



2009 PHILBREAK

Many people think they would do much better if they only had the opportunity that they don't realize they already have.

-Waite Phillips

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This March you will have the opportunity to spend part of your Spring Break in the backcountry of Philmont Scout Ranch. Philbreak gives you the chance to meet Scouters and Venturers from around the country and learn all about the various staff positions that would leave you with an entire summer's worth of Philmont memories.

Arrival is on the Monday of your session and departure is on Friday morning. Monday night you will attend an orientation meeting about the week ahead and about cold weather camping. Tuesday morning it is off to the backcountry with your Guide for 2 nights in the hills. While in the backcountry you will work on a conservation project and enjoy the outdoors. If there is still snow on the ground you will get to cross-country ski, snow shoe, sled and build snow shelters to sleep in for the night. If the snow has left, then you will have the chance to hike and explore Philmont's trails.

Thursday you'll return to Philmont's base camp and will be able to visit the Tooth of Time Traders and tour the Villa Philmonte. That evening you'll be treated to the Philbreak Banquet where you will get to meet the Philmont staff members who hire for the summer positions that you might be interested in.

REQUIREMENTS

- Be 18 years by the day your program begins, but not yet 26 years old by its conclusion.
- Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 50 lbs. (Philmont height and weight guidelines will be strictly enforced. You will find a copy of these guidelines included in this application.)
- Be registered with Boy Scouts of America with the Boy Scout or Venturer Programs and approved by your council's Scout Executive.

No exceptions will be made to these requirements. Selection for this program is competitive and is both an honor and a privilege.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the enclosed application and have it approved by your Scout Executive, Mail completed application with \$100 to Philmont Scout Ranch, Attn: PHILBREAK, 17 Deer Run Road, Cimarron NM 87714. Philmont will notify you of your acceptance. Following receipt of your application and acceptance, a packet of material will be mailed to you that will help you prepare for your experience at Philmont. Applications will be accepted until all slots are filled.

LODGE AND COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY

Councils should only approve Scouters and Venturers who meet all of the qualifications for this program. Philmont is not an easy experience and is a risk for those not physically prepared for the rigorous mountains of northern New Mexico.

PROGRAM COST

Participant fee is \$100 for the Philbreak experience. **This fee is non-refundable and must accompany this application.** Additional expenses, including travel to and from Philmont, are the responsibility of the participants.

Applicants not accepted as participants in the program will have their fee returned. Participants canceling acceptance or not showing will not be eligible for a refund. The fee includes four nights lodging, 11 meals, winter camping gear, shuttle transportation from Albuquerque and while at Philmont plus a Philbreak patch and shirt. Thanks to The Philmont Staff Association, which underwrites a significant portion of the program, we are able to keep the fee at this affordable level.

2009 PHILBREAK DATES – Session #1 Monday March 9th - Friday March 13th
Session #2 Monday March 16th - Friday March 20th
(Sessions are limited to 50 participants each)

TRANSPORTATION

A free shuttle will be available from the Albuquerque, New Mexico Airport to Philmont. The shuttle will leave the airport at 2:00 pm on the Monday of your start date arriving at Philmont by 6:00 pm (four hour trip). The return trip leaves at 6:00 am on Friday, your last scheduled day, arriving at the Albuquerque Airport by 10:00 am.

PHILBREAK CODE OF CONDUCT

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of Philbreak and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. As a Scout, I understand this and support the reasonable demands of conduct expected of me.

As a member of Philbreak, I will:

- Live the Scout Oath and Law
- Observe, respect, and strive to live the Boy Scout Outdoor Code and Philmont Wilderness Pledge.
- Observe the rules of the Philmont Scout Ranch and my foreman.
- Wear appropriate clothing. Inappropriate clothing would include clothing displaying or advertising alcohol, tobacco and inappropriate language.
- Attend and participate in all functions of the program.
- Be personally responsible for damage and/or loss of property.
- Respect all safety procedures and learn to properly use equipment.
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- Keep my lodging clean and dispose of trash in proper place.
- At all times, be considerate of participants and staff at Philmont Scout Ranch.
- Understand that fighting with another participant or staff member is prohibited, and will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.
- Understand the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, tobacco, or illicit drugs at any time during the program will not be permitted and will result in dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant. This standard shall apply to all participants. Compliance with state law regulations will apply at all times.
- Respect the laws of the State of New Mexico, the Village of Cimarron and Philmont rules prohibiting the use of fireworks, firearms, and gambling. Infraction of these regulations will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant.

PHOTO (TALENT) RELEASE STATEMENT

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and /or sound recordings made during my visit to Philmont Scout Ranch by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and /or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and promise to abide by the code of conduct for Philbreak, have read and understand all the information about the Philbreak Program, and agree with the Photo (Talent) Release Statement.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

2009 PHILBREAK APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ PHONE NO. _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

*DATE OF BIRTH _____ (*must be 18 years of age by date program begins)

CURRENT INFORMATION: Gender _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Height _____ Weight _____

male / female

SCOUTING AND OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE:

(Circle One)

Now Registered with: Troop, Team or Venture Crew # _____ Tenure _____ Rank _____

Council # _____ Council Name _____

Leadership Positions Held _____

Previous Philmont Experience _____ Year(s) _____

Other High Adventure Experience / Backpacking Experience (please be specific) _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Honors / Awards Received _____

Camp Staff Experience (When and Where) _____

Philbreak - Please Select a Session:

Session #1 _____ Session #2 _____

I request a vegetarian meal plan: Yes _____ No _____

_____ \$100 full fee enclosed (check payable to Philmont Scout Ranch)

LOCAL COUNCIL ACTION:

Council # _____ Council Name _____ Region _____ Area _____

We certify that _____ (applicant's name) meets the age and physical requirements for PHILBREAK and is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Signature of Scout Executive or Representative

Date

FEE SCHEDULE:

The total cost is \$100 and is required with this application.

NOTE: Please mail to:

**PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
ATTN: PHILBREAK
17 Deer Run Road
CIMARRON NM 87714**

Phone #: 575-376-2281

Fax: 575-376-2636

BEWARE OF POTENTIAL RISKS

Philmont offers High Adventure backpacking treks and program activities in relatively inaccessible mountainous terrain. Parents, advisors and youth participants should be alert to the potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Philmont staff members will instruct you regarding safety measures to be followed. Each participant is expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for their health and safety.

Height	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Maximum Acceptance
5'0"	97 - 138	166
5'1"	101-143	172
5'2"	104-148	178
5'3'	107-152	183
5'4"	111-157	189
5'5"	114-162	195
5'6"	118-167	201
5'7"	121-172	207
5'8"	125-178	214
5'9"	129-185	220

Height	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Maximum Acceptance
5'10"	132-188	226
5'11"	136-194	233
6'0"	140-199	239
6'1"	144-205	246
6'2"	148-210	252
6'3"	152-216	260
6'4"	156-222	267
6'5"	160-228	274
6'6"	164-234	281
6'7" & over	170-240	295

FOR PHILMONT USE ONLY

Approved _____

Applicant Notified _____

Packet Mailed _____

Session # _____