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Key to  
Superactivities**

**1986 Leaders Guidebook**

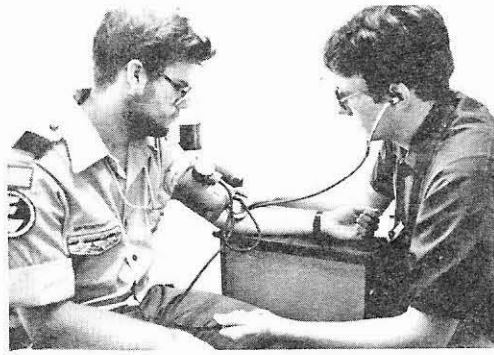
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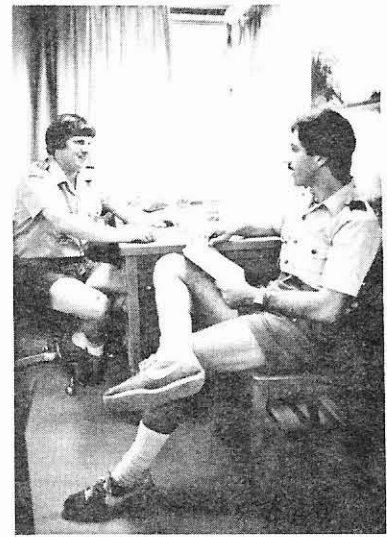




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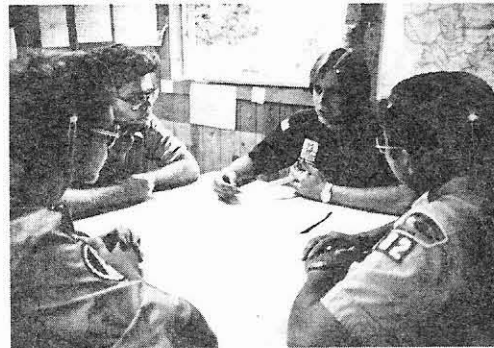
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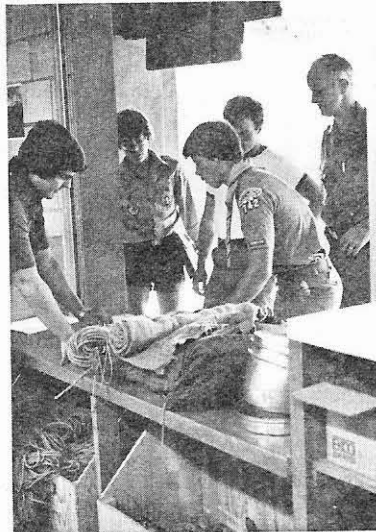
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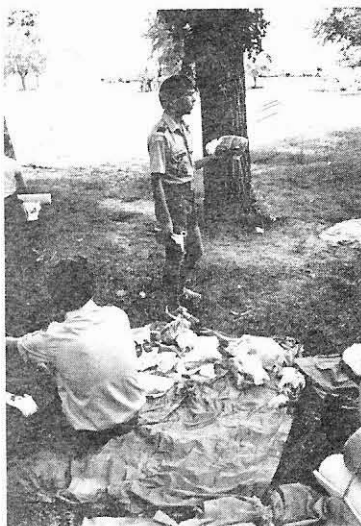
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# LEADER'S GUIDEBOOK

## CONGRATULATIONS

For having accepted leadership of a Philmont expedition. This reflects great credit upon you and your leadership ability. You also have assumed a great responsibility. Parents are entrusting their youth to your care. The Boy Scouts of America is placing its faith and confidence in your leadership. Most important, the young people in your crew are depending on you to realize their hopes, aspirations and dreams of Philmont. Philmont is as much a mental as a physical challenge and you can set the pattern for success.

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO

- (1) Complete recruiting Scouts and Explorers who were at least age 13 by last January 1, and who are prepared for a Philmont high adventure experience.
- (2) Organize your expedition.
- (3) Train the members of your crew so they will be prepared for a high adventure experience at Philmont.

## CAMPER - LEADER REQUIREMENTS

To assist you in planning for your Philmont expedition. Exceptions to these requirements cannot be made. In keeping with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, requirements for acceptance and participation at Philmont are without regard to race, color or national origin. The majority of members in every crew must be youth. There are three ways Scouts or Explorers may participate in a Philmont expedition:

- (1) As members of a chartered unit
  - a Scout Troop with male leadership (age 21 or over), or
  - an Explorer Post (may be coed, but if so, must have male and female adult leaders, age 21 or over), or
- (2) As members of a council or district contingent with proper leadership, or
- (3) As individuals in the Philmont Mountain Men/Women, Rayado Men/Women or Trail Crew programs.

