

What is Philmont All About?

An Introduction to Philmont Treks
and Programs

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What is Philmont?

- One of the four National High Adventure Bases operated by the Boy Scouts of America
- More than 215 square miles of Northern New Mexico wilderness donated to the BSA by Waite Phillips
- Over 20,000 Scouts and Scouters attend Philmont each summer





Rio Grande
River

Gallup

Santa Fe

Canadian
River

Albuquerque

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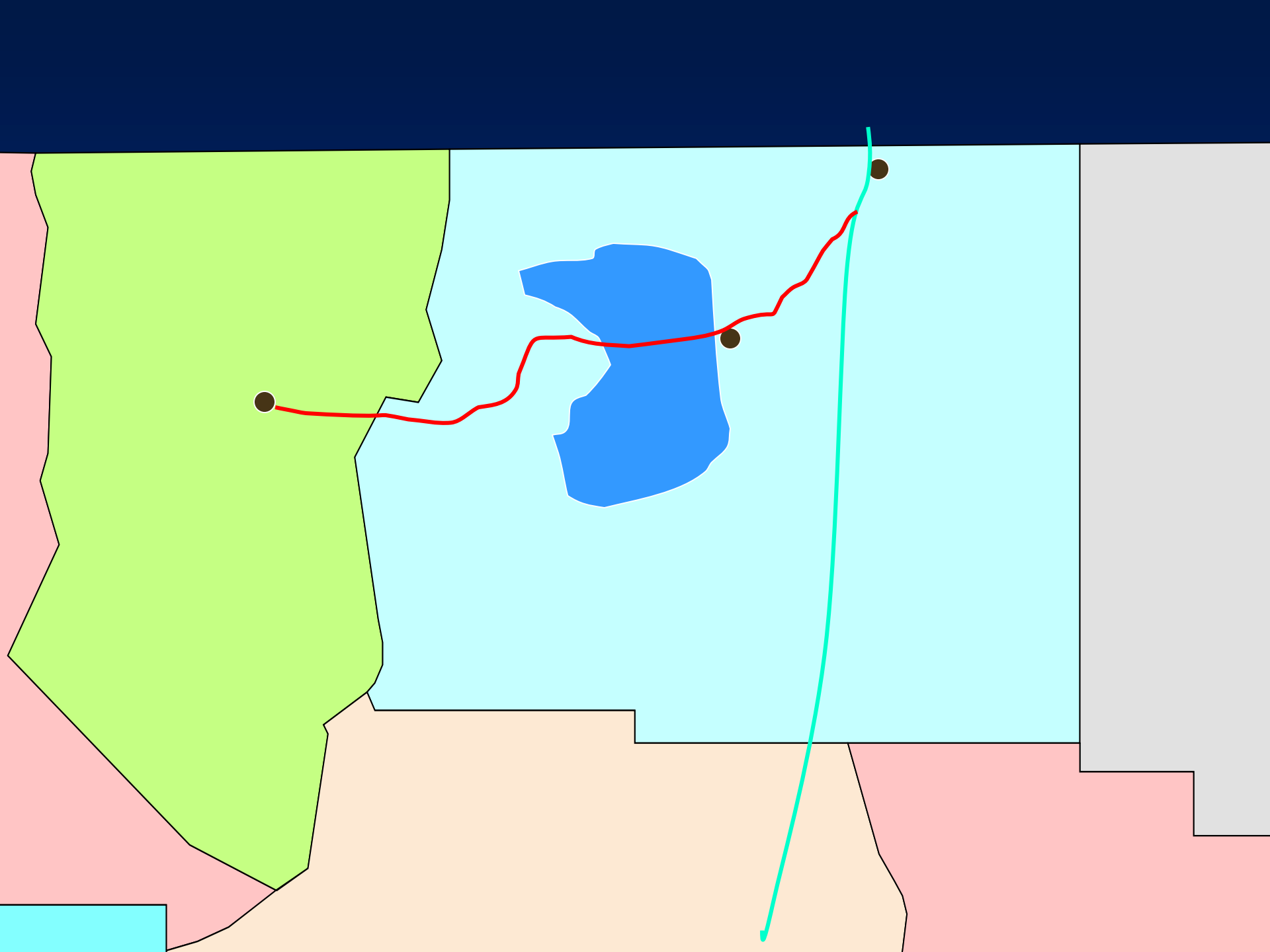
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to COLORADO SPRINGS
and DENVER



RATON

to SANTA FE and ALBUQUERQUE



The NCAC Philmont Trips:

- **Day 1**
 - **Baltimore/Washington to either Denver or Albuquerque**
 - **Sightseeing**
- **Day 2 (Standard Trips)**
 - **Additional Touring and Sightseeing**

These Days Allow for Acclimation to the Altitude



The NCAC Philmont Trips

- **Day 2 (Economy)/Day 3 (Standard)**
 - Arrival @ Base Camp
 - Check-in
- **Day 3/4 – Day 13/14**
 - On The Trail!
- **Day 14/15**
 - Check Out, Return Home



The NCAC Philmont Trips

- **Your NCAC trip fee includes:**
 - Philmont fees
 - Travel
 - Admission fees
 - All meals
 - Gratuities
 - Contingent Leader
 - Administrative fees
- **Final fee will be announced in March**



The Philmont Experience

- **11-day/10-night backpacking expeditions**
 - 35 pre-selected itineraries to choose from
 - 50 – 90+ miles total length
 - Challenging, Rugged, Strenuous or Super Strenuous
 - Elevations range from 6,500 feet (at base camp) to 12,441 feet



The Philmont Experience

- All personal gear, crew gear and food is carried on your back (30-50 pounds)
- Each night is spent at a different backcountry camp (80+ total camps)
- All cooking is done on backpacking stoves
- Two days of training by a Philmont Ranger



The Philmont Experience

“What do you do besides hiking?”

