

Philmont's

Adventure-Packed

ITINERARIES

for the

1970 SEASON

Philmont

SCOUT RANCH AND EXPLORER BASE

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CIMARRON, NEW MEXICO
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Dear Expedition Leader:

We are delighted that you have made the BIG DECISION to come to Philmont with a group of young men from your community. I can think of no better way for you to initiate this new decade of the '70's.

This is the thirty-second anniversary of the generous gift from the late Waite Phillips to the Boy Scouts of America. Philmont is his living memorial, and it is good that leaders, such as yourself, do take advantage of the opportunity to use and enjoy Philmont as he had envisioned.

Here is your personal copy of PHILMONT'S ADVENTURE-PACKED ITINERARIES. It is a veritable encyclopedia of information that will help make the process of itinerary selection easy and fun for you and your crew. Follow the instructions carefully.

Dave Bates, veteran Philmont staffer of eight seasons, is the creator of this concept of itinerary selection and author of this book. The plan was first used in 1969. His observations and experiences during that year enabled him to masterfully prepare this 1970 issue. Dick Clark, Philmont's architect-engineer, skillfully prepared the map sketches for each of the itineraries. Carlos Gutierrez, owner and publisher of the Springer, New Mexico Tribune Press, took a personal interest in this project.

You can easily see that much thought, effort, and expense have gone into this "tool" to insure your having one of the finest and most successful high adventure experiences at Philmont.

Scouting's dynamic BOYPOWER '76 program is in its second year of operation. The quality objectives are clearly described in the requirements for the National Standard Unit Award. Your decision to participate in the Philmont program will take you and your council a long way in the total achievement of BOYPOWER '76 goals. Congratulations.

Philmont keenly awaits your arrival.

Carry on!

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH & EXPLORER BASE



Joseph J. Davis
Director

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Date

We are Expedition Number

After careful study of the possible itineraries, we have selected these five (5) choices:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Please let us know which itinerary we may have so that we can plan accordingly. We are looking forward to our Philmont experience.

Thank you,

.....
Leader

.....
Address, City, State, Zip

PHILMONT ITINERARIES

ALL THIRTY-SIX ARE ADVENTURE-PACKED

Advance Itinerary Selection was a success at Philmont in 1969. This year your crews will again have the privilege of selecting their itineraries from thirty-six adventure-packed itineraries which were developed by the knowledgeable Philmont staff in 1969. These new itineraries will enable your crew to select its trek with careful thought before coming to Philmont, rather than planning it hastily in the rush of your arrival at Camping Headquarters.

This new program eliminates over-crowding in camps, allows you more attention from the camp staff, and the chance to participate in a variety of program features. Since the success of this plan depends upon everyone's cooperation, every crew is expected to choose its itinerary from the thirty-six enclosed.

Each itinerary has been carefully planned to offer a never-to-be-forgotten wilderness experience. You will hike along rocky ridges and steep trails, watching a mountain-top panorama unfold before you; camp near lush mountain meadows and listen to the babbling stream and the whisper of cool breeze in towering Douglas firs.

Every itinerary offers the opportunity for a western horseback ride and a chance to fish for hungry trout in rippling streams. Seventeen itineraries offer you the peaceful solitude of being the only group in camp on one night. Fourteen itineraries take you to Philmont's two exciting new camps - Urraca and Webster Parks. A rugged, challenging mountain wilderness will test your camping skills and know-how.

In selecting your itinerary:

1. Find out which program features interest your crew most. While all available program features are indicated on the enclosed itineraries, your crew is not required to participate in each and every one.

Some may not interest you. Also, some program must be scheduled by the trip planners when you arrive at Philmont (such as horseback rides and burro instruction because of a limited number of animals.) Do your best to find an itinerary which includes as many of your program desires as possible. The program and camp charts in this booklet may assist you.