## THE BSA POLICY ON FEMALES IN SCOUTING IN CAMP AND TROOP LEADERSHIP

Only a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster may accompany a troop to Boy Scout camp. Troop committee members, whether male or female, are not commissioned to serve as leaders of a troop. Substitutes for the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster must be male.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS NATIONAL POLICY. PHILMONT WILL NOT PERMIT FEMALES TO ACCOMPANY ANY CREW OTHER THAN A COED EXPLORER CREW. A COED EXPLORER CREW IS A CREW THAT ARRIVES AT PHILMONT WITH BOTH MALE AND FEMALE CAMPERS AND MALE AND FEMALE ADVISORS.

### AGE REQUIREMENTS

Every crew must have adult leadership (age 21 or over). One adult advisor for each ten campers is considered the minimum camper/advisor ratio.

PHILMONT EXPEDITION PARTICIPANTS MUST BE AT LEAST AGE 13 BY JANUARY 1 OF THE PARTICIPATION YEAR.

To avoid disappointment . . . age requirements for Philmont participation cannot be relaxed. Please do not request or expect exceptions!

### PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

EVERY camper at Philmont must be physically strong and capable of carrying a pack, weighing 35-50 pounds, over rugged mountain trails at high elevations.

Individuals who are excessively overweight, who have physical disabilities that prevent them from backpacking over rough terrain, or who have heart conditions or high blood pressure, should NOT attempt backpacking at the elevations of Philmont. See the Philmont Health and Medical Record form. Staff physicians at Philmont reserve the right to deny access to the trails to any adult or camper on the basis of a physical examination at Philmont.

### ORGANIZE YOUR CREW

A well qualified Scout or Explorer should be selected as crew leader. The crew leader is a key person for a successful Philmont expedition and the advisor must work closely with this person. The information in this book should be shared with all crew members.

If a crew member has earned a religious award in Scouting, consider asking him to serve as Chaplain's Aid. A kit of worship resources will be provided for use along the trail.

### CREW SIZE - 12 MAXIMUM - 4 MINIMUM

Experience has proven that the best numerical size for a Philmont crew is 12 or fewer persons, including adult advisors. The itineraries included have been developed for this number. You will find hiking easier, food distribution best, program opportunities greater, and campsites that comfortably accommodate a maximum of 12 persons.

Four persons (one adult and three campers) is the minimum size for a crew. Two adult advisors per crew is best since this insures continuity of leadership should one have to leave the trail.

Council contingents and other large groups should organize their crews according to hiking and camping abilities. Each crew can then choose an itinerary that corresponds to its ability and travel at its own pace.

## P R E P A R I N G F O R H I G H A D V E N T U R E

A Philmont expedition is a superactivity requiring careful planning and preparation. Numerous matters need your attention before departing for Philmont. The key ones are listed below.

### ITINERARY SELECTION AND RESERVATION

Before May 1 you should submit your crew's itinerary choices to Philmont on the postcard inside the front cover of this book. Procedures for selecting and reserving your itinerary are outlined in the itinerary section of this book.

### HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

Every camper and leader is required to have a medical evaluation within the past 12 months by his family doctor. The Philmont Scout Ranch Health and Medical Record should be used. Each person is also required to have a tetanus shot or booster within ten years. If these services must be performed at Philmont, you will be charged accordingly.

### TRAINING FOR PHILMONT

The "Guidebook to Adventure" describes helpful training for your Philmont expedition. The success of your expedition depends upon the thoroughness of your training and the teamwork developed by your crew. An established training program is heartily recommended.

The best way to prepare for a rugged backpacking adventure is to do a lot of backpacking before coming to Philmont. Select a hilly area for your training. Start with a short hike and a light pack. Increase the mileage and pack weight as your training progresses. It is important to hike often enough while carrying a pack and wearing the boots which you will use at Philmont to toughen your feet and to be sure the boots are well broken-in.

Become proficient with map and compass. The Philmont map has printed grid lines to help you identify a location in the event of an emergency.

### BACKPACKING STOVES

Philmont encourages the use of backpacking stoves. They may be helpful to you throughout your trek, but particularly on wet mornings when you want to start cooking and hiking early to avoid high afternoon temperatures.

If you wish to use stoves, plan to bring your own or purchase a Coleman Peak I at Philmont. It is recommended that crews acquire backpacking stoves on a ratio of one stove per four campers. The proper use of stoves should be a part of your pre-Philmont training (see Philmont "Guidebook to Adventure", page 12).

Philmont strongly recommends that crews transport their stoves without fuel and purchase fuel (white gas or Hank Roberts butane cartridges) at Philmont Trading Posts located at Camping Headquarters, Phillips Junction, Ute Gulch, Baldy Camp and Ponil.