- **Backcountry Camps offer various unique program opportunities**
- **A chance to meet other Scouts from around the country – and the world**
- **Personal Development**
- **50-Miler Award**
- **Potential for Hiking and Backpacking MBs**



Philmont Itineraries

- Will be online this month
- Includes Day-by-Day Breakdown, Map and Elevation Profile for Each Trek
- Trek selection process kicks off in January

Start Thinking About Your Trek NOW



Choosing A Trek

- **Factors to Consider:**
 - **Total Mileage**
 - **Difficulty**
 - **Program Opportunities**
 - **Decide AS A CREW** which programs you want to do
 - **Many popular programs are offered at multiple camps** (rock climbing, horseback riding)
 - **Consider “Double-Dipping”:** doing program at a pass-thru camp
 - **The High Peaks**
 - **Baldy, Phillips, Tooth of Time, etc.**



Challenging

- **50 – 60 Total Miles**
- **Generally Only Cover a Portion of the Ranch (i.e., South Country)**
- **May Climb One or Two Peaks**
- **Lots of Time for Programs**
- **Layover Day**
- **Best Suited for Younger Crews w/o Significant Experience**



Rugged

- **60 – 70 Total Miles**
- **Cover More Territory Than Typical**
- **Include at Least One or Two Peaks**
- **Adequate Time for Programs**
- **Best Suited for Younger Crews That Have Some Backpacking Experience**



Strenuous

- **70 – 80 Total Miles**
- **Cover a Significant Portion of the Ranch (i.e., Start in South Country & Finish in North Country)**
- **Include Several Peaks**
- **Limited Time for Programs**
- **Best Suited for Experienced Older Crews (15 and up)**



Super Strenuous

- **80+ Total Miles**
- **Cover Most of the Ranch**
- **Include Several Peaks**
- **Longer Hiking Days**
- **Limited Time for Programs**
- **Should Only be Attempted by Older Crews (16 and up) w/ Significant Experience**



Avoid...

- **“Under-Trekking”**
 - Choosing a Trek That Is “Too Easy”
 - Too Much “Down Time”
- **“Over-Trekking”**
 - Doing More Miles Than Crew Can Physically/Emotionally Handle
 - Missing Program Opportunities
 - Constantly Hiking



Selecting Your Trek

- **Let's break the process down into three phases:**
 - **Phase 1: Gathering various information on previous year's treks and learning about the experience of your crew**
 - **Phase 2: Holding a crew meeting to discuss crew desires, compare and choose programs, and discuss trek difficulty**
 - **Phase 3: At the same meeting or a follow-up meeting, select your crew's top five choices**



Phase 1: Tools You Will Need

- Download the Treks Itinerary Guide from 2018

Caution – This is just to give you a general idea. ALL treks will be reconfigured in 2019!

www.philmontscoutranch.org



Phase 1: Tools You Will Need

- **NCAC Advisor Training & fellow advisors**
- **Conduct a web search for “Philmont”**
 - **Read accounts from other crew’s treks**
 - **Download documents from other crews and councils**



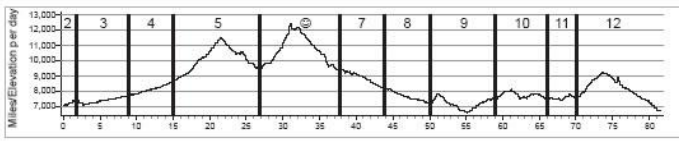
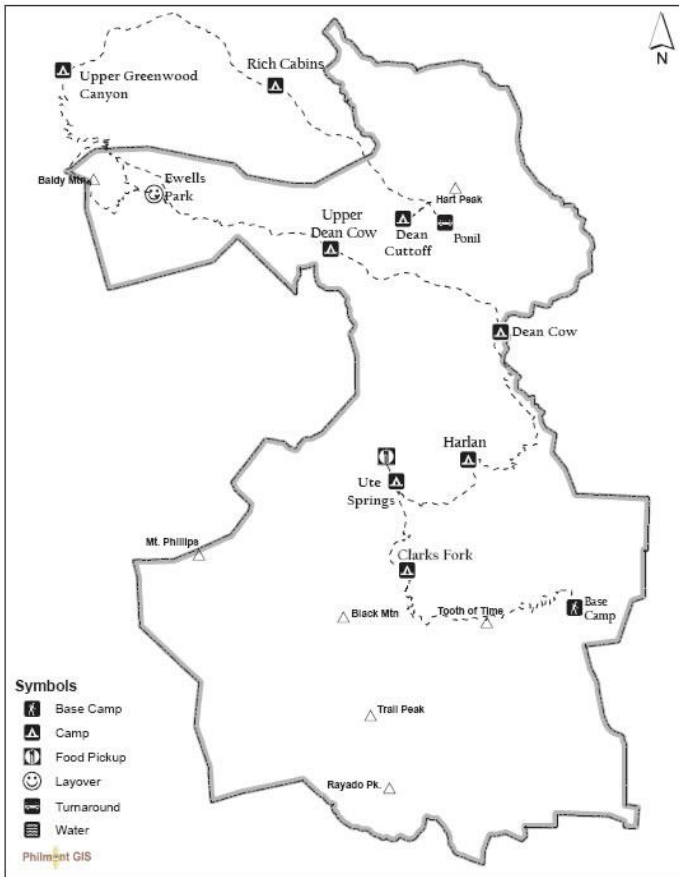
Phase 1: Tools You Will Need

