



EAC 324

# Philmont Scout Ranch

February 2025



# Philmont in Two (video)



# Agenda

- What's Philmont?
- Challenges
- Typical Trip overview
- Preparations:
  - Warm-ups
  - Trip logistics
- Administration



# What is Philmont Scout Ranch?

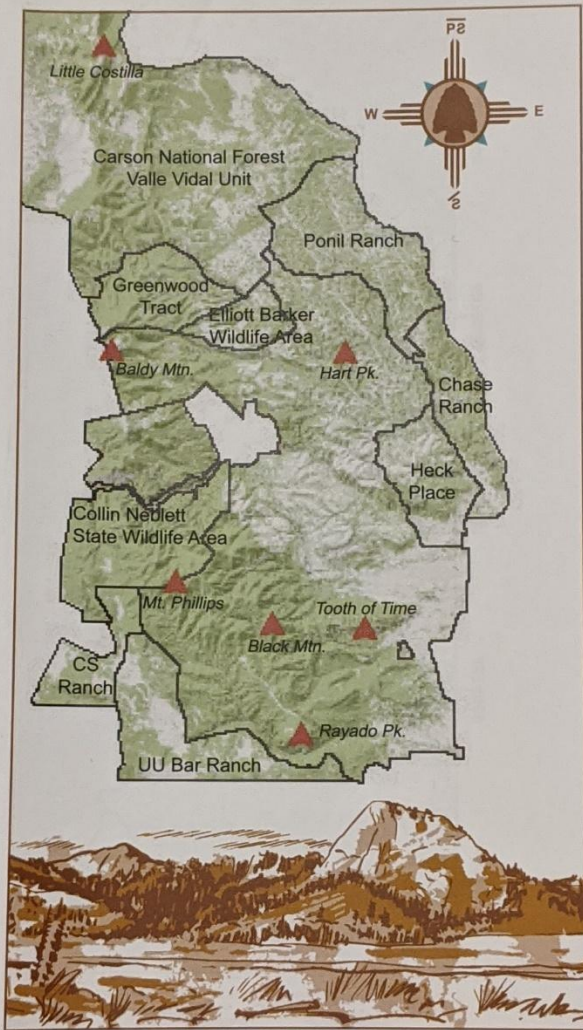
- Located in northeastern New Mexico, near the town of Cimarron (pop. 800) in the Sangre de Cristo section of the Rocky Mountains
- 137,000 acres (214 sq. mi.), ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet elevation - the largest youth camp in the world
- Established 1939 by donation of 35,000 acres by oilman Waite Phillips
- Expanded 1941 to 127,000 acres with 2<sup>nd</sup> gift;
- Baldy purchase 1963, Chase Ranch 2014





# Philmont Scout Ranch

## Cimarron, New Mexico



## Overall Map

# Philmont GIS



# What do you do there?

- 11-day backpacking trip covering 46-78 miles (also 7-day and 9-day)
- 30+ staff camps, 70+ trail camps
- Daily activities include
  - Rock climbing
  - Spar pole climbing
  - Black powder rifle
  - Gold panning/mine tour
  - Burro packing
  - Western lore
  - Challenge events
  - Shotgun shooting
  - Blacksmithing
  - Challenge events





