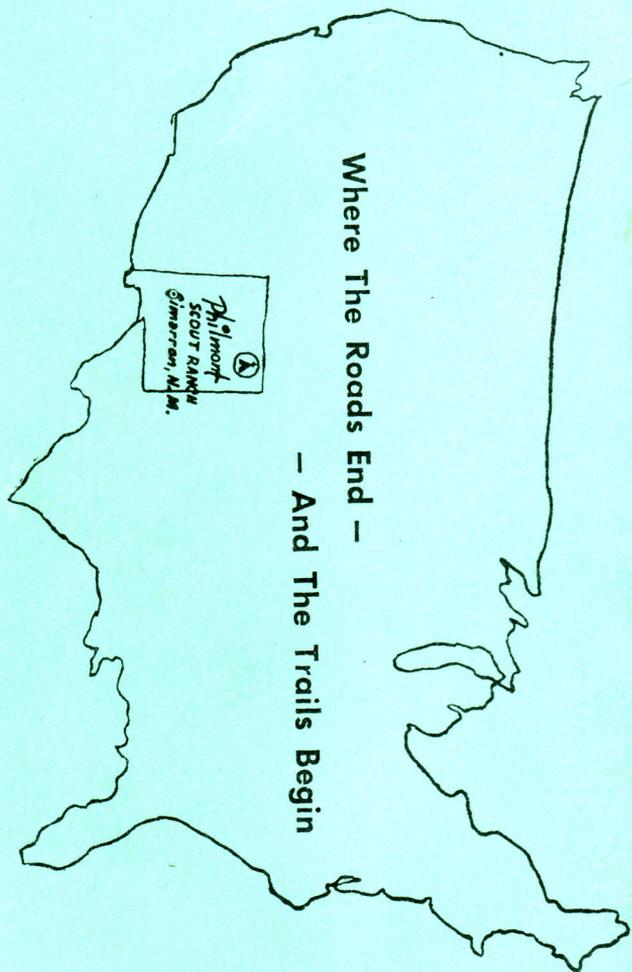


Exploring Philmont

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INFORMATION FOR
CAMPERS

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Philmont Scout Ranch
CIMARRON, NEW MEXICO



Where The Roads End —

— And The Trails Begin

Philmont Scout Ranch

THE PHILTOWER BUILDING THE PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

THESE PROPERTIES
ARE DONATED AND DEDICATED
TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERPETUATING
FAITH-SELF RELIANCE-INTEGRITY-FREEDOM
PRINCIPLES USED TO BUILD THIS GREAT COUNTRY
BY THE AMERICAN PIONEER

SO THAT
THESE FUTURE CITIZENS MAY
THROUGH THOUGHTFUL ADULT GUIDANCE
AND BY THE INSPIRATION OF NATURE
VISUALIZE AND FORM A CODE OF LIVING
TO DILIGENTLY MAINTAIN THESE HIGH IDEALS
AND OUR PROPER DESTINY

WAITE PHILLIPS
DECEMBER 31, 1947

Mr. Waite Phillips gave Philmont to the Boy Scouts of America with the purpose that he has expressed on the plaque above. You will see it at the patio entrance to Villa Philmonte, the beautiful ranch home at Philmont.

PH is a national camping area located in northeastern New Mexico Comprising 127,000 acres of rugged western country on the slopes of the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rockies.

PH is rich in history and the mark of the men who made it . . . ancient Indians and the writings they chiseled into the rocks . . . hard-riding conquistadors . . . early American trappers and pioneers, carrying the frontier on their backs . . . the rugged breed of mountain men like Kit Carson and Lucien Maxwell laying trails across this land, building their great ranchos athwart the Santa Fe Trail, monuments to Philmont's fabulous past.

PH is rich in wild game . . . deer, elk, coyote, antelope, mountain lion, buffalo, wild turkey, bear . . . its hills and canyons teem with bird life, its streams abound with fish . . . its cool mountains harbor a wilderness of botany—trees, flowers, grasses—and are themselves a storehouse of living geology—the timeless record of the rocks.

PH is rich in natural beauty . . . the soaring Tooth of Time . . . sunrise from lofty Waite Phillips Mountain . . . the blue of the water at Cimarroncito, and the eye-stretching sweep of the plain from Uracca Mesa . . . the sunlight filtering through the aspens along the rippling Rayado.

