

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



KANIK

THE PHILMONT SNOW CAMPING PROGRAM

SNOW CAMPING TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE

**CAMP COMFORTABLY IN COLD WEATHER USING SPECIALLY MADE CLOTHING
ENJOY SAFE METHODS OF SNOW TRAVEL THROUGH A WINTER WONDERLAND
LEARN ABOUT COLD WEATHER PHYSIOLOGY AND PROPER NUTRITION
BUILD A SNOW SHELTER AND SLEEP SNUGLY INSIDE**

Location: Philmont Scout Ranch is located at Cimarron, New Mexico, 45 miles southwest of Raton. Camping Headquarters is 4 miles south of Cimarron on Highway 21.

Who May Participate? Any individual who is at least 13 years of age. Units, individuals, and groups from other youth serving organizations are welcome to attend.

At least two adult leaders (one at least 21 years of age and the other at least 18), must accompany each crew of up to 10 persons. Each coed group must have at least one adult male and one adult female leader. The minimum ratio of adult leaders to youth is 2 to 10.

Every leader and participant is required to have a current medical examination within the past 12 months. Each participant must be in good physical condition. Each crew should elect a crew leader who has leadership ability and who is respected by the entire crew.

Crew Size: Winter camping is accomplished with a crew of 6 to 10 people accompanied by a Kanik instructor. Smaller and larger groups are organized into crews of 6 to 10 when you arrive.

Fees: \$50.00/person/weekend; \$25.00/person/day. The fee includes meals, snacks, training materials and staff, use of specialized outdoor equipment, sleeping bags and outer clothing as needed.

Reservations: Reservations are made upon receipt of a \$10.00/person fee with the reservation form. Reservation fees are non-refundable, but may be transferred to another person in the group.

Call 505-376-2281 to determine when space is available.

Period of Attendance: Sessions are available from January 1 through mid-March. To be fully trained and to fully participate in winter activities, it is recommended that each group plan to attend for 3 to 4 days. Schools may offer credit in outdoor or physical education for a Kanik experience.

Arrival/Departure: Weekend groups should arrive between 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Friday and plan to depart after lunch on Sunday. Plan to eat supper on Friday before arriving at Philmont. Cimarron has 3 or 4 good restaurants with reasonable prices.

Program Options: After an initial period of training, several program options are available to each group depending upon its interest, the weather, and snow conditions. Options include: ski touring, snow shelter building. Snow camping, winter ecology, use of winter tools and equipment, and techniques for designing and making your own equipment. Groups that come to Kanik for just a weekend will have limited time for these.

Snow camping is the ultimate test of your ability to camp and travel in the wilds. Training in snow camping will prepare you to safely enjoy many winter adventures, and to teach others to enjoy these unique experiences.

The Inuits (Eskimos) are said to be some of the happiest people on earth, living as they do. Their formula for winter living is – don't fight it – learn to live in harmony with the environment.

Awards: Each participant who completes training will be awarded a distinctive patch as a remembrance of Philmont Kanik. A Kanik patch can only be earned, it is a recognized symbol of proficiency in snow camping.

Tour Permit: Obtain a tour permit application from your Scout service center and submit it for approval at least one month in advance.

Transportation: Check your vehicles for cold weather BEFORE you leave home. AAA and state agencies will recommend emergency supplies you should carry. Drive slowly on snow and ice and stay in control at all times.

Clothing and Equipment: When packing for Kanik, consider protection for each part of your body. Whenever possible, wear wool or polypropylene. Even when wet, these fabrics retain some insulative value. Each participant should bring or plan to buy, the following: (items marked with an * can be purchased in the Trading Post).

- Head: 2 Stocking caps*— one spare, a facemask type is best.
- Hands: 2 pairs of mittens and 1 pair of gloves*.
- Upper Body: 2 — 3 sweaters and/or shirts, preferably wool or polypro Jacket*, preferably hooded.
- Lower Body: 2 pair briefs.
Long underwear — one pr. of wool or polypro*; tops and bottoms.
Trousers — wool is highly recommended; blue jeans or corduroys are not good.
- Feet: 1 pair of tennis shoes for indoors.
2 — 3 pairs of wool socks*.
1 pair of polypro liner socks*.
1 pair of boots, ski boots, or hiking boots, preferably with a generous welt (to be worn while skiing).

Other Required Items:

- Sunglasses*
- Cup*, bowl*, spoon*, (plastic), an insulated mug is great.
- Completed medical form signed by a doctor within the past 12 months (given to adviser).
- Toilet articles (soap, toothbrush, towel, etc.)

Other Recommended Items:

- Sleeping bag to go inside of Kanik bag.
- Insulated vest
- Extra wool socks*.
- Bandana*, sunscreen*, chapstick*
- Pocket flashlight*
- Snowshoes, if you prefer them to skis
- Shoe packs, Sorels or snowmobile boots (preferably with removable liners).

Philmont Kanik provides the following items if necessary:

- Sleeping bag, closed cell foam pad/plastic ground cloth
- Wind parka and pants and wool trousers
- Warm waterproof camp boots (bring your hiking boots to ski in)
- Snow sleds
- Cross country skis and poles
- All cooking equipment, including stoves
- Tents, shovels, saws
- All food and water bottles
- Backpack

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1990 WEEKEND DATES**

JANUARY	Jan. 5-7	Jan. 12-14	Jan. 19-21	Jan. 26-28
FEBRUARY	Feb. 2-4	Feb. 9-11	Feb. 16-18	Feb. 23-25
MARCH	Mar. 2-4	Mar. 9-11		

PHILMONT IS AVAILABLE FOR WEEKDAY OR HOLIDAY KANIK WINTER TREKS.

Send your reservations to: **Philmont Scout Ranch, Kanik
Cimarron, NM 87714
Phone 505-376-2281**



WINTER RESERVATIONS 1990

Please reserve space for persons, including Scouts/Explorers and leaders/advisers.

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Our reservations fee of \$..... (\$10.00/person) is enclosed. We understand that it is not refundable. The balance is due upon arrival.

Our choice of dates (beginning and departure) to attend Kanik is:

..... First Choice; Second Choice

Adviser Name Phone

Address

Council

Scout Executive Approval

Date