- **Tooth of Time Traders**
 - www.toothoftimetraders.com
 - Official Philmont Trading Post; complete selection of maps, books, etc.
- **Philmanac**
 - Lists programs/facilities at each camp and provides historical background
- **Philmont Advisors Guide**
 - Comprehensive 90-page guide published by experienced Philmont advisors
 - www.bacphilmont.org or philmontadvisorsguide@gmail.com



Using Your Tools

Itinerary 27



- The Treks Itinerary Guide contains maps for each trek to give you an idea of the general route for each itinerary. The chart on the bottom indicates mileage and elevation changes.



Using Your Tools

- The Treks Itinerary Guide contains a daily breakdown of camps you will stay at, program opportunities, food pickup points, etc.

2009 PHILMONT ADVENTURE ITINERARY NO. 3

CHALLENGING - 52 MILES

EXPEDITION NUMBER _____ RANGER _____

COUNCIL _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ADULT ADVISOR _____ CREW LEADER _____

DAY OF TREK	DAY OF WEEK	DAY OF MONTH	CAMP	PROGRAM FEATURES	menu no.	FOOD pick up	signature
1.		2	Camping Headquarters	Opening Campfire	CH	NO	NONE
2.		3	UTE SPRINGS	Ranger Training		HQ	
3.		4	WEBSTER PARKS	Rock Climbing & Rappelling @ Cimarroncito, Trail Camp		UG	
4.		5	SAWMILL	.30-06 Shooting & Reloading		UG	
5.		6	MT. PHILLIPS	Dry Camp, Water @ Cyphers Mine		UG	
6.		7	COMANCHE	Rocky Mountain Fur Company & Black Powder Rifle Shooting @ Clear Creek, Trail Camp		UG	
7.		8	APACHE SPRINGS	Jicarilla Apache Life, Sweat Lodge		AS	
8.		9	APACHE SPRINGS	3-Dimensional Archery, Corn Grinding, Conservation		AS	
9.		10	FISH CAMP	Fly Tying, Fishing, Lodge Tour		AS	
10.		11	CRATER LAKE	Continental Tie & Lumber Company, Campfire		AS	
11.		12	ABREU	Mexican Homestead, Cantina, Mexican Dinner	-S	AS	
12.		13	Camping Headquarters	Hike to Rayado, Tour Kit Carson Museum @ Rayado, Awards Campfire	CH	NO	NONE

YOUR BUS: Departs from Camping Headquarters for your Starting Camp on Day 2 at _____ M to Cito TA.
Return to Camping Headquarters from Rayado Turnaround on Day 12 at _____ A.M.
You are scheduled for a BASE lunch.

NO CHANGES POSSIBLE FOR FOOD PICKUPS OR BUS TRANSPORTATION.

NUMBER OF CREW MEMBERS

9 _____ YOUTH

3 _____ ADULTS

12 _____ TOTAL

EXPEDITION PLAN APPROVAL

Adult Advisor _____

Crew Leader _____

Itinerary Planner _____

CONSERVATION PROJECT SITE

Hrs. Completed _____

Signed by Member of Philmont Conservation Staff _____

HORSES & BURROS

Horse Ride on Day _____ at _____

for _____ persons

time _____

Burro Packing on Day _____

for _____ persons

time _____



Using Your Tools

Be sure to completely review the Treks Itinerary Guide, the Guidebook to Adventure, and other materials available to you. These valuable documents contain a wealth of information too extensive to discuss here today.



Online Trek Selection Tools

- www.philsearch.org
- www.sccovington.com/philmont
 - Click on General Information
 - Click on Itinerary Selection



philsearch.org

PhilSearch - Windows Internet Explorer

Address bar: <http://philsearch.org/>

Navigation: Home, Back, Forward, Stop, Reload, Print, Page, Safety, Tools

Search:

2011 possible... Campsites

- Bent Camp
- Black Horse Camp
- Black Jacks Camp
- Black Mountain Camp

Program Features

- Stomp
- Sweat Lodge
- Tour Abreu Homestead
- Tour Kit Carson Home
- Tour Petroglyphs

Composite Features

- Burros
- Historic Homesteads
- Lodge Tour
- Named Peaks

Difficulty

Strenuous

Region

North
South
Valle Vidal

Desired Campsites

- Abreu
- Wild Horse Camp

Program Features

- 3D Archery
- Challenge Events

Composite Features

- Cantina
- Evening Program
- Shooting Sports

Difficulty

Challenging
Rugged

Region

Required Campsites

- Beaubien Camp

Program Features

- Chuck Wagon Dinner
- Tooth of Time

Composite Features

- 10000' + Peaks

Difficulty

Prohibited Campsites

Program Features

Composite Features

Difficulty

Super Strenuous

Region

Select one or more conditions from one or more categories. More conditions will result in fewer returned treks. Many required conditions may result in no treks being returned. Double Click to move an item from the possible list to the desired list (or back again to the possible list). Definitions of composite features are available [here](#).

