

# Philmont 2012 – Troop 350 Crew – Expedition # 705-N

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## ***Discover the wonder of "Scouting's Paradise"***

Philmont's signature program is the High-Adventure Expedition. Each 12-day expedition provides opportunities for participants to

- Explore the high country in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northern New Mexico.
- Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high.
- Participate in a wide array of activities that teach Scouting skills
- Develop leadership, group dynamics, wilderness problem-solving, and outdoor skills.

Crews hike Philmont's mountains, spending nights at various backcountry camps. At staffed camps, crews can participate in a variety of programs presented by Philmont backcountry staff. Among these programs are horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, rock climbing, .30-06 rifle shooting, archaeology, mountain biking, and interpretive programs such as homesteading and mountain man rendezvous.

## **Requirements:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> class rank & age 14 (or 13 and finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade) before arrival at Philmont
- Physically fit – each scout & ASM is expected to follow an exercise program
- Good standing in troop – live by scout oath, law, motto, slogan
- Participate in crew meetings, hikes, and campouts

## **Cost:**

- (estimate) \$1700/person (including Philmont fee of \$740/person)
  - Note: 2010 total = \$1600 (including Philmont fee of \$640)
- **Additional cost:** Gear – hiking boots, backpack, sleeping bag & pad, tent (one per two people), etc. – much can be borrowed
- **Additional cost:** Spending money

## **Payment schedule:**

- June 21, 2011 – \$100 deposit due (Philmont requires \$100 deposit)
- September 13, 2011 – \$320 (second Philmont payment)
- January 3, 2012 – deposit for airfare (TBD)
- February 14, 2012 – \$320 (final Philmont payment)
- April 17, 2012 – \$500 (rental vehicles, food, lodging, etc.)
- June 5, 2012 – final payment (approximately \$500 minus airfare deposit)

## Fundraising opportunities: CitiPass, popcorn, BBQ, car wash, ???

### Timeline:

- September 20, 2011 – kickoff meeting; will meet before or during troop meetings to discuss gear, etc; schedule TBD (as often as weekly)
- October 14-16 – 1<sup>st</sup> backpacking hike (held during troop campout @Pilot Mountain)
- January to June – local hikes (1-2 per month)
  - Dates TBD
  - Held regardless of weather
- March – select itinerary
- March to May – monthly backpacking trips
  - **[one of two required]** March & April dates TBD
  - **[required]** May 25-28, Memorial Day weekend: 30+ miles on Appalachian Trail
- July, 2012
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – depart for Philmont
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – sightseeing / acclimate to altitude
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – arrive at Philmont
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – start on trail
  - 16<sup>th</sup> – end of trek
  - 17<sup>th</sup> – depart Philmont, fly back to Raleigh

### Equipment:

- Backpack is most important item – purchase before January hikes
- Hiking boots – not too soon (young feet grow); by March
- Discuss each item as part of hikes; view gear as crew (not 12 cameras, maybe 3)
- Inspection at beginning of each crew outing
  - Water bottle MANDATORY
  - No soda or junk food

### Fitness: key to enjoying the experience

- Crew hikes are NOT enough
- Every scout & adult needs to be on exercise program
- Annual physical – doctor must review Part D before/during exam

### Misc:

- Teamwork & toleration – different personalities, abilities; living together for 2 weeks
- Crew chief – elected by scouts (in March or April)
- Tent buddies – 2 per tent (2 scouts, adult w/son, 2 adults)
- Phil food – will purchase surplus 2011 meals for 1 or more of campouts
- 50 Miler award – 10 hours of service (trail building)
- Merit badges / rank advancement – What do YOU want to accomplish?
  - Camping, hiking, robotics, basket weaving?