



# Troop 465 Philmont 2027

(6/11/27 – 6/26/27)

## About Philmont

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest National High Adventure Base. Born in 1938 as Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, Philmont has become a bustling center for high adventure and training. It covers 140,177 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rocky Mountains in northeastern Cimarron, New Mexico. Philmont has a unique history of ancient Native Americans who chipped petroglyphs into canyon walls, Spanish conquistadors, who explored the Southwest long before the first colonists arrived on the Atlantic coast, the rugged breed of mountain men such as Kit Carson, who blazed trails across this land, the great land barons like Lucien Maxwell who built ranches along the Santa Fe Trail and miners, loggers and cowboys. All left their mark on Philmont.

Philmont Scout Ranch operates 35 staffed camps and 55 trail camps across the rugged terrain that ranges in elevation from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. More than 1 million Scouts, Venturers, and Advisors have experienced the adventure of Philmont since its first camping season in 1939. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques and diligent wildlife and forestry conservation work has helped maintain Philmont's wilderness.

**Philmont Scout Ranch: High Adventure Promo [video](#)**

## Risk Advisory

Philmont has almost 400 miles of trails.

Philmont has an excellent health and safety record, with over 950,000 adults and young people having attended since our founding in 1938. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisers by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Most participants in Philmont programs do not experience injuries because they are prepared, are conscious of risks, and take safety precautions. If you decide to attend Philmont, you must be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions and work as a team with your crew, and take responsibility for your health and safety. Like other wilderness areas, Philmont is not risk-free, and you should be prepared to listen to safety instructions carefully, follow directions, and take appropriate steps to safeguard yourself and others.

Parents, guardians, and potential participants in Philmont programs are advised that journeying to and from Philmont, and one's stay at Philmont can involve exposure to accident, illness, and/or injury associated with a high-elevation, physically demanding, a high-adventure program in a remote, mountainous area. Campers may be exposed to occasional severe weather conditions such as lightning, hail, flash floods, and heat. Other accident possibilities include injuries from tripping and falling, motor vehicle accidents, worsening of underlying medical conditions such as diabetes or asthma, incidents, heart attacks, heat exhaustion, and falls from horses.

Philmont's trails are steep and rocky. Wild animals such as bears, rattlesnakes, and mountain lions are native and usually present little danger if proper precautions are taken.

Philmont's staff is trained in first aid, CPR, and preventing accidents, and is prepared to assist in recognizing, reacting, and responding to accidents, injuries, and illnesses. Each crew is also required to have at least one member trained in first aid and CPR. Medical and search and rescue services are provided by Philmont in response to an accident or emergency; however, response times can be affected by location, weather, or other emergencies and could be delayed six hours or more.



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## The Philmont Trek Experience

A Philmont trek is physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding. Each person will carry a 35 to 50-pound pack while hiking 5 to 12 miles per day in an isolated mountain wilderness ranging from 6,500 to 12,500 feet in elevation. The weather could include temperatures from 30 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit, low humidity (10 percent to 30 percent), and frequent, sometimes rappelling, challenge events, pole climbing, black-powder shooting, 12-gauge trap shooting, .30-06 shooting, trail building, mountain biking, and other activities that have potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisers by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Philmont staff instruct participants in safety measures to be followed. Each participant and crew are expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for the health and safety of each of its members.

## Calendar of Events

The 12-day expedition will arrive at Philmont on 6/14/2027 and will depart Philmont on 6/26/2027.

Note: Philmont recommends arriving a few days in advance to acclimate to the elevation change. There is 20 to 35 percent less oxygen at Philmont elevations than at sea level. This also provides the crew an opportunity to experience some sights that previous crews have enjoyed and recommended. This will advance our departure by 3 days to 6/11/27.

## Detailed itinerary and travel plans will be made in early 2026

6/11/2027

- As a crew, fly from Atlanta to Denver, Colorado
- Drive from Denver to Colorado Springs (2 hours)

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- Overnights in Colorado Springs, CO/Raton, NM, excursions

6/12/2027

- Early departure to drive to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM

6/26/2027

- Drive from Cimarron, NM to Denver, CO
- As a crew, fly from Denver to Atlanta

## Cost

The 12-day Philmont reservation fee is **\$1,780.00/person** with a payment schedule as follows. (This is the Philmont cost only does not include additional expenses related to travel and accommodations)

- **Deposit of \$171.00/person due 11/30/2025.**
- **Advance of \$815.00/person due 10/1/2026.**
- **Balance of \$815.00/person due 3/1/2027.**