PH Philmont Scout Ranch cattle brand.

Who Comes to Philmont

Boy Scouts and Explorers whose fourteenth birthday is before September 1 may come with units.

Communications

Philmont camping headquarters is located on New Mexico state highway 21, five miles south of Cimarron (on U. S. highway 64) and forty-five miles southwest of Raton on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad).

The mail address is:

Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, New Mexico

Please ask your parents and friends to put your expedition number on your mail. This will help get your mail to you faster. A sample might be:

James Jones
Expedition 714A
Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, New Mexico

The Philmont telephone number is 376-2371.

The railway passenger, baggage, and express station is Raton, New Mexico. **PLEASE SEND IT PRE-PAID.**

TRANSPORTATION

If your unit comes in a chartered bus, make your destination Philmont Scout Ranch, not Cimarron.

If you come by commercial bus line, your destination is Raton, New Mexico.

When traveling by commercial bus or train, let us know beforehand the date and hour of your arrival so we can send a bus for you. For camp bus service to Raton there is a roundtrip charge of \$2.50 per person. For groups arriving in Trinidad, Colo., the charge is \$4.00 per person round trip. Please do not plan to arrive or leave after dark. Our buses are allowed to travel only during daylight.

Extra Meals and Lodging

We will inform you of the dates you should arrive at and depart from Philmont. If you wish to arrive earlier or stay later than these assigned dates, it is necessary to make arrangements for extra meals and lodging in advance. Meals are 75 cents each. Lodging and meals are \$3.00 a day.

Uniforms

The official uniform of your post, ship, squadron, or troop is recommended for travel to and from Philmont. The uniform has great value in maintaining morale and discipline. It encourages boys to take pride in themselves and in their unit. It helps the group to stay together in crowds. It opens doors in many places along the way where there are friends of Scouting.

Upon your arrival at Philmont the travel uniform can be stored in a locker or sent to the laundry or cleaners to be ready for your return trip.

Trail uniform is strongly recommended. This consists of any approved Jamboree or Camp uniform.

The campaign or official broad brim hat is highly recommended for trail wear at Philmont. This has been carefully tested on the Philmont trails and found to be the most satisfactory type of headgear available. It is more comfortable, durable, and affords much more protection than do the straw hat some boys have bought locally.

Equipment

A list of required and optional equipment is given on page 19. This equipment should be tried out on the trails near home. Bear in mind that all of it, including tentage, must be carried on your back during most of your Philmont trips. The trick is to take enough to be comfortable in camp but not enough to be uncomfortable on the trail.

Medical Care

Medical care at Philmont is under the direct supervi-

ion of a resident medical doctor. A staff of graduate medical students and trained nurses maintain full-time service at the Philmont health lodge. They make regular visits to the base camps and are always available for emergency calls.

Medical Examinations

You are required to have a medical examination at home within three months of leaving for Philmont. Records of these examinations must be brought to Philmont on the following forms available from your council office:

Scout and Explorers Medical Record (No. 4126)
Adult's Medical Record (No. 4250)

These forms are the basis for medical rechecks given at the health lodge shortly after your arrival at Philmont.

Failure to bring the forms properly filled out for every member of your unit will result in extra expense and loss of time.

Philmont does not carry accident or health insurance on your Explorers or Scouts. You can, however, obtain such insurance as suggested in **Tours and Moving Camps**.

Religious Services

Chaplains for Jewish, Protestant, Catholic and Mormon Faiths are provided at Philmont. Regular weekly services are held at Camping Headquarters and some other camps.

A special dispensation in this Diocese excuses Catholics from Sunday services if they are over 2½ miles one way from a camp where a service is being held. Camp and trail menus are available upon request for Friday diet regulations. A special dispensation in this diocese excuses Catholics from abstinence on Friday if they are on the trail.

When groups are far back in the mountains on the day of their regular worship, our chaplains endeavor to contact them as soon as possible for conferences or confessions.

Non-Use of Tobacco

Our Scout Oath reminds us that we will keep ourselves "physically strong," so we ask that you do not smoke at Philmont, even though you may do so at home. No tobacco will be available here, and we ask that you do not bring any. Due to the danger of forest fires this "No Smoking" rule is rigidly enforced.

