Agree:

I fully understand a \$50 deposit is required with this reservation/pre -application and will be refunded if not selected. I also understand that if accepted, I am obligated for all related fees, even if I must withdraw and am unable to find a replacement. I will participate in and support fund raising efforts of the Expedition to reduce my individual cost.

_____ (youth or adult signature)

_____ (parent signature for youth if under 21)

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This completed page and a deposit must be processed by the Troop by 1/21/07.