

## TRAIL CREW TREK – 2007

The Trail Crew Trek Program (TCT) is an exciting new program at Philmont Scout Ranch for Scouts and Venturers who have an interest in the environment and are committed to good stewardship of our natural world.

Participants will enjoy a fourteen-day trek through a part of Philmont's 136,493 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rocky Mountains of Northeastern New Mexico.

The TCT Program will emphasize the William T. Hornaday Award. This award was initiated in 1914 to inspire Scouts to work constructively for conservation. The Trail Crew Trek will help prepare participants to develop a path that will help them achieve the William T. Hornaday Silver Award upon return to their homes. This multi-year path will include advancement requirements and planning, leading and carrying out four significant projects that should contribute to sound conservation and environmental improvements in the local community, the region or the nation. Only about 1,000 individuals have achieved the William T. Hornaday Silver Award since it began. By participating in the Philmont Trail Crew Trek, we hope we can encourage you along with others to achieve this important award, the oldest conservation award in America. Each participant will prepare a detailed plan to achieve the award.

During the 14-day Trail Crew Trek, in addition to the William T. Hornaday Award, participants will:

- Learn about trail construction. You will experience both new trail construction as well as trail maintenance techniques in a variety of locations on the Ranch. These skills will prepare participants to help with trail projects in their home area.
- Leave No Trace Principles will be covered during the trek. Each participant will have the opportunity to earn the Leave No Trace Trainer recognition. This level of training will prepare the participant to lead LNT training in their local area.
- Leadership techniques will be taught and practiced throughout the trek. A wilderness setting is a wonderful environment to learn and practice skills of being a member of a team as well as leading the team.
- Advanced outdoor skills will not only be taught but experienced as the group shares a unique experience in a wilderness setting in all types of weather conditions.

Philmont Scout Ranch covers 215 square miles, with more than 350 miles of trails. Philmont ranges from 6,500 feet to 12,441 feet in elevation above sea level. Because of the remote settings and elevation, participants need to be prepared, both physically and mentally, to handle the challenges of the trek. Philmont experiences a wide variety of weather conditions. Participants should be prepared for possible 100 degree days, 40 degree nights as well as days of rain and even snow. All this adds to the Trail Crew Trek Philmont experience.

For the summer of 2007, **THREE** Trail Crew Treks will be offered. **Session One** will be an **all male** crew from June 9 -- 22. **Session Two and Three** will be operated at the same time and will be coed with coed leadership. They will operate as Venturing Crews. The dates for Session Two and Three will be July 27 -- August 10.

### HOW TO APPLY

Complete the enclosed application. Have it approved by a parent or guardian, a unit leader and your Scout Executive. Attach a letter of recommendation from an adult Scouter detailing your backcountry experience and your character. Mail your completed application, letter of recommendation and \$50 deposit to: **Trail Crew Trek, Philmont Scout Ranch, 17 Deer Run Road, Cimarron, NM 87714**. Philmont will notify you of your acceptance. If accepted, a packet of materials will be sent to assist you in preparing for your Philmont experience.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not 21 by its conclusion
- Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 50 lbs. (Philmont height and weight guidelines listed with this application will be strictly enforced.)
- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout or Venturer).
- A complete physical examination is required. (Philmont's Health and Medical Form will be sent to those who are accepted.)

### UNIT AND LOCAL COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

The participant's unit leader and the local council must approve only those young adults who meet the qualifications for this program. Philmont is not an easy experience and is a risk for those not physically prepared for the rigors of the New Mexico mountains.

## PROGRAM COSTS AND TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Participant cost is \$265 for the two week experience. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with this application. The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance as a participant in the program. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Philmont as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant. Those applicants not accepted will have their deposit returned. Participants canceling acceptance will be eligible for a refund if notification is received at Philmont by May 1, 2007. No-shows are not eligible for a refund.

A shuttle is available from the Albuquerque, New Mexico Airport to Philmont. The shuttle leaves the airport at 4:00 pm the day before your scheduled starting date, arriving at Philmont at 8:00 pm (four-hour trip). The return trip leaves at 6:00 am on your last scheduled day, arriving at the Albuquerque Airport at 10:00 am. Busses and trains arrive at Raton, New Mexico (45 miles from Philmont). A shuttle is also available from Raton. Plan to arrive at Philmont between 8:00 and 11:00 am on your start date. Shuttle information and registration forms will be included in your packet. Participants are strongly encouraged to recruit a travel companion from their home council to ease the travel process.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information about the Trail Crew Trek Program such as shuttle arrangements, physical requirements (health and medical form questions), equipment needs, service worksites and hiking questions, contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 505-376-2281 or email [camping@philmontscoutranch.org](mailto:camping@philmontscoutranch.org). Another source of information to assist you in preparing for your adventure can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/philmont>.