Mail Delivery

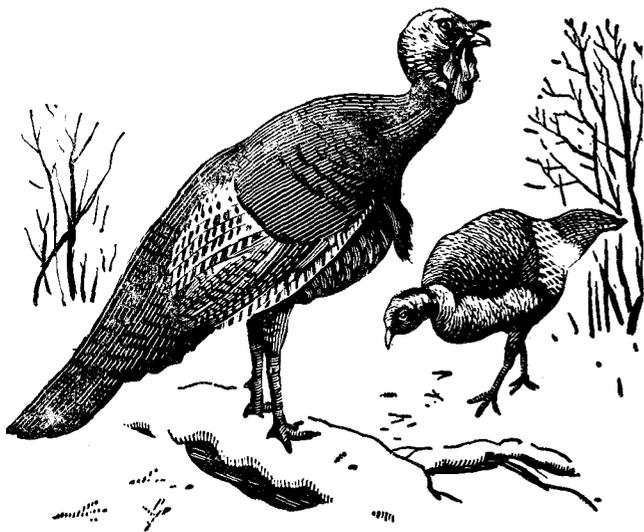
Mail will be delivered to you at Camping Headquarters upon your arrival at Philmont and at headquarters upon your return from the trail.

Eat all the candy, cookies, and cake that your mother and best girl can make for you before you leave home. Please do not have such sweets mailed to you. Cached in your pack or tent they are just bait for bugs, bears, and mice. To help you survive while at Philmont, we sell candy and soda pop at the trading post.



Know the Southwest

A little extra effort will enable you to appreciate better what you see at Philmont. Before leaving home, study about this part of the country. Learn something about the trees, flowers, animals, birds, reptiles, rocks, Indians, Western lore, and other features that you will find here. Your librarian will help you. An excellent book we recommend buying and bringing with you is **The American Southwest** by Natt N. Dodge and Herbert S. Zim, a Golden Regional Guide, published by Simon and Schuster, New York. A paper-covered edition is available at book stores for \$1.00.



Philmont Scout Ranch

1/2 is unforgettable adventure in Philmont's sky-high back country. The broad-shouldered traditions, the best of the old west—horseback riding, burro packing, wilderness survival—are combined in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving fun and he-man outdoorering.

1/2 is camping with your own unit; of planning, sharing, and doing things together in this land of mountain men.

1/2 is individual growth . . . physical, mental, social, and lasting spiritual growth in the inspiring shadow of mountains, by the dying embers of a campfire, in the glow of a night sky aflame with stars. Here a boy can take long strides toward manhood.

Your First Night's Program

In a campfire setting you hear the colorful story of our historical Philmont country—the old Santa Fe Trail, Kit Carson's life in this section, the Maxwell Land Grant, legends as well as facts about this part of the Old West.

Waite Phillips' life and the story of his fabulous gift to the boys of America is recounted.

Finally, you hear the story of scouting in the best of settings, Scouting as you will live it here at Philmont, next day and every day on your Philmont expedition. You hit the sack that night tingling with anticipation.

1/2 Philmont Scout Ranch horse brand.

Life at Camp

Review of trail skills starts at once with axemanship, fire-building, and Dutch oven cooking. Camp-making, back-packing, footcare, camp sanitation, conservation, and many other helpful hints are given to make your expedition comfortable and enjoyable.

One of these busy days you may report to the horse corral where you mount and take a ride.

There is no typical Philmont expedition. After hearing from the camp director and ranger what each sector of the ranch has to offer, you decide where you want to go and what you want to do. You will want to camp in one spot and take full advantage of all program features and side hikes, for a few days and then move on. The schedule is as flexible as your unit's wishes and abilities permit. Our staff gives you ideas and advice, but the final decision is yours.

Your unit then sits down with a Philmont staff member to plan your own Philmont expedition. It is done in democratic style.

On the Trail

Out on the trail you are pretty much on your own. At special points of interest we have program staff members to assist you with activities such as rifle shooting, conservation projects, nature, archaeology, and many other exciting activities. Every two or three days you need to stop at one of our mountain commissaries to stock up on foods.

Not many days go by without you being in touch with somebody on our staff. Always you know where you can reach us without covering many miles. Philmont's staff goes all out to help you plan a high adventure and then to make the plans work.

You return to one of the camps, as planned. A bus takes your unit to camping headquarters to complete the checking out. As you leave Philmont, you know you've had a man's adventure.



