

PHILMONT EXPEDITION UNIT REGISTRATION FOR 2017

REMINDERS:

- **Your unit representative may enter the system anytime from the start date to the end date – there are no BSA Region assigned dates as in previous years.**
- **Any unit can attend in consecutive years.**

Unit reservation requests for 2017 Expeditions (12-day and 7-day) for Philmont Scout Ranch will be made online beginning Wednesday, October 28 thru Wednesday, November 18, 2015. **Please read this information completely** for instructions on the process, fees, and attendance requirements for Philmont. The following information is provided to assist your unit in placing a reservation request:

1. From Wednesday, October 28 thru Wednesday, November 18, 2015, reservation requests will be accepted online for 12-day and 7-day Expeditions. This is **strictly** a random draw and an entry on October 28, 2015 will be treated equally as an entry on November 18, 2015.
2. Reservations **will not** be assigned in the order that requests are made. **Reservations will be picked randomly by computer after December 1. Special Note: Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, Venturing Crews, and Explorer Posts who have officially been on the Wait List for the past four consecutive years (2016, 2015, 2014, & 2013) will be given priority treatment.** These units still need to place an entry for their unit at this time and the system will grant a reservation before the other requests are randomly considered.
3. Units may make only one reservation request during this process. However, the request may be made for consideration of multiple arrival dates and for both 7-day and 12-day treks. **Please do not attempt to make duplicate reservation requests.**
4. A unit representative may place a reservation request for members of their chartered unit only, 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 to determine the number of crews you are requesting.
5. A worksheet is provided in order to assist you in collecting the information required to place your reservation request. Please complete the worksheet and have it available when you access the website. **DO NOT SEND THE WORKSHEET TO PHILMONT.**
6. Unit representatives may log on to <http://registerphilmont.org/2017> beginning Wednesday, October 28. The system will allow the unit representative to create a password to allow changes or corrections to the unit reservation entry anytime during the reservation request window. The representative will receive a confirmation email at the conclusion of the request process. Only one record is kept on file for each unit.
7. Once the unit reservation request window closes, the system will randomly select units to receive reservations. When 2017 reaches capacity, groups will continue to be drawn and placed on a **Wait List** for 2017 in the event of cancellations.
8. Units with a confirmed 2016 reservation for Philmont **will be allowed to place a request for 2017** – beginning in 2016, units are allowed to attend in consecutive seasons. Reservations may not be transferred from one unit to another. Philmont will maintain the **Wait List** and contact the next available group on this list in the event of a cancellation.
10. After the computer selection process is completed, an email will be sent to each representative giving them their unit's status. **You should receive this email no later than December 4, 2015.**
11. Units that are successful in obtaining a reservation will receive a confirmation email in December with a letter and link to obtain the 2017 Expedition Reservation Form. A **\$100 non-refundable deposit**, per participant is due **January 29, 2016.**
12. Questions about the 2017 registration process may be directed to Philmont Scout Ranch by email to camping@philmontscoutranch.org or by phone: 575-376-2281.

SUMMER 2017 PHILMONT RESERVATION REQUEST WORKSHEET

(Do not mail this worksheet to Philmont!)

Wednesday, October 28 thru Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Visit: <http://registerphilmont.org/2017>

A unit representative may enter the system anytime from the first entry date to the last entry date – *no BSA Region assigned dates.*

Please complete all information on this worksheet before making your online reservation request:

Unit Information

Unit #

Council Name

Type: ☐ Troop ☐ Varsity Team ☐ Venturing Crew ☐ Explorer Post

Sponsoring Organization

Reservation Contact Information – Your personal information

Date of Birth (mm–dd–yyyy)

First Name

Nickname (optional)

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Last Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

*Zip Code

*City

*State

Phone Numbers – Include at least two.

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

*Email

Alternate Email (optional)

Number of participants

 2016 participants must be 14 years of age [by date of arrival] OR completed 8th Grade and be at least 13 years of age by date of participation.

 21 years of age or older, limited to 4 per crew.

 maximum crew size 12, minimum size 7.