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## *Additional expenses*

- Air transportation
  - Airline group reservation from ATL to DEN.
- Ground transportation
  - Rental of 15-passenger van during the length of stay.
- Accommodations
  - Hotel/Campgrounds
- Meals
  - In travel to Philmont and during stay
- Possible Excursions (pre-arrival to Philmont)
  - Pikes Peak Cog Railway
  - Manitou Cliff Dwellings
  - Garden of the Gods Park
  - U.S. Air Force Academy
  - Museum at Peterson AFB
  - U.S. Olympic Training Facility
  - NRA Whittington Center
- Spending money
  - Tooth of Time Traders-[Tooth of Time Traders \(philmontscoutranch.org\)](http://philmontscoutranch.org)

**The total expected cost is ~ \$2,800.00/person.**

- Be advised: Many scouts will need new personal gear that is suitable for such a trek, these items can add up quickly and are not reflected in the cost above.
- Full refunds are not guaranteed, if a scout who has made payments is for some reason no longer able to attend, we will do our best to find a scout who would like to fill the spot and reimburse the other family, but this is not a guarantee.

## **Fundraising Opportunities**

- **RaiseRight**
- **Troop 465 Aluminum Can Trailer**
- **Camp Cards**
- **Will plan additional Crew fundraisers as necessary**

## **Trek**

Based on 2022 data, there are 35 different itineraries for a 12-day trek ranging from 52 miles to 85 miles. Each trek consists of camping & hiking highlights, program highlights, and conservation projects.

In December 2026, we'll receive the 2027 Itinerary Guidebook and have a better idea of what trek best suits the crew's wish list and fitness level. Prior crews in the Atlanta council recommend around **75 miles**.



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## Physical Training

Through May 2027, the crew will participate in a physical fitness training plan with several shakedown hikes. This will include group hikes of 5-20 miles including various elevation changes, weather conditions, and sometimes with full packs. About half of these hikes will be overnights. The average pack weight including shared camp gear, food, and water is anywhere from 35-50 pounds.

## Tenting

Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age. In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their families. In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#)).

## Equipment

The following is Philmont's recommendation on gear, broken down by personal equipment and that which is provided by Philmont. The latter will be distributed among the members of the crew. If feasible we will substitute some lighter options than what is provided by Philmont.

The average loaded pack will weigh between 35-50 pounds or no more than 25-30 percent of your body weight.

More detailed information on equipment needs will be forthcoming. Base weight in backpacking is the amount of weight in a hiker's backpack minus consumables like food, water, and fuel. Lower base weight is desirable because it affords more comfort and allows a hiker more agility.

The 3 'big' items for base weight are tent, sleeping bag/quilt and backpack. The shakedown hikes will help the crew dial in their gear, and the crew advisors will help scouts and family's determine what gear is suitable for them.

## Crew

Our 12-person crew consists of the following:

**Adults:** 3 (crew advisors)

**Scouts:** 9

**Youth need to be 14 years old OR 13 years old and completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade by 6/14/2027.**

**Youth Leadership:** A trek at Philmont is a "youth-led" activity. This is why the rules for crew makeup require a majority of youth participants. The leadership of the crew while at Philmont comes from these youth participants, not the adult advisors! Throughout the history of the Ranch, the leadership growth of each youth member while practicing the Patrol Method has been a critical part of the total experience. Key leaders practicing servant leadership ensure that the crew has an enjoyable and successful trek. This is particularly true for the Crew Leader, Chaplain's Aide, and Wilderness Pledge Guía.

**Advisors:** Ensure the safety and well-being of each crew member through: First aid treatments. Supervision any time a stove is in use. Administration of required medications. Guidance and support in emergency situations. Proper water purification. Advisors also help foster positive crew dynamics, help settle disputes between members of the crew, assist with administering proper discipline if required, and ensure that the crew operates following all Youth Protection guidelines.



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## Crew Selection:

Interested scouts should read through the commitment letter with their parents, a decision to attend Philmont is a major but very rewarding commitment. Interested scouts should return the commitment letter by **Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025** to ASM Devin Scott.

Filling out the commitment letter does **NOT** guarantee a scout's spot on the crew. The crew size limit is set by Philmont and with a limited number of spots available it is likely that there will be more interested scouts than spots available. In the event that this is the case the crew advisors will work with the troop committee to determine a fair selection process.

Please reach out with any questions to the contact below:

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