# Philmont Programs/Itineraries/Camps

Programs	Offered on 12-Day Itineraries	At These Camps
Archaeology	12-5, 12-16, 12-18, 12-23, 12-27, 12-28, 12-30	Indian Writings
Archery - 3 Dimensional	12-2, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-9, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-15, 12-17, 12-19, 12-20, 12-21, 12-22, 12-29, 12-31, 12-33	Apache Springs, Cimarroncita
Astronomy	12-16, 12-18, 12-23, 12-25, 12-26, 12-27, 12-30	Ring Place
Atlatl (Dart-Throwing)	12-5, 12-18, 12-23, 12-27, 12-28	Indian Writings
Baldy Mountain Hike	12-5, 12-9, 12-10, 12-16, 12-18, 12-20, 12-23, 12-26, 12-27, 12-29, 12-30, 12-31, 12-32, 12-33, 12-34	
Blacksmithing	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-9, 12-10, 12-11, 12-13, 12-14, 12-15, 12-16, 12-17, 12-18, 12-19, 12-20, 12-21, 12-22, 12-23, 12-24, 12-25, 12-29, 12-30, 12-32, 12-33	Black Mountain, Cyphers Mine, French Henry, Metcalf Station
Bouldering	12-10, 12-18, 12-23, 12-25, 12-27, 12-28, 12-30	Chase Cow
Burro Packing	12-5, 12-16, 12-27, 12-32	Miranda, Ponil
Campfire (evening)	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-15, 12-16, 12-17, 12-19, 12-21, 12-22, 12-23, 12-24, 12-25, 12-26, 12-27, 12-28, 12-29, 12-30, 12-31, 12-32, 12-33, 12-34	Beaubien, Clarks Fork, Crater Lake, Cyphers Mine, Metcalf Station, Ponil, Pueblano, Rich Cabins, Urraca
Cantina	12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-9, 12-10, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-16, 12-19, 12-20, 12-21, 12-22, 12-24, 12-26, 12-27, 12-28, 12-29, 12-30, 12-32, 12-33	Abreu, Ponil
Challenge Events	12-1, 12-3, 12-5, 12-6, 12-9, 12-10, 12-16, 12-17, 12-19, 12-20, 12-22, 12-23, 12-24, 12-25, 12-29, 12-30, 12-31, 12-32, 12-33	Dan Beard, Head of Dean, Urraca
Chuckwagon Dinner	12-1, 12-2, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-15, 12-16, 12-17, 12-20, 12-22, 12-24, 12-26, 12-27, 12-28, 12-29, 12-31, 12-32, 12-34	Beaubien, Clarks Fork, Ponil
Cowboy Action Shooting	12-9, 12-10, 12-16, 12-26	Ponil
Demonstration Forest	12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-8, 12-11, 12-14, 12-15, 12-17, 12-19, 12-21, 12-22, 12-24, 12-28, 12-32, 12-33, 12-34	Demonstration Forest
Fishing	12-6, 12-12, 12-15, 12-17, 12-21, 12-22	Fish Camp
Fly Tying	12-6, 12-12, 12-17, 12-22	Fish Camp
Fur Trapper Rendezvous	12-5, 12-9, 12-10, 12-16, 12-18, 12-20, 12-23, 12-27, 12-32	Miranda
Gold Mining & Panning	12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-8, 12-10, 12-11, 12-14, 12-15, 12-17, 12-19, 12-20, 12-21, 12-22, 12-23, 12-24, 12-29, 12-30, 12-31, 12-33	Cyphers Mine, French Henry
High Ropes & Climbing Tower	12-1, 12-3, 12-13, 12-19	COPE Course
Historic Chase Ranch	12-10, 12-25, 12-27, 12-28, 12-30	Chase Ranch
Homesteading	12-2, 12-4, 12-6, 12-9, 12-13, 12-14, 12-15, 12-17, 12-19, 12-21, 12-22, 12-23, 12-24, 12-25, 12-33, 12-34	Crooked Creek, Rich Cabins
Horse Rides	12-1, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10, 12-12, 12-15, 12-17, 12-20, 12-22, 12-24, 12-27, 12-28, 12-31, 12-32, 12-33, 12-34	Beaubien, Clarks Fork, Ponil
Hunter Safety	12-5, 12-29, 12-31	Cimarroncita
Inspiration Point Hike	12-1, 12-3, 12-17, 12-19, 12-24	Urraca
Jicarilla Apache Life	12-2, 12-6, 12-7, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-15, 12-17, 12-19, 12-21, 12-22, 12-24	Apache Springs
Kit Carson/Rayado Rancho		
Laser Shot Shooting Range	12-5, 12-9, 12-20, 12-29, 12-31, 12-33	Cimarroncita
Lodge/Cabin Tours	12-2, 12-4, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-15, 12-17, 12-19, 12-21, 12-22, 12-23, 12-24, 12-25, 12-33, 12-34	Abreu, Crooked Creek, Fish Camp, Hunting Lodge, Rich Cabins
Low Impact Camping	12-15, 12-16, 12-18, 12-23, 12-25, 12-26, 12-27, 12-30, 12-33, 12-34	Beatty Lakes, Greenwood Canyon, Iris Park, Little Costilla, Middle Ponil, Phillips Junction, Rich Cabins, Ring Place, Upper Greenwood
Mexican Dinner	12-11, 12-22	Abreu
Mine Tour	12-2, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-10, 12-11, 12-15, 12-17, 12-19, 12-20, 12-21, 12-22, 12-23, 12-24, 12-29, 12-30, 12-33	Cyphers Mine, French Henry
Mountain Biking	12-16, 12-18, 12-23, 12-25, 12-26, 12-27, 12-30	Ring Place
Muzzle Loading Rifle	12-1, 12-3, 12-4, 12-8, 12-9, 12-11, 12-13, 12-15, 12-18, 12-19, 12-23, 12-24, 12-27, 12-29, 12-32	Black Mountain, Clear Creek, Miranda
New Mexican Homestead	12-6, 12-7, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-19, 12-21, 12-22, 12-24	Abreu
Petroglyph Tour	12-5, 12-16, 12-18, 12-23, 12-25, 12-27, 12-28, 12-30, 12-32	Indian Writings
Post Civil War Encampment	12-1, 12-3, 12-4, 12-13, 12-24, 12-29	Black Mountain
Railroading	12-5, 12-9, 12-16, 12-18, 12-23, 12-25, 12-27, 12-30, 12-32	Metcalf Station





# (Handout - 31 Photos Removed Of:)

- Rock climbing
- Rappelling
- Spar pole climbing
- Black powder rifle
- Tomahawk throwing
- Gold panning
- Blacksmithing
- Mine tour
- Burro racing
- Burro packing
- Western lore/branding
- Challenge events
- Shotgun shooting
- Mud
- Musical programs
- Wildlife
- Crew - Tooth of Time
- Crew - Baldy Mt.















































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Live Around  
Tour in Progress



















































































# Programs Included in 12-Day Itineraries

ITINERARY NUMBERS: 12-	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	
Hiking Difficulty	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Distance (approximately)	52	54	59	59	55	55	55	58	60	62	60	61	61	61	60	63	60	65	64	70	72	66	65	63	68	66	64	60	64	70	64	71	79		
Trail Camps	4	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	6	4	4	5	5	4	5	3	6	5	5	5	5	5	6	5	4	5	6	2	6	5	3	5	7	6	
Dry Camps	1	2		3	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	4	2		3		1	3	4	3	2	3	3	2	1	5	1	2	2	1	2	
Archaeology														X	X				X			X	X	X		X									
Archery - 3 Dimensional	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Astronomy										X		X														X		X	X	X	X	X			
Atlatl (Dart-Throwing)														X	X								X	X	X		X								
Baldy Mountain Hike			X							X			X	X		X		X			X	X	X			X		X	X		X	X	X		
Blacksmithing	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Bouldering															X							X					X						X	X	
Burro Packing											X								X					X											
Campfire (evening)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cantina	X		X			X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Challenge Events	X	X	X	X						X		X	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Chuckwagon Dinner		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X				X	
Cowboy Action Shooting			X							X				X				X			X		X	X											
Demonstration Forest	X			X	X	X		X							X	X									X		X				X	X			
Fishing							X	X	X				X			X					X				X	X	X		X				X		
Fly Tying							X			X			X								X				X										
Fur Trapper Rendezvous			X							X			X	X		X	X		X				X	X		X								X	
Gold Mining & Panning	X			X	X	X		X					X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
High Ropes & Climbing Tower		X										X						X																	
Historic Chase Ranch															X								X											X	
Homesleaving	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X			X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Horse Rides		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								X					X		X	X				
Hunter Safety			X											X															X	X	X	X			
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Kit Carson/Rayado Rancho										X	X									X															
Laser Shot Shooting Range			X											X															X	X		X			
Lodge/Cabin Tours	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Low Impact Camping	X															X						X	X	X			X	X				X	X	X	
Mexican Dinner	X				X														X	X				X							X				
Mine Tour				X	X	X	X						X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Muzzle Loading Rifle	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X				
New Mexican Homestead	X				X	X		X	X		X				X				X	X				X	X		X			X					
Post Civil War Encampment		X			X							X							X										X	X					
Railroading			X								X			X					X															X	
Rock Climbing & Rappelling				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	X	
Rocky Mountain Fur Co.	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X						X		X	X				X	X		X			X				
Search & Rescue/Wild. Medicine									X	X	X										X				X										
Shooting/Reloading - .30-06				X								X												X			X	X	X						
Shotgun Shooting/Reloading - 12 Ga.		X									X			X	X			X												X		X			
Spar Pole Climbing										X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X	X				X						X	X	
Tie Making & Crosscut Saws				X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Tomahawk Throwing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Tooth of Time		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Western Lore/Branding	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	





