

Philmont 2012 Information for Crew and Parents

Troop 339, Philmont Contingent 726

July 26, 2012



Philmont 2012 Participants:

We have been allotted two full crews of 12. We have 24 people signed up (8 boys and 4 adults per crew) and a waiting list of Scouts and Adult leaders.

As previously stated if changes become necessary, the Troop Committee will determine the participants who 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.

Attitude, personal responsibility, and group dynamics.

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 2012 will be July 26 through August 7, 2012. Our itinerary will resemble the following (these dates at this point are estimates):

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| July 23 | Fly from BWI to ABQ - sightseeing in Albuquerque |
| July 24 | Bus from Albuquerque to Taos. Scenic tour en route. |
| July 25 | Sightseeing and recreation |
| July 26 | Day 1 - Bus from Taos to Cimarron. Report to Philmont for processing |

August 6 Day 2 - Leave in good spirits
August 7 Day 12 - Return in good spirits. Hit the showers.
 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 2011. 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 2012.

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 . We have gathered and posted gear recommendations on the troop website: <http://www.troop339.org/philmont.html>. If you have any questions, please ask!

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

EMS (Annapolis Parole Center) and REI (online and Towson and Columbia) are reputable and helpful and you may want to get on their mailing lists.

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 \$2,200 for youth and \$1200 per adult, provided that the Troop can subsidize the adults at roughly a 50% level (this is still to be approved by the Troop Committee).

The estimated \$2,200 includes:

Philmont Fees (\$740)

Airfare (\$560)

Blue Sky Adventures (\$900): Meals, lodging, ground transportation, side trips and tours

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

Deposit Schedule:

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| February 3, 2011 | \$100 deposit for each youth and adult |
| September 7, 2011 | \$600 for each youth and adult |
| October 12, 2011 | \$500 for each youth |
| February 22, 2012 | \$500 for each youth and adult |
| April 25, 2012 | \$500 for each youth |
| May 30, 2012 | Final deposits for youth and adult, if necessary |

Commitment:

We signed a commitment letter pledging to:

- o Pay all deposits on-time.
- o Properly outfit himself with required gear (especially footwear)!
- o Participate the 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, lawfully, 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 2012 Philmont Health and Medical Record must be used. These forms will be available in Fall of 2012 and will be mailed to Mr. Buttles. Verification that Tetanus Immunization has been given within the last 10 years prior to arrival of Philmont is required.

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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. Adults will be requested to complete and be certified with this training prior to our trip. The troop will set up the training.