Philmont also recommends that all liquid fuel containers be spun aluminum bottles. A small funnel is important to avoid dangerous spillage.

Backpacking stoves are used with adult supervision and never in or near tents.

FEE PAYMENTS

All of your crew's expedition fees are to be paid in full by June 1. The payment schedule for each camper is as follows:

*Reservation Fees	\$	15.00	Due with Reservation
Advance Fees		80.00	Due March 1
Balance of Fees		80.00	Due June 1
	\$	175.00	Per Camper

\*Reservation fees are not refundable, nor are they transferable to the balance of fees due in event of cancellations.

CAMPER INSURANCE COVERAGE

All campers and leaders are covered by a limited Accident and Sickness Insurance plan through Mutual of Omaha.

When surgical or hospital expenses submitted in connection with a covered claim exceed \$100.00, Mutual of Omaha will pay \$100.00 and request additional information from the claimant to determine if the claimant has other insurance (family or personal) to cover these expenses. If the hospital or surgical expenses are reimbursable by other insurance, only \$100.00 will be paid by Mutual of Omaha. If the claims are not covered by other insurance, further payments (over the \$100.00) will be made by Mutual of Omaha up to the maximum amount of \$2500.00. If the claims are partially covered by other insurance, Mutual of Omaha will pay the difference between the amount paid by the other insurance and the amount of the claim up to the maximum amount of \$2500.00 within 52 weeks. This provision does not affect payments up to \$100.00 regardless of the availability of other insurance and it only applies to the hospital or surgical expenses, not "other medical expenses".

All expedition advisors are urged to inform parents of the above information. Also, determine if each family has coverage, and the name of the company, prior to departure for Philmont.

TRIP PLANNER/POSTMASTER CARDS

Information on these cards is vital to Philmont's Logistics Services in case of an emergency, and to the Postmaster for sorting your mail. Please clearly print or type both sections of the card and indicate your complete expedition number. There should be a completed card for each crew member and adult advisor. Please do not separate the cards.

TOUR PERMIT

A tour permit application, Form No. 4419A, is included in your leader's kit. Complete this form and follow the instructions for transmitting it for approval. When approved, carry the certificate with you throughout your trip. It is required by the Philmont Camping Registrar when you arrive.

Refer to Tours and Expeditions, No. 3734, for helpful information on trip planning. It is available through your local Scout Service Center.

## TRANSPORTATION

Many contingents travel to Philmont by bus, train, or airplane. Some pertinent information on travel:

BUS ----- Raton, New Mexico is the nearest depot, 45 miles northeast of Philmont. Chartered buses come directly to Philmont, five miles south of Cimarron, New Mexico.

TRAIN --- AMTRAK (Santa Fe R.R.): Raton, New Mexico is the nearest station.

AMTRAK (Burlington-Northern R.R.): Denver, Colorado is the nearest station. You must arrange charter bus transportation from Denver to Philmont or commercial bus from Denver to Raton.

AIRLINE - Commercial flights to Denver (260 miles from Philmont), Albuquerque (200 miles from Philmont), Colorado Springs (200 miles from Philmont), and Pueblo (150 miles from Philmont), can be arranged. Supplemental chartered jet services offering package plans with reduced group rates may also be available. The airlines will arrange for chartered buses to and from Denver when requested. Although one large passenger bus, owned and operated by Philmont's bus contractor, is available for transportation from the above cities, a confirmed chartered bus to Philmont is best to assure your transportation. To arrange scheduling of Philmont's one 38 passenger bus, contact Philmont after June 1.

PHILMONT BUS SERVICE - Philmont provides round trip bus transportation from and to the bus and train stations in Raton at a cost of \$10.00\* per person. This is scheduled upon receipt of the Arrival Plans card. Because of commercial schedules, it may be necessary for you to eat in Raton prior to arriving at Philmont (see meal times listed below). If you arrive in Raton after 10:30 a.m., plan to eat lunch there.

## ARRIVAL TIME AT PHILMONT

The ideal time to arrive at Philmont is prior to lunch. This enables your crew to be processed through Camping Headquarters and depart for the trail the next morning. Evening and night arrivals are discouraged. Be sure to allow plenty of time for highway travel, adhering to current speed regulations.

Please arrange your transportation to arrive on your scheduled arrival day. Philmont does not have accommodations to host groups for extra days.

Your arrival time will determine your first meal at Philmont. Meals are served at the following times:

Regular Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Supper	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

A continental breakfast is available at 5:45 a.m. for groups departing Philmont. This must be arranged at the Registration Office upon arrival at Philmont.

