

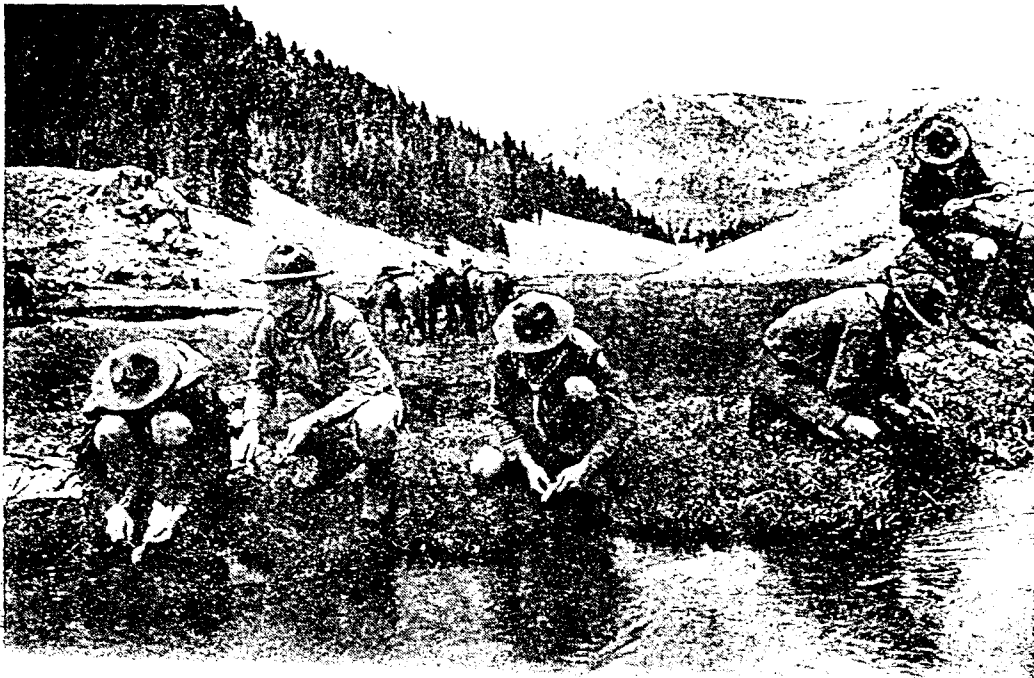
PHILTURN ROCKYMOUNTAIN
SCOUTCAMP

Cimarron, New Mexico

A High Adventure
Wilderness Camp

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO MR. AND MRS. WAITE PHILLIPS

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
BOARD OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
AT ITS MEETING ON OCTOBER 20, 1938

THE National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America expresses to Mr. and Mrs. Waite Phillips its grateful appreciation for their magnificent gift of a tract of land of 35,857 acres in the state of New Mexico and the sum of \$50,000 for its development into a camp site.

Here, deep in the heart of the primitive forest where wild life abounds and nature's wonders challenge the imagination, those Scouts whose experience and training have qualified them for this adventure in the wilderness will be able to have the experiences of our pioneer forefathers who established the traditions and the historical background of this high country.

In providing these opportunities for Scouts today to develop the rugged self-reliance and the ability to stand on their own feet and to take care of themselves and others, which were a fundamental part of the equipment of our pioneer forefathers, the potentialities of the Scout Program have been greatly extended. Increasingly from year to year this enrichment will be reflected in the quality of our Scouting, our camping and our leadership. The privilege of camping here will be a goal which Tenderfoot Scouts will set out to achieve. The fundamental objectives of the Scout Program, character building and citizenship training, will be strengthened.

James E. West
Chief Scout Executive



Walter W. Phillips
President

A WILDERNESS CAMP IN CIMARRON, NEW MEXICO

PHILTURN ROCKYMOUNTAIN SCOUTCAMP

PURPOSE

In the establishment of Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp, it is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to provide:

1. A mountain area for Wilderness Camping and Exploration whereby in Troops or Patrols, Senior Scouts with experience, training and leadership and proper equipment, may secure with essential safeguards, the benefits of a rugged and adventurous experience in the wilderness, the satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that they are able to care and do for themselves in the open. More virile and self-reliant manhood will result.