Warning: Itinerary details provided by PhilSearch are for planning purposes only. Only the current year's "Treks" book and the addendums to it, if any, should be used for final trek selection.

Treks: [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) [8](#) [9](#) [10](#) [11](#) [12](#) [13](#) [14](#) [15](#) [16](#) [17](#) [18](#) [19](#) [20](#) [21](#) [22](#) [23](#) [24](#) [25](#) [26](#) [27](#) [28](#) [29](#) [30](#) [31](#) [32](#) [33](#) [34](#) [35](#)

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Treks meeting criteria

10K Peaks:45,46,55,78,79;

8 desired conditions: Camps: Abreu; Wild Horse Camp; Features: 3D Archery; Challenge Events; Composites: Cantina; Evening; Guns; Difficulty: Challenging; Rugged;

4 required conditions: Camps: Beaubien Camp; Features: Chuck Wagon Dinner; Tooth of Time; Composites: 10K Peaks;

1 prohibited conditions: Difficulty: Super Strenuous;

Trek	Desired Pct Match	Criteria matched
19	50%	Beaubien Camp; Chuck Wagon Dinner; Tooth of Time; 10K Peaks: (Trail Peak, Mount Phillips); Abreu; Rugged; Cantina: (Cantina); Guns: (Shotgun shooting & reloading - 12 Gauge, Black Powder Rifle);
17	50%	Beaubien Camp; Chuck Wagon Dinner; Tooth of Time; 10K Peaks: (Trail Peak, Mount Phillips); Challenge Events; Rugged; Evening: (Evening Campfire, Stomp, Evening Campfire, Evening Campfire); Guns: (Black Powder Rifle);
16	50%	Beaubien Camp; Chuck Wagon Dinner; Tooth of Time; 10K Peaks: (Trail Peak); 3D Archery; Challenging; Evening: (Stomp, Evening Campfire); Guns: (Black Powder Rifle);
30	38%	Beaubien Camp; Chuck Wagon Dinner; Tooth of Time; 10K Peaks: (Mount Phillips, Baldy Mountain); Challenge Events; Evening: (Evening Campfire, Evening Campfire); Guns: (30/06 Rifle Shooting/Reloading);
18	25%	Beaubien Camp; Chuck Wagon Dinner; Tooth of Time; 10K Peaks: (Trail Peak, Mount Phillips); Evening: (Evening Campfire, Evening Campfire); Guns: (Black Powder Rifle);

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Philmont 2014 Itinerary Selections

This spreadsheet has been developed to assist Capitol Area Council contingent crews (and any other crews that wish to use it) in selecting the Philmont itineraries that best reflect the capability and preferences of your crew. It uses a set of preferences that are entered based on the capability and wishes of the crew and results of surveys conducted of the crew members to attempt to best fit the crew's wishes to the available itineraries.

The itineraries and programs used in this version of the spreadsheet are based on the *Philmont TREKS - 2014 Itinerary Guide* book.

Along with this spreadsheet, use a copy of the survey form (Philmont Program Survey.doc) for each crewmember. This survey lists the programs available at Philmont and permits the crew members to assign a value to reflect their interest in each program. It is available for download on the Capitol Area Council contingent website (<http://www.sccovington.com/philmont>) at the "General Information", "Itinerary Selection" page.

When the surveys have been completed, click on the **Scores** tab. Click the **Clear Scores** button to erase the sample data. There is a column for each participant's survey scores. Enter the participant's name in the green row and then enter the score for each program in the column below the participant name. Do this for each participant that you have survey results for. The spreadsheet will accommodate a maximum of 12 participants but it will calculate properly if fewer participants are entered (a smaller crew). It is recommended that each crewmember (youth and adult) complete the survey and the scores entered. This will most accurately reflect the wishes of the crew.

Click the **Preferences** tab to set the general preferences for your crew. You may wish to try different combinations of these.

Click the **Results** tab. You may calculate results based on the arithmetic average (Mean) of the scores or the Median score. You may want to try both to see what differences there are. Select the Mean or Median by clicking the **Use Mean** or **Use Median** buttons. Click the **Sort Activities** button to put the programs in preference order. The program preferences are displayed in the right hand column. Click the **Rank Itineraries** button to match your preferences against the available itineraries. The itineraries that most closely match your preferences and survey responses are displayed on the left. The top five itineraries are shown in bold. You should carefully review these itineraries to see if they are the ones your crew would like to select. Look at the scoring of the itineraries, there may be little difference between the first 5 to 10 itineraries, in that event, itineraries other than the top 5 may be a better choice for your crew.

The **Activity Preference Chart** tab displays a printable bar chart showing the programs that your crew selected in rank order.

The **Itinerary Details** tab allows the user to get a snapshot of the information relating to a selected itinerary number. This worksheet may be printed.

