

Philmont 2010 Information for Crew and Parents

Troop 339, Philmont Contingent 703K

June 24, 2009



Philmont 2010 Participants:

We have been allotted two full crews of 12. Our We have 24 people signed up (9 boys and 3 adults per crew) and a waiting list of Scouts and Adult leaders.

As previously stated, the Troop Committee will determine the participants to make up our crews. The committee will use several factors to determine crew participants, including, not in any given order:

- Seniority in the Troop
- Age and Rank of participant
- Regular participation and attendance at Troop Meetings and camping trips (especially Philmont Prep trips).
- Past participation in service projects headed up by the Troop
- Leadership roles undertaken by the participant

History has shown that a big part of Philmont success was each crew member's commitment to making the trip a memorable one for all, by participating in all of the preparation, training, team building and fund raising activities leading up to the trip.

Itinerary:

The dates for Philmont 2010 will be June 29/30 through July 15, 2010. Our itinerary will resemble the following:

June 29 or 30	Fly from BWI to ABQ – sightseeing and Lotaburgers in Albuquerque
July 1	Bus from Albuquerque to Taos. Bandalier National Monument and Los Alamos National Lab tours en route.
July 2	Sightseeing and recreation (mountain biking, rafting, etc).
July 3	Day 1 - Bus from Taos to Cimarron. Report to Philmont for processing
July 4	Day 2 – Leave in good spirits
July 14	Day 12 – Return in good spirits. Hit the showers.
July 15	Bus from Cimarron to ABQ. Fly from ABQ to BWI

Crews:

The Philmont Way is that for Scouts will lead. We will have two crews, and crew leaders will be elected in the Fall of 2009. Based on the desires of the crews and availability of treks, the two crews may have very different itineraries. Itineraries are booked on a first come, first served basis, and may fill up early. In 2008, 92% of crews received their first or second choice. The Scouts will vote and submit our Itinerary requests in April, 2010.

Gear:

Each crew member is responsible for obtaining his own backpack, sleeping bag, boots, socks and liners, rain gear, clothing, personal essentials for hiking and camping in the high desert wilderness.

We've already had several discussions on gear, and we have several resident experts as well. Mr. Bieri and Mr. Buttles have gathered and posted gear recommendations on the troop website: <http://www.troop339.org/philmont.html>

In addition each crew will be outfitted with stoves, dining fly, equipment fly, water jugs, and cooking equipment.

EMS (Annapolis Parole Center) Hudson Trail Outfitters (HTO) and REI (online and Towson) are reputable and helpful and we will watch for and communicate any sales they may have.

The key is to get your gear early and use it several times, before you go.

Estimated Cost:

The total ESTIMATED cost for the trip is \$2,100 for youth and \$1000 per adult, provided that the Troop can subsidize the adults at the 50% level (this is still to be approved by the Troop Committee).

The estimated \$2,100 includes

Philmont Fees (\$620)

Airfare (\$800)

Blue Sky Adventures (\$500): Meals, lodging, ground transportation, side trips and tours

We will look for all opportunities to save money without risking safety or fun.

Deposit Schedule:

January 29, 2009	\$100 deposit for each youth
September 9, 2009	\$500 for each youth and adult
November 18, 2009	\$500 for each youth
February 24, 2010	\$500 for each youth and adult
April 28, 2010	\$500 for each youth
May 26, 2010	Final deposits for youth and adult, if necessary

Commitment:

We will be asking all crew members to sign a commitment letter pledging to:

- Pay all deposits on-time
- Properly outfit himself with required gear (especially footwear)!
- Participate the minimum number of required training hikes and crew meetings

Conduct:

We are Boy Scouts. We will be outstanding examples.

In addition, we will adhere to the Philmont Wilderness Pledge at all times (including prep hikes, shakedown backpacking and our side trips).

“Through good Scout camping, I pledge to preserve the beauty and splendor of Philmont Wilderness. I commit myself to:

1. The absence of litter or graffiti
2. Respect for Philmont’s wildlife
3. Conservation and proper use of water
4. Respect for trails and trail signs
5. Proper use of campsites

Failure to behave ethically, lawful, obediently, and respectfully will be grounds for removal from the crew.

Health and Medical Record:

Every camper and advisor is required to have a medical evaluation within 12 months of their participation date by a physician licensed to practice medicine. The 2010 Philmont Health and Medical Record must be used. These forms will be available in Fall of 2009 and will be mailed to Mr. Giles. Verification that Tetanus Immunization has been given within the last 10 years prior to arrival of Philmont is required.

First Aid and CPR Certification:

Philmont requires at least one person (preferably two) in each crew be currently certified in the American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid basic (or the equivalent) AND CPR from the American Heart Association or Red Cross. 10 adults completed this training in June, 2009. Refresher certification will be required.