## Programs Included in 12-Day Itineraries

ITINERARY NUMBERS: 12-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Hiking Difficulty	C	C	R	C	C	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS
Distance (approximately)	46	58	71	58	54	53	69	55	61	53	64	61	59	78	63	65	61	64	69	76	70	68	76	77
Trail Camps	5	7	5	5	6	5	6	7	5	6	4	6	5	4	4	6	4	5	6	5	3	4	5	6
Dry Camps	1	3	1		2	2	2	1	2		2	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	3	1	3	3	2	3
Climbing: Bouldering Gym						X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X
Climbing: Climbing Wall/Tower	X					X						X	X		X	X	X				X		X	
Climbing: Crate Stacking						X						X	X		X	X	X				X		X	
Climbing: Rock Climbing		X				X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
COPE: High Challenge Course	X												X								X			
COPE: Initiative Games	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X				X	X	X		X	X	X
COPE: Low Challenge Course	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X				X	X	X		X	X	X
Ecology: Demonstration Forest						X			X		X		X	X							X			X
Ecology: Self-Guided Fishing	X				X						X	X		X	X	X	X				X			
Evening: Abreu Family Dinner	X																				X			
Evening: Advisor Coffee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Evening: Campfire Show	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Evening: Chuckwagon Dinner				X					X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	
Historical: Adobe Brick-Making	X				X						X	X				X					X			
Historical: Blacksmithing		X	X	X			X	X		X			X		X	X	X	X			X	X		X
Historical: Cabin Restoration					X						X	X									X			
Historical: Cabin/House Tour	X		X		X		X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X		X			
Historical: Crafting	X				X						X	X				X					X			
Historical: Crosscut & Tie Making	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X
Historical: Flint Knapping	X				X											X	X		X					
Historical: Fur Trapper Rendezvous		X		X		X	X		X	X										X		X	X	X
Historical: Gold Panning		X		X		X	X	X		X			X		X		X	X		X	X	X		X





# Itinerary 12-14

**Rugged**

**61 miles**

## Camping & Hiking Highlights

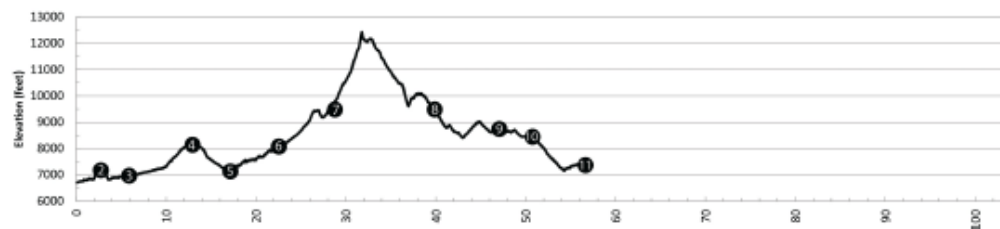
- Baldy Mountain - 12,441 ft.
- Santa Claus Camp
- Baldy Skyline Hike
- Horse Canyon

## Program Highlights

- Burro Packing
- Spar Pole Climbing
- 12-Gauge Shotgun Shooting
- Mining & Blacksmithing

## Conservation

- Day 9 - Head of Dean
- 2:00pm
- Forest Fuel Reduction





# 2023 PHILMONT ADVENTURE ITINERARY

## Itinerary 12-14

## Rugged (good mix of program and hiking) - 61 miles

This traverse of the North Country historical timeline starts off by exploring the site of the first confirmed T-Rex track in the world! Move on to Indian Writings the next day to learn about some of the oldest historical sites on the ranch, the many petroglyphs found in the canyon, as well as the pit house excavation site. Continue up the North Ponil Canyon to the site of Metcalf Station and try your hands as a railroader for the day before settling in to Horse Canyon trail camp. Hike down beautiful Horse Canyon to the original base camp and headquarters of Philmont at Ponil. Ride horses, enjoy a nice cold root beer at the Cantina and spend the rest of the day enjoying the western lore programs, a delicious chuckwagon dinner, and an exciting Cantina Show to top off the day. Pick up your burros then head over to Pueblano to spend time with the loggers of the Continental Tie & Lumber Co. to experience the thrill of spar pole climbing and enjoy a great campfire program. Get ready, as the next morning you will be heading up into the mountains and cooler nights at higher elevations. First, drop off your burros at Miranda and get a glimpse of what a Fur Trapper Rendezvous might have looked like and enjoy a friendly tomahawk throwing competition. Your next two nights are at a brand new trail camp called Placer, in the shadow of Baldy Mountain. You will have a layover day where you can summit Baldy Mountain, and then, if you are up for the challenge, hike down to Copper Park and French Henry to visit Lucien Maxwell's Aztec Mine. Get some rest after a long day and make your way to Baldy Skyline, then down the trail to Head of Dean to test your crew's teamwork skills. Your next stop is not the North Pole, but Santa Claus! Reload 12-gauge shotshells before heading down to the range to do some shooting! Your last night on the trail is at Cimarroncita, where you can learn about Hunter Safety and try out the new Laser Shooting Range! You'll make the short hike the next morning to the Ute Park Trailhead to load up on the bus for the journey back to Base Camp.

