

1965



INFORMATION
FOR COUNCILS

IMPORTANT PHILMONT CAMPING INFORMATION

The following information is designed to help you register boys and prepare for the 1965 Philmont camping season. Please make certain this material is in the hands of the staff member responsible for coordinating your Philmont expeditions.

REQUIRED AGE

12-day Expedition--In order to apply for a 12-day expedition, a Scout or Explorer must be 14 years of age by September 1st of the camping year (to attend the 1965 season, a boy must be 14 by September 1, 1965).

Junior Leader Instructor Training--To attend Junior Leader Instructor Training, a boy must be 13 years of age, or older, First Class in rank, and must be a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader or selected by his Scoutmaster because of his potential as being a future senior patrol leader. Before boys are accepted, they must agree to utilize the training received at Philmont to assist in training boys back home.

Conservation Training Camp--Boys must be 14 years of age, or older, and show interest in forestry and conservation. This outstanding 12-day training experience includes both theory and practical work.

COST

12-day Expedition, \$48.00; Junior Leader Instructor Training, \$54.00; Conservation Training Camp, \$54.00.

REGISTRATION

To make reservations, it is necessary that a properly numbered Philmont transmittal form and \$10.00 individual registration fee be submitted to Philmont for each boy. Each registration must be accompanied by fees. These fees are not refundable if individual reservation is cancelled less than 60 days prior to scheduled expedition starting date.

One-half the remaining balance is due 90 days before arriving at Philmont. Balance is due on or before reaching the ranch.

One adult leader may come free with every 10 paid campers on an expedition only. The minimum size of a group is 3, including an adult leader. There is no maximum. Every group must be accompanied by an adult leader 21 years of age or older. Groups may come as provisional units under leadership selected by the council, or as chartered units under their regular leadership. Provisional and chartered groups may share the same transportation to and from Philmont to pool expenses.

LEADER'S KIT

On February 1, 1965, a leader's kit will be mailed to the council office for each expedition. Please see that this is placed in the hands of all confirmed expedition leaders as soon as possible. The kit will include a guidebook for boys and leaders, individual record cards, medical blanks, topographical map, program selection card, travel plan reply card, correspondent's kit and correspondent's designation card.

PRE-PHILMONT TRAINING

Expeditions that do two or more days of Pre-Philmont Training are assured of a more successful experience. Such training should include patrol or crew organization; complete familiarization of all participants with contents of the guidebook; travel plans enroute to and from Philmont; equipment and packing shakedown; and actual practice in basic camping skills.

ORGANIZE EARLY-----PAY FEES PROMPTLY!

PRE-PHILMONT
PLANNING

Pre-Philmont planning is important. Members of each expedition should study the program information in the leader's kit and then submit to Philmont a report of the program desires of the group. Upon arriving at the ranch, the expedition leader meets with the Philmont trip planner to make expedition trail plans.

LEADERSHIP

While 21 years is the minimum age requirement for leaders, there is no maximum. Leaders should be informed, however, about the type experience to expect. Good physical condition is a must. This is mountain country.

The attitude of the leader is most important to insure a successful expedition. Leaders should be advised to watch personal conduct, use proper language, keep clean and well-shaved, keep smoking at a minimum. They should maintain a congenial atmosphere with Philmont staff and other groups on the trail.

Leaders should have wide experience in handling boys. They must lead, not drive. This is an excellent opportunity to put Junior Leaders into action. Philmont provides a staff of specialists knowledgeable in the fields of camping and nature lore. Leaders must not necessarily have a wide background in these fields. Leaders receive appropriate training in various skills after their arrival.

There are no accommodations for the wives and families of expedition leaders.

PHILMONT
STAFF

Upon arrival a ranger will meet with the leader and help him through the first day's processing. This includes instruction on campcraft and sanitation. The ranger will live with the group on the trail for about three days. One ranger is assigned to each expedition. In the event that there are less than 10 people in the group, the ranger may be assigned to more than one group.

The Philmont staff numbers over 300, including permanent personnel. Staff members must be 18 years of age or older. In order to apply for employment, boys must fill out an application form which is available upon request. Records and references are investigated carefully.

There are many kinds of positions available. Salaries range from \$135.00 to \$400.00 per month depending on age and experience of the man. There is no charge for room and board.

Staff members must furnish their own uniforms, bedding, and transportation to and from Philmont. Uniforms must be worn at all times.

TRANSPORTA-
TION

Before departing for Philmont, each group must secure a national tour permit through its local council. For full information, consult "Tours and Moving Camps".