THE PROGRAM AT PHILMONT

Northern Sector

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING. Several stimulating and interesting hikes may be taken from Ponil and from the Pueblano trail camp located in the South Ponil Canyon.

ARCHAEOLOGY. A trained archaeologist and his party camps in the North Ponil Canyon. Units can spend as much time as they wish helping to make excavations, preparing specimens and artifacts found, and learning about the Indians that occupied this territory.

GUN HANDLING. A session on the small-bore range teaches sighting, aiming, and safe gun handling. Then comes firing on the moving target range, using 30-calibre rifles and moving targets.

BURROS. Used in the Northern sector only. These Rocky Mountain canaries are fun to pack and pull.

Central Sector

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING. The toughest part of Philmont is close to this base camp. Black Mountain, Comanche, Waite Phillips Mountain, and other challenging mountain peaks are within "easy" hiking distance.

GEOLOGY. Nearby is an old gold mining area. At Lambert's and Cyphers' mines you can still pan for gold in the stream or hear the story of how these old mines were worked. The geological formations are interesting and varied and offer quite an area for exploration.

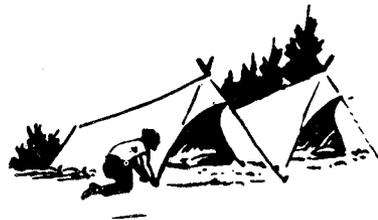
NATURE AND FORESTRY. If you want to try a day or two of forest survival, this area offers many edible plants and flowers. Trees from scrub oak to large Douglas Fir or Ponderosa Pine are found on the mountains and in the valleys. A trip up Sawmill Canyon to the logging camp ruins makes an interesting day.

Southern Sector

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING. A trip up Rayado River Canyon, where you cross the stream thirty times, leads you into beautiful camping country. Along the way, if you are interested in climbing, is Rayado Peak, Crater Peak, Lookout Peak, Trail Peak (where the airplane wreck may be found), Black Mountain, and finally Waite Phillips Mountain, the tallest on Philmont.

FISHING. Anglers find trout plentiful in the Rayado and Agua Fria. Not large but numerous, they provide a tasty meal for those who work hard enough to catch them.

GEOLOGY. The site of an inland sea many years ago, this country offers the possibility for interesting exploration. Sharks teeth, crustaceous mud balls, and fossils of all sort may be found. Around ancient Indian camping grounds arrowheads, spears, and other ancient tools await the experienced eye.



COOPERATION ON CONSERVATION

Conservation continues to get special emphasis. We hope that every group accepts a man-sized conservation project and carries it out. In most parts of the ranch there are ample materials for pioneering and camp improvement projects. Your unit can make a contribution to the facilities of the ranch that will be used by thousands coming after you.

Philmont's 200 square miles are rich in natural resources. They are enjoyed each year by thousands of boys and leaders. Large as the ranch is, the large number of campers makes it necessary for everyone to cooperate in conserving the forests, grasses, water, soil, and wildlife. With true spirit and skill, by wise use you can save and even increase these resources for others to share. That's conservation! Take advantage of the conservation and nature demonstration areas in Base Camp.

Fishing

We are fortunate to have some trout streams well stocked with trout. The following regulations will guide you in being a true sportsman and help maintain good fishing at Philmont:

1. Only registered campers may fish at Philmont.
2. All boys must have a New Mexico state fishing license. Anyone fishing without a license is subject to prosecution. For those who are fourteen, fifteen, sixteen or seventeen years old, the special ten-day license for fishing in Philmont water is \$1.10. For those who are older, it is \$3.00. For longer than ten days or for fishing other than Philmont waters, the out-of-state license is \$5.00. Licenses are available at headquarters and base camp trading posts.
3. A fisherman is limited to ten fish in any one day.
4. No fish are to be taken away from Philmont Scout Ranch.

Forests and Fires

Our forests are a beautiful and valuable heritage; their loss would be a major disaster. It is extremely dry here, and everybody must do everything possible to prevent forest fires.