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

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

$$\frac{\text{# of youth}}{\text{# of youth}} + \frac{\text{# of adults}}{\text{# of adults}} = \frac{\text{# of participants}}{\text{# of participants}} \div 12 = \frac{\text{# of crews (round up)}}{\text{# of crews (round up)}}$$

Available 12-day Expedition Dates – Every day from June 8 through August 9

***Available 7-Day Expedition Dates** – JUNE 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25; JULY 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30; AUGUST 5, 6

7-Day Only Expedition Arrival Dates - AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

On the reservation request website you must do one and/or any of the following:

- 1) Prioritize a **minimum of 5** preferable arrival dates
- 2) Specify all specific arrival dates your group would like to be considered for
- 3) Specify 1st Available 12-Day Expedition **and/or** 7-Day Expedition in June or July.

***Please find 7-Day Trek Dates – 2017 information, page 3**

PHILMONT ADVENTURES 2017 INFORMATION UPDATE

THE PHILMONT TREK EXPERIENCE

Philmont Scout Ranch offers a unique experience that is not risk-free. Knowledgeable staff will instruct all participants in safety measures to be followed. Be prepared to listen to and carefully follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for the health and safety of yourself and others.

Each participant must be able to carry a 35 to 50 pound pack while hiking 5 to 12 miles per day in an isolated mountain wilderness ranging from 6,500 to 12,500 feet in elevation. Summer/autumn climatic conditions include temperatures from 30 to 90 degrees, low humidity (10 to 30 percent), 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 have potential for injury.

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

EXPEDITIONS:

Length: 12 days & nights: Available Arrival Dates: Each day June 8 through August 9

Cost: \$895/person - Payment Schedule: Deposit of \$100/person due Jan. 29, 2016
Advance of \$397.50/person due Oct. 1, 2016
Balance of \$397.50/person due March 1, 2017

Length: 7 days & nights: Available 7-day Arrival Dates: June 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25;
July 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30; August 5, 6;

7-Day Only Expedition Arrival Dates: August 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Cost: \$522/person - Payment Schedule: \$100/person deposit due Jan. 29, 2016
\$211/person advance due Oct. 1, 2016
\$211/person balance due March 1, 2017

SEVEN DAY TREK DATES - 2017

2017 will be our fourth year to offer 7-Day Expedition arrival dates which will begin on Saturdays & Sundays throughout the summer in addition to the 7-Day only arrival dates of August 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14. The additional arrival dates are as follows: – **JUNE 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25; JULY 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30; AUGUST 5, 6**

This option will support leaders who have only one week of vacation or can only take vacation in one week segments. Itineraries will be established to focus on underused parts of the Ranch: South-Central, North, Valle Vidal-North.

Day 1 – Arrive/Base Camp/Opening Program

Day 2 to Day 6 - Hike

Day 7 - Hike/Base Camp/Closing Program

Day 8 - Depart

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 (45) days of receiving a confirmation email. Each group must pay half of the balance of fees (advance) by October 1, with the final payment (balance) due March 1.

ALL FEE PAYMENTS (deposit, advance, balance) 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. Keep in mind that additional youth and adult participants can be added after your reservation is confirmed and prior to your arrival at Philmont up to a total of 12 participants per crew.

PHILMONT ADVENTURES 2017 INFORMATION UPDATE - CONT'D

AGE REQUIREMENT

Age requirement for Expeditions and Cavalcades: 2017 Philmont participants must be 14 years of age (by date of arrival) OR completed 8th Grade and be at least 13 years of age by date of 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 Venturing Crew must have coed adult leaders at least 21 years of age. **Each adult must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.**

Each Philmont Expedition Crew must have at least two BSA registered adult Advisors for Boy Scout groups, one Advisor must be at least 21 years of age; the second Advisor must be at least 18 years of age. **Each crew is required to have a majority of youth participants, and the maximum number of adults (21 and over) is four (4) per crew.** A participant 18 through 20 years of age may be counted as a youth or be an assistant adult leader.

