

Philmont in 2018

Scouts and Venturers!

Scoutmasters, Venture Advisors, and other Adult Leaders!

Is your unit planning a Philmont adventure in the summer of 2018? If not, then the SDIC 2018 Philmont Contingent is what they are looking for! To help make the adventure of a Philmont trek available to as many youth in the council as possible, SDIC sponsors a Council-wide contingent to Philmont for those youth who can't be in a trek with their unit, either because their unit does not have enough older youth to fill a trek, or because the unit trek is already full, because of their age they will not be able to attend with their unit, or even because of other obligations interfering with the dates their unit is using (school, perhaps, or other family obligations).

A limited number of spaces are still available.

Don't miss out on your chance for a High Adventure Trek at Philmont in 2018! Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of Backpacking – great trails, great views, mountains (from 6500 to 12441 feet), staffed and backcountry campsites, as well as adventures from the Old West—horseback riding, burro packing and racing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners and western cantina, spar pole climbing, lumberjack games, blacksmithing, steam railroading, and interpretive history, with exciting challenges for today—rock climbing and rappelling, mountain biking, and rifle, shotgun, pistol and black powder shooting, geocaching, and COPE challenge events (even High COPE!), in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving outdoor fun.

The Philmont expedition will be from July 28 to August 12, 2018. We will be taking the train from Riverside station, for a total of 15 days. All expenses on the train and at Philmont are covered in the fee, except for souvenirs or personal incidentals.

Scouts must be 14 years or older, or be 13 yr. old **and** have completed the 8th grade by summer of 2018. Venture Crew members (both male and female) are eligible up to 21 years old. Scouts must be First Class rank or above. Space is limited and only a few spots (youth and adult) remain open.

Total trip cost -- \$1400. This includes transportation, food to and from Philmont, some training camps, some crew gear, and the Philmont fee. This is less than \$100 per month from now to the time we leave. Scholarships from Philmont, from your charter organization, or other sources may be available to help cover a portion of the costs.

Contact John Saxer (jsaxer@cox.net) or (858) 395-4581 with questions or to reserve your spot NOW!