Day	Camp	Miles	Gain	Loss	Program Features	Food Pickup
1	Camping HQ				Opening Campfire	
2	House Canyon <sup>(d)</sup>	2.7	589'	118'	Ranger Training; T-Rex Track; Water @ North Ponil Creek; Trail Camp	Camping HQ
3	INDIAN WRITINGS <sup>(s)</sup>	3.1	320'	527'	Archaeology, Atlatl Darts, Petroglyph Tour	
4	Horse Canyon	8.3	1,445'	278'	Railroading, Blacksmithing @ Metcalf Station; Trail Camp	
5	PONIL <sup>(s)</sup>	4.2	206'	1,210'	Western Lore/Branding, Cantina, Horse Rides, Chuckwagon Dinner, Cantina Show	Ponil
6	PUEBLANO	5.4	1,050'	109'	Pick up Burros @ Ponil; Tie Making, Spar Pole Climbing, Campfire	
7	Placer	7.7	2,281'	870'	Drop off Burros @ Miranda; Fur Trapper Rendezvous, Tomahawks; Trail Camp	
8	Placer	12.3	3,172'	3,239'	Hike Baldy Mountain; Copper Park Loop to French Henry (Optional) for Gold Panning & Mine Tour; Trail Camp	Baldy Town
9	HEAD OF DEAN	5.4	647'	1,373'	Conservation Project; Challenge Course Events	
10	SANTA CLAUS	3.9	305'	603'	Shotgun Shooting and Reloading	
11	CIMARRONCITA	7.1	678'	1,730'	3D Archery, Laser Shooting Range, Wildlife Conservation	Cimarroncita
12	Camping HQ	0.4	0'	49'	Laser Shooting Range @ Cimarroncita; Hike to Ute Park Trailhead; Awards Campfire	

(d) = Dry Camp (s) = Showers may be available

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Six Mile Gate Trailhead to go to House Canyon Camp  
Returns to Camping Headquarters on Day 12 from Ute Park Trailhead

This is a Burro Packing Itinerary. If your crew chooses it, they MUST TAKE THE BURRO.

Horse rides require that all participants weigh 200 lbs. or less. Spots limited, sign up in Logistics before departing base.

Campsite Elevations: 6,915' Minimum, 9,480' Maximum      Camps: 6 Staffed, 3 Trail, 1 Layover, 1 Dry Camp  
Conservation:      Head of Dean      Sectional Maps: North

Crews passing through staff camps may have an opportunity to participate in some, but not all, program opportunities in the camp, based on availability.

NO CHANGES ARE POSSIBLE FOR CAMPS, FOOD PICKUPS, OR BUS TRANSPORTATION AFTER ITINERARY SELECTION.





# Challenges

- Equipment
- Physical
- Camping/backpacking skills
- Teamwork and Leadership





# Challenges - Equipment

- Boots
- Pack
- Sleeping bag
- Rain gear
- Clothing





# Challenges - Physical

- Strength – figure about 30% of body weight as pack weight
- Aerobic – 7-10 miles a day, often in direct sun
- Standing breaks 15-30 minutes
- Packs off ever 1-2 hours
- Hydration – minimum 4 liters, plus refills
- Foot care – boots are key to no blisters





# Challenges - Physical

Once you see that you  
can handle the physical,  
the rest is all mental.





# Challenges - Camping Skills

- Proper camp setup/arrangement
- “Load management” and proper packing techniques
- Map and Compass skills (how to orient/read contour maps, use compass with map, do basic trail profiling)
- Backpacking stove usage (sometimes “no fires”)
- Dishwashing and sanitation
- Personal hygiene
- Bear bags and proper “smellable” management
- Water purification
- Cooking (at high altitudes)





# Challenges - Teamwork and Leadership

- Plenty for everyone to do:
  - Cooking, Cleanup, Water, Bear bags, Dining fly
- Advisors are crew members for duties
- “Navi-guessing” – plan the night before
- Hiking pace – find a pacesetter (not the navi-guesser)





# Costs

- All-inclusive cost in 2023 (Philmont fee, air fare, car rental, food, lodging, activities: \$2800-3000 per person)
- 12-day trek in 2025 is \$1675; in 2026 is \$1725 (below)
- Camperships are available (~\$400)
- 2026 Program costs:

2026 Fee Payment Schedule

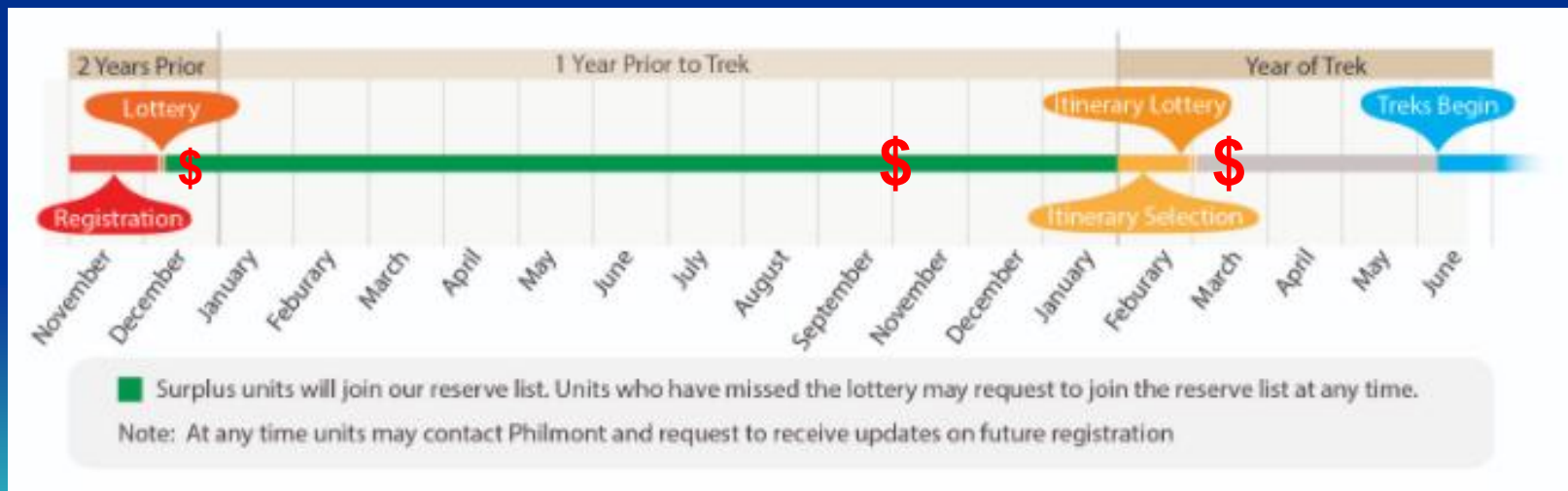
	AMOUNT DUE (Per Person)				
Payment Type	12-Day Trek	9-Day Trek	7-Day Trek	Cavalcade	DUE DATE
Deposit	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	December 1, 2024
50% Of Balance	\$787.50	\$735.00	\$622.50	\$607.50	October 1, 2025
Balance Due	\$787.50	\$735.00	\$622.50	\$607.50	March 1, 2026
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1725.00</b>	<b>\$1620.00</b>	<b>\$1395.00</b>	<b>\$1365.00</b>	





