

Great Smoky Mountain 2019 High Adventure Programs

Philmont Scout Ranch Summer Trek

June 19-July 2, 2019 (Approximate dates – Travel time not included)

How would you like to spend 12 days this summer backpacking in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch? If that sounds like an adventure for you, join us in one of our GSMC Scouting High Adventure Treks as we head off into the wilderness in Cimarron, New Mexico on the adventure of a lifetime.

The Philmont Backpacking Experience

Philmont is 137,493 acres of challenging Scout adventure set among the mountains and mesas of northeastern New Mexico. It was the gift of Waite Phillips, who “donated and dedicated (it) to the Boy Scouts of America for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity, freedom and principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer.” 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 into the 90’s, but nights cool to the 40’s. Wildlife is abundant on Philmont’s forested mountains and grassy plains. Deer, elk, mountain lion, bear, bobcat, buffalo, and antelope are frequently spotted by observant campers on the ranch.



Approximate Cost: \$1,650.00 – Estimated cost base upon full crew participation. Payment will be completed by *monthly installments* as per agreed upon schedule after sending in the deposit and commitment form (next page). Deposit and all payments will be refunded in the event trek is unable to be filled by required deadline.* *We have a total of 56 slots open for this trek. Slots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. If more than 56 participants sign up before the deadline, a numbered waiting list will be established as a means of determining order of selection if one or more of the first 56 participants cancel after registration.*

Included: All transportation, food and lodging to and from Philmont plus food and consumables while on the trek. NOTE: A side-trip to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO is also included as part of this trek. More information about the plans for the complete trek will be shared in pre-trek meetings.

You Provide: Your own personal backpacking gear, some crew gear, uniform and other appropriate clothing, plus spending money for souvenirs, etc.

Note: A youth must be 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and completed the 8th grade by the date of arrival for trek and at least First Class rank (or similar Venturing rank). Participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and may participate as a member of a chartered unit OR a district or council contingent, with required leadership. (No requests for exceptions, please.)

[For additional information about this trek contact Contingent Leader, Tommy Campbell, email: campbell38451@yahoo.com or Phone: (865) 748-6419, OR, Bruce Van Cleve at the Council Office – (865) 588-6514]

*NOTE: If a sufficient number of participants have not committed to this trip by March 31, 2018, it will be cancelled and deposits will be refunded.

Return form and deposit check to Ms. Jennifer Williams at the GSMC Office at 1333 Old Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, TN 37909

Philmont Summer Adventure Trek Commitment Form

_____ YES, sign me up for the adventure of a lifetime!

Attached is my non-refundable \$250.00 deposit for the GSMC 2019 Summer **Philmont Backpacking** Trek.
(Deposit will be returned only in the event of GSMC's inability to fill the roster for this trek before **March 31, 2018**.)
I understand that, upon payment of this initial deposit, I will be required to pay additional monthly installments at the GSMC Service Center until the entire cost of the trek is covered.

Name: _____ Troop/Crew Number: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
_____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____

(Scoutmaster approval required)

I, _____ affirm that the above registered scout is both physically and emotionally able to complete a trek to Philmont, BSA high adventure base in Cimarron, NM.

(Print Name)

_____, Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor Unit and Number: _____

(Signature)

This form and a non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 must be returned to Ms. Jennifer Williams at the GSMC Service Center **BEFORE March 31, 2018** to assure your space in the upcoming Summer 2019 Philmont Trek.

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