The **Tables** tab is not normally modified by the user. It does contain the values used for various settings. You may wish to change these to reflect items that you feel are more or less important. Biases of the author are noted. The crew skill level to itinerary difficulty cross reference table makes a significant difference in itinerary selection results.

Questions or suggestions regarding this spreadsheet may be e-mailed to the author Sid Covington at sid_c@swbell.net

NOTE: Elevations are based on the altitude of the campsites, not the peak altitudes shown in the *TREKS* book. This permits the calculation of the average daily change in elevation. This version of the spreadsheet includes the maximum elevation attained, total altitude change, and average daily change as factors in the calculation. These three factors may be enabled or disabled in the Preferences tab. In addition to adding the elevation information to the selection criteria, users may print a brief description of each itinerary. This was requested by a user of the spreadsheet. In 2005, crews noticed that they were carrying a large initial food provisioning. This was added as a factor for 2006 (number of days of initial food.) This criteria has now been removed as all crews now depart base camp with 4 days food supply.

There are a number of "worksheets" that are normally "hidden". You may place the cursor on any of the worksheet tabs below, right click, and select "Unhide..." to view these worksheets. One of the worksheets is titled "**Detail Information**". It contains instructions at a more detailed level on how you may modify the various calculations and worksheets used to better fit your crew's needs.



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Set personal preferences below

Philmont is divided into four areas. Is it important to you which area you go to? **n**

If it is important, rank your preference in 1, 2, 3, 4 order with 1 being the most preferred, 4 being least.

South Country	4
Central Country	3
NorthCountry	2
Valle Vidal	1

Altitude Factors:

Altitude factors may be included or excluded from the calculations. There are three different factors in the calculation that relate to altitude.

Factor:	Include?
Maximum altitude attained:	y
Total elevation change:	y
Average daily change:	y

Rate the capability of your crew on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 indicating a young crew with little backpacking experience and 10 indicating an older crew with a lot of experience.

Capability **3**

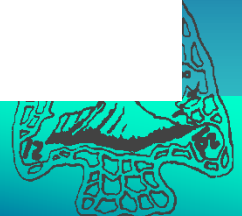
How much more important are programs than the other factors such as distance, country, altitude, Tooth of Time, etc. in your selection of an itinerary? Enter **y** if programs are more important, **n** if should be treated as lower priority than other factors.

Programs more important? **n**

A tradition at Philmont is for crews to return to base camp by hiking in from the Tooth of Time. Some say this gives you the right to put the bull's tail over your shoulder on red adult leader jackets!

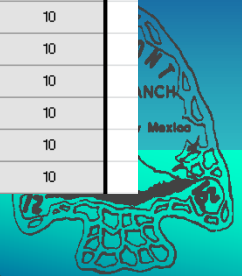
Is it important to hike in over the Tooth of Time?

y



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Clear Scores	Participant 1	Participant 2	Participant 3	Participant 4	Participant 5	Participant 6	Participant 7	Participant 8	Participant 9	Participant 10	Participant 11	Participant 12
Archaeology	10	3	10	0	0	5	0	10	0	0	5	3
Archery - 3 Dimensional	11	12	5	1	0	10	12	5	1	0	10	7
Astronomy	8	13	10	2	0	7	13	10	2	0	7	10
Atlatl (Spear-throwing)	10	3	10	0	0	5	0	10	0	0	5	3
Baldy Mountain Hike	10	0	15	0	18	20	0	15	0	18	20	0
Black Powder Rifle	19	20	0	14	7	10	20	0	14	7	10	8
Blacksmithing	10	20	0	14	6	10	20	0	14	6	10	9
Burro Packing	10	5	15	0	0	7	5	15	0	0	7	8
Burro Racing	13	15	0	0	1	12	15	0	0	1	12	6
Campfire (evening)	15	19	0	0	9	9	19	0	0	9	9	11
Cantina	12	10	5	0	0	7	10	5	0	0	7	15
Challenge Events	11	20	5	0	0	5	20	5	0	0	5	11
Chuckwagon Breakfast	10	20	5	0	0	5	20	5	0	0	5	11
Chuckwagon Dinner	14	10	0	13	0	4	10	0	13	0	4	18
Continental Tie & Lumber Co.	9	0	10	0	2	8	0	10	0	2	8	6
Cowboy Action Shooting	16	5	0	0	14	5	5	0	0	14	5	12
Demonstration Forest	8	13	10	2	0	7	13	10	2	0	7	10
Dutch Oven Dessert	16	5	0	0	14	5	5	0	0	14	5	12
Fishing	9	12	5	3	0	10	12	5	3	0	10	20
Fly Tying	8	0	0	16	5	3	0	0	16	5	3	10
Folk Weather Forecasting	9	1	1	17	6	4	1	1	17	6	4	11
Geocaching	7	11	5	4	0	12	11	5	4	0	12	6
Gold Mining & Panning	18	10	20	20	20	20	10	20	20	20	20	18
Historic Chase Ranch	13	2	15	18	0	10	2	15	18	0	10	12
Homesteading	0	19	0	6	0	12	19	0	6	0	12	0
Horse Rides	7	2	0	5	0	12	2	0	5	0	12	0
Jicarilla Apache Life	10	0	15	0	18	20	0	15	0	18	20	0
Kit Carson/Rayado Rancho	9	16	10	15	0	20	16	10	15	0	20	10
Land Navigation, GPS Technology	8	2	10	0	0	12	2	10	0	0	12	10
Leave No Trace Camping	15	0	15	0	19	12	0	15	0	19	12	10
Lodge/Cabin Tours	15	0	15	0	17	12	0	15	0	17	12	10
Mexican Dinner	15	0	15	0	12	12	0	15	0	12	12	10
Mexican Homestead	15	0	15	0	11	12	0	15	0	11	12	10