# Getting There

- Registration (lottery) – 18-20 months in advance
- Preparations – conditioning, warm-up hikes
- Logistics – transportation (air, ground), accommodations, sightseeing





# Typical Trip Overview

- Depart Saturday
- En-route activities Saturday, Sunday, Monday
- Arrive at Ranch Tuesday by 11:00 AM
- Return 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (16 days)

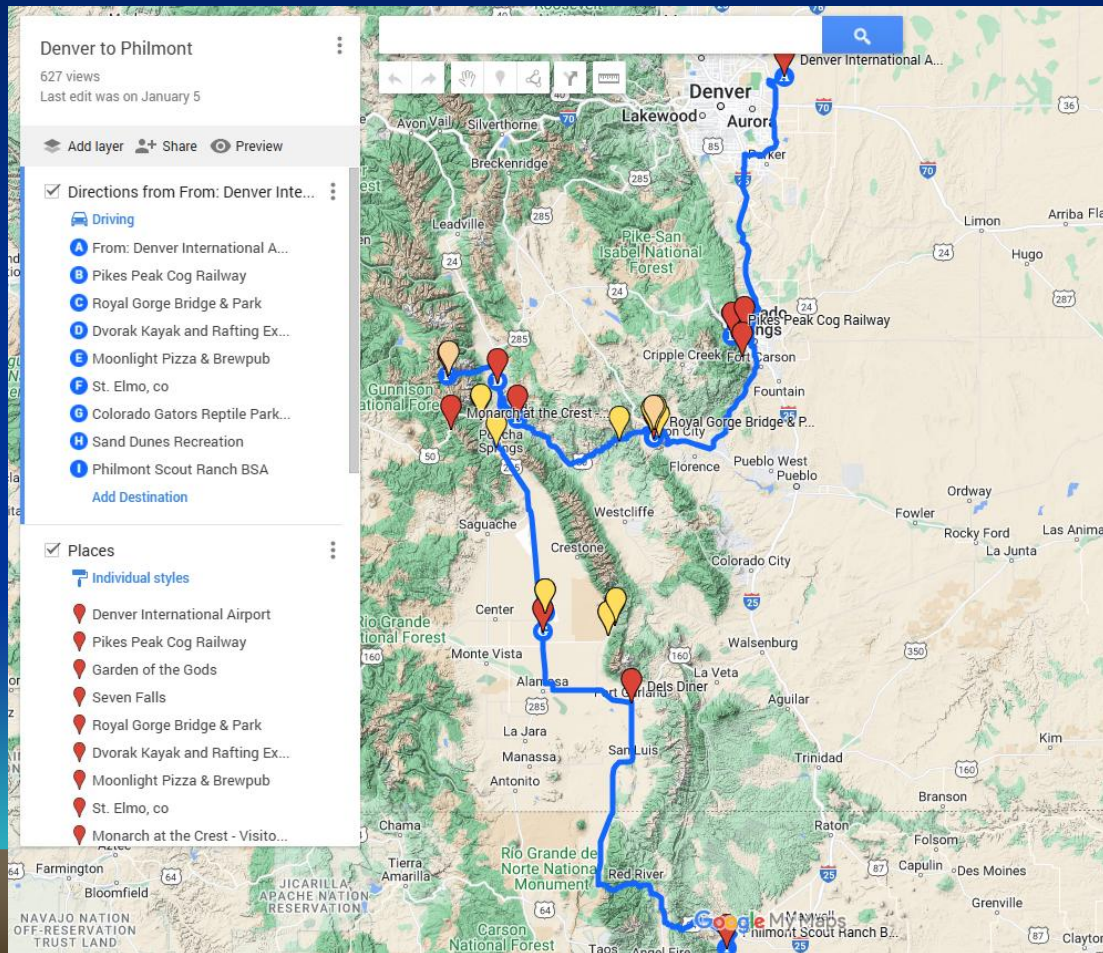




# Typical Trip Itinerary

Maps of things to do enroute

- Denver to Philmont



Link to spreadsheet





# Typical Trip Itinerary (cont.)

## ITINERARY:

- Saturday morning – fly into Denver, rent SUVs
- Saturday afternoon – Pikes Peak and Garden of the Gods – Colorado Springs
- Saturday evening – drive via Canon City, CO, camp near Royal Gorge
- Continue to near Salida/Poncha Springs, CO – Altitude 8000 ft)





# Typical Trip Itinerary (cont.)

## ITINERARY:

- Sunday – whitewater rafting on Arkansas River, St. Elmo ghost town; camp near Salida, CO
- Monday – drive up to Monarch Pass (tram to top of Continental Divide); drive to Great Sand Dunes National Park, explore/surf the dunes, swim/dinner at hot spring in Hooper, CO, camp in National Park or at pool in Hooper)
- Tuesday – drive to Philmont, arrive around 11 AM