The Forest Service points out that good outdoorsmen follow these practices in using fires:

1. Never build a fire against a tree, stump, root, or log as it may be difficult to control or put out.
2. Avoid building a fire on a grassy area as this destroys one of our most valuable assets. Grass will not grow for several years on a fire spot.
3. Rake up inflammable material before building a fire.
4. Never toss a match away. Put it in the fire, or hold the match till it stops smoking, then break it between the thumb and fingers of one hand and step on it.
5. Never leave a fire unwatched, even for a few minutes, particularly on a windy day.
6. Never try to put a fire out by scattering it.
7. Put out your fire with sand, damp earth, or best of all, water. After the first soaking, stir the ashes and add more water, then feel it with your hands to make sure.
8. Keep in mind the forest and wildlife resources and possibly human lives you are protecting by your care in handling fire.

Be alert for wild fires. If you see white smoke boiling up, you have spotted a forest fire. Prairie fires spread out, and the smoke seems to be sweeping. When you spot a fire or think you have, report it at once to your leader. He in turn should report it as fast as possible to the nearest camp director or Philmont staff member.

On hillsides and edges of cliffs it is tempting to roll or throw rocks or other objects downward. However, this is extremely dangerous since you never know when someone may be below. Also rolling rocks start erosion. For

these reasons there is a state law against rolling or throwing rocks.

Pick flowers for specimens only. No bouquets, please! We want the flowers to grow and seed.

In observing birds and their nests, do not disturb them

Exhibits and Specimens

Please do not disturb or damage nature exhibits along the trails or in camps. Removal from Philmont of relics, fossils, or any nature specimens should have the approval of the proper authority. You should check on this when it is time to check out.



IN CAMP AND ON THE TRAIL

Few men go camping for camping's sake. They go fishing, hunting, exploring, or just vacationing in the outdoors. Their camping ability largely determines how much they enjoy the trip. On your skill as a camper at Philmont depends your fun, comfort, safety, and even survival. Philmont is not a dude ranch. You may ride a horse or lead a burro part of the time, but much of the way you hike mountain trails, carrying your shelter, food and other gear on your back.

You must have the will and the skill for good house-keeping along the trail. Your willingness to share the daily camping tasks must be backed by the know-how to do these tasks. Teamwork is the keynote at Philmont.

You need to know how to choose a safe, comfortable campsite. You must cook well-balanced meals over an open fire. You have to sleep comfortably on the ground so you can be ready for the next day's strenuous activities. Then, when you come off the trails at Philmont, you are more of a man because you've had a man's experience.

That's why we suggest a couple of days of pre-Philmont training and also give you refreshers in outdoorsman's skills during your orientation at Philmont.

Care of Yourself

Taking care of yourself prevents accidents, illness, or run down physical condition. Negligence can make you miserable and possibly ruin your Philmont trip—also that of your campmates who have to put up with you. Common sense helps a lot in keeping everybody healthy and happy. A Scout is clean.

Footgear

Since the two-foot method of transportation is most common at Philmont, the equipment and care of your feet is highly important. Select shoes of the right size. Be sure they are big enough so you can wiggle your

toes' freely but not big enough to let either your toes or heels move sideways. You may have your own ideas about footgear, but for mountain hiking we recommend high tops of about six or eight inches, with composition soles. Before coming to Philmont, break in your trail shoes on short hikes. But don't wear them out; this is no place to wear out old shoes — or old clothes.

For socks the white wool athletic type are satisfactory. If wool irritates your feet, wear white cotton socks under the wool.

When shoes and socks are worn correctly, there is a change of air in the shoes with each step. Moist air comes out, and dry air goes in, tending to keep the socks and feet drier. Binding pants legs to the shoe tops inhibits this action.

Foot Care

Keep your toenails short and square. Don't round the corners. Cleanliness of feet and socks is a must and a first in hiking comfort. Wash them before and after a hike. Change socks daily. Treat cuts and sores on the feet with antiseptic and bandages.

Blisters should receive immediate attention when they are noticed. Your unit will be wise to wait while you care for a blister because the whole gang can travel only as fast as its worst blister allows. Follow to the letter the instructions on foot care that you receive at base camp.

Hiking

You have come here to enjoy the mountain trails. Don't waste your time on trips along the highway or to town. Generally it is better to follow the trails and not cut across country. Some short cuts turn out to be impassable.

Please, as you hike through fenced areas of the ranch, be sure to leave gates just as you find them, either open or closed.

Help keep the trails clear. If you find a rock or tree across a trail, remove the obstruction.

If your unit divides temporarily, for program or side hikes, always go in groups of three or more—never alone! This is wide, wild country, and you can get lost without trying. Always let your Leader know where you are going and when you plan to return.