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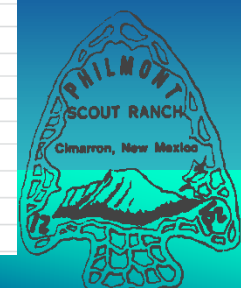
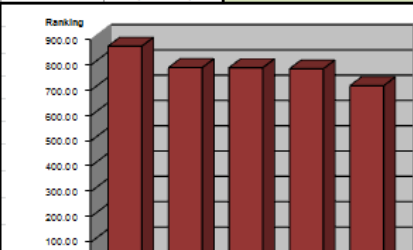
Itinerary #	Difficulty	Distance	Value	Choice	Rank	Sort	Activity	Top Itinerary/Program Cross Reference					
								1	9	7	13	5	
1	Challenging	56	862.53	#1			Gold Mining & Panning	X		X	X	X	
9	Challenging	63	778.03	#2			Shotgun Shooting/Reloading -						
7	Challenging	63	777.53	#3			Railroading						
13	Challenging	63	773.03	#4			Tooth of Time	X	X	X	X		
5	Challenging	52	706.28	#5			Post Civil War Settlers				X		
4	Challenging	71	658.03				Baldy Mountain Hike						
8	Challenging	65	618.78				Jicarilla Apache Life	X	X	X			X
3	Challenging	60	597.53				Kit Carson/Rayado Rancho		X				X
2	Challenging	62	594.78				Mt. Phillips	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	Challenging	66	566.78				Black Mountain				X		
11	Challenging	61	545.78				Leave No Trace Camping						
16	Rugged	71	485.59				Lodge/Cabin Tours	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	Challenging	65	469.78				Mexican Dinner	X					X
14	Challenging	74	408.03				Historic Chase Ranch						
15	Challenging	65	362.53				Mexican Homestead	X					X
21	Rugged	68	362.34				Black Powder Rifle	X	X	X	X	X	X
23	Rugged	75	303.59				Blacksmithing	X		X	X	X	X
22	Rugged	81	289.09				Rocky Mountain Fur Co.	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	Rugged	72	233.59				Campfire (evening)	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	Challenging	67	230.03				Trail Peak		X				
24	Rugged	82	215.09				Astronomy						
25	Strenuous	79	96.16				Demonstration Forest	X		X	X	X	X
17	Rugged	70	(37.41)				Chuckwagon Dinner		X				
31	Super Strenuous	83	(88.03)				Fishing	X	X				X
20	Rugged	75	(99.66)				Mountain Biking						
28	Strenuous	82	(235.34)				Rock Climbing & Rappelling	X	X	X	X	X	X
29	Strenuous	84	(238.59)				Burro Packing						
32	Super Strenuous	84	(332.28)				Cantina	X	X	X			X
18	Rugged	78	(381.41)				Shooting/Reloading - .30-06						
27	Strenuous	88	(406.84)				Geocaching						
33	Super Strenuous	92	(433.53)				Challenge Events						
26	Strenuous	76	(480.34)				Chuckwagon Breakfast						
30	Strenuous	89	(565.59)				Cowboy Action Shooting						
35	Super Strenuous	106	(781.78)				Dutch Oven Dessert						
34	Super Strenuous	93	(824.78)				Folk Weather Forecasting						
							Land Navigation, GPS Technolc						
							Mountain Man Rendezvous						
							Search & Rescue/Wild. Medicin	X	X	X			X
							Tomahawk Throwing	X	X	X			X
							Western Lore/Branding		X	X	X		
							Continental Tie & Lumber Co.		X		X		
							Fly Tying	X	X				X
							Burro Racing						
							Atlatl (Spear-throwing)						
							Homesteading	X	X		X		

NOTE: You may type itinerary numbers in at the upper left to override the calculated choices.