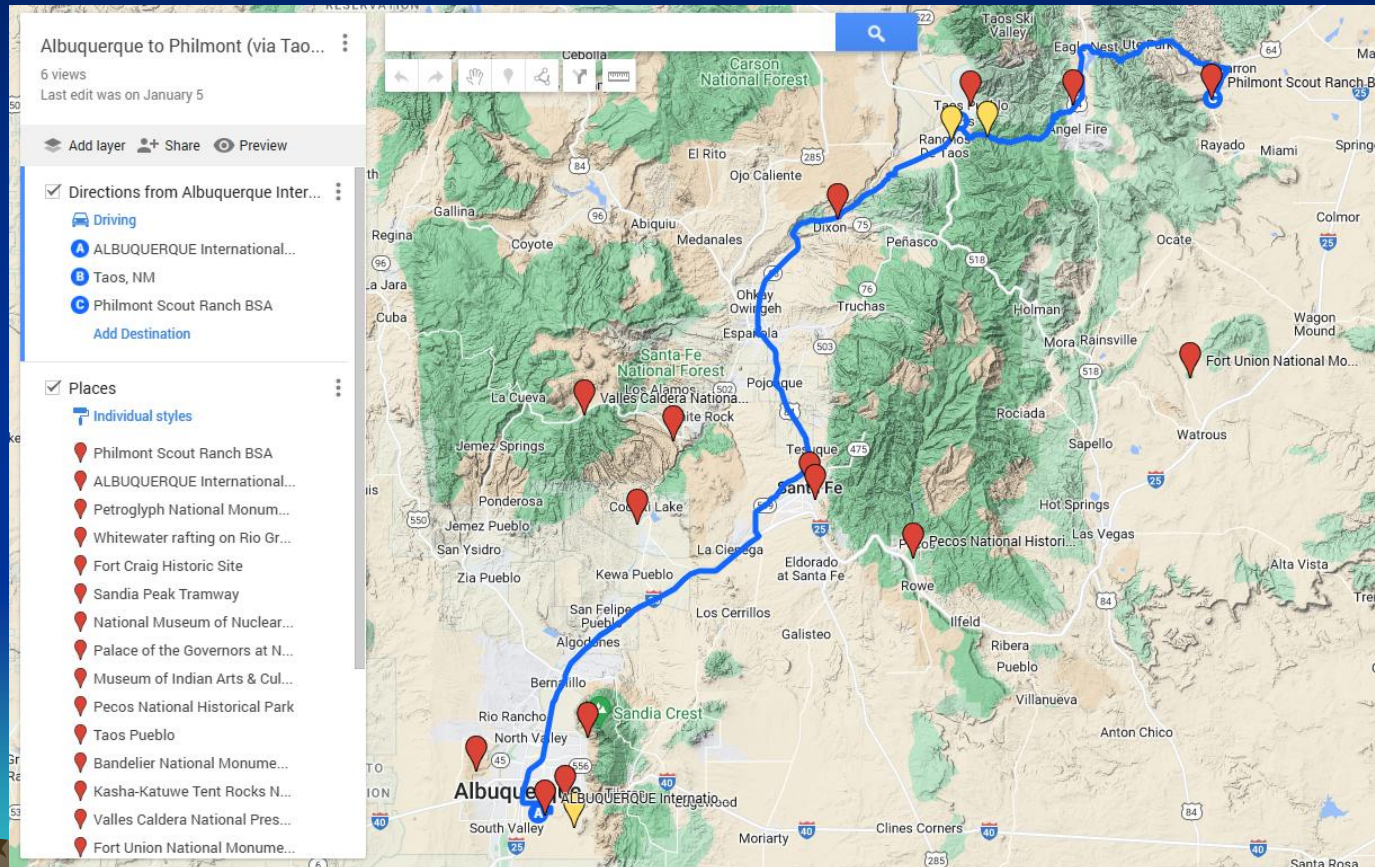




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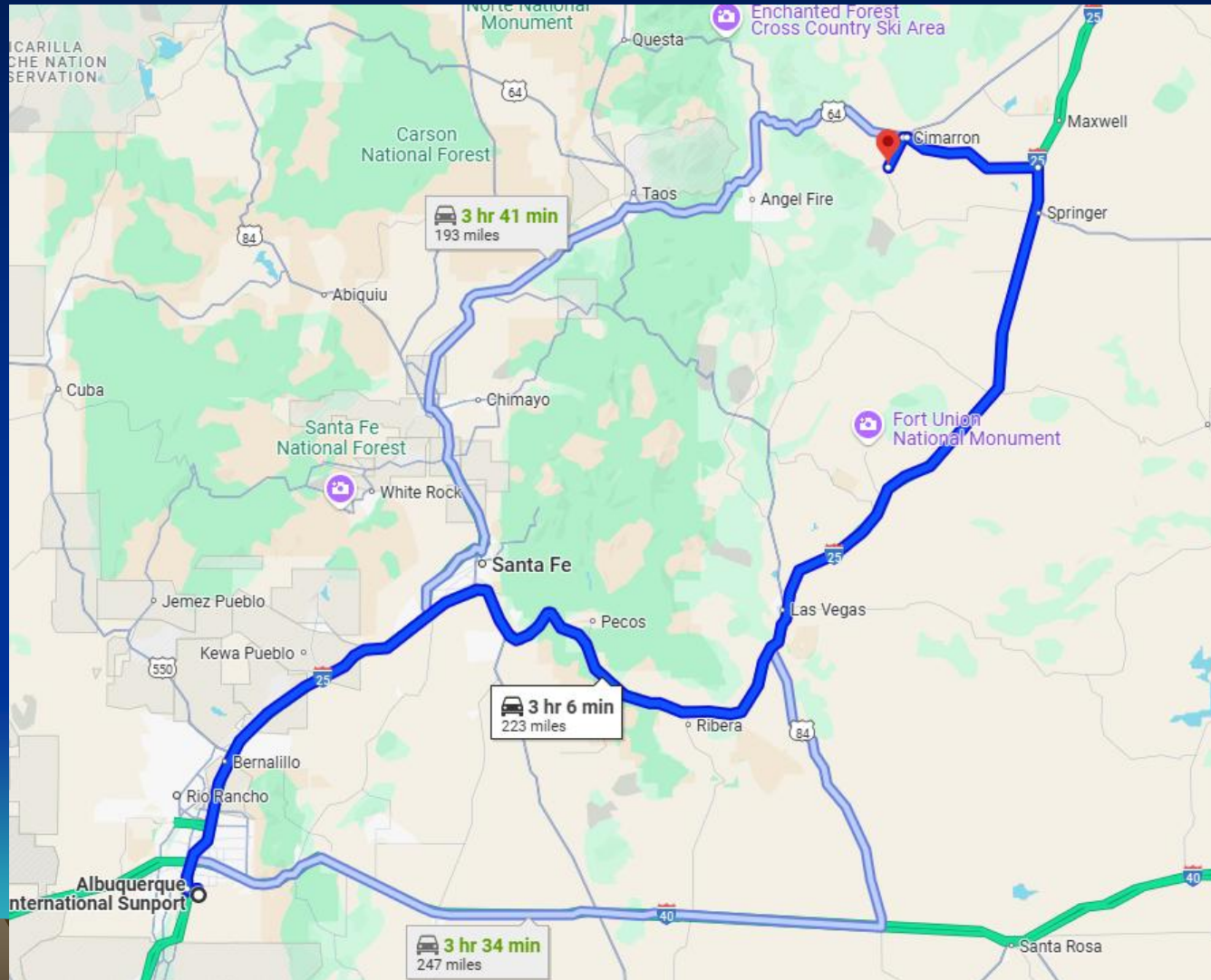
Maps of things to do enroute

