

Philmont Scout Ranch Overview by NCAC High Adventure Committee

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 Philtown 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 to web pages on Philmont's web site:

An 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](#).

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

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

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

Camperships

Camperships are available to Scouts who need financial assistance to attend Philmont. To apply download [2021 Campership Form](#) or for more information, contact Virginia Ward, HAC Campership Coordinator via [email](#) or call 571-643-2426.

Applications for NCAC Units and Individuals

Interested in taking a great hiking adventure with new friends on a great adventure? Join a Provisional Crew and you'll have the chance of a lifetime! Just fill out the [2021 NCAC Contingent Application](#)

All provisional crew advisors are required to complete the [2021 NCAC Contingent Application](#) and contact the HAC Adult Coordinators:

Matt O'Brien via [email](#) or call (703) 674-7575

Craig Dubishar via [email](#) or call (703) 850-1751.

NCAC Units can also join an NCAC Philmont Contingent. Just fill out the application at [2021 NCAC Contingent Application](#)

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

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