

Philmont Scout Ranch Overview by NCAC HAC

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest national High Adventure Base. Its 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps provide an unforgettable adventure in the high country along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails.

Born in 1938 as Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp, today's Philmont Scout Ranch is a bustling center for high adventure and training. Youth and adults take advantage of the Ranch's camping, training and work programs. Most activity takes place during the summer, but Philmont also offers Autumn Adventure and Winter Adventure programs.

More than 1 million Scouts, Venturers, and leaders have experienced the adventure of Philmont since the first camping season in 1939. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques has helped maintain the Ranch's wilderness.

The area surrounding the Ranch is rich with history, from the Native Americans who made this arid land their home to the land barons of the 19th century. The town of Cimarron boasts a number of historical buildings, including the St. James Hotel, the site of numerous shootouts during Cimarron's wilder days.

Links from Philmont, including web site:

Philmont's overview of Philmont Scout Ranch is available by clicking [here](#).

Philmont History: Over the course of many years, Philmont has been a famous stop on the Santa Fe Trail, the home of Jicarilla Apache and Moache Ute Indians, a prospecting community and a working cattle ranch. Three of the four museums at Philmont Scout Ranch tell this rich history. For more information, click [here](#).

Photo albums of photographs taken at Philmont are available by clicking [here](#) or [here](#).

Philmont FAQ: Click [here](#) for the answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Philmont Scout Ranch and the Philmont Training Center.

Since 2021, Philmont has been providing preparedness seminars on Facebook. For more information, including the schedule of most recent classes click [here](#).

Contact Philmont Scout Ranch directly by clicking [here](#).

Camperships

Philmont provides Waite Phillips Scholarships to units and Council Contingents. One \$400 award to one individual is available per crew. [Applications](#) may be obtained directly from Philmont must be returned to Philmont by February 1 in the year of the trek. For more information, contact Virginia Soricelli, HAC Campership Coordinator via [email](#) or call 571-643-2426.

NCAC Philmont Contingents for Units and Individuals

For decades, Philmont has provided at least one crew to the NCAC High Adventure Committee that can be used by individual scouts, known as a provisional crew. There are no openings available for 2025, but you can send an [email](#) to check on availability in future years by a unit or individual.

NCAC Philmont Advisor Training

All NCAC units planning to attend Philmont have training opportunities in November, January and March prior to the summer of their trip. To access the most recent training materials click here: [NCAC High Adventure Committee Philmont Training Materials](#)

All crew advisors have the opportunity to check their backpacking fitness on a ten-mile hike in early March. For more information, contact the HAC Advisor Hikes Coordinator Craig Dubishar via [email](#) or call (703) 850-1751.

For additional information about Philmont, contact Pete Stark, NCAC Philmont Liaison via [email](#) or call (703) 203-4100.

Travel Information

[Getting to Philmont from Denver](#)