- Albuquerque to Philmont





# Albuquerque to Philmont Options





# Travel Logistics

- Airline reservations
  - Group reservation in Jan/Feb (groups of 10+ direct to airlines)
  - No problem using frequent flyer miles if book early
- Ground transportation
  - Rental vehicles probably more economical than “services” and don’t restrict itinerary
    - Blue Sky Adventures (\$\$\$\$); Leading the Way Tours (\$\$)
  - Three large SUVs (Yukon XLs) worked for 2 crews
  - Standard sedans may be economical alternative
  - 12 or 15-passenger vans now allowed by BSA but may be restricted by rental companies





# Travel Logistics (cont.)

- Reservations for attractions/accommodations
  - [Pike's Peak](#) – train reservation (pre-pay at 30 days)
  - [KOA campgrounds](#) – camping
  - Whitewater rafting – used [Dvorak](#) in '12, [Arkansas River Tours](#) in '23
  - [Great Sand Dunes National Park](#) – camp site reservation (<\$5 per person)
  - [Sand Dunes Recreation](#) (Hooper, CO) – also has camping, more convenient to pool than dunes





# Preparations

- Warm-up hikes
- Travel logistics





# Warm-up Activities

Factors to consider:

- Minimum 2 nights – at least one 3 nights
- Room to camp full crew (or two)
- Short/no hike Friday night (it gets dark...)
- 9-10+ miles Saturday, fewer Sunday
- Car access to start, finish, moving cars
- Camping permits (national parks)
- OR... Multiple make/break camp in 1 day





# Potential Warm-up Sites

- Prince William Forest Park (intro hike)
- AT between Front Royal/Manassas Gap
- AT between I-66 and 50 (Sky Meadows)
- AT between 7 and 50 (roller coaster)
- AT from 7 to Harpers Ferry
- AT in Maryland
- Signal Knob/Eliz. Furnace/Massanutten Trail
- White Oak Canyon/AT/Old Rag (3 night)





# Warm-up Planning

- Group for venue selection
- Philmont food storage (if available)
- Transportation coordination
- Map acquisition (AT, SNP, other)
  - [PATC maps](#)/REI
  - [HikingUpward.com](#)
  - Also [AllTrails.com](#)





# Warm-up Planning (cont.)

- HAC High Adventure Sourcebooks
  - Vol. 1 – National and Council HA bases
  - Vol. 2 – Local hikes and overnights





# Administration

- Online tracking
- Payments
- Additional participants (new Philmont service)





# Online Spreadsheet

- Payments/expenses
- Attendance
- Meal usage
- Shirt sizes/orders
- Airline ticket info





# Payments

- 12-day trek costs: 2025: \$1675    2026: \$1725
- 9-day: \$1560/\$1620    7-day: \$1335/\$1395
- Lottery opens October 1, closes Oct. 16
- Random selection announced within a day
- Deposit of \$150 due by Dec. 1 (or 30-days)
- Half of remaining fee due the following Oct. 1
- Remainder due March 1
- Other advance fees to be expected:
  - Air fares
  - Lodging and en route activities
  - Crew t-shirts
  - Philmont meals for warm-ups (available Aug-Sept)





# Camperships

- Philmont offers one campership per crew (generally around \$400)
- Applications online (due ~Jan. 31)
- Troop resources may also be available





# Advice

- Minimum crew size is 8 (w/3 adults, max 4)
- Payments to Philmont are one-way
- If you pay them for more than the minimum on Oct. 1 and anyone drops out, you can't get that money back (but can replace)
- You can always add people (late fee if less than 30-45 days before arrival)
- Consider paying for 1-2 less than have up to deadline for adding w/o penalty





# Additional Participants

- New service in 2024 – “Trek Match”
- Accessed through Gateway
- Check box to indicate interest
- Applicants can’t see list of openings, but fill out form
- You are notified of interest
- You contact them



# Resources

- Philmont web site <https://philmontscoutranch.org/>
  - Philmont Council/Unit Planning Guide
  - Philmont Itinerary Guidebook
  - Guidebook to Adventure (+ new Advisors edition)
  - Philmont Shakedown Guide
- Philmont [YouTube channel](#) (large number of instructional videos)
- Maps (overall and sectional - physical/digital) – from Tooth of Time Traders (new around April)
- Philmont overlays for Google Earth (camps, trails)
- Philmont meals for warm-ups (usually available Aug-Sept)
- [Philtrek.com](http://Philtrek.com) – detailed itinerary selection tool
- REI online equipment selection guides





# Training

- Philmont [YouTube channel](#)
  - Large number of instructional videos
- Philmont Preparedness Webinars (Zoom)
  - Monthly starting in November (archived)
- **NCAC High Adventure Committee**
  - Training sessions in Nov, Jan, March, April (separate content in each)
  - April in person, includes demonstrations



# Promoting Philmont

- NCAC High Adventure Committee
  - Members available to present to your Troop
  - Live or virtual
- Also for other high adventure bases