Philmont does not carry any kind of individual or group insurance. Councils should see that groups are covered by accident, medical and liability insurance, both while at Philmont and during traveling time to and from the ranch. Limitation of insurance is suggested in the tour permit information. It should be suggested that boys carry additional insurance which covers loss or theft of expensive items.

Chartered buses should be directed to Philmont Scout Ranch headquarters which is located 4 miles south of Cimarron, New Mexico, on State Highway 21. Cimarron is located on U. S. Highway 64 between Raton and Taos and can also be reached by taking State Highway 58 from Springer, New Mexico

Groups arriving by Santa Fe Railroad debark at Raton; by Burlington Railroad at Trinidad, Colorado. From these two points, groups are shuttled to headquarters by buses provided by the ranch. Round trip cost of bus ticket from Raton to headquarters is \$2.50 per person, including leaders; from Trinidad the bus trip costs \$4.00 per person, including leaders; or a minimum of \$40.00 round trip.

If arriving in Trinidad by late afternoon train, make arrangements to eat dinner on the train. If this is impossible, food may be served on the bus, but only if previously requested. If a hot meal is required, arrangements can be made. Buses must travel over Raton Pass during daylight hours.

Groups may take a side trip to Taos. Minimum charge for a bus is \$50.00. The bus accommodates 36 people. Advance reservations are necessary.

ARRIVAL
TIME

After check-in at headquarters, buses will take groups to starting camps. It is desired that groups arrive in the morning; however, afternoon arrivals are permitted if groups reach camp before 4:00 p.m. If an emergency arises, headquarters should be notified to take care of after dark arrivals. There are no accommodations to facilitate early arrivals.

EXPEDITION
NUMBER

All expeditions start with the calendar date of arrival at Philmont. Assigned expedition numbers indicate the month and day of arrival. For example, 619-A is the first expedition to register for arrival at Philmont on June 19 (sixth month, nineteenth day); 619-B is the second expedition to register for arrival on June 19.

Each expedition member is entitled to a full 12 nights lodging and 36 meals. No refunds or credits will be made for failure to stay the entire period of twelve days. Additional nights at the end of the expedition are \$1.00 each per person. Additional meals at the end of the expedition are \$1.00 per meal per person. No extra meals or lodging are available before the starting day of the expedition.

SHORT TERM
EXPEDITIONS

Short term expeditions are available. Minimum stay is 7 days; no maximum. A special rate of \$4.00 per day is charged. The only check in dates for short expeditions are June 19-20-21-22 and August 19-20-21-22. The normal registration procedure must be followed.

DEPARTURE
TIME

In keeping with National Council policy, groups are discouraged from traveling after dark. Therefore, groups leave Philmont during daylight hours. Buses are provided to pick up groups at the end of their expedition and take them to headquarters and railroad connections.

ARRIVE ON TIME! -- NO ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EARLY ARRIVALS--DON'T TRAVEL AT NIGHT!

COMMUNI-
CATIONS

Off-season, the phone number at Philmont is 376-2244 or 376-2262, area code 505. During the camping season the number is 376-2371. Calls are placed through Cimarron, New Mexico. Mail address is simply: Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico, Zip Code 87714.

Mail addressed to campers must include expedition or group number. Mail is picked up by expedition leaders for their group at headquarters on first and last day of trip. Telegrams and special deliveries are kept at headquarters until group returns.

Rail address is either Raton, New Mexico on the Santa Fe line, or Trinidad Colorado on the Burlington. Baggage being sent express should be sent well in advance of time needed. All express should be sent through Raton.

For maintaining contact in case of emergency, short wave radios are located in all camping areas.

MEDICAL
CARE

Philmont is a rugged experience. Boys must be well equipped mentally and physically to take care of themselves.

The ranch maintains a resident M. D. as the Chief Medical Officer. Medical students act as medical officers, ambulance driver, and sanitarians. Hospitals are within safe distances. In case of emergency, boys' parents are notified by the Chief Medical Officer as soon as the correct situation is known. There is no charge for doctor's care, but medicines or shots are charged to the individual. Records of all treatments are kept in the main health lodge.

RELIGIOUS
PROGRAM

Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Mormon chaplains are on the summer staff. Services are held on proper days wherever possible. Special services may be held upon request.

Special dispensation dismisses Catholics from observing Friday dietary restrictions, and also from attending Mass if boys are camped over 2½ miles from place where Mass is being held. Kosher food is available for Jewish boys who request it at time of establishing food pick-up camps.

PERSONAL
EQUIPMENT

The following list contains a boy's minimum necessities for a 12-day trek. Boys may carry more if they desire.