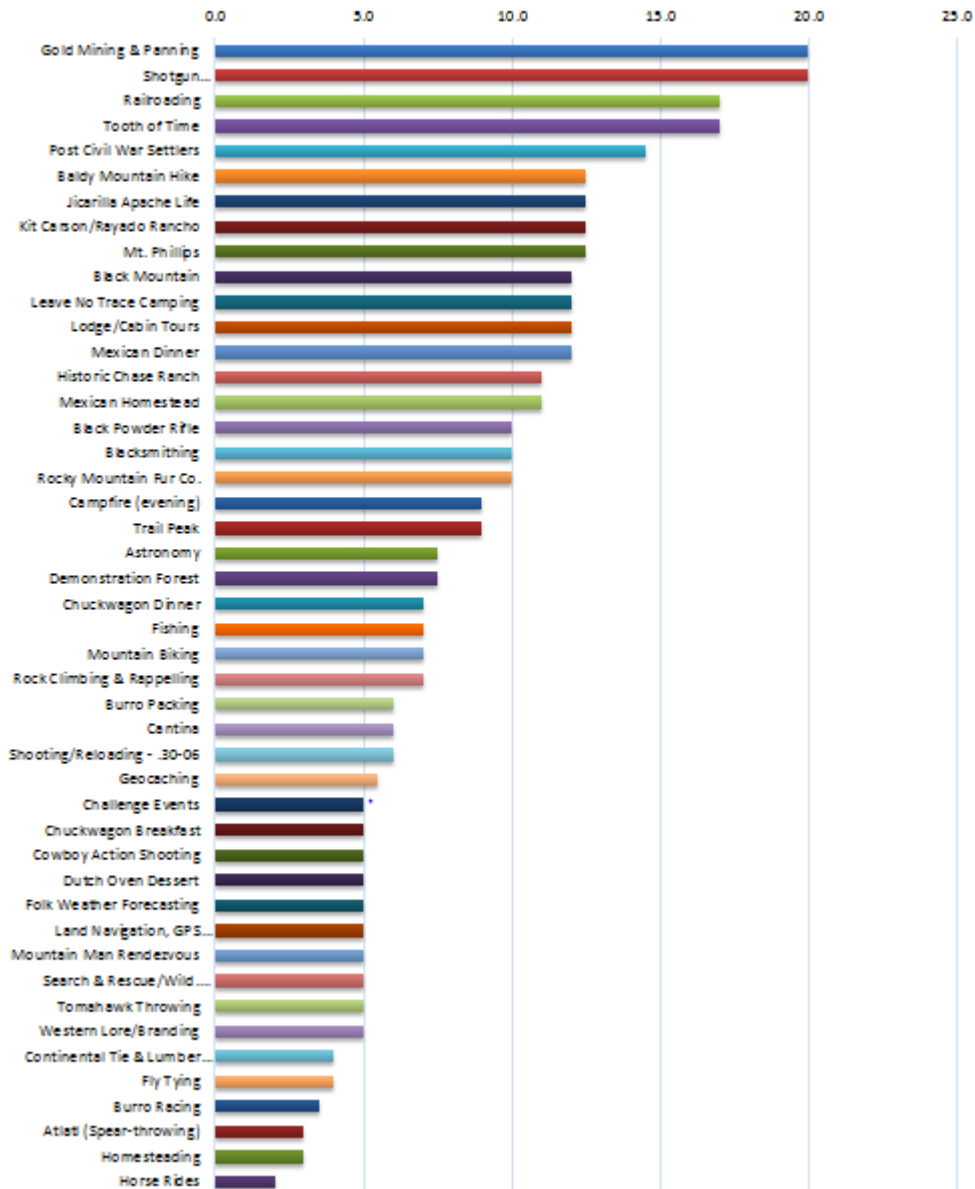
This will let you review the programs with the numbers you type. These will be reset the next time you click the Rank Itineraries or Sort Activities buttons.

PREFERENCES:

Area Important?	N
South:	
Central:	
North:	
Valle Vidal:	
Capability:	3
Tooth of Time?	Y
Max Altitude?	Y
Total elevation?	Y



Crew Program Preferences



Itinerary Information

Itinerary Number:	1
Expedition Number	630-D
Classification:	Challenging
Distance:	56
Initial Days Food:	4
Return via Tooth:	Yes
Trail Camps:	4
Dry Camps:	2
Staffed Camps:	6
Lagovers:	
Total Camps:	12
Max Altitude:	11,650
Min Altitude:	7,185
Altitude Change:	4,465

Elevation information shown here is based on beginning/ending composite altitudes.

Area(s): South, Central
Map(s): South
Peaks: Mt. Phillips, Tooth of Time

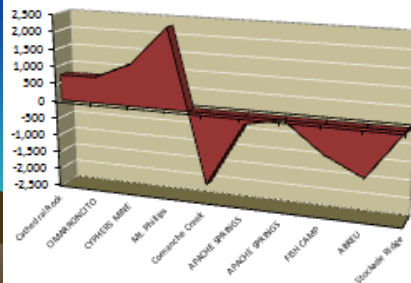
Description: Is your crew looking for a program packed itinerary in addition to seeing the sunset at Philmont's highest camp? Look no further. This trek starts by hiking past Cathedral Rock and the picturesque Cimarroncito Reservoir. Check out the Demonstration Forest and hike by Window Rock before climbing several new rock climbing routes at Cimarroncito. From there, the cool hike up the North Fork Cimarroncito Creek will let you focus on the wildflowers and aspens instead of the heat! At Cyphers Mine, Charlie Cyphers and his miners will teach you how to blacksmith, mine for gold, and treat you to mining music at night! Next, the trek up Mount Phillips will be challenging, but seeing the sunset over Wheeler Peak and the Moreno Valley will be an unparalleled reward. You will then meet the mountain men of Clear Creek while shooting .50 caliber black powder rifles before resting at Comanche Creek Camp for the night. From there you will learn how the homesteaders made a living in the mountains at Crooked Creek before working with our Conservation Department on a trail project near Buck Creek. At Apache Springs, you will shoot 3-D animal archery targets and learn the ways of the Jicarilla Apache. Enjoy the hike down the Agua Fria to Fish camp where you will tour Mr. Phillips fishing lodge, learn how to tie flies, and fish the same waters that White loved so dearly. Enjoy the hike down Rayado Canyon past Lookout, Crater, and Rayado Peak on your way to the Notch and then help the staff at Carson Meadows with an important search and rescue mission. From there, enjoy a delicious Mexican dinner and a cool root beer at the cantina, but be sure to prepare yourself for the final leg of your journey... Lovers Leap and The Tooth of Time!