During the dates of the program, contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 505-376-2281, seven days a week, and ask for the Conservation Department or Camping Registration. During this time, Philmont Logistics will also be able to assist with transportation concerns or problems.

## TRAIL CREW TREK CODE OF CONDUCT

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of our projects and provides the maximum benefit to every participant.

## AS A TRAIL CREW TREK PARTICIPANT, I UNDERSTAND THIS, SUPPORT THE REASONABLE DEMANDS OF CONDUCT EXPECTED OF ME, AND WILL:

- Live the Scout Oath and Law or Venturer Code and Oath.
- Observe, respect, and strive to live the Boy Scout Outdoor Code and Philmont Wilderness Pledge.
- Observe the rules of the Philmont Conservation Department and my instructor.
- Wear my full official BSA Class A uniform or work clothes as required. Unofficial decorations are not part of the official uniform.
- Attend and participate in all functions of the program.
- Be personally responsible for damage and loss of property.
- Observe quiet hours.
- Respect all safety procedures and learn to properly use equipment.
- At all times, be considerate of participants and staff at Philmont Scout Ranch.
- Understand the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes or illicit drugs at any time during the program will not be permitted and will result in dismissal from the program, at the expense of the participant. This standard shall apply to all participants. Compliance with state law regulations will apply at all times.
- Respect the laws of the State of New Mexico, the Village of Cimarron, and Philmont rules prohibiting the use of fireworks, firearms and gambling. Infractions of these regulations will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.

## PHOTO (TALENT) RELEASE STATEMENT

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made during my visit to Philmont Scout Ranch by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the Code of Conduct for the Trail Crew Trek, have read and understand all the information about the Trail Crew Trek Program, and agree with the Photo (Talent) Release Statement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parental Signature (if applicant under 18)

2007 TRAIL CREW TREK APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle last

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\*DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (\*must be 16 years of age by date program begins)

CURRENT INFORMATION: Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
male / female

SCOUTING AND OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE:

(Circle One)

Now Registered with: Troop, Team or Venture Crew # \_\_\_\_\_ Tenure \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Positions Held \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Philmont Experience \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other High Adventure Experience / Backpacking Experience (please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

Total no. of backpacking overnights \_\_\_\_\_ Longest backpacking expedition in: Days \_\_\_\_\_ Miles \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Honors / Awards Received \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Staff Experience (When and Where) \_\_\_\_\_

I PREFER THE FOLLOWING SESSION: (Please mark the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice in the space provided by each session. Note that Session # 2 & 3 will be Coed with Coed Leadership.)

# 1: June 9 – 22 \_\_\_\_\_ # 2: July 27 – August 10 \_\_\_\_\_ # 3: July 27 to August 10 \_\_\_\_\_

I request a vegetarian meal plan: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 deposit enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$265 full fee enclosed

(checks payable to Philmont Scout Ranch)

**BEWARE OF POTENTIAL RISKS**

*Philmont offers High Adventure backpacking treks and program activities in relatively inaccessible mountainous terrain. Parents, advisors and youth participants should be alert to the potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Philmont staff members will instruct you regarding safety measures to be followed. Each participant is expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for their health and safety.*

**PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL:**

My son/daughter has my complete permission to participate in the Trail Crew Trek during the period indicated on this application. I understand that the program is physically demanding and involves a degree of risk and a potential for injury. We also acknowledge and agree with the Photo (Talent) Release Statement.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT LEADER APPROVAL:**

I attest this applicant is a member in good standing and approve his/her participation in the Trail Crew Trek Program.

Unit Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL COUNCIL ACTION:**

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Council Name \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_

We certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's name) meets the age and physical requirements for the Trail Crew Trek and is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Scout Executive or Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FEE SCHEDULE:**

The total cost is \$265. A \$50 deposit must accompany this application. The remaining balance of \$215 will be due upon receipt of confirmation.

**NOTE: Deposit fee, all required signatures of approval and one letter of recommendation must accompany application.**

Please make check payable to Philmont Scout Ranch and mail to:

**PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH  
ATTN: TRAIL CREW TREK  
17 DEER RUN RD.  
CIMARRON NM 87714**

**Philmont Contact Information: Phone: 505.376.2281**

**Email: [camping@philmontscoutranch.org](mailto:camping@philmontscoutranch.org)**

**Web Address: [www.scouting.org/philmont](http://www.scouting.org/philmont)**

**FOR PHILMONT USE ONLY**

Recommendation Letters \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Notified \_\_\_\_\_

Packet Mailed \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Exp. # \_\_\_\_\_