

# DOUBLE H RANCH

## HIGH ADVENTURE BASE

Philmont Scout Ranch, in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, will be offering a new and exciting high adventure opportunity for the summer of 2004. This experience will be offered at the Double H Ranch, located in south central New Mexico.



Your Trek will be like no other you have experienced. Your crew will need to be in top physical condition as the Double H will provide a strenuous backpacking adventure. With over 100,000 acres to explore on your 7 day trek, you will enjoy some of the best hiking in the southwest. Base camp is located at over 7,000 feet, with your trek taking you on elevation changes of 2,000 feet or more. Hiking through the open Ponderosa forest, you will find that the Double H is truly a southwestern wilderness experience.

Crews will learn and experience:

- Advanced GPS and land navigation skills
- Leave No Trace Principles
- Blackpowder Shooting
- Astronomy
- Challenge Events
- Conservation Projects
- Teambuilding



Experience the Southwest and all it has to offer, including the National Radio Astronomy Observatory known as the Very Large Array (VLA). You will also learn about Native American culture of the area.

You are only a day's trip away from many of the best sights in the southwest. Check out the nationally known Carisbad Caverns, or White Sands National Monument.

If your crew likes to explore rugged terrain, this is a program for you. See the beauty and wildlife of this pristine wilderness environment. Be one of the first to take part in this new Adventure.

We are currently taking reservations on a first come, first serve basis. For the first year, we will only be able to accept the first 170 crews. To be part of this adventure, and for more information to obtain a reservation packet email us at [doubleh@philmontscoutranch.org](mailto:doubleh@philmontscoutranch.org) or call 505-376-2281.



**Make sure you are part of the inaugural year of the Double H!**



# Philmont Scout Ranch

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Cimarron, New Mexico 87714 (505)376-2281

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Dear Scouter,

I hope that your Philmont experience this summer was one that you and your crew will remember for a lifetime. The High Adventure opportunities offered in the Boy Scouts of America truly change lives; this is why I'm writing you today.

Philmont Scout Ranch, in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, will be offering a new and exciting high adventure opportunity here in New Mexico at the Double H High Adventure Base. Crews will participate in a rugged wilderness environment at elevations over 7,000 feet.

These seven day treks will offer advanced backpacking and programs. Programs such as advanced land navigation, challenge events, state of the art black powder, astronomy, and geo-cache will be offered. Crews will need to be in top physical condition as the Double H will provide a strenuous backpacking adventure.

Time is of the essence for registering and preparing for this adventure, as the summer of 2004 is approaching quickly. If you are interested, please fill out the enclosed Pre-Registration form and return it to Philmont today. Registration will be done on a first come, first serve basis and only 4 crews will be accepted each day from June 21<sup>st</sup> - July 27<sup>th</sup>. Philmont will then confirm your reservation and date.

Should you or anyone you know be interested in the Double H experience, please feel free to contact us. Email: [doubleh@philmontscoutranch.org](mailto:doubleh@philmontscoutranch.org) or 505-376-2281.

Yours in Scouting,

Mark S. Anderson  
Director of Program  
Philmont Scout Ranch



**HIGH ADVENTURE DIVISION - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**





**Double H  
High Adventure Base  
2004 Pre-Registration Form**

Please circle: Troop \* Varsity Team \* Venturing Crew

Council Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use this formula to determine the number of crews you will reserve*  
# of Youth \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults = \_\_\_\_\_ / 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Crews\*

\*Round Crew # up to the next whole #

Example: 16 youth + 4 Adults = 20 / 12 = 1.66 crews - round to 2 crews

# of Crews: \_\_\_\_\_ (maximum crew size 12, minimum crew size 7)

# of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ (14 by 1/1/2004 or have completed 8th grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation)

# of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ (21 years of age or older, limited to 4 per crew)  
(Majority of crew must be youth under 21 years of age)

**Available arrival dates for 2004: June 21 thru July 27**

Arrival Date:

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_

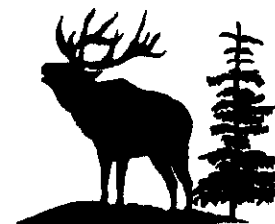
Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Would your crew accept any date available? YES NO

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Make a Copy for your Records*



**Double H High Adventure Base  
2004 Pre-Reservation Application**

Thank you for your interest in the Double H Ranch High Adventure Base. Please carefully read the following information before making your pre-reservation.

