



Philmont Scout Ranch - Cimarron, New Mexico



Mecklenburg County Council Contingent, June 21 - July 3, 2016

Youth Application for Scouts & Venturers

Philmont Scout Ranch is the ultimate High Adventure Base. Since 1938 over one million campers from around the world have enjoyed trekking through the more than 200 square miles of rugged land set among towering mountains, alpine meadows, and awesome vistas of the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico where elevations range from 6,600 to 12,441 feet. Fascinating backcountry programs and over 350 miles of challenging trails await your 12-day expedition.

Youth must be 14 years old before June 21, 2016, OR have completed the 8th grade and be 13 before June 21, 2016. Limited spaces for youth are available in the Council Contingent, which is divided into three 12-member crews. Selection will be based upon the information on this application and date submitted, experience in the Scout/Venturing program, Troop Scoutmaster or Venturing Crew Advisor evaluation, and personal interview with the Philmont Adult Advisors.

The total **estimated** cost is approximately \$2,000 and is **contingent on finalization of transportation costs**. It includes an \$870 Philmont fee, airline fare, ground transportation, lodging, and meals. It does not include personal uniforms, equipment, and spending money. The dates listed above do not include travel and touring time. Departure from Charlotte is typically a few days earlier to provide for pre-trek touring. Payment of fees will be collected in installments on the schedule determined and published by the Expedition Leader and High Adventure Committee. Your submission of this application does not guarantee you a place in the 2016 Philmont Contingent, and in the event you are not selected your fees paid will be returned. All fees must be paid on time according to the published schedule. Fees paid are transferable but not refundable due to commitments necessary to carry out the trip. If you sign up and are selected and later find out you cannot attend, you will receive a refund if there is an alternate to take your place. In the event there is not an alternate, a partial refund may be made to include fees you have paid to date less any expenses relating to contractual agreements made in your behalf.

Application Procedure: 1. Youth/Parent complete front side of application and turn in to your Troop Scoutmaster or Venturing Crew Advisor. Send an Email to MCCHighAdventure@gmail.com to report that you have completed this application and it is being submitted.
2. Troop or Crew adult leader complete Leader Evaluation on page 2 of this application and turn in or mail to: Mecklenburg County Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1410 E. Seventh St., Charlotte, NC 28204.

Youth's Formal Legal Name (First)		(Middle)	(Last)	(Suffix: Jr, III, etc.)	Name Called (Nickname)	
Troop/Crew	District	Name of School Currently Attending		Grade Completed by 6/21/16	Scout/Venturer Rank	Date Rank Earned
Home Address					Date of Birth	Age will be on 06/21/16
City, State, Zip					Home Phone	
Youth's Email Address (print legibly)					Youth's Cell Phone	
Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) (include first names)						
Father's Business			Father's Business/Daytime Phone		Father's Cell Phone	
Mother's Business			Mother's Business/Daytime Phone		Mother's Cell Phone	
Father's Email Address			Mother's Email Address			
Scout/Venturing Leadership Positions (list current and significant past positions held)						
No. Years in Boy Scouts/Venturing (not including Cub Scouts)		Troop/Crew Training (year)	Council Training (year)	Scout Summer Camp (years)	Previous Philmont (year)	
Other Significant Camping or Backpacking						
Related Scout Merit Badges (check if earned)		<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneering	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Survival	
Scouting/Venturing Honors & Awards (OA, 50-Miler, Mile Swim, Religious, etc.)						
T-Shirt Size	Height (in)		Weight		Religious Preference	
School Record, Honors, Extra-Curricular Activities						
Community Service & Participation, including Religious Life						
Why do you want to go to Philmont, and what could you add to your Philmont crew? (use bottom of page 2 or attach extra page if desired)						

We (Youth and Parent) approve and agree to the terms of this application. We certify that the applicant can meet the health and physical fitness requirements of Philmont and will be examined by a licensed health-care practitioner. We agree to the provisions of the trip rules and guidelines and the code of conduct established by Philmont, the Council, and the Trip Adult Advisors. We will pay the balance of fees according to the published schedule.

Youth Signature _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Troop Scoutmaster or Venturing Crew Advisor Evaluation

CONFIDENTIAL APPRAISAL		Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
1.	Scout/Venturing record					
2.	Leadership experience					
3.	Camping and outdoor experience					
4.	Accepts and carries out responsibilities using good judgement					
5.	Cooperates and is a productive member of the team					
6.	Attitude					
7.	Good physical condition					
8.	Personal appearance (correct uniform and insignia)					
9.	Overall appraisal					

Other comments:

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this Scout/Venturer is mature enough as well as mentally and physically prepared to take part in the challenging and physically demanding high adventure expedition to Philmont Scout Ranch which will involve backpacking over 100 miles at altitudes of 6,600 to 12,441 feet with a crew of up to 10 youth and at least 2 adult advisors.

Troop Scoutmaster or Venturing Crew Advisor

Signature _____ Date _____

Philmont Trip Rules and Guidelines

- Each participant must pay all fees on time according to the schedule determined and published by the Expedition Leader and the High Adventure Committee. A typical fee payment schedule includes a deposit of from \$100 to \$250 due upon being selected, with the balance due in two or three installments prior to the trip.
- Each participant agrees to attend and fully participate in the Crew Training and planning meetings.
- Complete Official Scout or Venturing Uniform is required for travel, arrival at, and while at Philmont Camping Headquarters.
- Everyone travels in the same group on the same itinerary, according to the plans of the organizing unit.
- Each participant agrees to follow the trail rules that will be established for the crews.
- Each participant agrees to follow the rules established by BSA, Mecklenburg County Council, and Philmont. This includes requirements for age, weight, physical preparation, and medical certification. It also includes current certification in Adult CPR and Wilderness First Aid for all adult advisors.