



2017 / 2018
NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW
TRAIL CREW
Philmont Scout Ranch – Cimarron, New Mexico
<http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>



"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the out of doors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky."

-E. Urner Goodman

THE BACKCOUNTRY EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

The Order of the Arrow is offering you an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of the Philmont Conservation Department, experienced Philmont staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on the two-week trail crew and trek.

The program is a fourteen-day experience. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven-day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trail and hiking through, the OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Trail building is tough. The worksite experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the trail that is being built is designed to last over 75 years and protect the beautiful landscape of Philmont Scout Ranch. Other than trail building techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and low-impact camping skills, observe and participate in group wilderness safety, good judgment, and motivation activities, and receive special OA instruction. The project's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and enhance the purpose of the Order of the Arrow by using Scout camping traditions. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their troop, chapter, lodge and council programs. Camping is a method of Scouting that enhances and builds stronger programs and people.

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 in this application will be strictly enforced.)
- Be a registered member of both the BSA and an OA lodge.
- A complete physical examination is required. (Philmont's Health and Medical Record will be sent to those who are accepted.)

No exceptions can be made to these requirements. Selection for this program is both an honor and a privilege.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the enclosed application, have it approved by your Scout Executive/OA Staff Adviser, Lodge Advisor, and receive parental permission if you are under age 18. (The National OA office will accept email approval from the Scout Executive/OA Staff Adviser and Lodge Advisor. They should send their email approval to: Matt.Dukeman@Scouting.org.) Mail your completed application (available online in a fillable PDF) and \$50.00 deposit to the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. Upon approval, the OA will notify applicants of acceptance by email on a first-come, first-served basis. (Every effort will be made to give participants their first choice.) A packet of materials will be sent to you in the spring, preparing you for your experience. Applications will be accepted until all slots are filled. If a session is filled, a waitlist will be maintained should a cancellation occur.

LODGE AND COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Lodges and councils should only approve those youth Arrowmen who meet all of 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 northeastern New Mexico mountainous terrain.

PROGRAM FEES AND TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The fee in 2017 and 2018 is \$300 for the two-week experience. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with this application. The balance of the fee is due within **60** days of acceptance into 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 as participants into the program will have their deposit returned. Participants canceling acceptance will be eligible for a refund, minus their deposit, if notification is received in the national office by May 15. No-shows are not eligible for a refund. Please visit <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org> for information to help you plan your trek.

Shuttles are available from the Albuquerque, New Mexico and Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado Airports to Philmont. The shuttles depart the airport at 1:00 to 3:00 pm, depending on the location, on the day **before** your scheduled start date, arriving at Philmont at 6:30 to 7:00 pm (approx). The return shuttles leave from 6:00 to 7:30 am on your departure date, arriving at the Airports at 9:45 am to 12:00 noon, depending on location. You may also consider the bus or train arrival at Raton, New Mexico (45 miles from Philmont). A roundtrip shuttle is available from Raton. If you do not arrive by shuttle, plan to arrive at Philmont between 8:00 - 11:00 am on your scheduled start date. The Shuttle information/registration forms will be included in your March packet.

Note: Shuttle times may change so please check shuttle registration forms upon receiving them or call Philmont for updated information. Participants are strongly encouraged to recruit a travel companion from their home council to ease the travel process. The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew is a fourteen (14) day program.

2017 OA TRAIL CREW SESSION DATES

Session 1: June 8 - 22

Session 2: June 15 - 29

Session 3: June 22 - July 6

Session 4: June 29 - July 13

Session 5: July 6 - 20

Session 6: July 13 - 27

Session 7: July 20 - August 3

Session 8: July 27 - August 10

Session 9: August 3 - 17

2018 OA TRAIL CREW SESSION DATES

Session 1: June 8 - 22

Session 2: June 15 - 29

Session 3: June 22 - July 6

Session 4: June 29 - July 13

Session 5: July 6 - 20

Session 6: July 13 - 27

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For information about the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program contact the Order of the Arrow at 972-580-7846 or email Matt.Dukeman@Scouting.org.

For information specific to Philmont Scout Ranch including shuttle arrangements, physical requirements (health and medical record questions), equipment needs, service worksite and hiking questions contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 575-376-2281, or email camping@philmontscoutranch.org.

During the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program (June 8-August 17) contact Philmont Scout Ranch at 575-376-2281 seven days a week and ask for the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew/Conservation Department or Camping Registration. During this time Philmont Logistics will also be able to assist with transportation concerns or problems.

NATIONAL OA TRAIL CREW CODE OF CONDUCT

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of our national service project and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. As an Arrowman, I understand this and support the reasonable demands of conduct expected of me.

As a member of the Order of the Arrow, I will:

- Live the Scout Oath and Law and Order of the Arrow Obligation.
- 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 Foremen.
- Wear my full official BSA uniform or work clothes as required. Unofficial decorations are not part of my official uniform.
- Attend and participate in all functions of the program.
- Be personally responsible for damage or loss of property.
- Respect all safety procedures and learn to properly use equipment.
- Observe quiet hours.
- Keep my tent clean and dispose of trash in the proper place.
- 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. Infraction of these regulations will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.

By signing on the following page, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the code of conduct for the OA Trail Crew and have read and understand all the information about the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program.

2017 / 2018 OA TRAIL CREW APPLICATION

(Please print neatly. An electronic, fillable pdf application is available at www.oe-bsa.org)

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____

(Must be 16 by program start date, but not 21 by its conclusion.)

SCOUTING EXPERIENCE:

Years Involved _____ Currently registered in Troop, Team # _____ OA Honor: O ___ B ___ V ___
(circle one)

ORDER OF THE ARROW EXPERIENCE:

Leadership Position Held _____

Years at Summer Camp _____ Years on Summer Camp Staff _____

Previous Philmont experience (include years) _____

Other High Adventure Experience _____

I PREFER THE FOLLOWING DATES:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

- \$50.00 deposit enclosed \$300.00 full fee enclosed
(Make check payable to Boy Scouts of America)

PARENTAL APPROVAL/PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

My son has my complete permission to participate in a Philmont work project during the period indicated above. I understand these projects are physically demanding and involve a high degree of personal risk to the participant. It is understood that this is a voluntary activity and it is a privilege to be selected as a participant

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

LOCAL COUNCIL APPROVAL

Council Name _____ Number _____

Lodge Name _____ Section _____

We certify that this person meets the age and physical requirements for the program and is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of an Order of the Arrow Lodge. In addition, we certify that this is an individual we are pleased to have represent our council and lodge.

Signed by Scout Executive or OA Staff Adviser*

Signed by Lodge Advisor*

RETURN TO: Order of the Arrow
Boy Scouts of America
P O Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Order of the Arrow Action: Approved _____ Notified _____ Account 67001-8260

*email approval accepted

ORDER OF THE ARROW



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

REFERRAL FORM

Your Name: _____

Session(s) Requested: _____

Please take a moment to provide us with the contact information of fellow members of your lodge who you feel would also enjoy the opportunity of summer adventure. This information will remain confidential, and will be used for the purpose of providing the person(s) listed with information about the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



Order of the Arrow
Scouting's "National Honor Society"



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						
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 be accepted by Philmont.