

2012 PHILMONT HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP

Chief Okemos Council Contingent

Philmont Scout Ranch, a place full of memories for those who have been there. For the Summer of 2012 our council again has the good fortune of having a reservation at the Philmont High Adventure Scout Ranch. The demand for this unique and exciting trip is great and reservations go quickly. We can take up to 36 people (Scouts, Venture Scouts and required adults) from Chief Okemos Council troops and venturing crews. Additional details on the planned trip are as follows:



Philmont's MT. Baldy

WHAT IS PHILMONT: It is a 137,430 acre (215 sq. mi.) ranch in the Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico. It involves a 12 day backpacking trek of about 70 miles through very beautiful scenery. Each day of the trek there are special activities including panning for gold, black-powder rifle shooting, black smithing, rock climbing and rappelling, trap shooting, spar pole climbing, and learning the ways of mountain men and western Indians, loggers, and miners. We will climb to the top of some of the highest peaks in the Rockies such as Baldy Mountain (12,441 ft.). It will be a most enjoyable and challenging trip and one that you will fondly remember. Philmont is the ultimate high adventure!

DATES: June 24 to July 10. This includes four days before Philmont in the Colorado Springs area, 12 days at Philmont and a return travel day.

WHO CAN ATTEND: Any Scout in the Chief Okemos Council who is in good physical condition and is 14 years of age by January 1, 2012 (or has graduated from the eighth grade in 2012). Reservations, subject to approval, will be a first come - first reviewed basis with preference given to first time Philmonters. No troop or crew (Scouts and adults) can take more than six spaces.

WHAT WILL IT COST: The final cost figure is not yet determined but we estimate it will be about \$1700. There will be the opportunity to reduce this cost by participating in several fund raising activities and by earning camperships. The first \$100.00 registration fee is due immediately upon being accepted for the trip. The remaining cost will be spread out over four installment payments. Two installments will be due in the summer and fall of 2011 and the last two installments are due in 2012.

PRE-PHILMONT EXCURSION: Because Philmont is at a high altitude, it is advisable to become acclimated to the thinner air. This reduces the chance of altitude sickness while on the trail. Thus, we will spend 3 days in southern Colorado. Possible activities during this period include driving to the top of Pikes Peak, visiting the Garden of the Gods, the Royal Gorge, the Air Force Academy, an old gold mining town, and white water rafting the famous Brown Canyon. These activities add a great deal to the Philmont experience.



Philmont's Tooth of Time

WHO TO CONTACT IF INTERESTED: If you are interested, contact Ted Ferris at 989-224-8729 (evenings) (ferris4077@hotmail.com) to obtain additional details.