Programs: Archery - 3 Dimensional, Black Powder Rifle, Blacksmithing, Campfire (evening), Cantina, Demonstration Forest, Fishing, Fly Tying, Gold Mining & Panning, Homesteading, Jicarilla Apache Life, Lodge/Cabin Tours, Mexican Dinner, Mexican Homestead, Rock Climbing & Rappelling, Rocky Mountain Fur Co., Search & Rescue/Wild. Medicine, Tomahawk Throwing, Tooth of Time

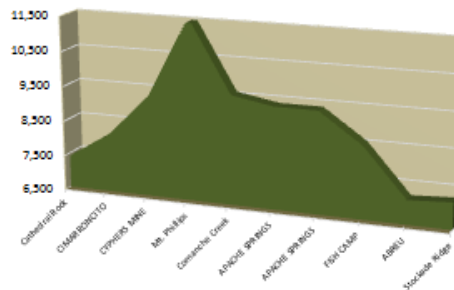
Date:	Day	Campsite	UTM Coordinates*			Cross US-64
			Elevation	Easting	Northing	
Tuesday, 6/30/2015	1	BASE	6,696	503848	4034364	
wednesday, 7/1/2015	2	Cathedral Rock (Trail)	7,420	495702	4037521	
Thursday, 7/2/2015	3	CIMARRONCITO (Staffed, Shower)	8,160	494147	4039263	
Friday, 7/3/2015	4	CYPHERS MINE (Staffed, Shower)	9,360	489502	4037678	
Saturday, 7/4/2015	5	Mt. Phillips (Trail)	11,650	485936	4036789	
Sunday, 7/5/2015	6	Comanche Creek (Trail)	9,600	485657	4033365	
Monday, 7/6/2015	7	APACHE SPRINGS (Staffed)	9,390	487074	4026946	
Tuesday, 7/7/2015	8	APACHE SPRINGS (Staffed)	9,390	487074	4026946	
wednesday, 7/8/2015	9	FISH CAMP (Staffed)	8,554	490785	4026958	
Thursday, 7/9/2015	10	ABREU (Staffed, Showers)	7,185	498562	4025941	
Friday, 7/10/2015	11	Stockade Ridge (Trail)	7,258	500020	4032258	
Saturday, 7/11/2015	12	BASE	6,696	503848	4034364	

*NAD 83 Zone 12

Daily Campsite Elevation Change



Campsite Elevations



Completing Phase 1

- **Talk with others who have been to Philmont to get ideas and suggestions**
- **When you understand the tools, program and trek options, it is time to schedule a crew meeting**



Phase 2: Getting Started

- At your next crew meeting, initiate a discussion to select a trek your crew desires
- The selection process can be confusing, so start early
- Avoid the common mistake of trying to see and do everything on your trek
- Turn this into a fun project for your crew – have the crew form a lead team to do the ground work or combine the meeting with another event, such as a cookout



Crew Discussion Items

- Evaluate the capabilities of your crew carefully when choosing how strenuous your trek might be. Crew members should discuss any limitations or concerns they may have. Advisors need to know the experience level of ALL members.
- It may be helpful to decide first how strenuous of trek your crew should work toward, keeping in mind that less time is available for programs on tougher treks.



Crew Discussion Items

- Use the **Guidebook to Adventure** to review details about programs. Discuss each program to ensure everyone knows what it is about.
- Identify programs your crew values the most.



Crew Discussion Items

- **Other factors to consider include:**
 - **High Peaks**
 - Baldy
 - Mt. Phillips
 - Trail Peak
 - **Tooth of Time**
 - **Valle Vidal**
 - **Hike-In vs. Bus**



Crew Discussion Items

- Use the Trek Itinerary Guide and treks comparison sheets to review the details about where programs are and camps where you will spend the night, plus details about daily hikes (mileage, elevation change)
- Use the Philmanac and overall map to get more information about the various camps and trails
- Remember that there are no bad treks. Focus on desired programs and/or areas of the Ranch as needed.



Phase 3: Choosing Your Trek

- At the same meeting as Phase 2, or in a follow-up meeting, it is time to identify the crew's top five trek choices using the previous year's materials and the programs they desire.
- With your guidance, let the youth choose five potential treks, rated 1 to 5, to submit in March. Make sure your crew understands that it may not be possible to capture every single program activity they desire in the trek you are assigned.



Crew Discussion Items

- **Choosing treks is their responsibility, not yours. There are many similar treks. If your youth members pick those that are similar, they are all but certain to get what they want.**



Important Dates

- **January 20, 2019**
 - Training Session – Location TBD
- **March 2, 2019**
 - Outdoor Skills Training (Location TBA)
- **March 9th and 16th, 2019**
 - Mandatory Advisor Hikes @ Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont – You Must Attend One
- **June TBD, 2019**
 - Final Meeting @ Marriott Scout Center, 9 a.m.

