

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position:	Backcountry Shooting Sports Program Counselor
Department:	Backcountry Program
Salary Level:	II (Specialists/Foremen)
Default Housing:	<i>Backcountry (Final housing assignments may differ based on availability)</i>
Reports To:	Backcountry Camp Director
Desired Availability:	May 23 – August 12

Philmont Standards

- Must be at least 18 years of age by start of employment (21+ requirement, if applicable, will be noted below)
- Must become a registered member of Scouting America at the start of employment and subscribe to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Declaration of Religious Principles
- Must provide a complete and current Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, & C) to the Infirmary upon arrival including review of risk advisory and immunization requirements
- Must maintain a clean, well-groomed appearance and be willing to purchase required uniform parts to meet Philmont's uniform policy
- Must participate in designated staff training
- Must adhere to the policies and programs set forth by Philmont Scout Ranch management

Position Overview

The Shooting Sports Program Counselor is responsible for cheerfully and willingly serving as a member of a specific camp, whose objective is to serve the campers and advisors who come to Philmont. Your primary duty is to help make the program at your camp meet the expectations of those who participate and help fulfill the entire workload of the camp. The following camps have Shooting Sports Program Counselors:

Sawmill

- o 30.06 rifle shooting
- o Metallic cartridge reloading
- o Steel silhouette targets
- o STEM activities related to ballistics, ballistic gels, and bullets

Harlan

- o 12 ga. Shotgun shooting o Shotgun Shell reloading
- o Clay targets launched from two stations
- o STEM activities related to shot patterns and ballistic clay models

Ponil

- o Cowboy Action Shooting Program
- o 3-gun experience: Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun
- o Participants select their Cowboy name and quote as part of the program
- o Steel reactive and silhouette targets for pistol and rifle
- o Reactive clay launching targets for shotgun

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

- At the direction and supervision of the Camp Director, participate in the specialized program training during staff training week, including all required NRA Certifications, and reloading training.
- Become thoroughly familiar with all information relative to the program specialty, so you can answer questions and deliver a stimulating and informative program of consistently high quality.
- Under the direction of the Camp Director, continue on-the-job training throughout the season, sharing your expertise with fellow staff members and learning theirs through cross training.
- Responsible for seeing that proper range safety procedures are stressed to each camper before any shooting activity takes place and that these procedures are followed implicitly for the safe enjoyment of everyone.
- Present programs on time with all materials on hand, ready to go.
- Present a program that imparts useful knowledge that supports aims and objectives of Scouting America and is fun, challenging, stimulating and safe.
- Maintain a clean and efficient program area.
- Check material frequently and keep the Camp Director informed of any supplies needed.
- Insure proper use, security, and care of program equipment.
- Help your Camp Director compile information for an end of season report from your observations and knowledge of the program(s).
- Assist with camp chores – cooking, cleaning shared staff spaces, cleaning showers and latrines, checking in crews, checking trails and trail camps.
- Shooting sports activities at each camp are dictated by camp specific SOPs. Become familiar with all SOPs prior to any participant activity.
- Present Range Safety Briefings prior to all shooting sports activities.
- Ensure ranges and firearms are safe to utilize prior to all shooting sports activities.
- Demonstrate proper usage, and operation of all firearms and proper shooting positions to ensure a safe and memorable experience.
- Ensure all shooting logbooks, participant logbooks, and firearm logs are completed daily.
- Daily cleaning and inspection of all firearms is required.
- Reloading activities require proper safety briefing and instruction to participants before commencing. ONLY trained personnel are permitted to provide instruction in reloading activities.
- Complete other duties as assigned by direct supervisor or ranch management as required

Desired Qualifications & Experience

- Must be 18 years of age by time of employment
- Ability to prioritize tasks and ask for help when needed

- Ability to function well in a high-pace and at times stressful environment
- Complete all specialized program training during staff training week, including all required NRA Range Safety and Instructor Certification courses for Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun Shooting

Physical Requirements & Work Environment

- Must meet Scouting America height/weight requirements
- Be able to lift and handle materials up to 70 pounds throughout the scheduled workday
- Up to 90% of the workday could be spent walking, bending, stooping, kneeling, or crouching
- Be capable and willing to work in all types of weather conditions at various locations
- Must be willing and capable of hiking into and out of camp for days off. May have to hike anywhere from 2 to 12 miles to get back to Base Camp or a Trailhead

Additional Information

Please note: Personal firearms are not allowed at backcountry camps. Send inquiries to philstaff@scouting.org

It should be noted by applicants that Philmont Scout Ranch and the surrounding area are located in a rural ranching community within the high desert of the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Climate, culture, and the availability of resources may vary significantly than other communities. Amenities applicants are used to may not be available on the ranch or the surrounding area.

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