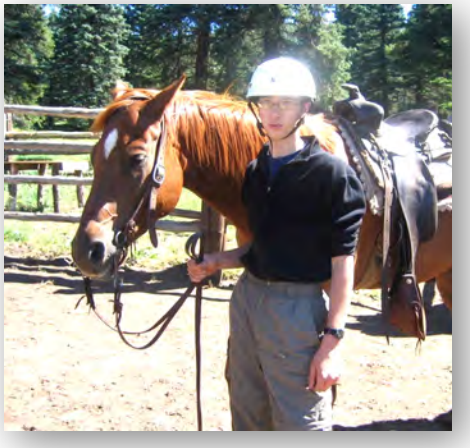
Northern NJ Council
2012 Philmont Contingent
Fri. Jul 13th – Fri. Jul 27th 2012

Individual Scouts can join a provisional crew!

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's oldest national high-adventure base. It covers 137,000 acres - about 214 square miles - of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico. Its 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps provide an unforgettable adventure in the high country along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Philmont has high mountains dominating rough terrain with elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

Since Philmont's first camping season in 1939, more than 820,000 Scouts, Venturers, and their leaders have participated in the rugged challenge of its backpacking program.

Discover Scouting's Paradise



Philmont's signature program is the High-Adventure Expedition. Each expedition provides opportunities for participants to:

- Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high.
- Participate in a wide array of activities that teach Scouting skills —archaeology, backpacking, camping, climbing, fishing, forestry, horsemanship, Indian lore, and much more.
- Develop leadership, group dynamics, wilderness problem-solving, and outdoor skills.

Scouts and Venturers can participate on their own through a provisional crew or as a larger unit.

Scouts must be at least 14 years old by January 1 of the year they will be attending or have completed the 8th grade and be at least 13 years old prior to participation. Each crew must have at least seven and no more than 12 members, which must include at least two (but no more than four) adult advisers, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, and the remainder of whom must be at least 18 years of age.

Crews may be drawn from a single unit, or may be composed of members of different units within the council.

Our Council contingent cost is estimated to be $2,200 (subject to airfare fluctuations), with a $100 deposit due with the application. That price includes airfare, touring, meals, and local transportation.

For More Information:

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2012 PHILMONT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit at Registration:	$100
Due by Sep 15, 2011:	$700
Due by Nov 15, 2011:	$700
Due by Jan 15, 2012:	$700
Total Fee for 2012 =	$2,200*

* Additional fee may be imposed to cover any incremental airfare expense above $550 budgeted

REFUND & PAYMENT POLICY

All participants who fall one full payment behind are subject to being dropped from participation and may forfeit all fees paid. All fees paid for the Philmont trips are non-refundable unless an acceptable replacement participant can be found.

PHILMONT PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

1 - Each participant must be a registered Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Adult Leader.

2 - Participants must be Fourteen (14) years old by January 1 of the year they attend, or have completed the eighth grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation. AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHILMONT CANNOT BE RELAXED. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST OR EXPECT EXCEPTIONS!

All youth participants are required to present proof of age before participating in our programs. (Appropriate ID includes one of the following: 1. School photo ID and copy of birth certificate. 2. Passport 3. Valid state issued ID.) Those individuals who do not meet the minimum age requirements will be sent home. No exceptions. Prevent a tragedy by adhering to the age policy and by bringing proper proof of age.

3 - The ability to swim 100 yards (official BSA swim test), and stay afloat for one (1) minute. Those participants unable to complete the swim test will be required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) during all water activities.

4 - Must be in good health evidenced by a PHILMONT Class III medical form filled out and signed by your doctor within the past 12 months. Inquire early about medical requirements for participation.

5 - No participant may weigh in excess of 300 pounds. Please refer to height/weight chart on PHILMONT Class III Medical for recommended weight limits. Participants not meeting this requirement will be sent home at their own expense.

6 - All participants must know and use the scout Oath and Law as their guide to appropriate behavior at Philmont.

INFO FOR INTERESTED ADULT ADVISORS

Adults interested in participating as advisors with the contingent must meet ALL of the above requirements. There must be at least two adult advisors per crew (max. of 4). For troops and teams, one of the adults must be over the age of twenty-one (21), the other must be at least over the age of eighteen (18). For venture crews, both advisors must be at least 21 years old, and if the crew is co-ed, you must have co-ed advisors.

Adults must submit the participant application and final advisor selection will be made by the council. Deposit will be refunded for adults who are not selected to be advisors. Adult advisors will also be required to complete Youth Protection Training.