2. Facilities for the training of Local, Regional and National Scouters and Leaders, volunteer and professional, in methods and practice of Wilderness Camping.

3. Wilderness Camping experience for qualified Chartered and Provisional Troops or as a moving camp, tour, or trip destination or base, from which many national monuments and points of local and national interest may be visited.

4. A plan of operation of the Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp calculated to strengthen the entire Local Council program of camping.

POLICIES

It is the policy of Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp to serve Troops and Patrols of Senior Scouts through Local Councils by providing a mountain area for wilderness camping and exploration.

Local Councils will be responsible for the leadership, program, maintenance and equipment of all units coming to Philturn. Some supplies may be purchased and some equipment may be had on a rental basis at the Philturn Camp Base.

The function of the Philturn staff will be to promote the use of the property for Wilderness Camping by Senior Patrols and Troops, to aid these units by assigning places to camp, furnishing information, providing guides, etc., through the Troop leadership. The Philturn staff will also be charged with the check-up of all such camps so that they will be operated in accordance with our National Standards for Camping. The highest Standards of Health, Safety and Sanitation must be maintained.

Qualified Chartered and approved Provisional Troops of the Boy Scouts of America may enjoy a wilderness camping experience and those on tour may make use of Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp as a trip destination or base from which they will be able to visit many national monuments and places of local and national interest.

It is the policy that all Senior Scout Troops coming to Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp first make application to the Director of Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp for the approval of dates and general arrangements. After approval, the National Touring Permit issued by the National Camping and Activities Service is applied for through the Local Council and Regional office. All Troops must present this Touring Permit upon arrival at Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp.

It is the policy that the facilities of Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp shall be available for training and conference purposes to groups of Local, Regional and National Scouters and Leaders, volunteer and professional. Arrangements for its use should be made with the Director of Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp by the Local, Regional or National Executives having jurisdiction.

Transportation to and from the Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp shall be only in inspected and approved vehicles as required in the Application for Touring Permit. Licensed public carriers on a chartered basis are recommended as the best method of transportation. Scouts and Scouters using transportation methods other than those warranting approval will not be entitled to recognition or registration at the Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp.

Each Scout and Leader must present a Standard Scout

Health History. Each Scout must have the approval of his parents. A Scout must be physically qualified to undertake Scout activities at an altitude of 7,000 feet with a riding trip to 9,000 feet.

Those with a condition of heart and lungs specified as "good" on the physical examination blank, will have no difficulty. Health will be subject to check-up and approval by physician upon arrival at Philturn.

PROGRAM

For Season of 1939--June 12 to August 31

I. SENIOR SCOUT PROJECTS

A. A General Wilderness Camping Experience

Senior Scout Troops* with experience, training and leadership, and proper equipment may register for camping at Philturn. Here they will be assigned to a campsite which will accommodate up to thirty-two Scouts and six Leaders. This campsite will provide water, latrine and cooking facilities. It will be necessary for the Troop using the site to provide their own sleeping tents and cooking gear. The site will be located some distance from the Base Camp so that it will be necessary to pack all duffel and equipment in from the Base Camp. The stay at the Troop campsite may be varied in length according to the desires of the Troop.

Reservations must be made in advance for the period desired. Write the Director giving the approximate number in the group and as much range in dates as possible.

There will be a registration fee of \$1.00 per week per person which will be applied to general operation and supervision. For further information as to equipment which will be available on a rental basis, see item No. XI on page 14.

From the above it may readily be seen that only those outfits that have had actual camping experience using their own shelter and equipment and doing their own menu planning and cooking, will be able to avail themselves of camping at Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp. The Local Council Camp should give ample opportunity for a Senior Scout

*Patrols, ships, crews.

Patrol or Troop to prepare themselves by actual experience in Local Council Campsites for the great adventure at Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp.

"Adventuring for Senior Scouts," page 405, under the heading "Expeditions" offers some very worthwhile suggestions. We particularly urge the use of the Yucca Patrol System as described on page 456, or the Hickory Patrol Idea on page 459, so that the working unit will be the Patrol.

Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp will offer a program of such interest that the time given to camp duties and subsistence should be reduced to a minimum by thorough advance preparation and training.