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| 2 T-shirts | 1 flashlight |
| 2 Underwear shorts | 1 pocketknife |
| 4 Handkerchiefs | 1 toilet kit (soap, toothbrush, etc.) |
| 1 Towel | 1 shaving kit (no electricity) |
| 4 Pair wool socks
(2 pr. cotton if desired) | 1 pack or packboard (can be rented
at Philmont) |
| 1 Pair hiking boots
(well broken in) | 25 ft. heavy string or cord (1/8 in.) |
| 1 Poncho | 1 official uniform of longs for trail |
| 1 Sleeping bag (or equivalent) | 1 official uniform of shorts for trail |
| 1 Sleeping bag liner | 1 canteen (quart size) |
| 1 Set eating utensils, deep
plate, cup | 1 Official broad-brim felt Scout hat |
| 1 Jacket | 1 Sweat shirt (Philmont) |
| 1 Ground cloth | 1 Philmont map |
| 1 Compass | 1 Pr. tennis shoes for in-camp wear |
| | 1 Bar laundry soap |
| | 4 Metal tent pegs |

Shoes or boots should be worn several times before arrival. Packs should fit. Rental packboards are available. Tents are furnished at the ranch, or brought by groups.

Official uniforms are required. The uniform not only builds morale and accounts for better participation in unit activities, but for all practical purposes, groups stay cleaner when wearing the official uniform. This must be emphasized at council and unit level.

GROUP
EQUIPMENT

The following items are necessary for a crew or patrol:

- *1 Trail tent for each two persons on expedition
- *1 Trail Chef Cook Kit (without plates and cups)
- *1 Chef Cutlery Kit
- *1 Large kettle for hot water

(*-Furnished by Philmont as part of expedition fee. Groups must, however, pay for any lost or damaged articles.)

- 1 Bow saw
- 1 Full or three-quarter axe (none are available for rent)

Packboards - 50 cents each for entire trip

AWARDS

Individual awards include:

Arrowhead patch--One per person. None are available for sale or replacement. Each individual must meet requirements as stated in the guidebook.

Merit badges--Merit badges are earned under supervision of group's own leader. The Philmont staff functions as specialists, but not counselors. Certificates indicating completion of requirements are available, but must be reviewed by qualified counselor in group's own council.

N.R.A. Hunter Safety Award--This award is available if program allows for a minimum of 4 hours on one of Philmont's ranges. The cost of necessary book and patch is \$1.00 per person.

Group awards include:

We All Made It!--This is awarded if group completes full itinerary and related projects listed in guidebook. If itinerary is changed, proper permission and notification must be given or award is forfeited. The award will not be given to any group who quits the trail and returns to headquarters. Illness or accident to any member of the group will not cause group to forfeit award.

50-Miler--This award is available to chartered groups only. It is recommended that groups qualify for this award at home. Hiking 50 miles will prohibit group from taking full advantage of the Philmont program.

PHILMONT IS SCOUTING IN ACTION! SEND YOUR GROUPS IN UNIFORM!

VOLUNTEER
TRAINING
SERVICE

Send all applications and fees for the adult training courses to the Volunteer Training Service, National Council. Sending them to Philmont as part of a boy registration may only delay processing both applications.

TOUR
DIRECTORS

One tour director may be the guest of Philmont without payment of Philmont expedition fee of \$48.00 if he qualifies under the following conditions:

1. The ratio of guest tour directors is one for each bus or train load of 30 or more paid fees for campers. Multiple buses at one time may qualify for accompanying tour directors on the same basis.
2. He must be physically able and have leadership capacity to go on the trail and relieve one of the expedition leaders if such should become necessary.
3. He will be expected to wear uniform and conduct himself in accordance with standards expected of Philmont staff and expedition leaders.
4. His job will be to handle and coordinate travel, housing, meals and such other duties as his council may assign enroute to and from Philmont.
5. He will handle the finance check-in at Philmont for expeditions from his council on his tour.
6. Once the expedition is checked in at Philmont, the Philmont staff and the expedition leader are in charge until the expedition comes off the trail and embarks for the trip home. The tour director is again in charge and responsible for the trip home.
7. After expeditions are checked in at Philmont Reception Center and finances cleared, the tour director may do one of the following:
 - a. Accompany one of his own expeditions as a second leader on the expedition. This is the best way to learn about Philmont and about the only way to get into the back country.
 - b. Go to Ponil Camp and stay there with other tour directors during time expeditions are on the trail. While at Ponil, he may do the following: hike to Indian Writings, New Dean, Bent or Pueblano and observe program; participate in a planned bus trip to Cimarroncito Camp and headquarters and observe operations during day; participate in Philmont promotion training sessions at Ponil.

NOTE: Tour directors must bring their own camping equipment and bedroll.

Promote! Prepare! Participate in the 1965 season!
Recommend to your units the new film, "Beyond the Tooth of Time"