For hiking and riding we recommend an athletic supporter. Take it easy and see things.

Camping

CAMP SITES. In choosing and using a camp site let's keep in mind the slogan "Keep Philmont Clean and Green." The mark of a skilled outdoorsman is a camp site left cleaner than he found it. But avoid raking it; a porous covering prevents soil erosion. If you stay more than one night at a site, have your tent and the grounds around it ready for inspection right after breakfast. Who does the inspecting? None other than yourself! Keep trails clean.

TENTS. Do not ditch tents. Otherwise erosion will start on many campsites. Pitch tents where they will have natural drainage.

WATER. Almost all water for drinking must be purified by boiling or chemical treatment. Follow carefully the instructions on this given at base camp. Do not pollute or disturb mountain streams; downstream may be another camp using the same water for drinking, bathing or washing.

LATRINE. In base camp your unit is responsible for the care of the latrine near camp site. A deodorant and larvicide is furnished. Always wash your hands after using the latrine. On the trail you dig, use, and cover a straddle trench.

AXE AND KNIFE. These are woodsman's tools, not kids' toys, at Philmont. One second of carelessness with either tool can ruin your Philmont trip. That's why we give you a refresher on their use. Throwing them is kid stuff. Our trails are already blazed; please do not blaze others with your axe. Do not wear them on your belt while riding a horse.

KITCHEN KEEPING. Burn papers, garbage, and tin cans. Be sure garbage is thoroughly burned; do not bury as rodents will soon dig it up.

Wash out bottles. Do not burn them as this usually leaves broken glass.

After burning, deposit cans, etc. By burning them you have cleaned the food particles and hastened their rusting away under ground.

DISH WASHING. Unseen bacteria on apparently clean dishes can upset your stomach—also the rest of your expedition. After washing dishes with hot water and soap or detergent, always rinse them in boiling water. The boiling rinse is most important. Wash cooking utensils, including Dutch ovens, with hot soapy water; then rinse and dry them with heat. After a Dutch oven is thoroughly clean and dry, rub a thin film of clean grease on the inside; then put the cover on to keep out dust. Pots and pans will be easier to clean if you apply a lather of soap to the outside before using them. Wipe dishes out before using them.

FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS. No guns are allowed at Philmont except those furnished on the designated ranges. Please do not bring guns or archery equipment with you. If you cannot avoid bringing guns, they must be turned in at Camping Headquarters during your stay.

It is against the state law to shoot fireworks in New Mexico. They are a great fire hazard on such a place as the ranch. Do not bring fireworks with you.

SUNBURN. The red of sunburn marks a "green" camper. Take your shirt off only a few minutes at a time until you can take the bright sunshine. In getting into shorts be careful that you don't sunburn your knees, especially behind the knees.

FIRST AID. Have a first aid kit in camp and one for each party on the trail. Although there are few rattlers, it is well to carry a snake-bite kit. Report all accidents or illness to your Leader. In base camp he in turn will report them to the camp director.

WHAT TO BRING

(Starred items are available at Philmont Trading Posts)

TRAVEL EQUIPMENT

- 1 Uniform
- 1 pr. Dress Shoes
- 1 Pocket First Aid Kit
- 1 Towel

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

AT PHILMONT

- * 2 T-shirts
- 4 Handkerchiefs
- 1 Towel
- 2 Underwear shorts
- * 4 Pairs wool socks (2 pair cotton if desired)
- 1 Pair hiking shoes
- * 1 Poncho or raincoat
- * 1 Sleeping bag or 3 wool blankets
- * 1 Mess kit with eating utensils
- * 1 Toilet Kit (soap, tooth brush, etc.)
- * 1 Shaving kit (no electric razor)
- * 1 Pack or pack board (available for rent, 50c per trip)
- * 1 Philmont trail uniform
- * 25 Feet heavy string or light weight cord
- * 1 Jacket or sweat shirt
- * 1 Ground cloth
- * 1 Flashlight
- * 1 Pocket knife
- * 1 Canteen
- * 1 Map
- * Official campaign or broad brim hat

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OPTIONAL

- * 1 Pair moccasins or sneakers (for camp wear)
- * 1 Camera
- * 1 Notebook and pencil
- * 1 Air Mattress

Trail tents will be issued without extra charge.

— NOTES —

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