Northern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America

2012 Philmont Trek

Youth & Adult Advisor Application

Circle one: *Youth Participant* *Adult Advisor*

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Birth date _____ Troop or Crew # _____Town _____ Sex M / F

Scouting Background

Rank: _____ Years in Scouting: _____

Training: _____:_____ _____:_____ _____:_____
Date Date Date

Summer Camp Experience: #Years:_____ From:_____ To:_____

High Adventure Experience: #Years:_____ From:_____ To:_____

Other Experience:_____ #Years:_____ From:_____ To:_____

Previous Non-Scouting Outdoor/High Adventure Experiences:

Year:_____ Experience:_____ Position:_____

Year:_____ Experience:_____ Position:_____

Year:_____ Experience:_____ Position:_____

I agree to live the Scout Oath and Law and to obey and cooperate with my 2012 Philmont leaders. To meet my full responsibilities as a member of my local council Philmont contingent, take such preliminary Philmont training as may be required, and to wear the official 2012 Philmont Contingent uniform. I certify that I have now, or will have by July 1, 2012, attained the qualifications as listed in this application and required by all Boy Scout and Venture participants. I further agree to submit evidence of fitness to make this trip on the official health form signed by a licensed health-care practitioner; also that I will obtain immunizations required.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in the 2012 Philmont Contingent, any and all claims against the Boy Scouts of America or its local council, the United States of America, or any of the officers, employees, agents, or other representatives of any of them, or any other persons working under their direction or engaged in the conduct of their affairs, arising out of any accident, illness, injury, damage, or other loss or harm to or incurred or suffered by the applicant named above or to his property, in connection with or incidental to the 2012 Philmont Contingent, including preliminary training and travel, are hereby expressly waived by the parents and the applicant.

On behalf of my child and myself, I (we) hereby approve and agree to all the terms and conditions of this application and certify that the applicant can meet the health and physical fitness requirements of the Philmont and will be examined by a licensed health-care practitioner. I also understand that all participants who fall one full payment behind are subject to bring dropped from participation and may forfeit all fees paid. All fees paid for the 2012 Philmont trip are non-refundable unless an acceptable replacement participant can be found. Any excess expense for airline fees above the $550 budgeted will be imposed as an additional payment due by participants.

Scout/Venture Signature _____ Unit Leader's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature_____

Date _____

*Date Received at the Council Office:*_____

2012 NNJC Philmont Contingent
Participant Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct

Statement of Understanding: All participants (Scouts and advisors) represent Scouting based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all adult and youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to read the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition of participation. It is with further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from the Philmont Scout Ranch or during the Philmont tour. Ultimately, we want each participant to be responsible for his or her own behavior, and only when necessary, will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from the Philmont Scout Ranch.

All youth and adult participants are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. The trek's adult advisors are responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the Philmont Code of Conduct.
2. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the Philmont trek and programs.
3. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. (The official Scout uniform and trek identifying items are the only acceptable apparel.)
4. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other unit members and advisors.
5. In consideration of other unit participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the unit, unless otherwise directed by the Philmont program.
6. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to Philmont recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the Philmont grounds.
7. I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any youth member is prohibited.
8. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth, including use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from the Philmont or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. The Philmont headquarters must be contacted for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. There are no exceptions.
9. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
10. I understand that possession of lasers of any type, and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
11. I will demonstrate respect for unit and Philmont property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
12. Neither the NNJC, the unit advisors, nor the Philmont Scout Ranch will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the direction of unit leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
13. While participating in the program areas, aquatics, and other activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
14. In accordance with U.S., local, and state laws, adult advisors and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession.
15. All participating adult advisors will be guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and will obey all U.S., local, and state laws.
16. All participating adult advisors must complete Youth Protection training and follow the guidelines therein prior to pre Philmont training.
17. Hazing has no place in Scouting. Nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment. Advisors and older youth must prevent any youth from being "initiated" into the troop with hazing.
18. Adult advisors should have the good judgment to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with a child or youth member in Scouting. Youth members may trade with youth members. Adult advisors may trade only with other adults 18 years of age or older.
19. Adult advisors and youth leaders must instruct youth to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrators, or hecklers and must assume a passive reaction to name-calling from individuals or groups. Units or groups must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately.
20. Serious violation of this code may result in expulsion from the Philmont Scout Ranch at the participant's own expense. All decisions will be final.

Signed by Participating Youth or Advisor _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian (if participant is under the age of 18) _____Date _____