The program of activities for such a group, once established in their campsite, may be made up by a selection of projects, hikes, and expeditions of which Philturn will offer a great variety. There will be provided attractive service projects from which the group may choose, to contribute to the development and improvement of the camp and its facilities, such as trail improvement, the building of overlooks, the establishment of monuments marking elevation, nature trails, etc.

The camp will offer one-day hikes in the numerous canyons on the property, a hike to the old logging camp used some twenty years ago by a lumber company, a hike to the North Ponil Canyon where more than one-half mile of Indian picture writing appears on the canyon wall for study and copying. An overnight hike may be taken to the top of any one of many ridges from which the sunset in the evening and the sunrise the next morning provide real inspiration.

Arrangements may be made for horseback rides over Canyon Ridge Trails.

Expeditions may be taken to points of local and national interest outlined for Chartered Troops. Also there will be an opportunity for the members of a Troop to try their hand at panning gold from the Ponil River. Each Troop coming to the camp should elect at least one project and one or more each of the hikes and expeditions.

Horseback Riding

Horses will be available at a reasonable charge from time to time for use by Senior Scouts camping at Philturn. The hours available will be posted in advance on the Camp Bulletin. Reservations should be made with the Camp Clerk at the Lodge.

B. A Special Twelve-Day Exploration Trip

Summer 1939

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Twelve-Day Exploration Trip is to give Senior Scouts a distinctive, extensive, romantic, constructive experience in accordance with the stated use of Philturn.

2. Program by Days

First and Second Days: Exploration at Five Points Base Camp

There will be an encampment at the Five Points Base Camp just below the Beaver Dam for training practice and demonstration in preparation for this thrilling, romantic and adventuresome trip, in methods of burro and back packing; chuckwagon and its use; getting accustomed to horses; menus and cooking gear and all general instructions. Physical check-up will be made, fees paid and equipment issued and arrangements made for fresh food supplies.

Third Day: Canyon Camp Exploration

Immediately after breakfast tents are struck and back-packs put up with two days' provisions. (All extra provisions and equipment may be left in the cars.) The entire group hikes to a canyon camp location and camp is made for two days. In the afternoon each Scout is checked on his ability to ride a horse and the entire group taken for a one-hour circle ride to the top of the ridge and back.

Fourth Day: Indian Picture Writing Exploration

A short hike from the campsite will bring the group to a full half mile and more of the canyon wall on which is recorded an entire tribal history. Here is enough exploration in the past ages to provide a full day, with the hike to and from this Indian printing shop.

Fifth Day: Canyon Exploration by Chuckwagon

Immediately after breakfast, break camp, pack and hike back to the Five Points Camp. Here duffel and provisions for four full days are loaded into the chuckwagon and an entirely different canyon is selected for exploration.

The hike is longer, but nothing is carried. Hikers go along light, with all duffel, supplies and equipment in the wagon.

Half way to the campsite the party is halted, and the wagon-master cooks and serves a typical cowboy chuckwagon meal.

Sixth Day: Logging Camp Exploration

On the way into this camp you will pass through an old logging camp once used by a lumber company for its operations. Some fifteen or sixteen old log buildings remain including a schoolhouse with the desks, and the old log skids for bringing the logs down from the top of the hills, etc.

This camp is just below a high mesa known as Wilson Mesa. A group may desire to hike with bed-roll and food for supper and breakfast to the top, for an overnight under the stars. The sunset and sunrise from this mesa are an inspiration.

Seventh Day: Exploration for Gold

The South Ponil River flows through this canyon and carries gold in the sand and silt of its stream bed. Old timer pans will be available and the opportunity to try for some of the precious metal awaits. (Read up on *How to Do It* before coming.)

Eighth Day:

Camp is struck after breakfast and all duffel loaded into the chuckwagon for the return to Five Points Camp. The noon meal is served enroute from the wagon. Camp that night at Five Points.

Ninth Day: Hill Top Exploration by Horseback

Tents are struck after breakfast and all duffel and provisions packed on a string of burros.

Camperers are provided with chaps for the horseback ride to a camp located high up in the mountains with duffel

going in on the burros. Horses and burros return to Five Points.