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

2017 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 2016 for 2016 Cavalcades. Selected groups will be notified by email and will receive a letter and reservation form by mail that must be approved by their local council. A group may attend in consecutive seasons or the same season 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: \$750/person

Payment Schedule:

\$100/person deposit due March 1, 2016
\$325.00/person advance due Oct. 1, 2016
\$325.00/person balance due March 1, 2017

****To participate in the 2017 Cavalcade Drawing, a crew must notify Philmont in writing no later than January 1, 2016. Your request can be emailed to camping@philmontscoutranch.org and include a contact name, address, Unit # and the name of your Council of registration.**

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 scholarship allocation and application processes will take place in the Fall of 2017.

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 at least 18 years of age by time of employment, and previous Philmont or other high adventure experience is helpful. Visit PhilmontScoutRanch.org/jobs to apply.

HIGH ADVENTURE RISK ADVISORY

Philmont Scout Ranch Experience. The Philmont experience is not risk-free. Staff will instruct participants in safety measures. Be prepared to listen to and follow these measures. Accept responsibility for the health and safety of yourself and others. Each participant must be able to carry 25 to 35 percent 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 over trails that are steep and rocky. Summer/ autumn climate includes temperatures from 30 to 100 degrees, low humidity (10 to 30 percent), and frequent, sometimes severe, thunderstorms. Winter climatic conditions can range from -20 to 60 degrees. During a Winter Adventure experience, each person will walk, ski, or snowshoe along snow-covered trails pulling loaded toboggans or sleds for up to 3 miles—or even more on a cross-country ski trek.

Risk Advisory. Philmont has an excellent health and safety record and strives to minimize risks to participants by emphasizing appropriate safety precautions. Because most participants are prepared, are conscious of risks, and take safety precautions, they do not experience injuries. If you decide to attend Philmont, you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions, work as a team with your crew, and take responsibility for your own health and safety.

Philmont staff members are trained in first aid, CPR, and accident prevention. They can assist the adult advisor in recognizing, reacting to, and responding to accidents, injuries, and illnesses. Each crew is required to have at least two members trained in wilderness first aid and CPR. Response times can be affected by location, terrain, weather, or other emergencies and could be delayed for hours or even days in a wilderness setting.

All Philmont participants should understand potential health risks inherent at or above 6,700 feet in elevation in a dry Southwest environment. High elevation; a physically demanding high- adventure program in remote mountainous areas; camping while being exposed to occasional severe weather conditions such as lightning, hail, flash floods, and heat; and other potential problems, including injuries from tripping and falling, falls from horses, heat exhaustion, and motor vehicle accidents, can worsen underlying medical conditions. Native wild animals such as bears, rattlesnakes, and mountain lions usually present little danger if proper precautions are taken.

Please call Philmont at 575-376-2281 if you have any questions. All participants and guests should review all materials and websites related to the experiences they are planning to have at Philmont Scout Ranch.

PHILMONT WEIGHT LIMITS FOR BACKPACKING AND HIKING

Weight limit guidelines are used because overweight individuals are at a greater risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, altitude illness, sleep problems, and injury. These guidelines are for all Scouting high-adventure activities. Each participant's weight must be less than the maximum acceptable limit in the weight chart. 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. They will be sent home.

For participants under 21 years of age who exceed the maximum acceptable weight for height, the Philmont staff will use their judgment to determine if the youth can participate. Philmont will consider up to 20 pounds over the maximum acceptable; however, exceptions are not made automatically and discussion with Philmont in advance is required for any exception. Philmont's telephone number is 575-376-2281. Due to rescue equipment restrictions and evacuation efforts from remote sites, under no circumstances will any individual weighing more than 295 pounds be permitted to participate in backcountry programs.

Philmont Approval. Staff and/or staff physicians reserve the right to deny the participation of any individual on the basis of a physical examination and/or medical history. Each participant is subject to a medical recheck at Philmont.

Height/Weight Restrictions. If you exceed the maximum weight for height as explained in the following chart and your planned high-adventure activity will take you more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle/accessible roadway, you may not be allowed to participate.

Maximum Weight for Height:

Height(inches)	Max Weight	Height(inches)	Max Weight	Height(inches)	Max Weight	Height(inches)	Max Weight
60	166	65	195	70	226	75	260
61	172	66	201	71	233	76	267
62	178	67	207	72	239	77	274
63	183	68	214	73	246	78	281
64	189	69	220	74	252	79 & over	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 accepted by Philmont.