

2008

Bucks County Council

Philmont

Adventure

Join the Scouts and Scouters from Bucks County Council as they meet the challenge that only a Philmont backpacking expedition can bring. Explore mountain peaks and backcountry trails on an 11-day, 50+-mile trek. Hiking is only the beginning - crews will choose from rock climbing, black powder rifle shooting, western lore, horseback riding, gold panning, and much more.

We'll leave Bucks County on Thursday, July-31-2008, and fly to Colorado for a possible overnight visit at the Koshare Indian Museum in La Junta, CO and an evening of exciting Native American Dancing - then on to Philmont. We'll return on Wednesday, Aug-13-2008.

Costs are estimated to be \$1350 per person. A \$200 deposit will hold your place – if later canceled, a portion of the deposit may not be refundable depending upon the time of cancellation. Airline tickets, once purchased (most likely in May of 2008), are non-refundable. A payment schedule will be established to ease the financial burden.

This is real high adventure, so participants must be 14 or older on 01-Jan-2008 (or completed the 8th grade and be 13 prior to participation), in good health, and prepared for strenuous activity. Please note the age (grade) requirement must be met!

We will send 6 crews with 72 scouts / scouters! Due to the normally high interest in a Philmont Adventure, a series of priorities have been established for the selection of participants. The priority order was established to ensure that all scouts from Bucks County Council would eventually have an opportunity to participate in a Philmont adventure. Any scout or scouter not initially selected will be placed on a standby list. In the past, many if not all of the standby participants had an opportunity to join the expedition. All standby participants are expected to satisfactorily complete the training/preparation required by their adult crew advisors. For your convenience, the mandatory requirements and priority order are listed below.

Mandatory requirements:

- Age: 14 on or before 01-Jan-2008 (or completed 8th grade and 13)
Health: Within the weight requirement and certified for attendance by a physician with a completed Philmont health form (See below for weight limitations)
Training: Satisfactorily complete the training required by the adult crew advisors
Acceptance: Displays behavior consistent with the scout oath and law, the wilderness pledge, and the ability to complete a rugged trek as a member of his crew.

Priority Order:

1. 13 adults (2 per crew + 1 floater)
Selected on basis of qualification and crew scout rosters.

2. scouts, age ≥ 15 (or completed 9th grade) and < 18 years old on 01-Jan-2008, and attending Philmont for first time. [in order of receipt of deposit]
3. scouts, age =14 (or completed 8th grade) on 01-Jan-2008 with sibling selected for attendance, and attending Philmont for first time. [in order of receipt of deposits]
4. scouts, age =14 (or completed 8th grade) on 01-Jan-2008 without sibling selected for attendance, and attending Philmont for first time. [in order of receipt of deposits]
5. scouts, age =13 (and completed 8th grade) on 01-Jan-2008 with sibling selected for attendance, and attending Philmont for first time. [in order of receipt of deposits]
6. scouts, age =13 (and completed 8th grade) on 01-Jan-2008 without sibling selected for attendance, and attending Philmont for first time. [in order of receipt of deposits]
7. additional adults who have not attended Philmont previously and have dependents participating who are priority 2, 3 or 4 (and selected to attend). [in order of priority of son and receipt of deposits]
8. scouts who have attended Philmont previously. [in order of receipt of deposits]
9. adults who have attended Philmont previously and have a dependent participating. [in order of receipt of deposits]
10. adults who do not have a dependent participating. [in order of receipt of deposits]
11. scouts and adults who registered after April-30-2007. [in order of receipt of deposits]

After Jan-2008, dropouts may not be replaced at the discretion of the Philmont Committee. The goal is to have 7 crews of 12 (with at least 2 adults, one of which is > 21 years old on 22-Jul-2008) when the trek at Philmont commences.

Philmont Weight Limits for Backpacking and Hiking

(Adapted from Philmont Scout Ranch Literature)

Each participant in a Philmont trek must not exceed the maximum acceptable limit in the weight for height card shown below. The right hand column shows the maximum acceptable weight for a person's height in order to participate in a Philmont trek. Those who fall within the limits are more likely to have an enjoyable trek and avoid incurring health risks. Every Philmont trek involves hiking with a 35-50 lb backpack between 6,500 and 12,500 ft. elevations. Philmont recommends that participants carry a pack weighing no more than 25-30% of their body weight.

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 in Philmont. For example, a person 5'10" cannot weigh more than 226 lbs.

The Philmont physicians will use their best professional judgment in determining participation in Philmont trek by individuals less than 21 years of age who exceed the maximum acceptable weight for height. Participants under 21 years of age are strongly encouraged to meet the weight limit for their height, and exceptions are not made automatically.

Under no circumstance will any individual over 295 lbs be allowed to participate regardless of height or age. This limit is necessary due to limitations of rescue equipment and for the safety of Philmont personnel. The maximum weight for any participant in a Cavalcade Trek and for horse rides is 200 lbs.

| Height | Recommended Weight | Maximum Acceptance |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5' 1" | 97-138 | 172 |
| 5' 2" | 101-143 | 178 |
| 5' 3" | 104-148 | 183 |
| 5' 4" | 107-152 | 189 |
| 5' 5" | 111-157 | 195 |
| 5' 6" | 118-167 | 201 |
| 5' 7" | 121-172 | 207 |
| 5' 8" | 125-178 | 214 |
| 5' 9" | 129-185 | 220 |
| 5' 10" | 132-188 | 226 |
| 5' 11" | 136-194 | 233 |
| 6' 0" | 140-199 | 239 |
| 6' 1" | 144-205 | 246 |
| 6' 2" | 148-210 | 252 |
| 6' 3" | 152-216 | 260 |
| 6' 4" | 156-222 | 267 |
| 6' 5" | 160-228 | 274 |
| 6' 6" | 164-234 | 281 |
| 6'7 and over | 170-240 | 295 |

Don't miss this chance of a lifetime. If you have questions or need more information, contact Ron Schuck at (215) 262-0558 (rwschuck@comcast.net) or Bob Baird at the Scout Office at (215) 348-9436. Complete the reservation form below and mail it or bring it with your check to the council service center. **In order to give everyone enough time to plan, reservations and payments will *NOT* be accepted until Mon. March 26, 2007.** Applications received before March 26, 2007 will be returned.

PLEASE RESERVE ONE SPOT ON THE 2008 PHILMONT EXPEDITION FOR:

Name _____ Troop # _____ District _____

Complete: Scout (age on 1/1/08 _____, DOB ____/____/____ rank _____) Adult (age _____)

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail _____

Enclose a \$200.00 check and on or after March 26, 2007 bring or mail to: Bucks County Council B.S.A./ Attn. Philmont Expedition / 1 Scout Way / Doylestown, PA 18901