Tenth Day: Forest Exploration

The ridge on which this camp is located provides opportunity for a study of nature at her best. The identification and typical location of the different varieties of trees, plants and flowers, and stars by night, present opportunity for advanced nature study.

Eleventh Day: Exploration for Animal Life

Each Patrol should be supplied with a West Bird Guide, and a *Book on Wild Animals and their Tracks*. This section of the property is inhabited by deer, elk, porcupine, cats and many others. What a souvenir would be a picture of one or a group of these!

Twelfth Day: Home-going Exploration

Tents are struck after breakfast and the horse and burro train comes to take the campers back to Five Points. Here they may, if they desire, camp overnight, before departing for home.

3. Who May Go

A Troop must register as many as eight, but not more than sixteen may be accommodated in any one group. Because of the progressive nature of the expeditions, a new group can start through each four days. Each group will consist of a Chartered Troop or Patrol of Senior Scouts, or a Provisional Patrol or Troop of Senior Scouts organized for this trip by the Local Council.

To qualify, each member of the party will demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Local Council officials the adequacy of his camping ability and experience. Obviously, as this is a Senior Scout activity, participants must be fifteen years of age or over. Participants must be physically fit as provided for under *Policies*. Each Troop must have the prescribed Tour Permit as issued by the National Camping and Activities Service of the Boy Scouts of America.

4. Leadership

Each group of eight boys shall be accompanied by a qualified registered adult Scouter, 21 years of age or over, approved by the Local Council, who shall be responsible for

the leadership of the group. Groups of sixteen shall, in addition to the qualified, approved leader of the group, have an additional registered Scouter who may be an Assistant Scoutmaster and who shall serve as assistant to the qualified, approved adult leader.

5. Schedule

The first group will start on June 12, 1939; the second on June 16; the third on June 20; the fourth on June 24; the fifth on June 28; the sixth on July 2, and so on to the nineteenth and last group which will start on August 23 and finish on Sunday evening, September 3. This will close the 1939 season for Philturn.

Reservations for any date must be made in advance with the Director of Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp, at Cimarron, New Mexico.

Troops should plan to arrive at Philturn in the late afternoon before their expedition is scheduled to start. They should plan on enough time to set up their tents and make camp.

6. Equipment

A. Equipment for Each Scout

4 Wool Blankets (nights are cold); Scout Hat; Shirt; Shorts; 2 pair Wool Stockings; Sweater, Mackinaw, Lumberjacket or Pea Jacket; Underwear, 3 suits; High Shoes, or Boots with leather soles preferred; 6 Handkerchiefs; Scout Neckerchief; 3 or more Towels, Toilet Kit; Mess Gear if not carried as Patrol or Troop Equipment; Small First Aid Kit; Slicker or Poncho; Small Flashlight. (For riding and camp use bring one pair of blue overalls without bib.) Canteen.

In addition to the above, other items such as Kodak; French Harp; Notebook or Diary, etc. may be added as desired. Bear in mind, however, that each item is just so much more weight. (See Equipment List, pages 422-424 in "Adventuring for Senior Scouts" for further suggestions.)

B. Patrol Equipment

Shelter-Tents: The Forester or other hiker's tent: This is a satisfactory type of individual shelter. It has

many of the advantages of compactness and light weight and provides headroom as well. If used each Scout would pack his own.

The Small Wall, Baker or Range Tent: Of a size affording more than 60 square feet of floor space. 7' x 9' or 8' x 8' will comfortably shelter two campers and is easy to handle and pack. Poles for these may be cut or the Wall Tents may be rope ridged and any of them used with standing trees. This is the recommended type of Shelter for Philturn. Anything larger is too cumbersome.

With the above type of shelter four Scouts pack the tents and the Commissary supplies are divided among the other four of each Patrol.

See pages 128 to 144 in "Adventuring for Senior Scouts" and consult other books on Camping for tentage suggestions. Work it out on a Patrol basis.

7. Cooking and Commissary

Wholesome, practical menus for this type of trip are being prepared. Upon approval of application of the Troop to participate in the Twelve-Day Exploration Trip, the Director of the Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp will send copy of the menu and a list of the required cooking equipment. The food for this trip will be made available by the camp management and the cost will be included in the fee for the entire trip. Application for reservation must be made well in advance, so as to give adequate time before leaving for Philturn for the group to get actual experience in preparing the menus to be used.

