



# San Diego Imperial Council PHILMONT Contingent Summer 2023

- Does your troop, crew or ship not have enough people to fill out a Philmont crew?
- Did your troop, crew or ship go this year and are not planning another trip?
- Are you just interested in going to Philmont and nobody else in your troop, crew or ship is available?

**Then join the SDIC 2023 Philmont Contingent! Join other Scouts from throughout SDIC to form a crew and experience all that Philmont has to offer**

***Don't miss out on your chance for a High Adventure Trek at Philmont in 2023! You'll have 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, chuck wagon 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 2023 SDIC Contingent Philmont expedition will start sometime in late July 2023 to early August 2023. We will be taking the train to Raton from Riverside station, leaving in the evening 2 days prior to our first Philmont day, and returning in the early morning on 2 days after our last Philmont day, for a total of 16 days. All expenses on the train and at Philmont are covered in the fee, except for souvenirs or personal incidentals.

Youth must be 14 years or older, or be 13 yr. old **and** have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade by summer of 2021. Scouts BSA and Venturing Crew members (both male and female) are eligible up to 21 years old. We try to place all members of the same troop or Venturing crew (including adults) in the same Philmont crew, if possible, and always send parent and youth pairs in the same crew, so if you are interested, recruit a friend from your troop to go as well, and double the fun!

**Space is limited; crew size is a maximum of 12 (8 Scouts and 4 adults) and we can send only 4 crews. Reserve a spot for yourself today!**

**Total trip cost - \$1650.** 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. Cost may change depending on transportation costs. Scholarships from Philmont, your charter organization, or other sources may be available to help cover a portion of the fees. This will be discussed at the information meeting.

**Additional cost per crew member for required personal gear will vary, depending on what is needed (pack, sleeping bag, rain gear). Crew required gear is included in the cost, as well as all food for the trip.**

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