

PHILMONT EXPEDITION UNIT REGISTRATION FOR 2020

REMINDERS:

- **Your unit representative may enter the system anytime from October 30 thru December 2.**
- **Any unit can enter the registration system in consecutive years.**

Unit reservation entry requests for **2020** Expeditions (12-day, 7-day, Cavalcade) for Philmont Scout Ranch will be made online beginning Tuesday, October 30 thru Sunday, December 2, 2018. **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 Tuesday, October 30 at 9 a.m. MDT thru Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. MST, reservation requests will be accepted online for 12-day, 7-day and Cavalcade Expeditions. This is **strictly** a random draw and an entry made on October 30, 2018 will be treated equally as an entry made on December 2, 2018.
2. Reservations **will not** be assigned in the order that requests are made. **Reservations will be picked randomly by computer after December 2.**
3. Units may enter only one reservation request during this process. However, the request may be made for consideration of multiple arrival dates, the minimum being 5 priority dates. **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 (crew size = 8- 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 online reservation entry. 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 <https://registerphilmont.org/entry/2020> beginning Tuesday, October 30. The system will require the unit representative to **create a password** to allow changes or corrections to the unit reservation entry anytime during the reservation request window. Please save this password. 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 2020 reaches capacity, groups will continue to be drawn and placed on a **Wait List** for the same year (2020) to fill cancellations.
8. Units with a confirmed 2019 reservation for Philmont **will be allowed to place a request for 2020.** 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 email the next available group on this list when one of their priority dates becomes available due to a cancellation.
10. After the computer selection process is completed in early December 2018, an email will be sent to each representative giving them their unit's status. **You should receive this email no later than December 7, 2018.**
11. Units that are successful in obtaining a reservation will receive a confirmation email in December with a letter and link to obtain the 2020 Invoice. A **\$100 non-refundable deposit**, per participant is due **January 30, 2019.**
12. Questions about the 2020 registration process may be directed to Philmont Scout Ranch by email to camping@philmontscoutranch.org or by phone: 575-376-2281.

On the reservation request website you must do 1) 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. (Keep in mind that “1st Available July Date” could result in a late July date reservation ending in August.)

PHILMONT ADVENTURES 2020 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.

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 (8 is the minimum crew size) and is due approximately 30-45 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.

EXPEDITIONS:

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

Cost: \$1,025/person - Payment Schedule: Deposit of \$100/person due Jan. 30, 2019
Advance of \$462.50/person due Oct. 1, 2019
Balance of \$462.50/person due March 1, 2020

7 Day Expeditions - Length: 7 days & nights: Available 7-day Arrival Dates:

JUNE: 13, 14; 20, 21; 27, 28 **JULY:** 4, 5; 11, 12; 18, 19; 25, 26 **AUGUST:** 1, 2; 8, 9

Additional 7 Day Arrival Dates are August 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (These dates are dedicated to 7-day arrivals only.)

Cost: \$650/person - Payment Schedule: \$100/person deposit due Jan. 30, 2019
\$275/person advance due Oct. 1, 2019
\$275/person balance due March 1, 2020

Cavalcade - 8 days & nights: Available 8-day Arrival Dates:

June: 16, 17, 25, 26 **July:** 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25 **August:** 2, 3, 12, 13

Cost: \$850/person - Payment Schedule: \$100/person deposit due Jan. 30, 2019
\$375/person advance due Oct. 1, 2019
\$375/person balance due March 1, 2020

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AGE REQUIREMENT

Age requirement for Expeditions and Cavalcades: 2020 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 Crews 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 family members of Expedition participants. There is no family program available at Camping Headquarters.

2020 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.**

New for 2020 and going forward, registration for the 2020 Cavalcade will be thru the 2020 registration lottery at <http://registerphilmont.org/entry/2020>.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Waite Phillips Scholarships are available to assist worthy youths have an opportunity to participate in a Philmont Scout Ranch experience. Information on these scholarships are sent by Philmont to local councils who have a contingent reservation and directly to each Unit Reservation Contact. Notification of scholarship allocations and application processes will take place in the Fall of 2019 for 2020 Reservations.

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.