8. Cost

The cost of the exploration trip has, in the interest of those participating, been kept at a minimum. It has been decided to place it for the entire twelve-day period at the small amount of \$1.50 a day for each boy and Leader, or a total of \$18.00. This includes registration fee, food for all meals, facilities at Base Camp, including cooking and dining facilities, latrine and showers, four Patrol tables, space for erecting sleeping tents, incinerator, cupboard, commissary service, physical check-up, etc.

At the exploration camps, cooking facilities and cooking shelter, latrine, water, etc. and use of horses, burros, chuck-

wagon, cowboy tarps for sleeping purposes, chaps for riding, guides and chuckwagon driver, and cook will be provided without additional cost.

Application for reservation should be accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00 per Scout and Leader participating. This will be credited to the total \$18.00 fee. Balance will be due upon arrival.

II. TROOPS (CHARTERED OR PROVISIONAL)

Any Troop having qualified for a Touring Camp Permit as issued by the National Council upon the recommendation of the Local Council will find Philtum Rockymountain Scoutcamp a most desirable wilderness camping area. Within easy driving distance of Philtum are many places of historic, geologic interest and of scenic beauty. Among these may be listed:

Mount Capulin—America's most recent volcano and considered the most perfect volcanic crater in the United States. This has long been a national monument. There is a good road up the mountain to the edge of the crater. Elevation at the top is 8,000 feet above sea level. Seventy-five miles from Philtum Rockymountain Scoutcamp.

Cimarron Canyon offers the palisades and other scenic wonders along all of its twenty-six miles. More than four miles of the Philtum Rockymountain Scoutcamp property fronts this canyon road. The Scout passes through Ute Park and on to Eagle Nest Lake which provides the best trout fishing the Rockies have to offer. From Eagle Nest he goes down the Moreno Valley thirty miles to Taos.

The Great Pueblo of Taos known all over the world, the village of Don Fernando de Taos and the Racho de Taos. Here lies buried Kit Carson whose former home is in the village. Taos was the third white settlement in the United States. It was first visited by a white man in 1541. A visit to this interesting old village is well worth the sixty-mile drive, even without the scenic wonders of the Cimarron Canyon or the attractions of Eagle Nest Lake.

After visiting Taos the return trip to Eagle Nest Lake can be made by an entirely different route through the towns

of Questa and Red River. From Eagle Nest the return to Philtum Rockymountain Scoutcamp is again through the Cimarron Canyon giving an entirely different view of the palisades.

These two trips, one to Mount Capulin and the other to Taos by way of the Cimarron Canyon and Eagle Nest Lake are two of many such that may be made from Philtum in an easy day's drive.

Other points of interest include the Ice Caves where water freezes in the hottest summer days; many large ranches, including Philmont, the ranch home of the donors of the property, Mr. and Mrs. Waite Phillips; the wheel ruts of the old Santa Fe Trail; the Aztec Gold Mine on Old Baldy (may be visited by special arrangement); the route to and from Philtum may include many, many other places of interest, such as the cliff dwellings, Carlsbad Caverns, many Indian reservations and pueblos, and other points of interest.

The Philtum staff will be prepared to give full information regarding routes and distances to these and other points of interest. This information may be had in advance by writing the Director of Philtum, indicating the dates desired, number of days the Troop will probably stay, and the size of the group.

Equipment and Cost—Each Troop Campsite will be equipped by the Boy Scouts of America with cooking and dining facilities, running water, incinerators and latrine. A car park will make it possible to keep transportation facilities nearby. Each Troop coming to Philtum will be expected to provide all sleeping tents and cooking gear. Each Scout will bring his own equipment. For detailed suggestions, see item 6 on page 8. Troops desiring to rent any of the required equipment from that which will be available for rental at the Camp Lodge may do so, notifying the Director of Philtum in advance. Prices for the rental of equipment will be found under Item XI, page 14.

There will be a registration and camper fee of \$1.00 per person per week which shall be applied to general operation and supervision, as indicated above.