

Expedition Application

Parent or Guardian Certification:

I certify that the Scout named on the reverse side of this application will be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2012 or have completed eighth grade. I also give my consent for him to participate in this high-adventure activity and will assist him to meet the fee schedule as listed. I understand that the two pre-trek training experiences are required and failure to participate in them (or an acceptable alternative) could result in loss of his position in the expedition and forfeiture of fees. I will help him prepare for this adventure in other way, as the need should arise.

Signed _____

Parent/Guardian

Print _____

Date _____

Unit Leader Certification:

I certify that the Scout named on the reverse side of this application is a registered member in good standing of this unit, that he will be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2012, that he has shown good skill and ability in camping, cooking, hiking, and that he demonstrates excellent responsibility and teamwork, while displaying good Scouting spirit. I highly recommend him for this high-adventure activity.

Signed _____ Unit # _____

Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor

Date _____

Expedition Fee Schedule

Total 2012 fee of \$1100 will include expenses from the time of train boarding to return (travel, Philmont fee, crew photo, and lodging). ***Meals to and from Philmont will be the responsibility of each crew member.*** You may pay this fee at one time when you make your reservation, or as many Scouts and families prefer, by the installment plan according to the following schedule:

- \$175 due with application by Sept.1, 2011
Non-refundable reservation fee
- \$250 additional due by Oct. 1, 2011
This payment guarantees your space
- \$250 additional due by Feb. 1, 2012
- \$250 additional due by March 15, 2012
- \$175 Due May 1, 2012

Estimated trip cost may be re-adjusted, as final travel/meal costs become known. Scouts canceling their reservations will receive refunds of fees paid over the basic \$175 non-refundable deposit in an amount limited to the sum the Council is able to recover from vendors minus expenses at the time of cancellations.

Some Scholarship funds may be available.
Inquire of contingent leader.

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Boy Scouts of America**
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Can You Meet The 2012 Philmont Challenge?

July 10 – July 24, 2012



July 10th... Depart Kalamazoo by Amtrak, arrive Philmont around 2PM

July 11th... Your Philmont Challenge begins!

July 23rd... Depart Philmont on Amtrak.

July 24th... Arrive Kalamazoo train station about 9:30PM

Philmont Scout Ranch

"I want to go back to Philmont, where the ole Rayado flows..."—The lyrics from the Rangers' Philmont song ring of the adventure and challenge that greet everyone in the great wilderness of Philmont.

You are invited to join the Philmont spirit and challenge to High-Adventure in the summer of 2012. Join in the fun, excitement, and challenge of the magic of Philmont—national camping area owned by the Boy Scouts of America. High mountains with an elevation of 6,500 to 12,441 feet dominate a rough terrain. These 137,493 acres (about 215 square miles) of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies holds challenge after challenge.

Philmont provides an unforgettable 12-day adventure in sky high backpacking country along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the old West with the exciting challenges today—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, rock climbing, mountain biking and 30.06 rifle—an unbeatable recipe for fast moving fun, outdoor adventure.

The mystique of Philmont is camping, hiking and the adventurous challenges of mountain living. You will hike 50 to 100 miles in the mountains of Philmont, carrying everything you need in your backpack (40-45 pounds), living your Scouting skills.

An Invitation to Adventure

Southwest Michigan Council expedition extends to you the opportunity to meet the Philmont Challenge by joining with fellow Scouts as member of our crew to experience Philmont from July 10 thru July 24, 2012. Complete Philmont 2012 fee is \$1100 (tentative). Only 24 spaces are available so plan early to join this High Adventure activity. Reserve your place now by completing both sides of the application, detach and forward it along with your reservation fee to the Council address on the application.

For unit presentation or questions, contact Hank Poppen, Philmont Contingent Leader, 1010 Coolidge Ave. Kalamazoo, Mi. 49006 269-271-2186. E-mail:hpoppen@charter.net



The Commitment

Participation in Philmont 2012 requires the following commitment by Scouts:

1. Be 14 years of age by Jan. 1, 2012 or completed 8th grade before departure.
2. Payment of all fees.
3. Philmont Health Form signed by physician
4. Attend 5 monthly meetings
5. Individual weekly shakedown hikes beginning at 1 hr. and working up to 3 hrs.
6. Participation in Philmont shakedown hike.

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Count me in as a member of the 2012 Philmont expedition, July 10 thru July 24, 2012. My \$175 reservation fee is enclosed.

Please Print

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
MO DAY YEAR

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

Registered in Troop/Post _____

Present Scouting Rank _____

Make check or money order payable to:
Boy Scouts of America

Complete both sides of this application and mail with reservation fee to:

Southwest Michigan Council
Philmont
1035 W Maple Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

***Out of Council reservations accepted after
December 1, 2011***