2. Study all twenty-six different itineraries (thirty-six total with doubled itineraries). Follow the trail on the Philmont map which is enclosed. The brown contour lines represent 80-foot climbs; the more lines you cross on an upward route, the tougher the climb. Steep, downhill climbs are often tough, too.
3. Refer to the PHILMONT TRAILS booklet for a description of sights along the trails. (Available for purchase at Philmont - \$1.50 per copy.)
4. Make your top five itinerary choices. (Do not include both A and B itineraries which are identical.)
5. Submit your choices to Philmont on the itinerary selection post card, which is enclosed.

All thirty-six itineraries are available each day from June 20 through August 19. First postmarked itinerary selection cards will receive first consideration. Philmont will guarantee you one of your first five choices and, in most instances, you will receive one of your first three choices.

We have found at Philmont that the best numerical size of an expedition is 10-14 persons, including the adult leaders. These itineraries have been developed for this number. You will be helping Philmont, as well as yourselves, by limiting the size of your expedition to this number (10-14). You will find hiking easier, food distribution best, program opportunities greater, and campsites which comfortably accommodate this number.

For example, a council contingent of, let us say, 120 campers should be divided into nine to twelve crews, each crew selecting its own itinerary. "A" and "B" itineraries (those numbered 1, 3, 5, 7, 14, 16, 19, 21, 24, and 26) allow two crews of 10-14 persons to follow the same trails on the same day, though not necessarily together.

Each trek is rated by hiking difficulty. Difficulty is determined by mileage, ruggedness of the terrain, and the number of lay-over camps. Mileage figures on itineraries do not include side hikes.

A "strenuous" itinerary should be attempted only by a group that enjoys lots of rugged mountain hiking and is in top physical condition.

A "challenging" itinerary is a little less strenuous - but still a rough one. Remember, thin mountain air makes hiking difficult. Be prepared!

A "leisurely" itinerary is still a little less difficult and allows a little more time to enjoy program features in staffed camps. However, even a leisurely itinerary requires considerable exertion because the elevation at Philmont varies from 6,500 to 12,500 feet with some long, difficult trails covering rugged and rocky terrain.

In other words, all itineraries are tough ones - the only difference being in degrees of toughness. You must be in super-condition for all Philmont treks.

Take time making your choices. The decisions will be tough because every trek is GREAT!

HOW TO SELECT YOUR ITINERARY

BASIC TOOLS

- . Philmont map
- . Guidebook to Adventure
- . Thirty-Six Adventure Packed Itineraries

PREPARATION BY EXPEDITION LEADER

- . Read Guidebook to Adventure
- . Review and study Thirty-Six Adventure-Packed Itineraries
- . Familiarize yourself with Philmont map

SELECTION

- . Meet with your crew members
- . Explain to them that the objective is to select five top choices of itineraries (Philmont trip plans) from the thirty-six that are available to them at Philmont.
- . Exhibit and briefly describe each of the three basic tools that have been designed to help them make their selections.
- . Then you can proceed, either
 - (1) by asking each member of your crew to study all thirty-six itineraries and select his five top choices. When all crew members have completed this project, the individual choices can be assembled, weighed, and the top five choices selected; or
 - (2) by dividing all thirty-six itineraries among the crew members, giving each two or more itineraries to study and analyze. At a combined meeting of the crew, each member describes his itineraries with his personal reaction. After all are presented, the entire crew selects their top five choices; or
 - (3) use your own method for making selections.
- . Submit your choices to Philmont on the itinerary selection post card, which is enclosed.
- . Philmont will send you a return post card indicating which of your crew's top five itinerary choices has been reserved for you. The itinerary reserved will be your crew's first available choice.
- . Keep this return post card reserving your first available choice of itineraries and bring it with you to Philmont.

AT PHILMONT

- . Expedition leader and senior crew leader visit Control Center and present post card verifying the itinerary reserved for your group.
- . Philmont assures you of one of your top five choices.