# Philmont Promo Video

<https://youtu.be/Jxx5L872yVc>



# Embedded links from earlier

- Philmont: <https://philmontscoutranch.org/>
- Philmont YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/philmontscoutranch>
- Philmont in Two: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WLDYFKDUZ2qIDET1Os07SIJgwITqTd\\_6/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WLDYFKDUZ2qIDET1Os07SIJgwITqTd_6/view?usp=share_link)
- Denver to Philmont Map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1AlgFcfmBAnDEnb74JWKd1OSxZo23NF9x&ll=38.28715622379136%2C-104.7452436638618&z=8>
- Albuquerque to Philmont Map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1CYsa4ReCQLzYGH-45Qy6pUcR4krvJzQ&ll=35.690905477164186%2C-106.0036075625&z=9>
- Getting to Philmont Spreadsheet: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1CYsa4ReCQLzYGH-45Qy6pUcR4krvJzQ&ll=35.690905477164186%2C-106.0036075625&z=9>
- KOA Campgrounds: <https://koa.com/find-a-koa/>
- Philtrek.com: <https://www.philtrek.com/index.php>
- PATC maps: [https://www.patc.net/PATC/Our\\_Store/PATC\\_Guides.aspx](https://www.patc.net/PATC/Our_Store/PATC_Guides.aspx)
- Hiking Upwards: <https://www.hikingupward.com/>
- AllTrails: <https://www.alltrails.com/>
- High Adventure Sourcebook-National/Council HA bases: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/gPPyixZdGr1FLP5M2C8yuAt1>
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# Questions?

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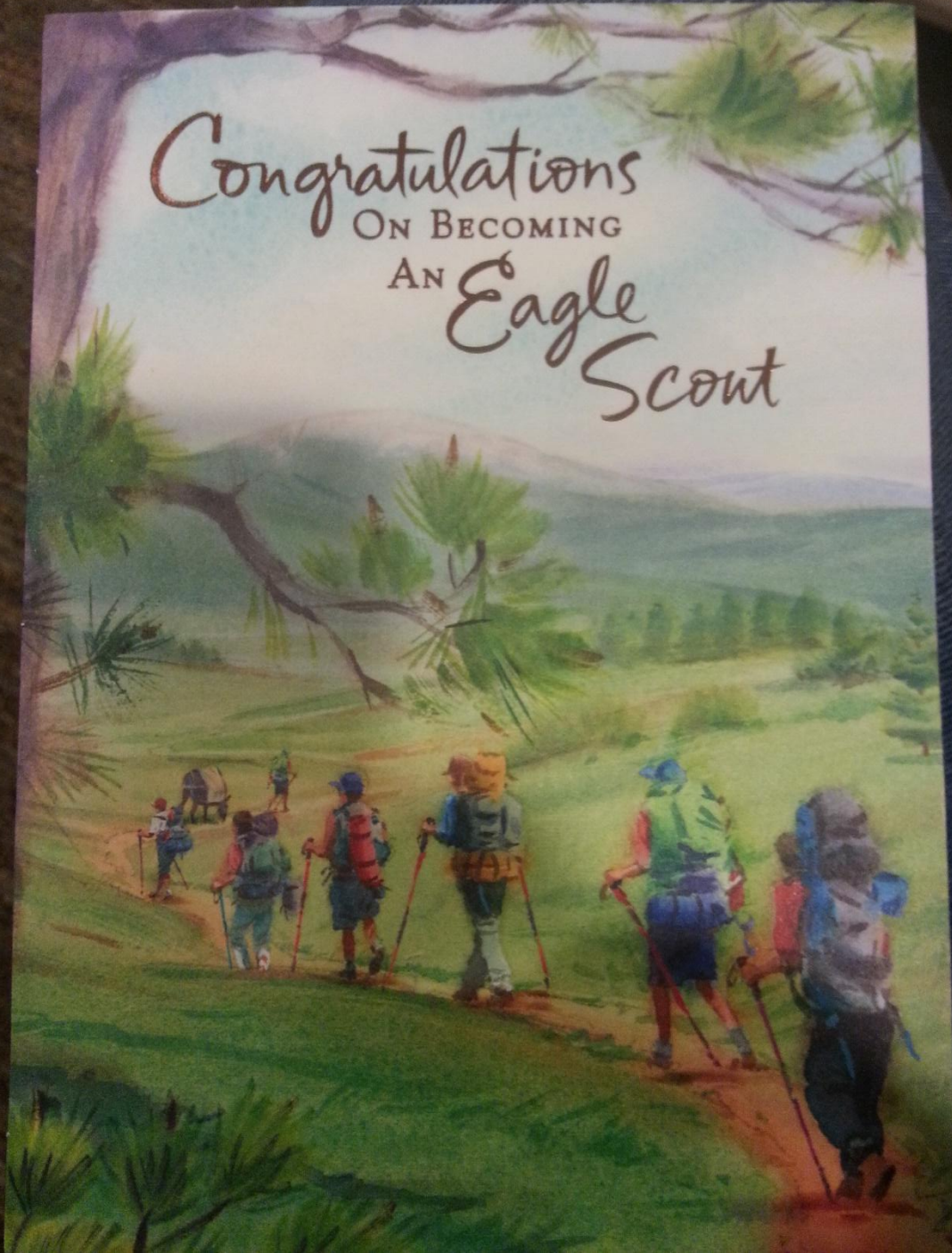


# From Photo to T-shirt





Congratulations  
ON BECOMING  
AN Eagle Scout













**Front Left Chest**  
**Actual Size 2 3/4" Wide**



**White and #31 Dark Blue Imprint**

**Back**  
**Actual Size 12" Wide**



**White, Translucent White, #31 Dark Blue and  
Translucent Dark Blue Imprint**

**Item Color:**  
**Assorted**

\*DUE TO MONITORS BEING CALIBRATED DIFFERENTLY, ACTUAL IMPRINT/THREAD COLORS MAY NOT MATCH MOCKUP\*

THE GARMENTS USED IN THIS MOCKUP ARE FOR RELATIVE PLACEMENT PURPOSES ONLY.

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