Groups that cannot meet this schedule should plan to eat en route. If you will not arrive at Philmont by the time indicated on your Arrival Plans Card, please notify Philmont. Call 505-376-2281 and ask for the Transportation Manager.

\* Subject to change



Please note that regular Philmont expeditions last 12 full days - you arrive on day one (1) and depart on day thirteen (13). The Philmont fee covers 36 meals and 12 nights lodging - starting with lunch on day 1 and ending with breakfast on day 13. Prorating for missed meals is not available. In the event that it is necessary for your group to layover at Philmont, you will be charged \$3.00 per person per meal and \$1.00 per person per overnight.

#### MAIL ARRIVAL PLANS & CREW INFORMATION

The postcard inside the front cover is for indicating your arrival plans at Philmont. You are requested to complete and send this card to Philmont at least three weeks before your departure. Philmont's Camping Headquarters food service manager and others need to know when to expect you, and it is very important to know how many crews there are in your group. If any of the information changes after you mail the postcard, please notify Philmont.

#### TOUR DIRECTOR PLAN

For each multiple of 30 or more campers, councils are urged to avail themselves of the opportunity to supplement the adult leadership and relieve advisors of fiscal details by including a fourth adult as Tour Director within the following guidelines:

- (1) He is a Scouter who has the responsibility for the safe transportation of the contingent to and from Philmont. He is the liaison between his contingent and Philmont.
- (2) He handles all fiscal arrangements en route and at Philmont. Examples are: bus schedules, overnight stops, lodging and meals, tours, final settlement with Philmont registrar, communications with council.
- (3) Preferably he should be physically fit, capable of and willing to assume leadership of a crew on the trail in the event the advisor becomes incapacitated. Ideally, when the contingent hits the trail, the Tour Director accompanies one of the crews as an additional advisor.
- (4) Facilities are provided at Camping Headquarters for Tour Directors or advisors who become incapacitated or otherwise cannot make the trail. These are limited, however, (no facilities are provided for wives or families) and opportunities for vehicular travel to visit camps are very limited.
- (5) Tour Directors are top council Philmont promoters. Every effort will be made to acquaint them with Philmont operations during their stay.

#### BUS DRIVER ACCOMMODATIONS

Bus drivers may wish to:

- (1) Stay in Cimarron at the Cimarron Motel Trailer and Camper Park, the St. James Hotel-Motel, or the Kit Carson Motel. Prior reservations are recommended.
- (2) Go with you on your expedition. In this case your driver will need to have a medical examination, meet all physical requirements and all adult requirements.

### FAMILY ACCOMMODATIONS

Philmont does not have facilities to accommodate family members of leaders who are participating in the camping program. Several motels and trailer parks in Cimarron are available for those interested. Prior reservations are recommended.

### TRAVEL ETIQUETTE

A few "rules of the road" for you and your crew to remember as you travel to and from Philmont:

- Wear your Scout or Explorer uniform proudly! You are members of the Boy Scouts of America, a highly regarded youth organization. A Scout or Explorer properly uniformed, sharp appearing, courteous and well mannered, is the best medium for public relations.
- Use the buddy system - no one person ever leaves the group alone.
- Telephone ahead to your next day's stopping places. It is inconsiderate to drop in or cancel without adequate notification.
- Do not use tobacco in public. It may be offensive to those around you.
- Express appreciation to those who extend courtesies to you along the way.

### EXPEDITION NUMBER

Your expedition number is assigned by Philmont. It is determined by your expected arrival date. If your contingent is to arrive July 14, your expedition number will begin 714 which signifies 7th month and the 14th day. Since many contingents arrive each day, a letter distinguishes different contingents (for example, 714-A or B, C, etc.). If your contingent consists of several crews, numbers are used to designate each one. Thus, your crew's complete expedition number may be 714-A-2.

### PHILMONT ADDRESS AND MAIL

Your complete expedition number is essential for mail delivery at Philmont. Incoming mail may be picked up only by the expedition advisor at the Philmont Post Office when your crew arrives and when you return to Camping Headquarters from the trail. You may send mail from any staffed camp.

PHILMONT ADDRESS:   Your Name  
                          Expedition Number  
                          Philmont  
                          Cimarron, NM 87714

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER AT PHILMONT

Telephone calls to you should be restricted to extreme emergencies only. Since Philmont comprises 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness, it can require several hours to transport you from some camps to return an emergency phone call. In those cases, it will speed contact when the caller has your full name and expedition number.

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### PHILMONT MUSEUMS

The Kit Carson Museum and Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library may be visited any day. Tours of the Villa Philmonte must be arranged at Logistics Services. No fee is charged at any of these museums. Bus transportation can be arranged to visit the Kit Carson Museum at Rayado; the fee is \$24.00\* for a 26 person capacity bus.

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