The Double H Ranch High Adventure Base is unlike any backpacking experience. Your crew will need to be in top physical condition, as the Double H will provide a strenuous backpacking adventure. Your crew will arrive at the Ranch and be teamed up with a wilderness guide. This guide will spend the entire trek with you, providing training and program.

Your crew will have a chance to hike through canyons, navigate cross country with a GPS, or watch prize bull elk. Base Camp is located at over 7,000 feet. Significant elevation changes will occur while hiking through the open Ponderosa forest and participating in the exciting program.

**Reservations**

- 1) All Reservations are done on a first come, first serve basis.
- 2) You must fill out this Pre-Registration form and mail it to Philmont Scout Ranch
- 3) If space is available on the date you requested, you will receive a Reservation form. This form must be approved by your council and submitted back to the Ranch within 30 days with a \$50 per participant non-refundable fee.
- 4) You will be notified in writing of your confirmed reservation

**No reservations will be done over the phone or by Email!**

### Coed Expeditions

The Double H invites chartered coed Venturing Crews to participate in High Adventure Expeditions. Each coed group is required to provide adult (each must be at least 21 years of age) coed leadership while enroute to the Double H and while hiking the trails of the Double H.

### Adult Leadership

The best available adult leadership should be recruited to accompany each crew. In keeping with the policy of the Boy Scouts of America, there are no gender restrictions for adult leadership at the Double H, except that each coed crew must have coed adult advisors at least 21 years of age or older.

Each Double H crew must have at least two qualified adult advisors, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older. The second advisor must be at least 18 years of age. Because the Double H's objective is to serve youth, every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants and **no more than four (4) adult advisors over 21.**

The Double H does not have facilities or program opportunities for the families of expedition advisors or crew members.

### Risk

The Double H strives to minimize risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. If you decide to attend the Double H, you should be physically fit, have proper clothing and equipment, be willing to follow instructions and work as a team with your crew and take responsibility for your own health and safety. Like other wilderness areas, the Double H is not risk free and you should be prepared to listen to safety instructions carefully, follow directions and take appropriate steps to safeguard yourself and others.

Each participant on a Double H trek must not exceed the maximum acceptable weight limit for their height, a copy of which will be mailed with your reservation form. Those who fall within the limit are more likely to have an enjoyable trek and avoid incurring health risks. Every Double H trek involves hiking with a 35-50 lb. backpack at elevations over 7,000. The Double H recommends that participants carry a pack weighing no more than 25-30% of their body weight. The Risk Advisory must be shared with all participants.

### High Adventure Expeditions

The Double H accepts arrivals for 7 day High Adventure Expeditions from June 21 to July 27, 2004. All reservations are on a first come first serve basis. This pre-reservation form must be completed and returned to Philmont Scout Ranch, this reserves the date your crew is requesting. A reservation form is then mailed to your crew and must be returned, with council approval, within 30 days with a \$50 per participant non-refundable reservation fee. You will then receive a letter confirming your reservation for 2004. Total cost for the Double H expedition will be \$325 per participant.

Double H expeditions are 7 days in length. Groups should plan to arrive at the Double H by 10:00 am on Day 1 and depart by 12:00 pm on Day 7. Meals will begin with lunch on Day 1 and end with breakfast on Day 7. An optional lunch can be obtained on Day 7.

### Fee Payments

The Double H fee is charged for every participant, including adult advisors. A deposit of \$50 per participant is required to hold your reservation and is due 30 days after receiving your registration form. Each group is billed for one half of the balance of fees on January 1, 2004. The final payment is due March 1, 2004.

### Minimum Age Requirements

Scouts and Venturers must be in top physical condition, at least 14 years of age by January 1 of the year attending or have completed the eighth grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation, and registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. The Double H can make no exceptions to the minimum age/grade attendance requirements.

### **Mail to:**

Philmont Scout Ranch  
Attn: Double H Registration  
RR1 Box 35  
Cimarron, NM 87714

### **General Questions?**

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